



# Sunday Bulletin: March 24th, 2024 St. Pius X Parish *Palm Sunday*



## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### **Palm Sunday and Holy Week Celebrations**



The prelude of the drama of Jesus' Passion begins with Palm Sunday, when we celebrate His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The drama of that day is one that changes very quickly - From the people shouting hosanna to crucify Him. As we read the passion narrative on Palm Sunday, what really is at play is this: that God the Father loves me just the same way He loves His only begotten Son, Jesus. And I am worth dying for.

Following Palm Sunday, we will enter the Sacred Triduum. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday. This three-day celebration (Triduum) tells the whole story of our celebration. I invite you to come and celebrate with us this most beautiful mystery of our faith.

### **Holy Week Highlights**

#### **Holy Thursday**

We celebrate three things:

1. The institution of the Holy Eucharist
2. The institution of the Holy Priesthood
3. Jesus giving us the great commandment of love. This he shows by the washing of feet.

On this day, after Mass, we keep watch with Jesus. Will you not keep watch with me for an hour?

#### **Good Friday**

We celebrate the Passion of our Lord. The worst day of His life was the day when He loved the most.

#### **Holy Saturday**

**The culmination of the drama of Holy Week.**

If you haven't attended this before, come and experience it this year: the fire of Easter, the renewal of baptismal promises, the exultet. It is the most beautiful celebration of our faith life.

I invite you to come and experience God's love in these celebrations. Let us show Jesus that we love Him.

**On Monday, following Palm Sunday, the whole of our diocese (Laity and priests) will gather at the Cathedral in Nelson to celebrate the Chrism Mass.** The oils we use for Baptism, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick will be blessed during the celebration. On Wednesday during Mass, we will solemnly present these oils to our community. The Mass will be a healing Mass where the sick will be anointed with the fresh oil - the oil of the sick.

May we all enter in and make the Palm Sunday and Holy Week of 2023 the best ever.

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## 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.

## Stations of the Cross

Every Friday @ 6:30 pm during Lent

## **Collection for the Holy Land**

On Good Friday, March 29th, there will be a second collection for the Holy Land after communion. This collection helps to maintain the holy places in the Holy Land and is important to the faith of Christians everywhere, and also to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution.

*God bless you for your generosity and love.*

## Mass Schedule - St. Pius X Mass

### EASTER MASS SCHEDULE - PAGE 2

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

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**Priest:** Fr. Biju Antony  
**Priest in Residence:** Fr. Harry Clark

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## THE PARISH

### Pastor's Message Continued...

#### My take on Holy Week.

For me, I believe that what is on display this Holy Week and at Easter is God's love for each human being on the face of the earth.

Our participation in Holy Week celebrations is our way of saying to Jesus: *'I love you my Jesus, my Saviour, my friend. I'll follow you this Holy Week until Easter and all the days of my life.'* May the Lord receive the offering of our life that we make to Him this week.

I was reading from Archbishop Chaput's book titled: *'Things Worth Dying For: Thoughts on a Life Worth Living'* "I do not have to win the world, even for Christ: I have to save my soul. That is what I must always remember...it is not our mission to make truth triumph but to testify to it."

Another line from the book is very comforting to me: *"In the mind of Jesus, we - despite ourselves, despite our failures, despite the confused creatures we so often are - are worth dying for ..... we can at least try to live and die for others."*

**As you come for Holy Week celebrations or as you participate from home, may you always remember and even say to yourself: I AM WORTH DYING FOR!**

Have a blessed Holy Week, my friends! I look forward to seeing you and celebrating with you.  
Your brother, ~ Fr. Obi

### 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**

## THE DIOCESE

### Rachel's Corner

*"I feel liberated from the secret, the pain and the shame. I have also finally been able to connect with the children I lost to the abortions. They have realness now and I can carry them with me in a special way in my everyday life."*  
Testimonial

Are you tired of carrying the secret of your past abortion involvement, which seems to continuously judge and condemn you? Join the men and women on a Rachel's Vineyard® Retreat and see what life can be like once you are set free from that burden.

[info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com)  
[www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com](http://www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com)

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### Our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal

This [annual appeal provides funding](#) for capital project rebates, Catholic education, social and pastoral programs, and many other key services in our Diocese as well as to our parish.

**Our Diocesan Goal: \$39,450**

**Parish Goal: \$6,000**

**Total Goal for 2024: \$45,450**

**Raised So Far: \$87,461.19**

**We still need \$37,988.81 to reach our goal.**



We hope that everyone will participate in this year's appeal. 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](mailto:etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org) or online via Canada Helps at Canada Helps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/24360>. For more information on how to give, contact St. Pius X office at [250-762-2587](tel:250-762-2587).

