

Saint Pius X
Catholic Church
Norfolk, Virginia

Second week of

Advent



Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2024

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Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick	Fr. Prince
Baptism	Cass Hooker
Confirmation (<i>High School Youth only</i>)	Kat Gangcuangco
First Eucharist	Cass Hooker
First Reconciliation	Cass Hooker
Homebound/Sick requesting Communion	Deacon Le
Marriage	Fr. Prince

Parish Finances

End of Week Ending December 1, 2024

Mail & Parish Office	\$674.05
Weekend Offertory	\$9,188.00
Total Gifts this week	\$9,862.05

Our Intentions Policy

Starting this year, our parish has incorporated a new policy when requesting Mass, Church Flower, or Sanctuary Candle Intentions. For the year 2025, intentions will **no longer be ONLY open or available starting December 2024. All intentions will be open continuously 1 year from the current day.** If you have any questions regarding this, please reach out to **Kat Gangcuangco**.

Coffee & Donuts

There will be **NO Coffee & Donuts on Sunday, December 29, 2024.** We will resume on **Sunday, January 5, 2025.** Merry Christmas to all from the Men's Club.

Parish Calendar

Key: CH-Church; PH-Parish Hall; TL- Teacher's Lounge;
PL: Parking Lot; PO: Parish Offices; SC: School Classrooms;

Monday, 12/09 - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

8:30 a.m. Mass I Immaculate Conception
9:00 a.m. Cleaning Angels

Tuesday, 12/10

8:30 a.m. Mass and Rosary - *Ireneo Arellano* +
6:30 p.m. OCIA Formation (SC)

Wednesday, 12/11

8:30 a.m. Mass and Rosary - *Rodolfo David* +
5:00 p.m. OLPH Novena (CH)

Thursday, 12/12 - NO DAILY MASS

6:00 p.m. Time Apart (SC)
6:00 p.m. Choir Vocalists Rehearsal (CH)
7:15 p.m. Instrumentalists Rehearsal (CH)
8:00 p.m. Tech Team Meeting (CH)

Friday, 12/13

8:30 p.m. Mass and Rosary - *Rene Atienza* +
6:30 p.m. SPX School Carol Night (CH)

Saturday, 12/14

9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary Meeting (CH)
3:45 p.m. Reconciliation (CH)
5:00 p.m. Mass - *Antonio Quezon* +
6:30 p.m. Santo Niño Novena (CH)

Sunday 12/15

8:00 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts (PH)
9:15 a.m. Men's Club Bible Study
9:15 a.m. Religious Education (SC)
9:15 a.m. Confirmation Class (SC)
10:30 a.m. Rosary (CH)
11:00 a.m. Mass - *Loysel Santos* +
5:00 p.m. Santo Niño Novena (CH)

Prayer Requests

- Maryann Corcoran
- Daniel Barto
- Douglas Twitty
- Tim O'Donnell
- Raymond Lomberg
- Terry Zehl
- Jose Montano
- Darwin Bragg
- Craig Hoffmann
- Tara Mcquarie
- Debbie Funk
- Ginger Gerhardt
- Debbie Morris
- Minnie Montez
- Brad Derwynne
- Laura Burrell
- Fredy Osoreo
- Mary Sullivan
- Pat Naughton
- Barbara Cunha
- Missy S. Walden
- Karen Nusky
- Nathan Costa

Prayer requests are for those who are ill. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month. Please contact the parish office to have your name placed on the prayer list.

Memorial Donations

This week's sanctuary candle is in memory of:
Antonio Quezon

If you would like to donate to the church flowers or candles in memory or honor of someone, please contact the parish office.

St. Pius X Parish



**DECEMBER 9
8:30 AM MASS**

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Christmas Flower Donations

Christmas Flower Donations

If you would like to donate money towards Easter flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the flower donation form at <https://bit.ly/418pbXz> or scan the QR Code below by Wednesday December 11, 2024

Scan to
complete the
form online



Baptism Preparation at SPX



Baptism for infants and young children will be in January. Please contact Cass in the parish office to register for the January Baptisms. There will be a parent class to attend prior to the scheduled Baptism date. Families are asked to be registered in the parish also.



**DECEMBER 18, 2024
7:00 PM MASS
8:00 PM RECEPTION**

Sign up to bring an item to our Simbang Gabi Reception.
Mass is at 7:00 PM with the reception following.
Please be sure that if you bring your food in a dish you'd like returned back to you, you put your name and phone number on the dish.



