

St. Pius X Parish Kelowna

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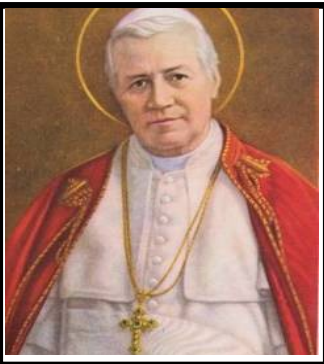
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September 10, 2023

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ezekiel 33.7-9, Romans 13.8-10, Gospel Matthew 18.15-20.

Pastor's Message

St. Pius X Parish Back to School Mass & Eucharistic Adoration



As the new school year begins, we are extending an invitation to our parishioners and other parishes in Kelowna and beyond for an evening of prayer for our students, teachers and families. **Everyone is welcome.**

The evening will begin at 4.30 p.m. with a family fellowship, meal, games and other activities. Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration. During Adoration families will have the opportunity

BACK TO SCHOOL

Family Prayer for the Year Ahead



 Sunday September 24, 4:30pm – 7:30pm
 St. Pius X, 1077 Fuller Avenue
Family Fellowship, Pizza, Games
Mass (6pm) & Adoration (7pm)

Pilgrimage of Faith: Dear Friends, we come to you again this fall with our empty cup asking for your help to enable us reach our Pilgrimage of Faith goal. We are grateful to all those who have donated. If you are yet to donate, we hope you can prayerfully discern what you are able to give this year. Your donation will touch the lives of many as we use it to provide many spiritual activities in our diocese for the advancement of God's Kingdom. Whenever I give to Pilgrimage of Faith, the Holy Spirit reminds me that the cheque I write is to Jesus of Nazareth and He will use it to accomplish the purpose for which it is written. A child in catechism will be able to hear about Jesus and the beauty of life with Him. Our elderly will be taken care of pastorally, the youth will come to know Him more etc.

Care-Home Masses Have Started Again: I had the joy of celebrating Mass with our elderly on Wednesday. For most of them, it was their first Mass since COVID. One of them said: "Today, Jesus has come to visit us again." It brought tears to my eyes hearing that. How much she loved the Lord. One of the participants was not Catholic. She asked if she could join us. I said: "Of course." She smiled and said: "Since the Catholics are the ones here, I might as well join. When we started singing 'This little light of mine,' she belted it out. Her voice was louder than that of everyone else. She might be Baptist. I noticed that during Mass, she was responding to the parts of the Mass. That was amazing. She was still saying 'And also with you' instead of 'and with your spirit' It didn't really matter. Just hearing her and others respond was music to my ears. Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to journey with our elderly. If you would like to join us in this ministry, please let me or Peter Huang know or phone the office. It is a rewarding ministry.

Happy Sunday! Your brother - Fr. Obi

Sacraments

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday at 4pm or by appointment.

Check page 6 for details regarding the others Sacraments in our parish.

Care-Home Masses



We are happy to announce that Care-home Masses have started again.

Northwood Regency: 1st Fri @ 10.30am

David Lloyd Jones: 2nd Tues @ 10.30am

Brandt's Creek Mews: 1st Wed @ 10.30am

Three Links Manor: 3rd Tues @ 10.30am

Sandalwood: Date & Time to be announced

MASS SCHEDULE - ST. PIUS X

Adoration/Benediction

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

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 am & 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday Rosary 8:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m.

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Thursday Rosary 8:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m.

Friday Rosary 8:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m.



