

Sunday Bulletin: February 4th, 2024

St. Pius X Parish

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Our Young Friend, Gabby

On Wednesday, at 6 am, I received a message that Gabby, 14 years old, had taken her own life. She died Tuesday night. Wednesday was a difficult day for Gabby's family and for all who knew her. I had the opportunity of knowing Gabby very well. Her family invited me for a visit every now and again. We played volleyball, ate together and usually end the evening with a music jam. Gabby's mom would play the guitar, dad would play violin and Gabby, her siblings and I would sing. I remember our last meeting - it was like yesterday. I can still picture her smiling.

Their whole family leads music in their Church in Summerland. They even travelled to St. Pius Church to sing at the 11 am Mass.

I went to visit their family. They were all beside themselves in grief, in shock, but never lost hope. Her mom told me, "I know she's in the arms of Jesus, but it still hurts. It hurts so badly." After visiting with her family, I went to the morgue to say the final prayers for her.

So much grief. Mom blaming herself and wondering if she did enough. "How did I miss the signs?" she wondered. All that one can do is to pray silently and just be present with them.

Gabby loved to sing. Recently, the two songs she enjoyed were, *Lord, I Need You* and *Firm Foundation*. A line in the song: *Lord, I Need You* says, "When I cannot stand, I fall on you, Jesus. You are my hope and strength."

Gabby loved life but she believed this life had become too hard for her. She had mental health challenges. It was hard to go on. She couldn't stand anymore.

Gabby, you can now rest in the arms of Jesus: the One you needed and longed for. May Jesus bring you to the Father and console her family.

Please, if you or anyone you know is struggling or having suicidal thoughts, please simply call 9-8-8.

There is so much pressure in our society today and it is affecting our young people. Our young ones need to know that they are loved. They are seen. They are precious and they matter. As a parish family, may we continue to work together, no matter what it takes, to care for our young, to create an environment for them where they know they belong, where they can be themselves, where they can find Jesus and in finding Him, find themselves. A kind word, a word of encouragement, can go a long way. An act of love for them brings hope.

This is my direct line and I can be reached when someone needs assistance or needs to talk: 250-231-7078.

God love you!

Your brother, Fr. Obi

Lent Begins

Ash Wednesday - February 14th
Masses at 9 am and 6 pm.

Palms

Please bring your palms that were blessed last year during the Palm Sunday Mass. These palms will be burned and used for ashes on Ash Wednesday. Drop them off in the church foyer in the box provided.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 6.30 pm.

Lent/Easter Confession

March 11th at 5:30 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

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

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

Confession -

Saturday 4:00 pm
or by appointment

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

Email: SPX.Kelowna.Pastor@nelsondiocese.org
1346 Gordon Drive, Kelowna, BC V1Y 6X6 Canada

Parish Office Phone: 250-762-2587

Parish Office Email: spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org

Website: spxbc.com

Office hours: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Monday thru Friday
Office Manager: Angelica Ortiz



Discerning a Vocation to Permanent Diaconate?

The Diocese of Nelson is hosting an online information session, for Catholic men aged 35 to 60 who are interested in learning more about being a deacon. If you feel God is calling you to become a permanent deacon, consider attending an **Online Information Session**:

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Monday, February 12th, 2024

You are encouraged to attend with your spouse (if applicable).

Register no later than Monday, February 5th, 2024

by emailing rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org

A link to join the online session will be sent once you are registered.

Rachel's Corner

“Oh, my soul, you are not alone. There's a place where fear has to face the God you know. One more day, He will make a way. Let Him show you how, you can lay this down, 'cause you're not alone.”

- Lyrics “Oh my Soul” by Casting Crowns

Have you ever thought about what that would feel like to be able to lay it down? To be free of the shame, regret and pain you have been living with since the day of your abortion. You are not alone. He will make a way, and He will show you how. Come join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat.

250-762-2273

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com
www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com
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There will be a **Vocation Live-In** on the weekend of February 10-11 at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome. For more information phone 604-826-8975 or email rector.minors@sck.ca

MADE FOR MORE

Where do we come from and where are we going? These questions are DECISIVE for understanding what it means to be human and how to orient our lives and our actions toward authentic fulfillment. Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they creatively weave together dynamic presentations with live music, movie clips, YouTube videos, and sacred art for an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny. You will come away with a faith-filled vision of hope that will instil in you the sheer wonder and joy of being alive...

