



*Restoring all  
things in Christ!*



**Rev. Cal R. Christiansen**

**Deacon Derrel Craig**

**December 6, 2020**

**Second Sunday of Advent**



**Weekend Masses and Reconciliation**

***PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE, [www.stpxparish.com](http://www.stpxparish.com), FOR CURRENT INFORMATION***

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Hours: The parish office is open from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday except holidays, and closed daily from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

Voicemail at the school is being monitored.  
Please leave a message.

***Dear Parishioners ,***

***Fr. Cal Christiansen***



In this weekend's Gospel for this second Sunday of Advent, we are introduced to one of the most eccentric characters in the New Testament, St. John the Baptist. We are told in this weekend's Gospel that he lived in the desert of Judea, wore a tunic made of camel's hair and his food consisted of locusts and honey. He is a very important figure in the New Testament because of his role in Salvation History - to announce that at long last, the prophecies concerning the coming of the Messiah had been fulfilled with the arrival of Jesus of Nazareth into the world. With the ministry of St. John the Baptist, the last of the line of prophets, the Old Testament came to a close and the New Testament began. St. John can be seen as the hinge between both Testaments, closing and completing the first and inaugurating and announcing the beginning of the new. He's also an important figure for each of us personally because his role is essentially ours ... to prepare the way of the Lord and to be a prophetic voice announcing the presence of Christ in our world today.

The Season of Advent is such an exciting time within the life of our parish family, not only because of the spiritual and material preparations we make for the feast of Christ's Incarnation (Christmas), but also because of the incredible diversity of multi-cultural traditions which we celebrate during this month as well. This past week our Hispanic community began their novena to the Virgin of Guadalupe, whose feast we will celebrate on December 12th. On that day there will be an incredible amount of activity and excitement. At 9:00 p.m. following the Vigil Mass on Friday, many will gather to sing 'las mañanitas' which are birthday songs sung in honor of the Blessed Mother. There will also be a second Guadalupe Mass on Saturday at Noon. All are most certainly invited to either of these Masses which is an important and passionate expression of Hispanic culture.

Our Filipino community is also preparing for an important expression of their Filipino Catholic tradition, Simbang Gabi, which is as a devotional nine-day series of Masses practiced in the Philippines in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary in anticipation of Christmas. In the US, this novena of Masses is typically rolled into one central Mass which will be celebrated on December 21st. Typically this gathering would usually follow the Mass but will not be happening this year due to Covid restrictions however all are invited and encouraged to participate with us on the 21st. How blessed we truly are to have such diverse and rich parish family!

### ***Queridos Parroquianos,***

En nuestro evangelio para esta Segunda Semana del Adviento, encontramos la figura del San Juan el Bautista, un personaje muy excéntrico que vivió en el desierto de Judá quien usaba una túnica de pelo de camello y que comió saltamontes y miel silvestre. Este Santo es muy profundo para nosotros por su lugar en la historia de la salvación. San Juan fue el último en la línea de los profetas del Antiguo Testamento quien anunció la llegada del Nuevo Testamento con la predicación del Reino de Dios, la presencia de Jesucristo en el mundo. Otro aspecto que lo hace importante para nosotros es por su ejemplo de humildad; él anunció a Jesucristo, no a sí mismo. Pues esta es también nuestra responsabilidad, iluminar el mundo que nos rodea con la luz de Cristo, anunciando a los que nos rodean que, Jesucristo está presente. Por lo tanto, somos llamados, como San Juan para dar testimonio fiel de otra persona más importante y poderosa que nosotros.

Estos días de Adviento son días preciosos, no solamente por las preparaciones que hacemos para la Navidad, el nacimiento del Señor, sino también por las celebraciones culturales que ya están integradas en la vida de nuestra parroquia y familia católica. Hemos iniciado la novena de la Virgen de Guadalupe y esta semana celebraremos dos Misas Guadalupanas; el Viernes a las 8pm y el Sábado a las 12pm. Debido al Covid, 250 personas son permitidas en cada Misa, y es por eso que tendremos las registraciones en nuestra página web. Las mañanitas serán cantadas este año después la Misa Vigilia del Viernes.

***In Christ / En Cristo,***

***Fr. Cal***



This year our Giving Tree will look a bit different. The ornaments will still be available to you for purchasing and returning an unwrapped gift, but they'll be hanging on a bulletin board rather than a tree.

Catholic Community Services supplies the entire Diocese of Seattle with gift suggestions from those less fortunate. Please take an ornament, purchase the gift and return it unwrapped - WITH THE ORNAMENT - by Friday, December 11th.

CCS also has a helpful Elf Line this year! Call and talk with an Elf who will personally match you with an individual or family. You can purchase your gift at the store of your choice and have it shipped directly to CCS, 1918 Everett Avenue, Everett, 98201. Or, the Elves will do the shopping for you! Just call (425) 374-6318 for more information.

As always, our St. Pius X parishioners' generous donations and parish community support will make a true difference for many individuals and families this Christmas! God bless you!

