

St. Pius X Catholic Church

Volunteer Opportunities

Below are brief descriptions of the many volunteer opportunities available to parishioners. For a detailed description of any of the positions, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Henri Harb, at HHarb@saintpiusx.org or call (619) 420-9193, ext. 103.

(You may download a copy of the Volunteer Form by clicking [here](#).)

I. Adult Religious Education

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Sponsor

Must be a participating member of the parish willing to be a 'friend' to a candidate in the process of becoming Catholic. Commitment is a one hour teaching session on Sundays. Sponsors also keep in contact with the candidates outside of the Sunday sessions, invite them to join various groups in the parish and accompany them to the activities.

Babysitters

Supervise children while parents attend the RCIA sessions, Sundays from 11 a.m. to noon. Time commitment is once or twice a month for one hour (depending on the number of volunteers).

Teachers/Leaders for Christian Initiation for Children (CIC)

Provide instruction for children who have not been baptized, 7 years of age through teens, following the Rite of Initiation. Time commitment: Sundays from 9:45 a.m. to noon.

Adult Confirmation

Catechists to prepare adults (17 years and up) to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Time commitment is once a week for 1 to 2 hours, for approximately 8 weeks.

Parent Class for Infant Baptism

Team members teach the requirements for Baptism to parents, and/or assist the team in checking in parents at the sessions, etc. Time commitment is 4 hours on the second Saturday of the month, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Adult Education Committee

Serve on the committee to plan religious education programs suitable for adults and to help implement them. Time commitment includes attending a monthly meeting (1 ½ hours) on the third Tuesday of the month, and other time variable to the program.

II. Hall

Kitchen

Prepare food for different events. Time commitment is 2 to 4 hours for each event

Clean up

Wash dishes, clean refrigerators and stoves, mop, etc. Time commitment is 2 to 4 hours.

School lunches

Cut vegetables and fruit for salad bar, help cook entrée and box them. Time commitment is 2 to 4 hours, Monday through Friday. Volunteers must be 18 years and older.

Bingo

Volunteers are needed to set up and take down tables, sell tickets, and work at the snack bar. Time commitment is 2 to 4 hours once a week.

III. Liturgical Ministry**Eucharistic Minister/Acolyte**

Members administer Holy Communion at Mass. Interested parishioners must be registered at St. Pius X and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Ministers are appointed by the Pastor. Training is provided. Acolytes assist the priest at Mass. Time commitment is during a weekend Mass, arriving at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass to sign in.

Altar Servers

Members assist the priest at Mass. This ministry is open to children in the 4th grade and above who have received the Sacrament of Holy Communion and are currently enrolled in St. Pius X School or a religious education class at St. Pius. Training is provided. Time commitment is during a weekend Mass, arriving 15 minutes before the start of Mass.

Ministers of Hospitality: Greeters/Ushers

Welcome and direct parishioners to open seats, take up weekly donations. Time commitment is during a weekend Mass, arriving at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass and remaining approximately 10 minutes after.

Ministers of the Word (Lectors)

Lectors read the two readings before the Gospel and the Prayers of the Faithful after the Creed at Mass. Lectors must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Training is provided. Most lectors read at one Mass per month. The overall time commitment is approximately 3 to 4 hours of practice during the week prior to the assigned Mass.

IV. Maintenance

The parish is seeking volunteers who can assist the parish in the following areas on an occasional basis: handyman, electricians, plumbers, painters and gardeners.

V. Music Ministry

Singers and musicians are needed to provide music for Sunday Masses. Time commitment is one Mass every Sunday, plus outside rehearsal time.

VI. Parish Life

Annual Blue Raffle Ticket Fundraiser

Volunteers are needed to coordinate the fundraiser, publish weekly bulletin announcements, supervise the envelope pick up on the patio three weekends during Masses, and sell and collect raffle tickets at the parish picnic. Time commitments vary.

Parish Picnic

Cut vegetables, roll silverware in napkins, serve food, clean up for the annual parish picnic. Time commitment is 2 to 4 hours once a year.

Soup Kitchen

Volunteers are needed to make homemade soup and donate bread for the parish Lenten Soup Kitchen on Wednesdays during Lent. Also needed are volunteers to serve the food.

VII. Parish Office

Bulletin Inserts

Volunteers to stuff flyers and inserts into the Sunday bulletin, as needed.

Mailings

Volunteers to stuff envelopes for mailings to all parishioners, as needed.

Website

Volunteer to maintain parish website.

VIII. Pastoral Care

Consolation Committee

Members attend funerals as an expression of compassion for the grieving members of our parish family. Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, and those interested in learning the procedures at funerals are invited to become members of the Consolation Committee. Training is provided. Also needed are people to provide food for receptions after funerals. The committee also organizes the All Souls Mass, the healing Masses and the Holy Thursday tradition of the washing of the feet for the homebound. Time commitment varies and any time you can give is welcome.

Eucharistic Minister for Home and Hospital

Members administer Holy Communion at local hospitals and to home-bound parishioners. Interested parishioners must be registered at St. Pius X and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Ministers are appointed by the Pastor. Training is provided.

IX. Religious Education Programs for Children

Catechists

Teach religious education to children in grades preschool through 8th grade. Prepare lesson plans, supervise children in the classroom, and share our Catholic faith with them. Volunteers must have completed or be currently enrolled in the Basic Catechist Class provided by the Diocese of San Diego. The cost of this training will be covered. **Time commitment** is 2 hours per week, September through May, plus outside prep time.

