

# Sunday Bulletin: March 10th, 2024 St. Pius X Parish Forth Sunday of Lent



# **PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

# Preparing for Easter Confessions and **Parish Mission**

We welcome our Mission/Retreat Director - Jean Paul and his family. This Sunday - 4th Sunday in Lent - is called Laetare Sunday: Sunday of rejoicing. We are midway in Lent and we are invited this Sunday to rejoice as Easter draws near.

#### Confessions

Our Parish Lent/Easter Confession is on Tuesday March 12th at 6pm. The mission director will facilitate this. There will be a candle light Adoration during which each person can go to Confession. We will have 10 priests to help with Confessions.

## Preparing to meet Jesus in Confession

- Are there things taking away my joy?
- The Samaritan woman had lots of regret, shame, pain, hurtful past experiences, failure, mistakes. Jesus reassured her that she is not defined by her mistakes or failures but by the love of God.
- Are there regrets, shameful events, past hurtful experiences, trauma that have stayed with you for years. It can be tiring to keep carrying them around. Jesus wants you to bring all of that to him. You can leave everything at the Cross and take the refreshing water that Jesus promises: healing, peace and new life. This is the wonder of Confession.
- Have you been judged by others without understanding your life's situation?
- Jesus told her the truth: the man you are living with is not your husband. Are there truths about your life that Jesus is revealing to you this season?
- Are you still in love with your own life: that you are a beloved child of God or has that image become fuzzy? Confession is a time to reclaim your belovedness.
- Are there things you need to repent of?
- Are you overwhelmed with life? On Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses, we will renew our baptismal promises. Has your baptism come alive in your profession and in your family life? Has the light of your baptism grown dim?

More Examination of Conscience items on the last page. May you have a truly wonderful experience at Confession. I'll be praying for you.

#### Do you want a glow?

The woman I met two weeks ago during our coldest night of the year walk asked me: "Do you want a glow?" "What is that?" I asked. She gave me a glow-stick. She asked if I wanted more. I said yes. "There you go." She gave me more than 30 glow sticks. After a three hour walk, maybe I looked tired. Hence, she wanted to give me all her glow sticks so I could shine again. She took a selfie with me. Monday morning I came to the office. She had dropped off the selfie we took with a pair of fancy glow eyeglasses. What a woman! I was deeply touched. She brought the joy, love and light of Christ to me.

May our Lenten/Easter Confession help us to glow and to radiate the joy of Christ - the joy of being forgiven and being at peace with our Maker. Happy Sunday! ~Fr. Obi

**Stations of the Cross Every Friday during Lent** at 6:30 pm



# Welcome to St. Pius X Parish

We are happy that your life's journey has brought you here today to pray with us. If you are visiting, we pray that your visit with friends and family here in the beautiful Okanagan may be pleasant. May your journey home be safe.

To everyone here today to worship, our great hope is that each Mass will increase in our hearts LOVE for Jesus, His Gospel and for one another.



**This Saturday!** March 9th... Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour at bedtime.

#### Mass Schedule - St. Pius X Mass

Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 6:00 pm Tuesday Rosary 8:30, Mass 9:00 am Wednesday Rosary 8:30, Mass 9:00 am Thursday Rosary 8:30, Mass 9:00 am Friday Rosary 8:30, Mass 9:00 am

# **Adoration/ Benediction**

Confession -

Every Wednesday and Friday 9:35 am - 10:00 am

Saturday 4:00 pm or by appointment

Parish Priest: Fr Obi Ibekwe Priest in Residence: Fr. Harry Clark

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# THE DIOCESE

# THE PARISH

# **HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS TIMES**

Palm Sunday Mass, March 23rd Saturday (Anticipated): 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm

Holy Thursday, March 28th: 4:00 pm

# Good Friday, March 29th

Stations of the Cross: 2:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena: 2:30 pm Passion of our Lord: 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil, March 30th: 4:00 pm

Easter Sunday, March 31st: 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 6:00 pm