Welcome to St. Pius X Parish

We are happy that your life's journey has brought you here today to pray with us. Welcome. 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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Sep 9	5:00 pm	Alanet & Mackinnon -INT
Sunday, Sep 10	8:30 am	Parishioners -INT-
Sunday Sep 10	11:30 am	Delia Whissell INT-
Tuesday, Sep 12	9:00 am	CWL -INT-
Wednesday, Sep 13	9:00 am	Joseph Tran -R-
Thursday, Sep 14	9:00 am	Paolo Zucchi -R-
Friday, Sep 15	9:00am	Noreen & Paul Tenechuk -INT-
Saturday, Sep 16	5:00 pm	Harold Smith -R-
Sunday, Sep 17	8:30 am	Parishioners -INT-
Sunday, Sep 17	11:30 am	Lina Diaz & Miguel Rangel Wedding anniversary -INT-

Alpha

We have a new event coming to our parish soon. It is called Alpha. There will be a 2 minutes presentation at the end of all the Masses this weekend to show us what Alpha is all about. Permit me in few lines to share with you what it is and why we want to have Alpha in our parish....Life moves very fast. Have you ever asked yourself: is there more to life than this? Alpha is a series of talks exploring the big questions of life. First, there is food, talk and discussion. Each talk explores different aspect of life and faith questions - all done in an honest, open, friendly and loving environment.

Who are we to invite?

"We share things everyday: things meaningful, entertaining, inspiring, challenging. We share moments: good or bad, big or small because what we share matters. In Alpha, we share something incredible: the hope that has transformed our lives. Today more than ever, people are searching for hope, for connection, for meaning. The life we have experienced in Jesus is available to our friends and neighbours, and it is easier to share than we think. Alpha gives us an opportunity to share Jesus with friends, family and colleagues.

What happens each week?

Each week we connect with each other, watch a short video and have time to discuss our thoughts and questions without needing to have all the answers. All it takes is a simple invitation. Share life. Faith. Hope. Jesus. Who will you invite? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that family member, friend or colleague or anyone who like all of us needs hope, love and all that Jesus came to offer us."
Excerpts from Alpha Review

"There is but one thing for us to do in the night of this life and that is to love, to love Jesus with all the energy of our heart and to save souls so that He may be loved by them. O let us cause Jesus to be loved by men!"

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE ILLS

Please pray for the sick and injured at home and in hospital, especially Tessa McGibbon, June Hanushchak, Elizabeth Gutenberg, 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, George Kane, Constance Cournane, Fionnuala Kane, Wilai Basuwan, Jennifer Roa, Rugene Valle, Grace Tumale, Rafael Dolo, Beatriz Hernandez, Dalia Whissell, Betty Yarrow, Patricia Cisakowski.

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



St. Pius X Catechism Classes for 2023-24

REGISTRATION FOR CATECHISM at St. Pius X Please register your family today on the sheet provided in the church foyer. The forms are to be returned on Thursday September 14th.

We need catechist teachers for part time, occasional, and fulltime positions. We are especially in need of support throughout September and October when our programs begin. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet provided in the church foyer. My contact information is Mike Wilson at mwilson@cisnd.ca or cell 250-859-6718.

Community

Moved with Love

"Children are God's lovegift, they are heavens generous reward" Psalms 127:3

Save the Date

Annual Benefit Banquet

Thursday Sept 21, 2023
6:00 to 9:00pm
Evangel Church
3261 Gordon Ave, Kelowna
Ticket \$25 or Table of 8 for \$200

To Purchase Tickets please call:
250.763.2112

OKANAGAN VALLEY
Pregnancy Care Centre

Upcoming Events

1. **Volunteer with Alpha!** It's simple, rewarding and fun! Come and see what it's about – we have an intro session for volunteers on Thursday Sept. 14 4-530pm in the church. No obligation. For more info contact Angela **250-317-7670**



2. **FORMED.**

Have you heard the buzz on FORMED? No? Then check it out at www.formed.org It's amazing and it is coming to St. Pius X soon. Look for more information in upcoming bulletins.

3. **Back to School Mass and Adoration:** CHECK PASTOR'S MESSAGE FOR DETAILS.

4. **Bazaar:**

the parish annual bazaar is fast approaching. We are so grateful for the items you have donated. I understand that items are still being collected. So if you have anything to donate, we will be happy to receive them. Thank you in advance.

5. **Multicultural Day:**

We are planning to have a multicultural day in October. Details in the coming weeks.