February 8th
7-9:30 pm

Immaculata High School, Kelowna

For more information about tickets pricing and availability, contact, Rebecca Robertson - 250-718-6926 - beccarobertson@shaw.ca

Youth Retreat Weekend

On the weekend of February 10th – 11th, The Catholic Parishes of Penticton will be welcoming the travelling retreat team from NET Canada (National Evangelization Teams). NET is a reputable company with teams in many countries, who specialize in connecting with youth and bringing them a meaningful, Christ-centered experience. Whether your child is a practicing Catholic/Christian who is looking to take the next step in their faith, or one who doesn't know Jesus, but is looking to better understand their identity and purpose in life, this retreat will be impactful! I highly recommend signing up if you can. Open to students in grades 6-12. More information at this link:

<https://forms.gle/PzJLjhqKWtRgdhz49>

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:

Sun, Feb. 04: Family Rosary Night — 4:00 to 6:00 pm at St. Pius X Parish, includes Dinner and Mass to follow.

Sun, Feb. 21: Night Hike and Snow Taffy

Youth Group Registration Form and Event Sign-up required.
www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca

THE PARISH

St. Pius X Catholic Women's League



*Thought for the Week: Strength

TRUTH We are more than sandwich makers! Yes, service is part of our ministry – as we feed many in sadness, friendship and celebration – but we are so much more. Did you know members of the Catholic Women's League donate more than a million dollars to charities across the country per year as well as thousands of volunteer hours? Truth be told – we can do more – with you on our team!

*Up Coming Events:

St. Pius X Valentine's Tea: cancelled due to poor ticket sales.

CWL Regional Retreat: April 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.

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: February 8th

Urgent request for catechism teachers!

Please consider helping out at catechism classes. We are without a Grade 1 teacher for the next month. Contact Mike Wilson mwilson@cisnd.ca



February 11th

Feast of our Lady of Lourdes, also known as World Day of Prayer for the Sick. We will have a healing Mass at **6 pm** with a special statue of our Lady of Lourdes. Holy Water will be available for you to take home after Mass.

Northwood Regency: 1st Fri @ 10:30 am.

Brandt's Creek Mews: 1st Wed @ 10:30 am

Care-Home Masses

David Lloyd Jones: 2nd Tuesday @ 10:30 am

Three Links Manor: 3rd Tues @ 10:30 am

Sandalwood: Date & Time to be Announced

Pray for the Sick

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

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, Gloria Moyer, 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 Moyer.

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

Merciful Jesus, grant them a healing of mind and body, and restore their strength and spirit. Amen

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

Charlie Sierhuis

Danica Roach

Casey Alvarez

Manfred Lumalang

Gideon Santos

Uchenna Claire Anagboso

Emilia Schulze

Evelino Stradiotto

Chimdi Emma-Ann Anagboso

Confirmation

Vincent Kohut

Wayne Xander Espejo

Mariana Iturbide

Matias Arroyo Flores

Cadence Filice

Callum Vos



THE PARISH

Saturday, February 3rd. 5 pm: **Feast of St. Blaise.**

He is known for curing disease of the throat and any other illness. In 316, a woman brought to St. Blaise her only son who was choking to death on a fish bone. He was cured by St. Blaise. There were other miracles he performed. After the 5 pm Mass, throats will be blessed. We will have a few other priests and possibly a Deacon to help with the blessing. Two blessed unlit candles (from February 2nd celebration) will be placed on each person's throat while we say the blessing prayer.