## THE PARISH

### Prayers Requested

#### First Communion Students

Noah Adam  
Casey Alvarez  
Uchenna Claire Anagboso  
Jayden Iligan  
Erika Iturbide  
Manfred Lumalang  
Danica Roach  
Charlie Sierhuis  
Danica Roach  
Gideon Santos  
Emilia Schulze  
Evelino Stradiotto

#### Confirmation Students

Chimdi Emma-Ann Anagboso  
Sebastian Blazejewski  
Wayne Zander Espejo  
Cadence Filice  
Matias Arroyo Flores  
Mariana Iturbide  
Vincent Kohut  
Hanna Slivinski  
Callum Vos  
Jasper Woodman

### Mass Intentions

- \*Saturday, March 23rd 5:00 pm  
Daren Reiter -INT-
- \*Sunday, March 24th 9:00 am  
St. Pius X Parishioners -INT-
- \*Sunday, March 24th 11:00 am  
Jason Coe. -R-
- \*Sunday, March 24th 6:00 pm  
Angelina Ayala -R-
- \*Tuesday, March 26th 9:00 am  
Dinh & Tina -INT- Wedding Anniversary
- \*Wednesday, March 27th 9:00 am  
Daren Reiter -INT-
- \*Thursday, March 28th 9:00 am  
Frank, Frances & Lorne Gruber -R-
- \*Friday, March 29th 9:00 am  
Good Friday

### Pray for the Sick

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

Walter Quarenghi, 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 Courneane, 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](mailto:spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org)

### Gluten-Free Communion

For those requiring Holy Communion without gluten, please see the presiding priest during the distribution of Holy Communion and ask for a gluten-free Eucharist.

### VOLUNTEER WITH US!

**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?  
We do!! Talk to us about choices!**

**Email: [volunteer.st.pius.x@shaw.ca](mailto:volunteer.st.pius.x@shaw.ca)**

### St. Pius X Catholic Women's League

#### \*Thought for the Week: 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!

Contact: Mary Ann Rehlinger 250-763-3396

#### \*Up Coming Events:

**CWL Regional Retreat:** 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 [cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca) for more information.



## THE PARISH

### Marriage Encounter

Even when a marriage is going smoothly, there are always opportunities to make it work better. The Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share and connect more deeply. There is no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be.

**April 19 – 21, 2024**

**Virtual Experience Edmonton based (Mtn Time)**  
**Questions? Doug & Candice Chappell 778-479-7900**  
[doug.candice.chappell@wwme.org](mailto:doug.candice.chappell@wwme.org)

### 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.

### Young Adult Group



17 years and older.  
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!

### 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.**

**[lhaledaoust2012@gmail.com](mailto:lhaledaoust2012@gmail.com) or phone **250-460-0378****

### CATECHISM UPDATE

We are on Spring Break! 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.

**No Classes until April 4th**

Please consider helping out at catechism classes. We are always in need of spares for all grades! Contact Mike Wilson [mwilson@cisnd.ca](mailto:mwilson@cisnd.ca)

**Children's Liturgy at St. Pius X Church**  
**Every Sunday at the 11am Mass**

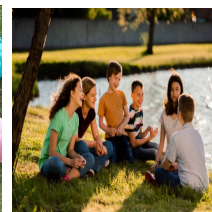
**Ages 3 to 9**

The Fr. Delestre Council of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce that it will again be offering bursaries to students who are graduating from high school this year and who are planning to attend an accredited post-secondary school in BC. One-time bursaries are also available for students already in post-secondary programs who are continuing their studies in accredited post-secondary education in BC.

To request an application, please contact Paul Gabias, [paul.gabias@ubc.ca](mailto:paul.gabias@ubc.ca). All applications must be received on or before May 15<sup>th</sup> to be considered.

### 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



## IGNITE!

Children's Ministry and Youth Group

FRIDAY NIGHT

FREE ADMISSION

NEW FRIENDS \* PRAYER \* GAMES & MORE

April 5, 2024

5:30-8:00pm

ST PIUS X Parish Hall  
1077 Fuller Ave



## 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:

- **Walk** – Meet at the ICC parking lot (839 Sutherland Avenue); we are leaving at 12:00 noon
- **Drive** – 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.

## **Grieving with Great HOPE**

Good Mourning Ministry

**APRIL 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

If the death of a loved one has left you searching for God in your grief, we are here to help.