6. **Catechism:**

Registration will take place on September 14 at 6pm. Grades 1 - 7.

7. **RCIA:**

Are you, or do you know someone who is searching, who is asking questions about becoming a Catholic, about deepening relationship with Jesus? Are you a Catholic who has received baptism but not the other Sacraments? Are you from another Church and looking to be received into the Catholic? We look forward to journeying with you in the RCIA program. We would like to hear from you. Please give us a call at 250 762 2587. Please ask to speak with Fr. Obi. You can also email us at spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org

8. **YOUTH EVENTS:**

Plans to be unveiled soon.

Knights of Columbus - St. Pius X Parish

You are more than welcome to join us for the Best Breakfast in town on September 10th from 8:30 am to



Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast

Parish, Diocese & Quotes

POPE FRANCIS ON THE BEAUTY OF THE LIFE OF THE ELDERLY

"WE NEED A NEW ALLIANCE BETWEEN YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE ELDERLY," POPE FRANCIS TOLD THEM IN HIS HOMILY, "SO THAT THE SAP OF THOSE WHO HAVE A LONG EXPERIENCE OF LIFE BEHIND THEM WILL NOURISH THE SHOOTS OF HOPE OF THOSE WHO ARE GROWING."

"IN THIS FRUITFUL EXCHANGE WE CAN LEARN THE BEAUTY OF LIFE, BUILD A FRATERNAL SOCIETY AND IN THE CHURCH WE CAN ALLOW FOR ENCOUNTER AND DIALOGUE BETWEEN TRADITION AND THE NEWNESS OF THE SPIRIT,"

Etransfers are accepted at **St Pius X Parish**

Please Send your offering via etransfer to ettransfer.spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org

no password is required.

Pilgrimage of Faith donations are also accepted with no password at ettransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org.

We thank you for your support. God bless you!



PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Our Lord Jesus is inviting you to visit Him in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

Scheduled Hours available are:

<u>SUN</u>	8 AM, 9 AM & 3 PM	<u>FRI</u>	12 AM
<u>MON</u>	10 AM	<u>THURS</u>	4 AM
<u>TUES</u>	12 AM & 7 AM	<u>SAT</u>	4 AM & 2 PM
<u>WED</u>	2 AM & 3 AM		



Spares are always needed. Shared times available!

For information phone Lorie 250-448-5633

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Goto: www.kofc.org/joinus

PROMO CODE: **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY**



Knights of Columbus.

After joining online, please check your inbox for confirmation.

"I know of no other means to reach perfection than by love. To love: how perfectly our hearts are made for this! Sometimes I look for another word to use, but, in this land of exile, no other word so well expresses the vibrations of our soul. Hence we must keep to that one word: love.".....St. Therese of Lisieux

Our Parish

Baptism

Contact the office two months before planning a date for preparation & instruction.

Marriage

Contact the office at least six months prior to the date for preparation & instruction.

Interested in becoming a Roman Catholic?

Please contact the Parish office.

Anointing of the Sick

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

For emergencies, and end of life blessings, please call: 250-878-1502 at any time.

Serving the Lord in our Parish

We are in need of ushers for all Masses

we are in need of ushers for the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday and the 8:30am Mass on Sunday. This is a great way to meet the parishioners and welcome them to Mass with a smile. If you love to smile, this ministry is for you. Your welcome becomes the warm welcome of Jesus. Your welcome can be what it takes for someone to keep coming back to encounter Jesus at Mass. If this is your calling, please call Trish at **250-763-1090**.



St. Pius X's Bazaar will be held

On Saturday, September 30th and the Christmas Bazaar is Sat, November 4th. Please keep us in mind if you are cleaning your house, closet or basement, we can help take those special treasures off your hands, please feel free to call Beryl. She is back from her holidays and is looking forward to meet at the garage for the drop off of your treasures. Please call at **250-717-0527**



VOLUNTEERS are needed for our Bazaar on Sat, Sept 30th, if you are able to help even if it is only for a couple of hours, your time would be very much appreciated. We are also looking for coordinators for the following booths: Linens, Bake table & the Children's Booth.