For more information, please Contact: Alice Roco | (757) 853-8827 | lizerock@aol.com



SPX School Carol Night
Friday, December 13, 2024 | 6:30 PM

Join us for our cherished long-time tradition, our Annual Carol Night! Let's come together to celebrate the season with joyful singing and holiday cheer.

Enjoy the live nativity presentation and Christmas carols sung by our school children.

Enjoy complimentary cookies and cocoa in the parish hall afterward.

Bring your family, friends, and festive spirit! All are welcome to this heartwarming evening.

Admission: Free

We look forward to celebrating with you!



**Santo Niño Novena
2024 Schedule at St. Pius X**

DATE	TIME
December 14 (Saturday)	6:30 PM
December 15 (Sunday)	5:00 PM
December 21 (Saturday)	6:30 PM
December 22 (Sunday)	5:00 PM
December 28 (Saturday)	6:30 PM
December 29 (Sunday)	5:00 PM
January 4 (Saturday)	6:30 PM
January 5 (Sunday)	5:00 PM
January 11 (Saturday)	6:30 PM
January 12 (Sunday)	11:00 AM (Mass)

Faith Formation

SPX Youth Group Winter Schedule

SPX YOUTH GROUP

Winter Events

KEY: ● MS: MIDDLE SCHOOL
● HS: HIGH SCHOOL

7

December

MS 1:30 PM - 3:00PM @ HALL A
HS 2:30 PM - 4:00PM @ HALL A

18

January

MS 1:30 PM - 3:00PM @ HALL A
HS 2:30 PM - 4:00PM @ HALL A

15

February

MS 1:30 PM - 3:00PM @ HALL A
HS 2:30 PM - 4:00PM @ HALL A

5

March

MS & HS YOUTH GROUP
ATTEND EVENING ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
7:00 PM @ CHURCH

22

March

MS 1:30 PM - 3:00PM @ HALL A
HS 2:30 PM - 4:00PM @ HALL A

DYC 2025

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE '25



8TH-12TH GRADE | EUCHARISTIC ADORATION | MASS WITH BISHOP KNESTOUT
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Sacramental Preparation at SPX



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Sacramental Prep Classes Starting at SPX Soon



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Classes begin January 18, 2025

Classes held 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
on the following Saturdays:

- January 18 (Parent's Class)
- January 25
- February 1
- February 8
- February 15
- February 22 (Parent's Class)

Sacrament will be Celebrated on
Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 2:45 PM



FIRST EUCHARIST

Classes begin March 15, 2025

Classes held at 9:00 AM
on the following Saturdays:

- March 15 (Parent's Class)
- March 22
- March 29
- April 5
- April 12 (Parent's Class)
- April 26 (Rehearsal in the morning)

Sacrament will be Celebrated at Masses the
weekend of April 26 and 27, 2025

Contact Cass Hooker for more information:
evangelization@spxnorfolk.org or (757)381-7122
Sign up online at: spxnorfolk.org/eucharist

All 8th-12th grade teens from across the Diocese are invited to the Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC) this February in downtown Richmond. From sacraments to free time activities, DYC is an opportunity for hundreds of teens to experience the joy that comes from living the Catholic faith and to take courage in all things because the Lord is with them. Registration is now open.

Men's Club Bible Study

EPIC

A JOURNEY THROUGH CHURCH HISTORY

The history of the Church is not just the recitation of popes and saints; it is a story of adventure, intrigue, rebellion, reform, and devotion. This study will teach you about the important people, places, and events in two thousand years of Church history, presented in twelve easy-to-remember color-coded time periods. The better we know our history, the better prepared we will be to face the future. For more information, contact **Charlie Lopez** at charlieliii@yahoo.com.

Opportunities to Serve

For these and other ways to serve our parish community, please visit our parish ministry directory at: <https://spxnorfolk.org/ministry-directory> or by scanning the QR code provided.



Counted Cross Stitch Ministry

Our Counted Cross Stitch Ministry is underway! This ministry honors our deceased loved ones, whose funerals we have celebrated at St. Pius X as we stitch their names into our parish funeral pall. If you enjoy cross stitching, and are interested in joining this meaningful ministry, please reach out to **Vy Barto** at: stewardship@spxnorfolk.org.

Soup and Sandwich Ministry

Is Jesus calling you to serve the poor and homeless? Our Soup and Sandwich Ministry is in need of volunteers who will assist with making soup on **Wednesdays at 3:30 pm**.