Classroom Aides/Office Aides/Traffic Monitors

The Religious Education Office is also seeking volunteers to assist in the classrooms and the office, and supervise the safe dismissal of students. Time commitment for classroom and office aides is 1 ½ hours per week, and approximately 10- 15 minutes after dismissal of classes for traffic monitors, September through May.

Sunday Preschool of Religion

Classes for 3, 4, and 5 year olds guide the children to a loving relationship with God, Our Father. Teachers, classroom aides, and a coordinator are needed for this program. Time commitment is every Sunday during the 9:45 a.m. Mass, September through May.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Leaders present the Sunday readings in age-appropriate language to children during Mass and explore how the readings apply to their lives today. Training and materials are provided. Time commitment is once a month (rotating schedule) during the 9:45, 11:30 a.m., and 1 p.m. Masses. Leaders for the 1 p.m. Liturgy must be Spanish-speaking.

Vacation Bible School

Many volunteers are needed for VBS, including a coordinator, group leaders, group aides, station supervisors, station aides, bakers, crafters, photographer, security, musicians, and cantors/singers. VBS takes place for one week in the summer, 5 hours per day.

Note: All volunteers in the Religious Education Program 18 years and above *must* complete a background check clearance before participating in any of the areas.

X. St. Pius X School

Lunch duty

Supervise students, microwave lunches. Time commitment is all full school days, September 7, 2010 to June 15, 2011 from 12 to 1 p.m.

One Time/Short Term Events

In addition, the school has many one day or short term volunteer opportunities, such as Octoberfest, Book Fair, Boofest, Jog-a-thon, Golden Gala/Auction, Art Show, and serving as a panel member for the 8th grade portfolios.

XI. Social Concerns

Membership assists with the activities of the Social Concerns committee as needed. Committee meets one time a month in the evening. Primary volunteer needs are:

Donut Sunday

Volunteer needs are: set up, make coffee/punch, put donuts on trays, assist children at craft table, and clean up. Time commitment is one Sunday a month, for 1 to 5 hours.

Thanksgiving and Easter Food Baskets

Collect food items donated by parishioners and sort into boxes. Also needed are people who can sort and lift boxes filled with canned goods. Time commitment is 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. two times a year during Donut Sunday.

Interfaith Shelter

This organization provides shelter and food for 12 people in the winter months in various churches throughout San Diego County. St. Pius X usually hosts for two weeks in February at the Community of Christ Church on 4th and Palomar. Volunteer needs during those two weeks include volunteers to prepare sack lunches in your home and deliver them to the shelter, prepare complete dinners for a night (can be prepared at home or cooked at the shelter), overnight volunteers (two per evening, new volunteers are always paired with an experienced volunteer), volunteers to supply necessities such as toilet paper, coffee, bread, milk, etc., laundry volunteers, set up and last day clean up volunteers.

Wednesday's Meal

Churches in Chula Vista participate in providing meals to approximately 40 to 70 people for the South Bay Community Services. Volunteers are needed to purchase and serve food, and help with cleanup. Time commitment is 2 hours, once every 3 months.

XII. Youth Ministry Programs for High School Teens

Catechists

Teach Confirmation and RICA for high school aged youth. Prepare lesson plans, supervise youth in the classroom, and share our Catholic faith with them. Volunteers must have completed or be currently enrolled in the Basic Catechist Class provided by the Diocese of San Diego. The cost of this training will be covered. **Time commitment** is 2 hours per week, September through June, plus outside prep time.

Classroom Aides/Office Aides/Traffic Monitors

The Youth Ministry Office is also seeking volunteers to assist in the classrooms and the office, and supervise the safe dismissal of students. **Time commitment** for classroom and office aides is 1 ½ hours per week, and approximately 10- 15 minutes after dismissal of classes for traffic, September through June.

Youth Ministry Fellowship Nights

Chaperones and kitchen volunteers are needed for youth nights. They kitchen assistants would prepare snacks and chaperones would assist in safety. **Time commitment** is 2 hrs per week.

Note: All volunteers in the Youth Ministry Programs 18 years and above *must* complete a background check clearance before participating in any of the areas.

In addition to the volunteer positions listed above, the following committees are also seeking members:

Altar & Rosary Society:

For women of the parish. The Altar and Rosary Society is responsible for the care of the altar and surrounding environment. They also provide flowers for Christmas, Easter, and other celebrations. The committee meets once a month for planning and to pray the Rosary.

Filipino/American Committee:

This committee represents the Filipino community of our parish. They hold special celebrations such a series of nine Saimbang Gabi Masses in December.

Hispanic Committee:

This community has several active groups including Apostolado de la Cruz, Spanish Bible Study, and the Spanish choir.

Marriage/Family Life Committee:

Members assist with identifying and assisting in events and activities which promote Catholic values in marriage and family life. Volunteers exchange ideas and experiences and seek concrete methods to help promote and strengthen an active Catholic faith within our parish, focusing on our married and family parishioners. Additionally, members will assist in developing various “practical” tools to encourage effective communication, promote volunteerism and participation in other parish ministries, with a goal of strengthening marriage and family life as part of restoring “All Things in Christ”.