# **Blessing of Easter Bread/food**

After 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses Bring your Easter basket/bread and place them in front of the Altar

**Divine Mercy Novena** Friday March 29th to Saturday, April 6th in the Church at 3pm

**Divine Mercy Sunday** Saturday, April 6th: 5:00 pm Sunday, April 7th: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm

# **CHRISM MASS - NELSON**

Everyone is welcome to attend the Mass of the Sacred Chrism in Nelson on Monday, March 25th. At this Mass, the different oils we use during the year are blessed by the Bishop. It is a beautiful diocesan celebration. If you haven't attended before, consider attending this year, if you can. Anyone planning to attend should register through our parish office in person, telephone or email.

Couples who are celebrating special wedding anniversaries (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and longer) are invited to attend. The diocese rejoices with them on this day and would honour them for being a sign of God's faithful love in the world. Names of Jubilarians are needed by March 15th so that the diocese can prepare tokens of congratulations.

Mass 7:00 pm Social Get-together 4:15 pm Dinner 5:00 pm



"The Lord manifests Himself to those who stop for some time in peace and humility of heart. If you look in murky and turbulent waters, you cannot see the reflection of your face. If you want to see the face of Christ, stop and collect your thoughts in silence, and close the door of your soul to the noise of external things."

#### St. Anthony of Padua

Has your participation in an abortion decision left you with turbulent waters that you have tried to deny and hide for a long time? Join the men and women on a Rachel's Vinevard<sup>©</sup> Retreat.

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## ST. EDWARD'S PARISH ST. PATRICK'S DAY TEA

Saturday March 16, 2024 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. in the Parish hall 11123 Okanagan Centre Rd E. Lake Country.

Come join us for a light lunch, bake sale, cake raffle and live Celtic music and singing by Ceol na hEireann. Proceeds to support Seton House of Prayer. Sponsored by the St. Edward's CWL. Everyone is Welcome!

# The Hope on the Horizon Program

The Hope on the Horizon Summer Outreach program is an incredible opportunity for young Catholics aged 19 to 30 to answer the call of Christ and serve the homeless with compassion. Coordinated by the Archdiocese of Vancouver in collaboration with CSM, this transformative multi-week program will unfold from August 6 to August 21, 2024. The benefits for participants include:

Authentic Christian living - During this time, participants will live an intensive communal life, praying, learning, serving the poor and enjoying recreational activities together.

Holistic formation - The program offers a holistic formation, nurturing their human, apostolic, spiritual, and intellectual development.

Inner healing - As young missionaries step out of their comfort zone to love those who are "hard-to-love", they are subconsciously embracing their own poverty (i.e. wounds, weaknesses, 'defects'); thus receiving inner healing.

Hearts set on fire - Like the two disciples walking alongside Jesus on the road to Emmaus, participants will return with hearts aflame to serve their local churches.

The program is designed to introduce young people to the life of a street missionary, sharing a life of prayer and service with others who go out into the streets bringing the love of Jesus to the homeless. For two and a half weeks, participants will live a communal life, praying, learning, and reaching out to our homeless friends on the streets. There will be street outreach training, faith formation and personal skills development. We will also enjoy recreational activities together. Food and accommodation will be provided.

For more information and to register, please visit: https:// www.catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon

Catholic Street Missionaries Society 778-885-9611

# THE PARISH

# <u>Lent Confession</u> <u>Schedules</u>

**Corpus Christi Parish** Wednesday, March 6th @ 6:00 pm

**St. Pius X Parish** Tuesday, March 12th @ 6:00 pm

St. Charles Garnier Parish Wednesday, March 13th @ 5:00 pm

**St. Edwards Parish** Thursday, March 14th @ 6:00 pm

**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish** Wednesday, March 20th @ 4:00 pm

**Immaculate Conception Parish** Thursday, March 21st @ 3:00 pm

# Prayers Please pray for these St. Pius X Catechism

Students as they prepare for their sacraments in 2024:

**First Communion** Jayden Iligan Erika Iturbide Santino Arroyo Flores Vincent Kohut Confirmation Charlie Sierhuis Wayne Xander Espejo Danica Roach Mariana Iturbide Casey Alvarez Matias Arroyo Flores Manfred Lumalang Cadence Filice Gideon Santos Callum Vos Uchenna Claire Anagboso Emilia Schulze Evelino Stradiotto Chimdi Emma-Ann Anagboso

# **Mass Intentions**

\*Saturday March 9th, 5:00 pm Carolin Hanak's Health-INT-

\*Sunday March 10th, 9:00 am St. Pius X Parishioners -INT-

\*Sunday March 10th, 11:00 am St. Pius X Parishioners -INT-

\*Sunday March 10th, 6:00 pm St. Pius X Parishioners -INT-

\*Tuesday March 12th, 9:00 am CWL -INT-

\*Wednesday March 13th, 9:00 am Arminda Pereira -R-

\*Thursday March 14th, 9:00 am Joseph & Maria Tran -R-

\*Friday March 15th, 9:00 am Michael Bacolod's Birthday -INT-

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST!

#### THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH, AFTER EVERY MASS!!

#### THE BEST BREAKFAST IN TOWN!!!



# **Pray for the Sick**

Please pray for the sick and injured at home and in hospital, especially for...

Walter Ouarenghi, Joel Del Pino, Tessa McGibbon, June Hanushchak, Christine Zlogar, Vince Cummings, Oliver Fabris, James McGlinchey, Rita Gemin, Betty Klinger, Desjardins Family, Trudy Szulkies, Brenda Campbell, Arlene Pilgrim, Ashleigh Landry, Ernie Poitras, Manuela Ungureanu, Dana Duguay, Cathie Lock, Rick Lock, PJ Cuomo, Evelyn Burzminski, Dan Ryder, Patricia Graham, Anita Kurapatwa, Helen Curran, Heather Duguay, Pamela Renzi, Sandra Martinez, Claudia Albarran, Constance Cournane, Fionnuala Kane, Wilai Basuwan, Jennifer Roa, Rugene Valle, Grace Tumale, Beatriz Hernandez, Dalia Whissell, Betty Yarrow, Patricia Cisakowski, Melissa Arriola, Majid, Daren Reiter, Gloria Mover.

If you have a loved one that you would like on the prayer list or if you know of someone who no longer needs to be on the list please contact Angelica at the Parish office 250-762-2587 or by Email: spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org

# <u>St. Pius X Catholic Women's League</u>

## \*<u>Thought for the Week: Voice</u>

If you only knew... the Catholic Women's League has a 'voice' to create change! Backed by thousands of Canadian Catholic women - it meets with government and influences laws, stands up for social justice and speaks up for those who do not have a voice. Is there a cause or issue you would like to see brought to the attention of government? Your voice matters – we can help! Contact: Mary Ann Rehlinger 250-763-3396

## \*Up Coming Events:

Executive Meeting: Monday, March 11, 2024 at 10:00 am in the Father Martin Room.

General Meeting: Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 10:00 am in the Father Martin Room. Light lunch served

**<u>CWL Regional Retreat:</u>** April 13th, 2024 at ICC Parish. This is a new event being organized jointly

by the 4 local CWL councils to encourage fellowship, collaboration and growth in our faith. Stay tuned for more information. **May 2-4:** Diocesan CWL Convention. Theme is Renewing God's Fire Within Us: Summerland, Holy Child Parish. Registration

package will be emailed to members.

June 20-22: Provincial CWL Convention. Theme is Joyfully Serving the Lord: Kamloops, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Center.

August 11-14: National CWL Convention. Theme Here I Am Lord, Send Me: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Go to <u>cwl.ca</u> for more information.



# THE PARISH



Our Young Adult Group - 17+ meets every Sunday at 4:00 pm in the St. Pius X church hall. Come join us for prayers, games, watch a really good video on growing in our love for Jesus, getting to know Him more and supporting each other as young Catholics. Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend!