If you make any purchases of supplies or ingredients, the church will reimburse you for the full costs rendered with proof of purchase or a receipt. We will also reimburse purchases made with food cards or stamps on behalf of the Soup and Sandwich Ministry.

If you are interested in helping you will need to be VIRTUS trained and get a food handler card from the city of Norfolk, this is the link for the page <http://bit.ly/3kYNqUN>. If you have any questions, please contact **Alice Roco** at **757-641-5661**.

Migrant Ministry

Thanks so much to everyone who went out to a small camp on the Eastern Shore on Tuesday, August 20.. Because of the poor weather conditions this summer, there has not been a lot of work in the fields. We were happy to bring some shoes, clothes, food, toiletries, and a raffle where everyone won something. Thanks to those who went on the visit tonight and St. Pius X Church Norfolk, Running etc., and many others for the donations. Special thanks to our translator extraordinaire, Esther Corpus! Y'all are putting a smile on God's face. If you would like to know more about this ministry, please contact **Jeanne McDonnell Johnson** at mcdonnell3@aol.com or call her at **(757) 652-5775**.

Funeral Reception Committee

Planning a funeral reception can be overwhelming for the immediate family members. Our funeral reception ministry provides a light meal and a gathering place in the parish hall for families and friends to share memories and comfort each other after the funeral. In addition to providing a dish to share, our team assists with serving, setting up, and cleaning up during the reception. We are looking for a few more volunteers to serve in this ministry. Contact **Deacon Le** at **757-381-7126** for more information.

Art & Environment Committee - Meets Thursdays 10:30 AM

Our Art and Environment Committee meets to work on arranging flowers to decorate our church for the weekend. If you are interested in learning more or enjoy working with flowers, please contact **Kat Gangcuangco** in the Parish office. In addition, we are always looking for greenery donations. *If you have any pittosporum, nandia, curly willow, poet's laurel, palms, or small leaves magnolias growing in your yards, we could use them!*

Friends of Fiacre (Garden Ministry) - Meets Every other Saturday 9AM - Noon, weather permitting

Friends of Fiacre, our gardening ministry, is gearing back up for warmer weather! Our ministry is looking for new members who enjoy spending time with nature and are interested in beautifying the parish grounds. Time commitment would be only a couple of hours a month for weeding, planting, and pruning. Additionally, we are looking to purchase some flowering shrubs to help beautify our landscape and to provide cut greenery for our Art and Environment Ministry for the arrangements in our church. If you would like to donate your time or financial assistance to this ministry, please contact **Vy Barto** in the **Parish Office**.

Explorer's Ministry - Sundays at the 11 AM Mass

We are looking for new leaders for our Explorer ministry which meets during the readings and homily at 11am Mass. If your child usually attends Explorers you may like to consider leading the group occasionally. Training and materials are provided. All leaders will need to comply with Diocesan policy regarding working with children. Contact **Cass** in the parish office.

Music and Tech Ministries

The music and tech ministries continue to recruit new members. This month we wish to especially encourage instrumentalists to serve our parish in this way. Volunteers are welcome to serve weekly, monthly, or whatever best fits their schedule. Rob provides music and will work to support your skill level and musical style. Rehearsals take place on Thursday evenings—the times are listed in the bulletin. If interested, please see or email **Rob McBride, Director of Music**.

Cleaning Angels

The Cleaning Angels, are a team of parishioners who help keep our church clean meets on **Saturdays and Mondays with flexible hours between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.** If you're interested in joining our cleaning angels, please contact **Leilani Remias** at LeilaniRemias@cox.net.

Norfolk CASA

Become a powerful voice in a child's life! Become a **CASA**!

Court Appointed Special Advocates serve as the child's voice in the court process when a child is abused or neglected. Norfolk CASA currently has **10 children** without an advocate due to low numbers in volunteers. You can help!

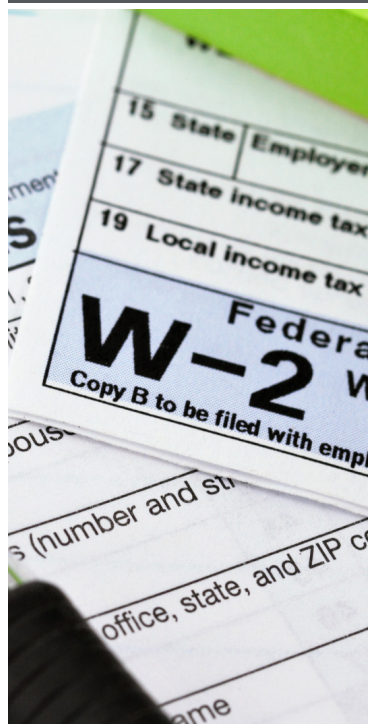
Fall training begins in September. You can find the CASA application and reference forms at norfolkcasa.com/apply, or by scanning the QR code provided.



