

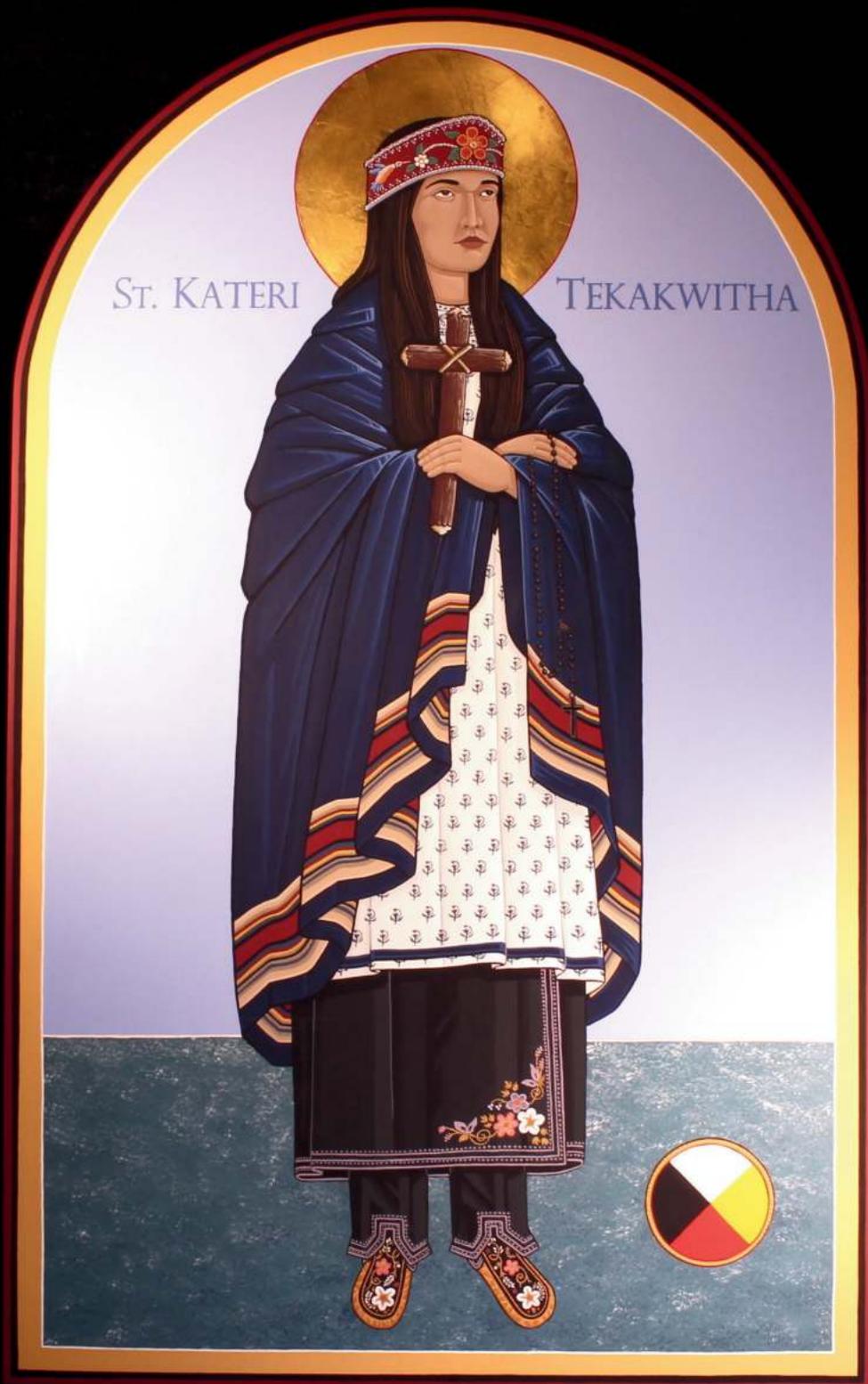


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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 14, 2024

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MASS TIMES

Daily 8:30AM, Monday-Saturday, Church
Monday 7PM, Extraordinary Form, Chapel
Saturday 5:15PM, Vigil Mass, Church
Sunday 7:30AM, 9AM, 11AM, Church

Holy Days

Vigil 5:30PM, Church
Holy Day 8:30AM, 5:30PM, Church

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Saturday, 4-5PM, Church
Wednesday, 7-8PM, Church

Baptism

Pre-baptismal classes are on the first Sunday of every month. Call the Parish Office to register for the class and to schedule your child's baptism.