Fr. Obi

# **CATECHISM UPDATE**

Our Catechism students now gather at 5:45 pm on Thursday evenings in the hall. We will start with a snack and begin our evening in the church at 6 pm. Classes end at 7:15 pm.

#### Next class: March 14th

Please consider helping out at catechism classes. We are always in need of spares for all grades! Contact Mike Wilson <u>mwilson@cisnd.ca</u>

## Kindly reminder 2024 ENVELOPES still at the back of the church.

Offering envelopes for 2024 are now ready to be picked up in the foyer of the Church. Please start using them on January 1st and recycle the old ones. If you notice your envelopes are not there or you want to start using envelopes, please contact our parish office.

spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org or call 250-762-2587

#### Stewardship: Pre-Authorized Giving (Blue & Yellow Envelops)

If you are using the preauthorized giving plan, so as not to miss the ordered collection such as Development and Peace, we have made the envelopes for ordered collection available for pick up in the foyer. Thank you for picking them up.

# 2023 TAX RECEIPTS AVAILABLE

Tax receipts are ready to be picked up in the church foyer. They are in alphabetical order. Blessings and thank you for your generosity.

# HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

There has been a temporary change to our access to patient information in hospital.

If you know of any St. Pius X parishioners who are in hospital and they would like to receive the Eucharist, please let Angelica in the parish office know so our parish hospital visitation team can visit them.

# Marriage Preparation

Are you getting married in the Catholic Church this spring or summer? There will be a marriage prep session at St. Pius X Church starting on Thursday, April 4th at 6:30 pm. Please contact Deacon Peter d'Aoust or Lynn Hale to register and for more information. Ihaledaoust2012@gmail.com or phone <u>250-460-0378</u>

# Care-Home Masses

Northwood Regency: 1st Fri @ 10:30 am. David Lloyd Jones: 2nd Tuesday @ 10:30 am Brandt's Creek Mews: 1st Wed @ 10:30 am Three Links Manor: 3rd Tuesday @ 10:30 am Sandalwood: Date & Time to be Announced

# Kelowna Catholic Youth Group

If you are in grades 7-12 and want to deepen your faith with other Catholic teens, please join us! Upcoming events: Mar 10: The Search (a dynamic weekly video series for teens) from 6:15 to 8:15 pm. Mar. 3: Laser Tag Night Drop Off at ICC Parish Center at 6:15 pm Pick Up at ICC Parish Center at 8:15 pm Bring \$5.00 & Active Gear Youth Group Registration Form and Event Sign-up required. www.kelownacatholicvouthgroup.ca

# JOURNEY THROUGH LENT



As we continue to journey through Lent, we invited you to watch the **Forth Sunday of Lent** video of the series titled "Journey through Lent" also now available on the CCCB website: <u>https://www.cccb.ca/lent/</u>

# THE DIOCESE

# The Little Way – In Honour of Our Lord's Passion

Come join the Knights of Columbus as they walk from ICC on Saturday March 23rd to Seton House of Prayer, to pray the Stations of the cross at 3:00 pm.

There are two ways to join:

- <u>Walk</u> Meet at the ICC parking lot (839 Sutherland Avenue); we are leaving at 12:00 noon
- <u>Drive</u> Those who are not able to walk the distance may meet us at 3:00 pm at Seton House of Prayer (5819 Chute Lake Road) for the Stations of the Cross.



# Lenten Parish Mission for the Whole Family Embracing Grace and the Call to Mission

Many of us feel like we are giving from a place of emptiness and scraping the bottom. Jesus desires more for us. St. Pius X Parish will be hosting a Lenten Parish Mission to help you get filled up and renewed through the power of the Eucharist so you can give again from a place of abundance to a broken world. This will be a perfect opportunity to prepare for Easter: Listen to inspiring talks, attend a candle-lit Eucharistic Adoration event, and prepare for a great Lenten/Easter Confession.