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St. Pius X School

EISTC Information



SIGN UP FOR EISTC BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR TO GET A TAX CREDIT OF 65% OR MORE ON YOUR 2024 VA STATE TAXES

The Virginia Education Improvement Scholarship Tax Credit (EISTC) program provides low and middle-income families the opportunity to send their children to a school of their choice using private scholarships from scholarship foundations. Donors who participate in this program receive tax credits of 65% or more on their Virginia state tax. Businesses have no limit! For more information on EISTC, please reach out to Vy Barto in the parish office or visit <https://spxschoolnorfolk.org/support>.

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<https://spxschoolnorfolk.org/admissions>

SPX Families!

Early Re-Enrollment for the 2025-2026 School Year is NOW OPEN!

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How to Re-Enroll: Log in to the **FACTS portal** and complete the quick and easy process today. If you have any questions, our office staff is here to help!

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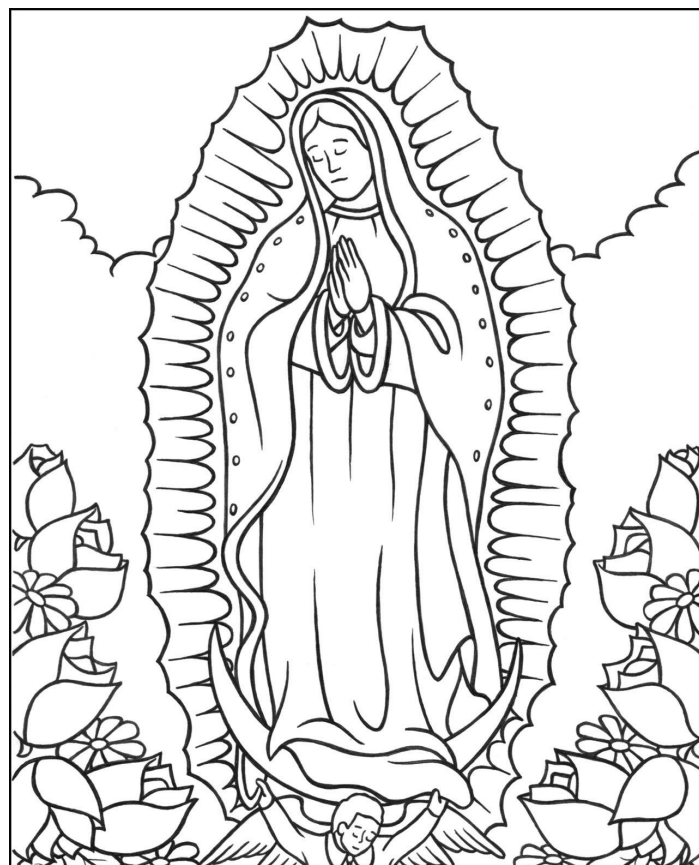
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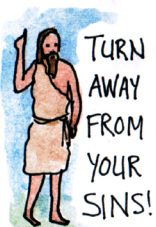
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Second Sunday of Advent
December 8th, 2024

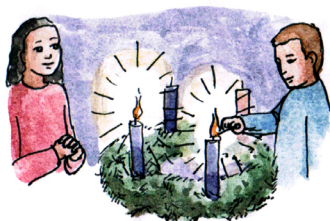
We Joyfully Wait for Jesus



Advent is a time of joy, when we happily look forward to the coming of Jesus. Today's Gospel reading tells about how Saint John the Baptist went around telling everyone to repent and prepare for the coming of the Messiah.

An Advent wreath is a symbol of the coming of Jesus, our Light, into the world. It has three purple candles and one pink candle. One candle is lit on the first week of Advent, and one more is added every week until Christmas. Every week it gets a bit brighter because we are getting closer to Jesus' coming at Christmas.

The purple candles stand for repentance- being sorry and making up for our sins. The pink candle represents joy. It is lit on the third week of Advent because we rejoice that the waiting is half over.



In Advent we hear about Saint John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, who prepared the way for Jesus' coming. He preached to the people, telling them to repent, and baptized them.

When Jesus came Saint John told the people to follow Jesus because He was the Messiah.

Can you find your way from Saint John to Jesus?



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