Marriage

Registered parishioners should make arrangements one year in advance with the Parish Office. Visit www.st-pius.org for more information or call the Parish Office.

Communion for the Homebound

If you or a loved one would like to receive Communion at home, contact Deacon Don Ross at dnross@diobpt.org.

Anointing of the Sick

If you or someone you know is ill and would like to be anointed, call the Parish Office.

Becoming Catholic

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is open to anyone who wants to learn more about our faith or complete their initiation as a Roman Catholic. Call the Parish Office for more information.

PARISH INFORMATION

Summer Office Hours Monday-Thursday, 9AM-4PM
Friday, closed with staff
available by email until 12PM

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Parish Corporation

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Art Credit: Andre Prevost. *Icon of St. Kateri Tekakwitha*, 2019. St. Monica Catholic Church, Vancouver Canada.



Pastor's Note

Today's Readings

1st Reading:

Am 7:12-15

Res. Psalm:

85:9-10, 1-12,
13-14

2nd Reading:

Eph 1:3-14 or
1:3-10

Gospel:

Mk 6:7-13

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The humble beginnings of the Church are truly beautiful. While the “birthday” of the Church takes place at Pentecost, it is but a few years before that date, we see Jesus “called to him the Twelve, and began to send them out two by two.” In this we see how deeply our faith is rooted in community and fraternity. “No man is an island” is very true. Even the great spiritual masters in the history of the Church, some who lived truly secluded hermitic lives, like them we are never truly isolated and siloed off alone when we are rooted in Christ.

As Jesus sends out these six pairs, they are about to embark on the most important mission of their lives. The apostles are set apart and singled out, upon them Christ bestows particular authority, and we would imagine that they ought to be well prepared, if not even over prepared to embark on this mission. Yet, Christ instructs them to do the opposite. “He charged them to take nothing for their journey,” they were to only hold with them the bare minimum.

For anyone else, this would be a recipe for disaster. This looks like a case of poor planning that will result in utter failure. Yet this is the avenue that the Lord laid out for them. When armed and charged with the authority of Jesus Christ, they have all they need. As they went off and preached repentance, they drove out many demons, lead many to healing and conversion. All of these wonderful acts are

performed not through the strength or ability of the Twelve, but through the power of God.

It is an important reminder that whenever we hear of miraculous works from the saints, or are moved by the holiness of another person, the glory belongs to God alone. The greatest saints in our Church did not become that way through “earning” God’s grace, they were the ones who were most docile to cooperate with God’s will and allowed God to act through them. The Twelve were sent out in pairs without extra provisions or comforts because armed with God’s authority, allowing him to work through them, they were successful and had all they needed.

Our Church is Apostolic, founded by Christ upon those Twelve as the foundation. Their commissioning and being sent out is an act we see still unfolding to this very day. Their successors, our Bishops, continue to lead the Church both practically and spiritually. Christ’s message of repentance is repeated and echoed throughout the two millennia. The gift of faith that we have, it was something handed on to us. Many of us from our parents and grandparents, or for some it was the influence of a good friend, teacher, or priest. However the faith arrived in our hearts, it was planted there through the grace of God. And the spreading of that faith began with the sending out of these pairs of men. What a gift we have in belonging to so great a Tradition, an unbroken line of faith that connects us still to Jesus and his Twelve Apostles.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Brendan

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 13

8:30AM+Judith Driscoll.....P. & P. Rausch
 5:15PM.....+Thomas Mulquin.....Lehmann Family

Sunday, July 14

7:30AM.....All Parishioners
 9AM.....+Berta Rodriguez.....Mitola Family
 11AM.....+Alex Skultety.....J. Skultety

Monday, July 15

8:30AM.....+Barbara Lannigan....Connaughton Family
 7PM.....+All Deceased Members of the Canotte Family

