

ST PIUS X

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

During the 2015 parish survey one of the items identified by many of the parishioners was a desire and a need for ongoing adult faith formation.

We have responded and continue to respond to this request. In the fall of 2017 we are pleased to offer several options for young adults, working adults and seniors to allow for ongoing faith enrichment.

ALPHA:

Would you like to meet new people, grow in your knowledge of our Catholic faith and share meals and snacks with others? Would you like to see your faith deepen in a way that over 30 million others have experienced?

Come and try Alpha. As many of you know, there were over 50 people who had the Alpha experience in the spring. This is your chance to explore what it means to be a follower of Christ in a safe and open atmosphere. Alpha will be running *Monday nights* from September 18 - December 4 from 7-9pm. We will begin with a light snack or meal, watch a video and have a small group discussion.

Topics include:

1. Is there more to life than this?
2. Who is Jesus?
3. Why did Jesus die?
4. How can I have faith?
5. Why and How should I pray?
6. Who is the Holy Spirit?
7. How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?
8. How can I make the most of the rest of my life?
9. Does God heal today?

Remember, it is never too late to enter into the Master's field.

Registrations are still being accepted. Contact Deacon Dan for information (403.660.5955 or daniel_deck@live.ca).

FORMED:

Beginning in January 2018, St Pius parish will be offering free to parishioners a selection of books, movies, talks, stories, bible studies and faith enrichments through Formed.org.

As soon as the parish has our registration code, we will be making it available to families and individuals to register and access the tremendous resources being made available through the Augustine Institute. For a list of materials please see: <https://formed.org/content-list>.

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Bible Study:

This year we will be studying the Gospel of John. This is a unique Gospel narrative filled with deep imagery and stories that are different from any of the other Gospels.

We will begin with a reading of the gospel section followed by review questions and a powerful video commentary for the readings. There is a small cost for the study guide (\$20.00).

Topics to discuss include:

1. Who was St John the evangelist?
2. What was the community that St John was addressing?
3. What are some of the key themes of John's Gospel?
4. Why is John's Gospel so different from the other writers?
5. What makes Chapter 6 so important to a eucharistic community?
6. The passion of Jesus in John's Gospel.

Come and share your Saturday afternoons from September 30 – December 2 from 2:30-4pm and join us as we journey through John.

Please contact Sam Massis (403.616.7654) or Deacon Dan (403.660.5955) to register.

Catholicism 201:

Enhancing your understanding of the Catholic faith; Catholicism 201 is an 8-week program designed to deepen the faith of adult parishioners as they explore the history, teachings and traditions of Catholicism through a video series and small-group discussions. Rediscover the richness of a faith that calls us to be examples of God's goodness in our challenging world. Catholicism 201 is ideal for RCIA graduates, recent converts to the Church, as well as anyone seeking a deeper faith. This is also an excellent follow up to the Alpha experience.

Catholicism 201 topics include:

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| 1) One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church | 5) Sacraments of Vocation |
| 2) Sacraments of Initiation | 6) Mary and the Saints |
| 3) The Eucharist | 7) Introduction to Christian Morality |
| 4) Sacraments of Healing | 8) The Thorny Issues |

Mark your calendars for Monday nights beginning in January 2018 from 7-9pm. More details to follow.

Lenten Mission:

Join us Monday, February 26th to Thursday, March 1st, 2018 as Father Eugene O'Reilly leads us through themes of Intimacy with God, Living the Reign of God today, Reconciliation and Discipleship.