If you are interested in being a coordinator, please call Trish. To be a volunteer please write your name on the poster at the entrance of the church or call Trish at **250-763-1090**.

What better way to meet the parishioners in our church, come out and have some fun!

Thanking you in advance.

The Bazaar Baking Booth and Tea Room needs all your great baking. Cakes, cookies, muffins, fudge, loaves, pies, bread and buns are always popular. Pickles, jams, jellies etc also sell well. We will be in the hall Friday, Sept 29th all day until 5:00pm to receive your items. Last year we sold out of everything, that tells you how awesome our baking is! So **READY-SET-BAKE** all you star bakers please start baking

Singers are needed for the 8:30 AM mass

contact Christa Kartika email c.nangoi@yahoo.com or call **250-863-8860**.



Our Parish

Our Pilgrimage of Faith Goal is \$41,200.00

So far we have received \$19,025.00. We are so grateful to everyone who have donated. If you are yet to donate, we hope you can prayerfully consider doing so. Together we will work hard to reach our goal. May our dear Lord bless you abundantly for your generosity.

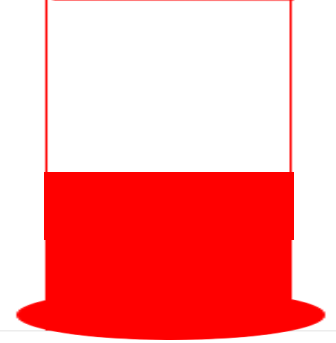


\$45,000

\$30,000

\$20,000

\$10,000



Major projects to be funded by the Appeal are:

- † Communications: Catholic Morning Star and the Diocese of Nelson Website.
- † Pastoral Programs: Youth Ministry (World Youth Day, youth rallies, youth camps, parish youth initiatives), Office of FaithFormation (training programs for Catholic teachers and volunteer catechists), Seton House of Prayer, First Nations Ministry, Office of the Marriage Tribunal, Social and Pastoral Programs (Rachel's Vineyard and Grief to Grace).
- † Catholic Education.
- † Clergy Pension Support.
- † Vocation Support and Lay Training.
- † Capital Development.

Pledge cards are available in the entrance of the church. Please remember to fill out your pledge card and drop it along with a cheque/cash in the collection, or donate via e-transfer to: etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org or online via Canada Helps at Canada Helps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/24360>.

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF NELSON.

For more information on how to give contact the Pilgrimage of Faith office at the Pastoral Centre at **250-448-2725 ext. 240** or email appeals@nelsondiocese.org or logon to the Nelson Diocese website <https://www.nelsondiocese.org/> and click on the 'Donate Now' button.

CWL September 2,3 Announcements



* Thought for the Week: Leaders

The Catholic Women's League has many programs and workshops that empower women in becoming confident leaders who journey together to build God's kingdom in the areas of faith, service and social justice! Come walk with us.

***Executive Meeting:** Tuesday, September 12 after the 9:00 am mass in the Father Martin room.

***General Meeting:** Saturday, September 16 at 10:00 am, in the Father Martin room followed by a light lunch.

***St. Pius X CWL Webpage:** Have you checked out our new webpage on our parish's website? If not check it out at <https://www.spxbc.com/cwl> to learn more about what we are about, our calendar of events and who we are.

Diocese

Rachel's Corner

"Before I did not understand how affected I was, but now I can see how much it had changed me in a bad way. I was able to get it all out without hurting anyone and with people who had been there too. This has been a very important experience in my life, and I will never forget it." -Testimonial

If you are not sure how what you are feeling is related to your abortion experience, join the men and women on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Let them tell you how much it affected them and how much it helped to lay that burden down. Don't miss this opportunity.