Tuesday, July 16

8:30AM.....+Jack Horan.....B. Horan

Wednesday, July 17

8:30AM.....+Nalini Shekar.....B. & M. D'Cunha

Thursday, July 18

8:30AM.....+Harry Floyd.....Foley Family

Friday, July 19

8:30AM.....+Michele & Maria Artieri.....E. Porco

Saturday, July 20

8:30AM+Brian McGeady.....McGeady Family
 5:15PM.....+Fran Thompson.....B. Barrett

Sunday, July 21

7:30AMAll Parishioners
 9AM.....+Mary Farren.....J. Kaner
 11AM.....+Carmen E. Corica.....M. Lantowski



Sanctuary Lights will burn
 in the chapel for William Rainsberger



Baptisms
 We welcome the newly baptized into the Church:
 Emily Elizabeth Coon, Jackson Thomas Cunningham, Matilda Maria Johndrow, Callie Grace Genovese, Soleil Melania Jean



Banns of Marriage
 John Lizzo & Katherine Cavazzini

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory

Offerings	June 30	July 7
Weekend	\$ 11,297	\$ 12,713
Monthly	\$ 315	\$ 1,745
Mission	\$ 121	\$ 364
Maintenance	N/A	\$ 339
Votives	N/A	\$ 431
Peter's Pence	\$ 1,389	N/A



We Stand With Christ Construction Loan

\$ 750,000 Outstanding Loan
 \$ 56,496 Donated
 122 Number of Gifts

To give to the WSWC Construction Loan, scan the QR code, drop a check in the Sunday basket with Construction Loan in the memo or visit www.osvhub.com/st-piusfairfield/giving/funds and choose gift.



CONSTRUCTION
 LOAN



The money raised for the Bishop's Appeal supports all the charitable works within our diocese.

Funds go towards the needs of the poor and the sick, our youth, our retired priests, and educational programs. Visit www.bridgeportdiocese.org/bishops-appeal/home to donate.



\$ 179,352 SPX Donated
 \$ 234,600 SPX Goal



BISHOP'S
 APPEAL

SUN
14 & 28
 JULY

Coffee Hour, After 9AM Mass, Community Room

MON
15
 JULY

Vacation Bible School Starts

EVENTS



ST. PIUS X LUXURY RAFFLE

Saturday, September 14, 8PM, Drawing at SPX

Take a chance on winning a 2024 BMW X5 SUV and other amazing prizes! For tickets, visit tinyurl.com/spxluxuryraffle, scan the code. You've got to be in it, to win it! All proceeds benefit the St. Pius X Construction Loan and Knights of Columbus Council # 16347 outreach efforts. Email Paul Sposato at psposato@optonline.net with questions.



ADORATION

VISITING JESUS IN THE CHAPEL

Monday, 9AM - Friday, 9PM, Chapel

Consider stopping by the chapel to rest with our Lord, *even if it is only for a few minutes*. He longs to spend time with you and pour out his love and mercy in this special way! You can even build up to a holy hour by following these four, simple steps below.



4 STEPS FOR Eucharistic Adoration



1

RECOGNIZE THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Place yourself in the presence of Christ.

15 MIN



2

THANKSGIVING

Give thanks for all the blessings God has given you.

15 MIN



3

PETITION

Ask God for help for yourself, those around you and the world.

15 MIN



4

ATONEMENT

Express sorrow for your sins and the sins of the world.

15 MIN

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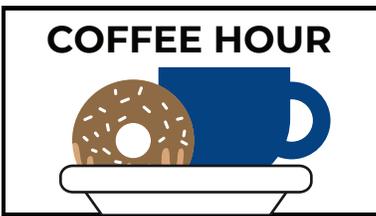
COMMUNITY, SERVICE AND FORMATION



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, 6:30AM, Community Room

Join the men of the parish for prayer, conversation, and fellowship! For more information, contact Mark Drexel at drexel2424@optonline.net. We look forward to welcoming you!



SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

July 14 & 28, After 9AM Mass, Community Room

Come to the Community Room after the 9AM Mass for coffee and treats. If you would like to help with the hospitality, contact Genevieve Ritch at gfanelliritch@optonline.net or scan the QR code to contribute. All are welcome!



YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEON

Monday, August 5, 12PM, Community Room

Don't miss the 3rd annual Super Duper Weenie food truck lunch. Hot dogs, burgers, all condiments made from scratch, and fries made daily. Come enjoy a relaxing summertime lunch and fellowship with friends. Lunch \$13 CASH ONLY, payable to Super Duper Weenie and includes your choice of two items (dog and burger, two dogs, or two burgers) and fries. Beverages provided by St. Pius X. **RSVP required** to Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081. Bring a friend (or two!) See you there!



OPERATION HOPE MEAL PREP

Last Monday of the Month, Community Kitchen

Our Operation Hope Meal Prep Team would love for you to join them. You're invited to help prepare and deliver a monthly meal for 50 of Operation Hope's clients. If you're interested in cooking, donating food or cash to this effort, scan the QR Code or contact Genevieve Ritch at gfanelliritch@optonline.net.



YOUNG AT HEART GAME DAY

Tuesday, 10AM-12PM, Community Room, Mahjong

Wednesday, 10AM-12PM, Community Room, Canasta

Bring a friend and meet us in the Community Room. Learn how to play or just stop by for fellowship and conversation. Questions? Contact Margaret at blk125@msn.com or call her at 908-399-2945.



TASTEBUDS- DATE CHANGE!

Wednesday, July 17, 5-7PM, Community Room & Kitchen

Come to our Tastebuds gathering! Along with cooking demonstrations, we will review recipes, and enjoy the meal we created together. Our dinners may be paired with complimenting wines and beverages. The cost is \$15. Email catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com to RSVP and scan the QR code to pay.



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ST. PIUS X SANDWICH MAKING

Wednesday, July 24, 7-8PM, Community Room & Kitchen

Join us this July as we continue making sandwiches for nOURish Bridgeport. We have most of the supplies we need but we could always use a few more granola bars and 8oz water bottles. If you're interested in donating items, setting up or making the lunches, please email stpiussandwichmaking@gmail.com. Thank you!



SMALL GROUP LEADER WORKSHOP

Wednesday, July 31 or August 28, 6:30-9PM, Community Room

God created us to be known and be in community. St. Pius X Small Groups provide the opportunity for us to experience both! If you are interested in leading a small group, visit, www.st-pius.org/smallgroups to apply for training or contact Paola Peña at ppena@st-pius.org.



WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Thursday, October 3, 2024- January 30, 2025, 9:30-11:30AM

Rooted and Radiant. By studying the book of Colossians, we will realize the challenges the Colossians faced, are remarkably similar to our own challenges today.

Thursdays, February 6, 2025 - May 8, 2025, 9:30-11:30AM

Passionate Discipleship. We will immerse ourselves in 2 Timothy, Paul's last and deeply personal letter to his beloved friend and mentee, Timothy. For more information, email dawnmariec@sbcglobal.net or visit www.st-pius.org/wwwp.



BAPTISMAL GARMENT MINISTRY

Every child baptized at St. Pius X receives a handmade baptismal garment that is lovingly created by this ministry. If you enjoy simple sewing and embroidery, email Eleanor Burke profefurke@optonline.net and join their efforts.



WRAPPED IN LOVE

This group crochets and knits blankets for our newly baptized babies as well as prayer shawls for those who are ill. Each stitch is infused with the crafter's prayers for the recipients. Once completed, the items are blessed by Fr. Brendan. If you would like to help with this ministry, contact Kim Leon at kleon@st-pius.org. We provide the yarn.



VIRTUS TRAINING

Volunteers are required by the Diocese of Bridgeport to have a background check and complete a training program, "Protecting God's Children." Volunteers may sign up online for the free class. The class is approximately 3 hours and may be taken virtually or in person at various locations in the diocese. Upon completion of the class, a copy of the certificate must be submitted to the parish office prior to beginning duties as a volunteer. Scan the QR code or visit www.bridgeportdiocese.org/safe-environments/virtus/ to register.



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Altar Server Training

MON	JULY 15	4:30PM - 5:30PM
WED	JULY 17	4:30PM - 5:30PM
FRI	JULY 19	4:30PM - 5:30PM

All children who have received their First Holy Communion are welcome to serve!

Email frblawie@diobpt.org to sign up for one of the sessions.

