



ST. PIUS X
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
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Finding God in All Things

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 10, 2021



*Today we celebrate the baptism of Christ in the Jordan.
This is the second epiphany, or manifestation, of the Lord.
The past, the present, and the future are made manifest in this epiphany.*

SOURCE: *The Light of the World* by Benedict Baur, O.S.B., www.catholicculture.org

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**FR. EARL DREAMS:
Early 2021 Reflections**



Happy New Year and +blessings of 2021 be upon all of us as we continue to live with, through and beyond our COVID-19 life circumstances. Our Parish is evolving having entered into a new phase of formation that includes internet and virtual realities! Our re-designed website is available for viewing since Christmas Day. Please give it a look AND encourage others to also do the same. Why not invite persons near and farther (even off island) to give our bulletin a look? We currently have readers in Western Canada and in the States and why not? There are potential columns of interest for 'everyone', agreed?

Our Parish has decided to *Live Stream, Sunday 10:00 am Mass*, starting this *Sunday, January 10, 2021* on an ongoing basis. Its modest beginnings before and on Christmas Eve demonstrate a want and need for it, especially for us who are not able or easily coming to church as often hoped. Much credit for this initiative goes to Parish Council member, *Eranga Fernandes* and his dear wife, *Janani Senarath Mudalige Dona*. Thanks to both of them for their skillful use of computers and cameras!

Eranga is in the process of investigating required equipment to Live Stream weekend Mass and/or other significant parish events. An update will be given before long including a request for financial support of this initiative.

Our Parish Council met this past Wednesday night to reflect on critical issues related to our parish's ongoing evolution. We were pleased to note that compared to their parishes, we have good reason to be satisfied with our ongoing efforts to give ongoing support to others. [One member encouraged us to continue striving for operational excellence.] In addition to our outreach through computer use, and front office meetings, there are daily phone calls and, when possible, visits to isolated and shut in persons. These acts of kindness need to be encouraged and continued.

Is there any doubt that we need to continue welcoming persons from outside our traditional parish boundaries? We presently 'celebrate' a cultural and ethnically diverse parishioner population. Let's continue to reach beyond ourselves to include 'one and all' persons of good will who choose to worship as members of our parish. Indeed, there is a place for everyone here at St. Pius X since God's loving heart is deep and spacious as must be our baptized hearts as disciples of the Lord Jesus!

Fr. Earl Smith, SJ
Pastor



**SCRIPTURE READINGS
FOR NEXT SUNDAY**
January 17, 2021

You could read/discuss/pray with your family, with friends or by yourself.'

First Reading: First Samuel 3:3-10, 19
Second Reading: First Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20
Psalm: 40
Gospel: John I:35-42



OUR 'PIUS' SMILE

The key to a better life:

- Complain less, appreciate more
- Whine less, laugh more
- Talk less, listen more
- Want less, give more
- Hate less, love more
- Scold less, praise more
- Fear less, hope more

“Having a sense of humour has served me more than it has hurt me, in the sense that it has allow me to keep my sanity.” [De De Myers]

SOURCE: *The Joyful Noiseletter*,
Vol. 36 No I, January -February, 2021



**SOMETHING TO THINK
ABOUT ...**

“You can give without loving.
But you cannot love without
giving.”

Amy Carmichael,
Missionary



**LIVESTREAM MASS
AND FACEBOOK
COMES TO
ST. PIUS X PARISH**



We are live streaming our Sunday, 10:00 am Mass and you will be able to access this by clicking <https://spx.ca/livestream> or on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/stpiusxn1/live> . There is a LIVE STREAM among several tabs at the top of our parish webpage - www.spx.ca . A live stream connection will be available 5 - 10 minutes before Mass begins.

Recently we created the official Facebook page to update our ways of communicating with our dear parishioners. If you go to <http://www.facebook.com/stpiusxn1> press **LIKE** and then press **FOLLOW**, you can access our parish Facebook page.



**2021
COLLECTION
ENVELOPES**

The *2021 collection envelopes* are available from the table at the back of the Church, near the Choir area. If you would like to begin using collection envelopes, please contact the *Parish Office* - 754-0170 or stpiusx@nl.rogers.com .



There are 15 copies of the parish bulletin available for the taking near the Church entrance. You may know of someone who may be interested in reading our bulletin. So pass it on!

DE MELLO FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

Never Alone



When you were a tiny baby, you were with your mom and dad almost all the time. Now that you're growing bigger, you can go exciting places on your own. Maybe you get to spend the night at your friend's house. At bedtime, though, you might feel a little lonely without your parents to tuck you in. But God is with you no matter where you go. Even though you can't see him, God is everywhere you are, watching over you.

