

As our Parish starts its 2024-2025 Religious Education program, we are thankful for all Teachers, Administrators, and Participants (Students and Parents). Pray for them and consider this excerpt from The Magnificat ® Daily Meditation -8/21/2024 Saint Pius X.

Laboring in the Landowner's Vineyard

Catechetical instruction is that milk which the Apostle Peter wished the faithful to desire in all simplicity like newborn babes....Catechetical instruction, plain and simple though it be, is the word of which God himself speaks through the lips of the prophet Isaiah: *And as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and return no more thither, but soak the earth and water it, and make it to spring and give seed to the sower and bread to the eater: so shall my word be, which shall go forth from my mouth. It shall not return to me void, but it shall do whatsoever I please and shall prosper in the things for which I sent it....* Man has the faculty of understanding at his birth, but he also has need of his mother's word to awaken it, as it were, and to make it active. So too, the Christian, born again of water and the Holy Spirit, has faith within him, but he requires the word of the teaching Church to nourish and develop it and to make it bear fruit.... We ought, therefore, to do all that lies in our power to maintain the teaching of Christian doctrine with full vigor, and where such is neglected, to restore it; for in the words of our predecessor Benedict XIV, "There is nothing more effective than catechetical instruction to spread the glory of God and to secure the salvation of souls." Saint Pius X

Saint Pius X (+ 1914) reigned as pope from 1903 to 1914, and was canonized on May 29, 1954.