The blessing goes this way:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Mass Intentions

*Saturday Feb 3rd 5:00 pm.
Paszolo Anthony Pador Alba -R

*Sunday Feb 4th 9:00 am
Parishioners of St. Pius X INT-

*Sunday Feb 4th 11:00 am
Joseph Loan & Su Gran -R-

*Tuesday Feb 6th 9:00am
Daren Reiter His Health -INT-

*Wednesday Feb 7th 9:00am
Beryl Froehler -INT-

*Thursday Feb 8th 9:00am.
Robert (Bud) Stewart -R-

* Friday Feb 9th 9:00am.
Daren Reiter His Health -INT-

OFFERINGS FOR ST. PIUS X **NEW QR CODES ARE HERE!!**



1. With the camera on your phone, place the QR code on the left in the centre.
2. A yellow "Square Link" box will appear, touch that and open the link.
3. It will take you to a St. Pius X website where you can donate. When requested, use "Sunday Collection" as the reason for the donation.
4. Follow the prompts (it should be relatively simple) and pay with your credit card.
5. When complete, you will get a text or an email to confirm your donation. NOTE: Because you have to include your name and address during the process, you WILL get a tax receipt for your donation.

Pre-Authorized debit forms are available by email or mail. Email or call the office 250-762-2587 for more information. Another way you can donate is to use an eTransfer from your online banking. Create a new "payee" (eg. St. Pius X Parish) and use the email etransfer.spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org. In the message box indicate that you want your donation to go to Sunday Collection. Regular offering envelopes will CONTINUE to be collected at Offertory at each mass.

Bazaar Donations Year Round!

Contact Beryl with items you have for our 2024 Bazaars
250-717-0527

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.

English As A Second Language (ESL)

We have now started a program to help immigrants who wish to learn or improve their English. The first one was held on Monday, January 8th.

If yourself or someone you know could benefit from this, you are welcome to join us every Monday at 6pm in the parish hall. Fr. Obi has registered!

We have a professional English teacher who stepped forward to help. Jenny Achtem is our 9am mass pianist. Jenny has a Master's degree in education with an emphasis in ESL. She has taught adult immigrants, refugees and international students.

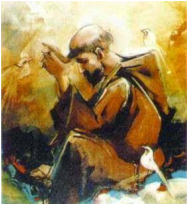


You are invited to witness the
**Eucharistic Celebration with the
Rite of Permanent Profession to the Gospel
Life with Bishop Gregory Bittman for
the Secular Franciscans Order (OFS) of The Little
Flowers of St. Francis Fraternity for**

Anne Engel

Paulette Froh

Wilma Lucia Suarez-Pinzon



24 February 2024 at 11:00 AM (in the morning)
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish 2547 Hebert Road,
West Kelowna, BC

Any inquiries contact

Fraternal Minister Sandra Kavanaugh OFS 250-212-3596

Pax et Bonum

Our Lady Of Lourdes - Annual Fundraiser

Please join us for the OLOL Black Tie Gala! Come out for a night of great food, dancing and a live and silent auction!

This event sells out every year, so get your tickets soon!

When: Feb 10, 2024 at 6 pm

Where: OLOL School, 2547 Hebert Rd

Tickets are \$75 and are available by emailing Carly at

ololbookkeeper@cisnd.ca



JOB OPENING

The Roman Catholic **Diocese of Nelson** is hiring for the position of **Financial Administrator**. The person would be responsible for oversight of all financial operations of the Diocese and provides strategic financial guidance and effective advisory support to the Bishop. This position oversees 35+ parishes and the 7 Catholic Independent Schools of Nelson Diocese. **Application deadline: Jan. 31st/ 2024**. More information at the diocese website: <https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/jobs/>

Corpus Christi CWL will be hosting a hearty beef stew dinner, **Saturday, February 10th**. Doors open at 5:00 pm, tickets at the door. Cost of Admittance is **\$15.00**.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Corpus Christi Church Hall
750 Rutland Road North, Kelowna



Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors, find healing and journey to wholeness. The next retreat in Canada is **May 14 - 18, 2024 in Kelowna**.

For more information please mail griegtograckelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

THE SEASON OF LENT

The Christmas season has passed, and we are now in Ordinary Time. However, time flies so fast... Have you thought about Lent?

Probably, not yet. Here are some refreshments of what Lent is. The earlier you make your plan for Lent the more fruitful it will be.

The first day of Lent always starts on Ash Wednesday and goes on for 40 consecutive days. This year, Ash Wednesday will be on Feb. 14.

There will be 2 Masses celebrated at St. Pius X Parish, 9 am and 6 pm.

