



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH LITURGY ON THIS 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

THE PRESIDERS IS

SATURDAY:	4:45 pm	Fr. W. Bolton, SJ
SUNDAY:	10:00 am	Fr. J. Sullivan, SJ

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Our response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider God of all hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome, that your son Jesus Christ at his coming may find in us a dwelling prepared for him. Lord, look with loving kindness upon your Church.

As we struggle to be a body worthy of Christ's name, we ask you to help us heal our divisions by focussing on the coming of the Kingdom, we pray to the Lord.

For peace on earth and good will to all, that this message will spread around the world, not only in countries experiencing violence and war, but also in our homes, schools and work places, we pray to the Lord.

Heavenly Father, you asked the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, as we continue to prepare for Christmas, help us to make time in all our busyness for quiet prayer and contemplation; that we may reflect upon the wonder of your love and the reality of the Saviour's birth we pray to the Lord.

Lord, we pray for all who are hungry for acceptance, who are hungry for love, all who long to be needed, for all who are travelling this week and for all who are separated from their loved ones, we pray to the Lord.

For all who are sick, especially, Bob Carew, Dr. Larry White,

for all whose names are in our prayer bowl, for all whose needs are in the silence of our hearts, we pray to the Lord.

For all who have died, especially, Terry Stack,

for all who have died alone, for all who have suffered a loss unknown to others, and for all whose anniversary of death occurs in the coming week, we pray to the Lord.

For our parish faith community, that with God's blessing, we will also be vibrant, welcoming, engaging and supportive to all who need us, as we extend the work of spiritual renewal in our parish, St. Pius X pray for us, St. Ignatius Loyola pray for us, St. John the Baptist, pray for us, we pray to the Lord.

Presider: Gracious Father, Creator and love itself, hear our prayers and turn out hearts to you in all we think and do and say, in these final days of Advent.

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1. **St. Pius X Parish Advent Retreat** based on **Advent themes** will be led by our **Pastor, Fr. John Sullivan, S.J.** It will continue **this Sunday, December 19 after the 10:00 am Mass** at approximately **11:30 am - 12:00 pm** in the **Church**. You are welcome to attend.
2. The **21st Annual St. Pius X Skating Party** will be held on **Monday, December 27** from **3:00 - 4:00 pm** at **St. Bon's Forum**. Please note this is not Boxing Day! **Vax Pass and ID will be needed to get into the arena.**
3. This year at St. Pius, we will be celebrating nine Masses every evening beginning on December 15 at 6:30 pm. and continuing until December 23. These Masses, a Novena, is called either **"Missa de Gallo"** or **Simbang Gabi**. It is a Filipino Catholic tradition. This year, the St. John's Filipino community and St. Pius X community will celebrate it together. The Novena is a most excellent way to prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. Do come and celebrate! **VAX Pass and IDs are required to attend these Masses.**
4. Please be sure to check our Parish website or facebook page to keep up to date with our Sunday Bulletins and Tuesday Updates.