



St. Pius X Church

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"All Things Restored in Christ"

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

On July 7, 2007, Pope Benedict XVI issued *Summorum Pontificum*, an Apostolic Letter on the celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass. In this letter, he defined the Latin Mass as the Extraordinary Form of the Latin Rite; which is celebrated according to the 1962 Roman Missal as promulgated by Pope St. Pius V and reissued by Blessed John XXIII. Although the Mass was reformed in 1970, by Pope Paul VI, Pope Benedict XVI noted that it is important to not lose the beauty and reverence of the Traditional Latin Mass which "has been a spur to the spiritual life of many saints, has reinforced many peoples in the virtue of religion and fecundated their piety" (Pope Benedict XVI, *Summorum Pontificum*, 3).

For this reason, St. Pius X and the Mission of Divine Mercy have been designated by the Archbishop to host the Extraordinary Form of the Latin Mass and Fr. Moses of Jesus, M.D.M. has been appointed as the primary celebrant. The Archbishop has expressed his desire for more people in the Archdiocese to experience the Latin Mass as it is part of our rich Catholic history. The Latin Mass is very different from the liturgical experience of most Catholics today. This difference is best described as a multi-faceted diamond, in which the diamond represents the perfect Heavenly Liturgy and each facet represents one way of celebrating that liturgy on earth—each facet is a beautiful celebration in which Christ is truly present.

The Archbishop has been pleased with the work and collaboration between St. Pius X and the Mission of Divine Mercy and has strong hopes for the continuation of the Latin Mass at St. Pius X. As the Archbishop has expressed his desire for more Catholics to experience the Latin Mass, I would like to invite you to join us at one of our celebrations: we celebrate the Latin Mass every Sunday at 12:10PM, on holy days of obligation and on Saturdays at 8:00AM. Furthermore, the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, First Confession, Confirmation and Matrimony as well as Funerals are also offered according to the Extraordinary Form.

If you would like to receive sacraments, for you or a child, according to the Extraordinary Form at St. Pius X or at the Mission of Divine Mercy, please write to tlmstpiusx@gmail.com. If you are a parishioner at another parish, please obtain permission from your pastor prior to contacting us for sacraments. Thank you.

May God bless you abundantly and may, Mary, the Mediatrix of all Graces, be your constant companion!

Sincerely,


Fr. Francis McHugh
Pastor