Facilitated by Faith Room and led by Jean-Paul de Fleuriot. To find out more, you can visit www.faithroom.ca.

## **Dates and Time**

Sat, March 9th: 7 pm - 9 pm (16+ Mens Only Session involving sports, a talk and fellowship)

- Sun, March 10th: A 25 minute talk after Holy Communion (Don't worry, no Fr. Obi's homily this week;-)
- Mon, March 11th: 6 pm 8:15 pm: Two Talk Sessions to inspire our faith and give us tools to find greater freedom in Christ.

Tues, March 12th: 6 pm - 9 pm: A short talk to help draw our hearts into Eucharistic Mission and a Candle-lit Eucharistic Adoration Event to bring our burdens to Jesus. Parish Lenten/Easter Confessions are available this night.



**EMBRACING GRACE** 

This is a fundraising, semi-formal gala dinner with all proceeds going to pro-life educational efforts in the Central Okanagan.

For event details and ticket pricing, please visit <u>www.prolifekelowna.ca</u>, contact the Society at <u>kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com</u>, or call 250 870-4103.

# ST. PIUS X PARISH EVENTS: MARCH 8TH - 15TH

Friday, March 8	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 9	5:00 pm	Holy Mass
Saturday, March 9	7:00 pm	Men's Night Retreat
Sunday, March 10	9:00 am	Holy Mass
	11:00 am	Holy Mass
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass
Sunday, March 10	8:30 am to 12:30 pm	K of C Breakfast —Parish Hall
Monday, March 11	6:00 pm	ESL (English Class) —Parish Hall
Monday, March 11	6:00 pm	Lent Mission Retreat
Tuesday to Friday	8:30 am	Rosary Followed by Holy Mass
Tuesday, March 12	9:30 am	CWL—Executive Meeting — Fr. Martin Room
Tuesday, March 12	11:00 am	Korean Prayer Group —Fr. Martin Room
Tuesday March 12	10:00 am	Divine Will Studies —Fr. Mulvihill Room
Tuesday March 12	6:00 pm	Lenten Mission/Parish Lenten Confession
Wednesday & Friday	9:35 am	Adoration
Wednesday, March 13	10:00 am	Quilter's Day Fr. Martin Room
Thursday, March 14	1:30 pm	Bible Study—Fr. Martin Room
Thursday, March 14	6:00 pm	Catechism Class
Friday, March 15	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross

# WE NEED YOU!

When we do something for others in service without the expectation of anything in return, we are turning our actions into offerings.

Giving of yourself is the best gift that you can give.

Consider your gift of time to one of the many ministries at St. Pius X Parish!

Email your inquiry to: volunteer.St.Pius.X@shaw.ca

# **OFFICE REQUEST**

Do you have a flat-screen TV that you no longer use? We have a group in our church that could use your gently-used donation. Please contact Angelica at the office. <u>250-762-2587</u> or <u>spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org</u>

# **EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE**

## Lord, We ask for forgiveness.

- For having spent whole days without thinking of God
- For failing to speak to God in prayer, and for failing to pray with all our hearts
- For taking God's goodness for granted and neglecting to thank Him for all His gifts
- For bad choices that have injured us and those whom we love and who love us
- For having not made Jesus the number one in our lives
- For believing the enemy's lies that we are defined by our sins and wounds
- For not trusting that God is able to restore and transform all things unto good
- For our failure to seek our neighbour especially in those in need of help
- · For our lack of tolerance and charity towards those who do not share our views and opinions
- For having injured others by gossip and criticism
- For our failure to listen to people
- For spreading negativity that does not advance God's Kingdom
- · For having expected too much of people without trying to understand the circumstances of their lives
- · For having squandered the talents and opportunities that God has given us
- For having been content with a minimum of religious practice
- For our not having taken part in the apostolate of the church
- For these and for all the many ways we have sinned against God and neighbour.