COMMUNITY



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Tuesday, 7-8PM, Religious Education Center, 2nd Floor Classroom

Park City Men's Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Beginners/Speakers Meeting is open to any man seeking help with alcohol. The only requirement is a desire to stop drinking. If you, or someone you know, is trying to get help, stop by, or share this information. Enter the Religious Education School via left side exterior Door #2.



FAIRFIELD FIGHTS HUNGER

JULY 1-29



Operation Hope, St. Pius X, and other Fairfield organizations are teaming up to help our neighbors!

Summer is a challenging time for families with food insecurity. Pantry donations drop off and schools that provide free meals to their children are closed until September. Join us in helping our neighbors by dropping of any of the following items in labeled boxes in the church and chapel vestibules during the month of July. **THANK YOU!**

- Dried Fruit & Nuts
- Sugar, Flour, & Oil
- Juice
- Chili & Stew
- Canned Fruit
- Box Milk
- Dry Cat Food
- Lotion
- Toothpaste
- Bladder Pads & Flushable Wipes
- Toilet Paper & Paper Towels

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA, PRAY FOR US!

FEAST DAY, JULY 14



When Tekakwitha was four, a severe smallpox epidemic swept through her Mohawk tribe and her mother, father, and baby brother died. Tekakwitha survived but her face was scarred and her eyesight was badly damaged. Tekakwitha was adopted by her aunt and uncle.

Jesuit missionaries were traveling through the Mohawk villages and Tekakwitha was greatly inspired by their work and their teachings. Tekakwitha became Catholic at the age of nineteen, on Easter Sunday, and received the name Catherine, which in the Mohawk language is Kateri.

Kateri left her village and moved to a Jesuit settlement in Canada. She made a vow of virginity and spent much of her time in prayer, fasting, and penance.

After living as a Catholic for five years, Kateri Tekakwitha died in 1680 at the young age of twenty-four. Witnesses say that when she died, the scars from her smallpox disappeared and she was more beautiful than ever.

Throughout her life, Kateri was known for her virtue, patience, and modesty. Pope Benedict XVI canonized Kateri on October 21, 2012 – making her the first Native American saint. She is the patron Saint of those who have lost their parents, people in exile, and Native Americans.

**LISTEN NOW TO A CHILDREN'S STORY ABOUT
THE LIFE OF ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA**





CO-OP MISSION SUNDAY JULY 21/22, 2nd Collection

The Passionist Missionaries goal is to promote the memory of the Passion of Jesus Christ by witnessing and preaching to the sufferings of our time.

Through their projects in Kenya, they are able to evangelize and promote integral human development. Their projects involve programs and activities for alleviating poverty and foster social justice and economic empowerment of the communities they serve. They have 36 seminarians, run two orphanages with 70 orphans, and support poor widows in their missions. They organize and preach retreats for both religious and lay Faithful. Your generous support continues their mission affecting a positive change in people's daily lives and the hope for a better tomorrow.

Fr. Evans Fwamba Cp will be sharing their mission story July 20/21, 2024. If you find time, please visit www.passionistskenya.org.

Elementary Faith Formation

2024-2025 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

GRADE

OPTION(S) AVAILABLE

REGISTRATION DEADLINES & START DATES

- 1 At-home only. Weekly lessons from My Catholic Faith Delivered
- 2 First Reconciliation & First Communion Preparation. In-person only. Classes offered Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 4:30pm-5:30pm.
- 3 In-person only. Classes offered Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 4:30pm-5:30pm.
- 4 In-person only. Classes offered Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 4:30pm-5:30pm.
- 5 In-person only. Classes offered Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 4:30pm-5:30pm.
- 6 Confirmation Preparation. In-person only. Offered on Mondays from 4:30pm-5:30pm for 14 consecutive weeks. Monthly Edge Youth Ministry attendance required.

Cohort 1 Confirmation Prep Deadline:

Friday, August 9

Grades 1-5 and Cohort 2 Deadline:

Monday, September 23

Start Dates

Grades 1-5

October 7, 2024

Confirmation Prep Cohort 1

September 9, 2024

Confirmation Prep Cohort 2

January 13, 2025

To register or for more information, visit www.st-pius.org/elementary-faith-formation