

21 August 2018, 7 p.m. | (Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> Week, Year II) St. Pius X – Memorial

1 Thessalonians 2, 2-8 | Psalm 88 | John 21:15-17 (Common of Pastors [for a Pope])

## RESTORE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

Today, we celebrate the feast of the patron of our parish, Pope St. Pius X. He may not be a popular saint like St. Jude or St. Anthony, but he was a great pastor in terms of his efforts to renew and reform the Church. As we begin this Eucharist, let us pray that our great pastor and saint, Pius X, may bless each one of us, our families, our communities and our parish.

As we celebrate the feast of St. Pius X, we look at his life for inspiration, and as a model. St. Pius X was born in a poor family, and he never forgot his roots. He always remained a simple person in his life as a priest, as a bishop, and then later, as Pope. He took as the motto of his life: Restore all things in Christ. This could be the motto of every Christian, and very specially, of every parishioner.

To restore everything in Christ means to renew our everyday life in Christ – to think like Jesus did, to feel like Jesus felt for the poor and needy, and to live our daily life according to the teachings of Jesus in the Gospel.

Pope St. Pius X undertook the task of bringing back the Church to the teachings of Christ. Let us pray that each one of us may take concrete steps to restore our life in Christ, as individuals and as a parish, through the inspiration of St. Pius X.



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