During Lent we focus on three main pillars: *Prayer *Fasting and abstinence *Almsgiving. This is the time of reflection and repentance as we prepare for the most Holy Time in the Liturgical year, that is the Easter season. Don't wait and make your plan for Lent now!

Safety Reminder

RCMP are seeing an increase in scams that are targeting all generations, especially the elderly. Remember to never guess who is calling you with an urgent request for money. Never share personal information with strangers who call or email asking for help. No one in Canada will need urgent bail money, gift cards or cash transfers to pay an attorney. Call RCMP if you believe you're being scammed or have been.

Would you like to share your time and talent by helping out at St. Pius X Parish? Don't know where you could fit in? Email volunteer.st.pius.x@shaw.ca

Parish Organizations

Pastoral Team

Fr. Obi Ibekwe (Pastor) 250-762-2587

Fr. Biju Anthony (Associate Pastor)

Parish Secretary/Office Manager 250-762-2587

Angelica Ortiz

Parish Council Chairperson: Jim Mazzei

Parish Maintenance: Martin Landry

Custodian: Maria & Nuno 250-717-0060

Liturgy Chairperson: TBA

Finance Chairperson: Dennis Barnes

Hospital & Shut-in Visits: Judith Bentley 250-878-9888

Hospital Chaplaincy: Anointing and end of life 250-878-1502

Baptism Preparation: Angela Pomeroy 250-317-7670

Religious Education

Mike Wilson (mwilson@cisnd.ca) 250-859-6718

Youth Group: TBA

RCIA: TBA

Music Ministry: Christa Kartika 250-863-8860

Pastoral Care: Peter Huang 250-763-5830

St. Vincent de Paul: Abel Martins 250-762-0902

Charismatic Prayer Group: Piera Quarenghi 250-215-7100

Intercessory Prayer Group: TBA

Women's Ministry: Angela Pomeroy 250-317-7670

Social Outreach: Victoria Oppertshouser

Knights of Columbus: Abel Martins 250-567-2549

K of C Insurance: Blaine Anhel 250-515-8100

Catholic Women's League: Mary Ann Rehlinger 250-763-3396

Rachel's Vineyard: Vicki Deshner

info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com 250-762-2273

Okanagan Pregnancy Care Center 250-763-2112

Sacraments

Hospital/Home Visits/ Anointing of the Sick

Please call or notify the Parish of hospitalized and shut-in parishioners.

Baptism

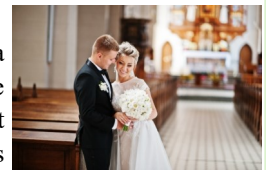
In Baptism we begin the beautiful journey of friendship with Jesus. As a Parish Family, we rejoice to add new members in Baptism. Please call the office at least 6 weeks prior to your requested date to ensure time for your preparation of this most special sacrament.



Coordinator: Angela Pomeroy – 250-317-7670

Marriage

Through the Sacrament of Marriage, a new center of love is established in the world. Please Contact the office at least 6 months prior to the date. As Catholics, the most important part of the preparation is asking Jesus to be at the center of the marriage. Please let us know how we can assist you. Phone Fr. Obi—250-762-2587



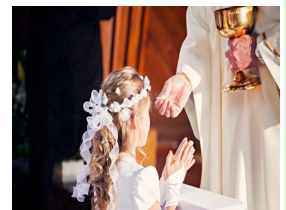
Priesthood/Diaconate/ Religious Life

Do you think that the Lord might be calling? Phone Fr. Obi 250-762 2587



Catechism and Sacramental Preparation

Contact Mike Wilson at 250-859 6718 or mwilson@cisnd.ca



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS MEETING TIMES

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Visit: cwl.ca/membership/join

For meeting times and dates, see main bulletin.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Every First Thursday at 7.30pm at the Columbus Villa.

Parish Breakfast every second Sunday of the month from 8.30am to 12 :30pm. Everyone welcome.

Invite a friend. Visit: KofC.org/join



ST. PIUS X QUILTERS: Every Wed at 10am in Fr. Martin's Room



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm in the Fr. Martin's Room.



KOREANCATHOLICCOMMUNITY

LEGIO meets every Tuesday

at 11am in the Fr. Martin's Room.

COMMUNITY meets 3rd Sunday at 12.30 in the Fr. Martin's Room.