### Adoration Chapel Openings

**Please consider spending one hour with  
Our Lord**

**The following days and times are  
available for you to be a dedicated Adorer  
for one hour every week:**

**Sundays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
and from Noon to 1:00 p.m. and  
from 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

**Tuesdays from 2:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. and  
from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and  
from 11:00 a.m. to Noon and  
from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and  
from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
and from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesdays from 2:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. and  
from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and  
from 11:00 p.m. to Midnight**

**Thursdays from 3:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. and  
11:00 a.m. to Noon and  
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Fridays from 11:00 a.m. to Noon  
and from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Saturdays from 3:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m.**

***"Can you spend just one hour with Me?"***

### Financial Stewardship Year to Date Report

Total collection for weekend of 11/29	\$ 9,943.96
Budgeted:	\$ 15,000.00
Actual YTD Giving:	\$ 260,313.74
YTD Budget	\$ 330,000.00
Over/Under budgeted YTD Goal:	(\$ 69,686.26)

***If you have any questions, please call the  
parish office, (425) 775-7545. Thank you.***

### A Special Prayer for the Faithful Souls in Purgatory

***This prayer, dictated by Our Lord to St. Gertrude,  
releases numerous souls from Purgatory  
each and every time it is said!***

Without prolonged moments of *adoration*, of prayerful encounter with the word, of sincere conversation with Our Lord, our work easily becomes meaningless; we lose energy as a result of weariness and difficulties, and our fervor dies out.

***Please pray with fervor and zeal!***

"Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of Thy divine son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the faithful souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, for those in my own home and in my family. Amen."



# St. Pius X Catholic School



**St. Pius X School is a faith-filled school offering**

- +strong academic curriculum**
- +safe & nurturing environment**
- +excellent student to teacher ratio**
- +financial aid**
- +3 & 4 year old PreSchool**
- +4 & 5 year old PreKindergarten**
- +extra-curricular activities such as Robotics, CYO sports, Honors Choir, Band**



**Please pray for healing for the following people. If you do, we can be assured that prayers are going to Our Lord on their behalf every hour of every day.**

**We especially pray for Our Lord's mercy for all those who have been on the prayer list and remain ill; also for their families and their caretakers.**

**If you have recently become critically ill or injured and would like your name in the prayer list, please call the parish office (425) 775-7545 or have an immediate family member make the call for you.**

**Gilberto Aguilar, Suvan Atia, Thomas Beals, Benjamin, Tina Bjorndahl, David Blacker, Karen Bovee, Nancy Bowman, Erwin Boyer, Trish Buck, J.D. Butler, Sylvia Butler, Alice Cannon, Diane Carringer, Lee You Chee, Jerry Cline, Ruth Cook, Steve Cook, Lois P. Clinck, Wanda Craig, Virginia David, Mary Deiro, The Delaney Family, Khanh Do, The Dong Family, Harriett Delgado, Marie Demski, Zella Dow, Patricia Earp, Gia Fuda, Bertha Gallagher, Antonio Garcia, Kathi Hagstrom, Rosario Haro, Rex GeRoy, Larry Herres, Tom Houvener, Tim Hutton, Bill Hutton, Payton Haggett, Michael & Margaret Hoffman, Boon Hwa, Jim Johnson, Lori Johnson, Ray Johnson, Jay Kay, Alice Kier, The Kolve Family, Clark LaBrosse, Anne Lee, Jim Lester, Richard Lester, Fr. O.C. Lim, Vida Logan, Edwin Low, and Jean Luke**

**Felipe Maganis, Manisha, Mona G., Luciann MacDonald, The McCord Family, Ralph McDonald, Richard McGee, Rob McIntosh, Joe Melton, Kathy Morris, Nancy Neinc, Frank Nelson, Eliza Ng, Peter Ng, Terence Ng, Vinh Nghiem, Susan O'Bar, Carol Ogden, Aly Osborne, The Pagano Family, Abel Parra, Fr. Peter, Larry & Barbara Peterson, Kristy Pierce, Nocole Pioli, Bret Podnar, Bee Poh, Valentine Powell, John Powers, The Priano Family, Tony Rangel, Kirk and Sylvia Raymond, Joseph Rochon, Cesar Rodriguez, Rosey, Elizabeth Sandoval, Sharon Serrano, Lita Shanahan, Beverly Underland, The Schalk Family, Robert Smith, Lauqueta Spencer, Angelica Valdez, Angelica Divino Valdez, Maria Valdez, Pat Weber, Dolores Chickie Willits, Brekti Woldeysus, Alan Wood, Mark Wood, and Mary Zgodzinski**



## **Kash for Kids**



Kash for Kids is our parish's answer to a Giving Tree Program. Parishioners donate money that they, in turn, use to purchase gift cards from our school's Scrip Program. These cards are added to the Christmas baskets that our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry gives to those in need during this Season. This is a simple way for you to give, without the hassle of going to a mall and at the same time, benefiting our school!

Can the kids count on you this year?

The Catholic Daughters will not be manning a Kash for Kids table during and after Masses this year because of Covid, but instead will have red envelopes that parishioners can pickup at the entrance and drop off in the collection baskets or at the parish office. This collection will begin the weekend after Thanksgiving on November 28th and 29th and run for four consecutive weekends.