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

f Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna

250-762-2273

Rachel's Vineyard

Healing the trauma of abortion — one weekend at a time

Rachel's Vineyard Fall Retreat: is a life-giving journey for women, men or anyone who struggles with the emotional and spiritual pain caused by abortion. Our retreats offer the mercy and compassion of God as well as a pathway to forgiveness, transforming the pain of the past into hope for the future. To register please contact Vicki: **250-762 2273**,

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com,

www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com,

Confidentiality assured.

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 October 24 – 28, 2023 in Kelowna.

For more information please email griegtogracekelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to: **250-808- 6403**



St. Joseph Catholic School is looking for a bus driver to transport our students from the school to the Clubhouse Farm in Ellison on Wednesdays starting in September. These weekly visits are an important part of our Outdoor Academy program which gives our students hands on learning in nature. If you know someone who could help out, please contact sjkinternational@cisnd.ca.

Marriage Prep/Course

Are you getting married in the Catholic Church this fall? The next marriage prep session starts Oct 4 at 6:30pm. Attendance can be virtual or in person in Penticton. Contact Deacon Peter d'Aoust or Lynn Hale for more information at lhaleaoust2012@gmail.com or phone **250-460-0378**.

Diocese



PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, Oct 14th, 2023, 11:30 am.

ICC Procession to Rowcliffe Park.
PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US.

SAT. OCT 14, 2023

11:30 Gather @ ICC outside front entrance.

11:40 Procession on Sutherland to Rowcliffe Park (Corner Richter & Rowcliffe)

Noon: Pray Public Rosary in the Park
Marian Hymns & singing

12:45 Procession with singing, back to ICC

Yeshua 2023 Retreat

"Men are yearning to encounter the real person of Jesus. The problem is that in today's fast-paced, digitalized world, many good men are often caught in a whirlwind of responsibilities and distractions. The deeper questions of purpose, faith, and personal connection with God can get sidelined.

The Men's Retreat: Yeshua, is more than just a three-day event; it's an opportunity to rediscover Christ. Guided by Jake Khym and Peter White, attendees will dive deep into understanding not just the teachings, but the very person of Jesus. The Men's Retreat offers:

- * Personal Discovery: Learn that Jesus isn't just a figure in history, but a real, competent, and loving Savior who seeks a personal relationship with you
- * Brotherhood: Forge deep connections with like-minded men who are committed to going deeper with Jesus
- * Adventure: Break free from routine, and be immersed in the stunning outdoors of Rockridge Canyon

Here's what you need to do:

1. Register for The Men's Retreat at, www.liferestoration.ca/ men retreat
2. Invite a friend or brother priest to join you.
3. Get ready to deeply experience the person of Jesus. Rediscover. Reconnect. Recommit. Register today."

Kelowna Catholic Youth Group



If you are in grade 7-12 and want to deepen your faith with other Catholic teens, please join us for our 2023-24 slate of events! For more information, go to www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca or talk to your parish youth coordinator. **First event starts Sunday, Sept. 17! Registration form and Sign Up REQUIRED.**

Parish Organizations

Pastoral Team

Fr. Obi Ibekwe (Pastor)

Fr. Biju Anthony (Associate Pastor)

Parish Secretary/Office Manager

Angelica Ortiz



250-762-2587

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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: Elizabeth Hobart 236-420-0599

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 Oppertshauser

Knights of Columbus: Peter Huang

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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

St. Joseph Elementary: Maddy Pedrette, Principal 250-763-3371

Immaculata High Sch: Robert Plaxton, Principal 250-762-2730

Retreat House (Seton House of Prayer):

250-764-4333

Sacraments

Hospital/Home Visits/ Anointing of the Sick

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



Baptism

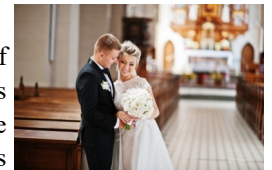
In Baptism we begin the beautiful journey of friendship with Jesus. As a Parish Family, we rejoice to add new members in Baptism. Please call the office at least 6 weeks prior to your requested date to ensure time for your preparation of this most special sacrament.



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 10.30am. 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.