**Wherever I wander, wherever I roam,
God is with me, so I'm never alone.**

CALLING ALL PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS

For the New Year, we have new faith and sacramental programs for our children and families. We will also be sharing these programs in new ways. These programs may have different formats but they are all designed to help parents and grandparents in the faith development of their children and grandchildren. The girls and boys who began their sacramental preparation for *Reconciliation*, *First Communion* and *Confirmation* will have the opportunity to complete the preparation we began last year. We also welcome children who wish to begin these preparation programs for the first time. We will be contacting the parents whose children were part of our programs last year. We also welcome everyone who wishes to join us in this important task of sharing our faith with our children. More details will be in next weekend's bulletin. If you have any questions or wish to "*register*" your child for any of these programs, please contact *Maria Kelsey* at mkelsey@nl.rogers.com.



SAINTS SPEAK

The spirit of Christmas needs to be superseded by the Spirit of Christ. The spirit of Christmas is annual; the Spirit of Christ is eternal. The spirit of Christmas is sentimental; the Spirit of Christ is supernatural. The spirit of Christmas is a human product; the Spirit of Christ is a divine person. That makes all the difference in the world.

Stuart Briscoe,

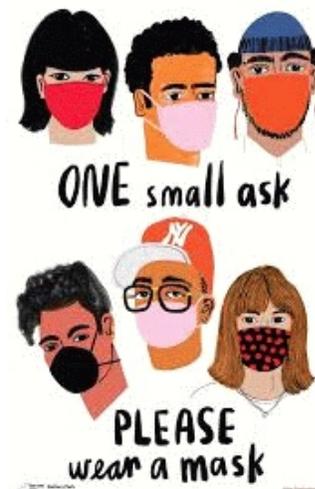
Contemporary American Christian Evangelical
Author

When God saw the world falling to ruin because of fear, he immediately acted to call it back to himself with love. He invited it by grace, preserved it by his love and embraced it with compassion.

St. Peter Chrysologus, 406-450 AD
"Sermon"

God is indeed beyond us, yet, God has become human. What was far from us has become, by the mediation of a human being very near. He is the God in whom you shall dwell. Christ is the man by way of whom you must reach him. Christ is at once the way you must follow and the goal you must reach.

St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, 354-430 AD
"Sermons" 261, 6





Christmas 2020 was a time of contradictions - a time to rejoice but many were saddened when so many loved ones could not join them at the Christmas table. We were challenged to simplify our traditions for everyone's safety. This in turn, led many of us to focus on the real meaning of Christmas, the birth of a baby born in Bethlehem so many years ago.

As a Parish, we tried to have our Christmas Masses reflect the peace and joy of the season, while adhering to health protocols. In this regard, we especially thank our *Maintenance Staff*, our team of *Hospitality Ministers*, our *Music Ministry* and *Office Staff* who went above and beyond the call of duty. We want to thank our newly formed media team for live-streaming the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass.

Thank you to all who served in their various ministries - *Readers*, *Eucharistic Ministers*, *Hospitality Ministry* both current and new members, *Sacristans*, and all who decorated the altar and Church, both current and new members and *persons who continue to care for the flowers.*

We also thank all who donated flowers or monetary donations for flowers. Donations for Christmas hampers are greatly appreciated, as well as individual parishioners who assist families in need. Thank you to all who sent gifts to our Jesuit Community and our parish staff.

Many others worked behind the scenes, stepped in to help when they saw a need, and many in various ministries were there several times during our busiest times.

We are grateful for all our parishioners at Christmas time and all through the year. Your continuing faith, hope and love, still flourish in our socially distanced world. Whether you pray or worship at home or in the church building, you are a continuing source of inspiration.

Deo Gratias!
Thanks be
to God!



CALLING ALL SENIORS

BEING ON THE ROAD

Our life is a journey.
We are always on the road.
Each time another January greets us,
we have an opportunity to pause,
to see where we have been,
to notice how far we have come
and ponder how that journey has been for us.

