



ST. PIUS X PARISH

March 3, 2024 | Third Sunday of Lent

Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom (I)

When our God reveals himself, his message is always one of freedom: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery” (Ex 20:2). These are the first words of the Decalogue given to Moses on Mount Sinai. Those who heard them were quite familiar with the exodus of which God spoke: the experience of their bondage still weighed heavily upon them. In the desert, they received the “Ten Words” as a thoroughfare to freedom. We call them “commandments”, in order to emphasize the strength of the love by which God shapes his people. The call to freedom is a demanding one. It is not answered straightaway; it has to mature as part of a journey. Just as Israel in the desert still clung to Egypt – often longing for the past and grumbling against the Lord and Moses – today too, God’s people can cling to an oppressive bondage that it is called to leave behind. We realize how true this is at those moments when we feel hopeless, wandering through life like a desert and lacking a promised land as our destination. Lent is the season of grace in which the desert can become once more – in the words of the prophet Hosea – the place of our first love (cf. Hos 2:16-17). God shapes his people, he enables us to leave our slavery behind and experience a Passover from death to life. Like a bridegroom, the Lord draws us once more to himself, whispering words of love to our hearts (...)

God has not grown weary of us. Let us welcome Lent as the great season in which he reminds us: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery” (Ex 20:2). Lent is a season of conversion, a time of freedom. Jesus himself, as we recall each year on the first Sunday of Lent, was driven into the desert by the Spirit in order to be tempted in freedom. For forty days, he will stand before us and with us: the incarnate Son. Unlike Pharaoh, God does not want subjects, but sons and daughters. The desert is the place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery. In Lent, we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken.

(Excerpts from Pope Francis’ Message for Lent 2024)

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MASS SCHEDULE

English Anticipatory

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. English

7:00 p.m. en Español

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. English

11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Español

Daily Mass

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

8:00 a.m. English

Thursday 6:30 p.m. Spanish

Holy Days

7:00 p.m. Anticipatory, Bilingual

8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Confessions

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Sunday after Masses

Silent Adoration

Wednesday 2 pm - 7 pm

&

1st Friday of the month

6 pm - 12 am



MASS OFFERINGS

Saturday, March 2, 2024

5:00 Bobby Folger † By Ann and Family

Sunday, March 3, 2024

9:00 Jeaneel Lovelace †

By the William Lovelace Family

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

8:00

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

8:00 For the Intentions of Tammie Brisby
and her Family

Thursday, March 7, 2024

6:30 Javier Navarrete † By his Family

Friday, March 8, 2024

8:00 Judy Byrnes † By Mavis Wishcop

Saturday, March 9, 2024

5:00 Alexander B. Abbot † By John Costigan

Sunday, March 10, 2024

9:00 Jeaneel Lovelace †

By the William Lovelace Family



**We pray for all those who are sick
or in need of our prayers:**

Florence Montoya, Deanne Aquino, Lucila Hover, Kelly Moose,
Karen Gross, Eddie Jabola, John Vrtis,

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Judy Byrnes, Javier Navarrete



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A SIMPLE PLAN PROVIDES PEACE**

There is no better time than now to think about your future. As you do, reflect on all you have done with your life. You are important to your family, your friends and to the apostolates you support. Call The Catholic Foundation for help getting started with your planned gifts or estate planning strategies.

Deacon Steve Stemper, Lisa Kukura and Joshua Gideon
303-468-9885 www.TheCatholicFoundation.com

**To All Parishioners of St. Pius X Church,
Restricted Gift made in 2011**

St. Pius X Catholic Church received a donation of \$5000
in 2011 with a restriction to use the donation.

Unfortunately, I was unable to find the donor's information, so I could work with the donor to fulfill the gift restriction. Please if you, "The Donor", remember the gift's restriction and can prove the donation, come visit me at the parish office or send an email to akemi@stpiusxparish.org.

Happening this Week at St Pius X

3/4/24 - 3/9/24

Monday	8:00 am - Pray the Rosary for Vocations
Tuesday	8:00 am - Daily Mass 9:00 am - Grupo de Intercesión (Spanish) 7:00 pm - RICA Program
Wednesday	8:00 am - Daily Mass 8:30 am - Pray the Rosary 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm ~ Adoration 6:00 pm - Confessions 7:00 pm - RCIA Program
Thursday	9:00 am - Adult Group Study 6:30 pm - Misa en Español 6:30 pm - Confirmation Program / Youth Group 7:00 pm - Prayer Group (Spanish)
Friday	8:00 am - Daily Mass (Eng) 8:30 am - Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm - Estaciones de la Cruz 7:00 pm - Marriage Preparation
Saturday	10:00 am - Baptisms ~ 2nd & 4th ~ (Spanish) 12:00 pm & 2:00 pm ~ Weddings & Quinceañeras 2:00 pm - Escuela de la Fe (Spanish) 5:00 pm - Baptisms ~ 2nd ~ (English)

Sanctuary Flowers

St. Pius X Parish is accepting donations for Sanctuary flowers for the Easter season

Each \$25 donation can be as a memorial to a loved one, celebrate an anniversary, or to honor someone special in your life.

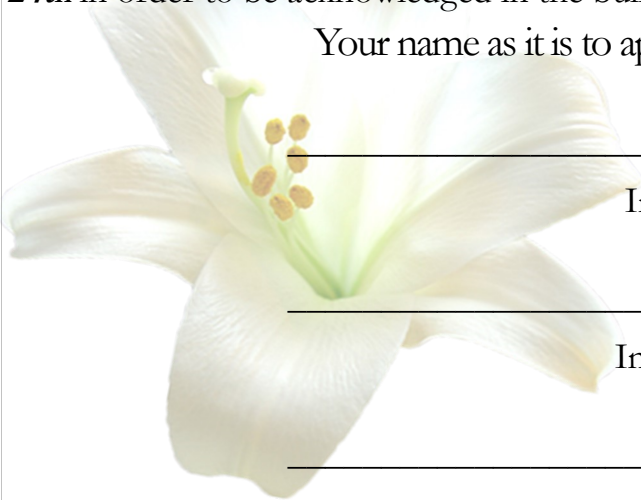
A listing in the Easter bulletin will bear the donor's name and their intention.

To help sponsor our Easter decorations, please fill out the form below and **enclose it with your donation** in an envelope. Place all envelopes in the collection basket at Mass or drop them off at the parish office during business hours. Please submit donations no later than **Sunday, March 24th** in order to be acknowledged in the bulletin.

Your name as it is to appear in the bulletin (print clearly)

In Honor of

In Memory of



LENT

PENANCE SERVICES AND CONFESSIONS 2024

St. Therese in Aurora

Saturday, February 17

10:00 am

1243 Kingston St
Aurora, CO 80010
303.344.0132

St. Pius X

Thursday, February 29

7:00 pm

13670 E 13th Pl
Aurora, CO
303.364.7435

Our Lady of Loreto in Foxfield

Monday, March 4

7:00 pm

18000 E Arapahoe Rd
Foxfield, CO 80016
303.766.3800

Ascension in Montbello

Tuesday, March 5

5:30 pm

14050 Maxwell Pl
Denver, CO
303.373.4950

St Gianna Molla

Thursday, March 14

6:45 pm

6890 Argonne St Unit B
Denver, CO 80249
303.968.0533

St. Michael the Archangel

Saturday, March 16

10:00 am

19099 E Floyd Ave
Aurora, CO 80013
303.690.6797

Queen of Peace

Friday, March 22

7:00 pm

13120 E Kentucky Ave
Aurora, CO 80012
303.364.1056