Today: I reflect on how my journey has been

SOURCE: Joyce Rupp,
May I Have This Dance? Page 20

SENIORSNL

For seniors and individuals who support seniors, *SeniorsNL* is a great resource that is available throughout the province to be connected to programs and services. Individuals can call *I-800-563-5599* for information or just to talk. *SeniorsNL* can also be contacted via email at info@seniorsnl.ca or online at <http://seniorsnl.ca>



OFFERTORY, CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S COLLECTIONS

December 19 and 20: \$4,809.00
Envelopes: \$4,744.00 Loose: \$65.00

Christmas - December 24 and 25: \$9,694.45
Envelopes: \$9,345.00 Loose: \$349.45

December 26 and 27: \$1,261.00
Envelopes: \$1,181.00 Loose: \$80.00

New Year's Day - January 1 : \$1,048.00
Envelopes: \$955.00 Loose: \$93.00
Thank you for your continued generous support.



FINDING GOD IN THE UNIVERSAL APOSTOLIC PREFERENCES (UAP's)

This week we are going to look at the issue of Climate Change, and especially its effects not only on the earth itself but on marginalized persons who are directly affected by it.

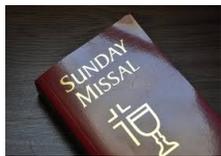
For more information on this, please visit <https://stories.plancanada.ca/climate-refugees-5-facts-about-the-human-faces-of-climate-change/>

This thought provoking article brings to mind, "*Care for Creation*" and "*Walk with the Marginalized*", two of the four *Jesuit Universal Apostolic Preferences* identified as a focus for our future service to one another.



WORLD DAY OF PEACE JANUARY 1, 2021

On 17 December 2020, the Holy See published the Holy Father's Message for the *54th World Day of Peace*, which was celebrated on 1 January, 2021. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is "*A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace*". In his message, the Holy Father states: "*The culture of care thus calls for a common, supportive and inclusive commitment to protecting and promoting the dignity and good of all, a willingness to show care and compassion, to work for reconciliation and healing, and to advance mutual respect and acceptance. As such, it represents a privileged path to peace.*"



RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

The *Living With Christ* - January, 2021 issue and *Living Faith*, January, February and March issue are available from the Parish Office. To obtain a copy of any of these, please contact the *Parish Office* -754-0170 or stpiusx@nl.rogers.com.



TELEVISION MASS

Fr. Michael Coutts, SJ and *Fr. Henk van Meijel, SJ* celebrate TV Mass along with several other priests. The usual audience of 20,000 nationally swelled to 80,000 during the pandemic. On Palm Sunday, on YouTube there were 413,000 viewers. These two priests are members of the Society of Jesus, living in Pickering, Ontario.

ROGERS CABLE

VISION TV - Channel 21

Monday - Friday	9:30 am and 11:30 am
Saturday	9:30 am and 11:00 am
Online, anytime	www.dailytvmass.com

SALT AND LIGHT - Channel 240

Monday - Friday	10:00 am (in French)
Monday - Friday	10:30 am (Pope Francis, in French)

EWTN - Channel 239

Monday - Friday - 9:30 am

BELL CABLE

VISION TV - Channels 64 and 458

Monday - Friday	9:30 am and 1:30 pm
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SALT AND LIGHT - Channel 264

Monday - Friday	9:30 am - 1:30 pm
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EWTN - Channel 262

Monday - Friday	9:30 am - 1:30 pm
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JOYVH - Channels 34 and 390

Daily	12:00 pm and 6:00 pm
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Calendar of Mass Intentions

Sun.	Jan. 10	10:00 am	Mass	BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Tues.	Jan. 12	9:30 am 1:00 pm	Mass	Esther Buckley Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thurs.	Jan. 14	9:30 am	Mass	Patricia and Brian Moore
Sat.	Jan. 16	4:45 pm	Mass	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun.	Jan. 17	10:00 am	Mass	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

GONZAGA JESUIT COMMUNITY IN RESIDENCE
Fr. William Browne, SJ, Fr. Joe Mroz, SJ, Mr. Richard Mulrooney, SJ,
Fr. Charles Pottie, SJ, Fr. Joseph Schuck, SJ

WEBSITES: Four to recommend are:
www.jesuits.org www.ignatianspirituality.com www.jesuitresources.org www.aleteia.org

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 3:30 - 4:20 pm

TIMES OF MASSES: Tuesdays and Thursdays - 9:30 am
Saturday: 4:45 pm; Sunday: 10:00 am

BAPTISMS. Please call the Parish Office (754-0170) ONE MONTH in advance.
A copy of the child's birth certificate must be provided before the baptism.

PRE-BAPTISMAL COURSE: Call the Parish Office for more details

MARRIAGES: By appointment SIX MONTHS in advance. Marriage Preparation Course required

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday - 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

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CHAIRPERSON OF PARISH COUNCIL: 739-5780

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