*Grieving with Great Hope* is a Christ-centered grief support group with an approach rooted in the traditions and teachings of the Catholic Church. It uses prayer, scripture, reflection activities, faith sharing and fellowship to help you find Christ's consolation in your grieving.

Our 2024 Spring Session will run for 5 weeks, each Thursday, 4:00 pm to 5:45 pm from **April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**, sessions will be held in the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall.

If *Grieving with Great Hope* is for you or if you wish to learn more or to register, call ICC parish office (250.762.3910) or email Tania Tavares: [taniastemarietavares@gmail.com](mailto:taniastemarietavares@gmail.com).

## THE PARISH

### Coming Soon... Youth Leadership Summit July 2-6, 2024

Youth grades 8-12 welcome!  
St. Pius X Parish  
More Information to Follow...



## *2024 Spring Gala April 19, 2024*

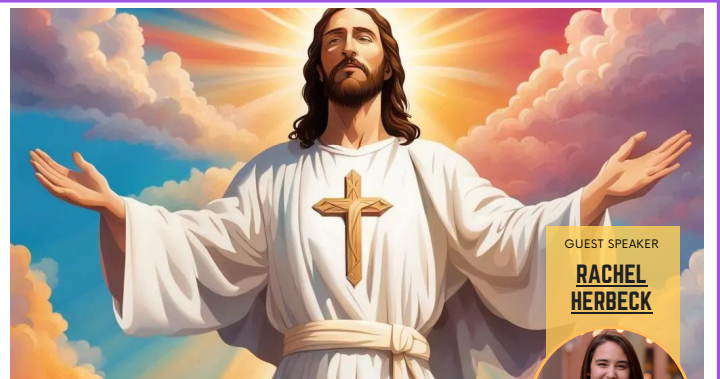
We are proud to announce that tickets are available to purchase!

<https://stjoseph.hotlunches.net>

Early Bird Tickets available till  
March 11th for \$65/person

Tickets sold after March 11th will be  
\$75/person

**Deadline is March 22 , 2024**



GUEST SPEAKER

**RACHEL  
HERBECK**

Come to Know God's Heart  
Experience the Depth of His Love  
Be Strong in the Lord, in the Strength of His Power  
Encounter the God of Possibilities

## **I CAME SO THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE LIFE**

NELSON DIOCESE CHARISMATIC

*Conference*

**26 / 27**

**APRIL 2024**


Saint Ann's Church  
1296 Main Street  
Penticton, BC

**REGISTRATION FRIDAY 5:30 P.M**

COORDINATOR: GLADYS MILLER | 250-442-8589  
CO-COORDINATOR / BILLETING: BERNADETTE BARRY | 250-809-2524

## ST. PIUS X PARISH EVENTS: MARCH 22nd - 29th

Friday, March 22nd	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 23rd	5:00 pm	Holy Mass
Sunday, March 24th	9 am, 11 am & 6 pm	Holy Mass
Monday, March 25th	6:00 pm	ESL (English Class) —Parish Hall
Tuesday to Friday	8:30 am	Rosary Followed by Holy Mass
Tuesday, March 26th	11:00 am	Korean Prayer Group —Fr. Martin Room
Tuesday March 26th	10:00 am	Divine Will Studies —Fr. Mulvihill Room
Wednesday & Friday	9:35 am	Adoration
Wednesday, March 27th	10:00 am	Quilter's Day Fr. Martin Room
Thursday, March 28th	1:30 pm	Bible Study—Fr. Martin Room
Thursday, March 28th	4:00 pm	Holy Thursday Mass
Friday, March 29th	2:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Friday, March 29th	2:30 pm	Divine Mercy Novena
Friday, March 29th	3:00 pm	Passion of Our Lord




### Annual Mass for Life

Join us to pray for the Unborn, the Elderly, the Disabled! On May 9, Canada reflects on 55 years of legal abortion in Canada. Euthanasia has become the latest desecration of LIFE in our country! *How do we respond?*

Thursday, May 9, 6:30pm  
at Immaculate Conception Church  
839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna

Coffee and refreshments  
in the Parish Hall following Mass.



### Rachel's Vineyard Retreat:

Has abortion left you feeling empty and alone?

Rachel's Vineyard retreats are available for women, men, couples or anyone who has struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion.

If you are searching for peace and inner healing from an abortion experience, this retreat is for you.

Register now for our Spring retreat in Kelowna.

For more information contact Vicki, 250-762-2273,

[info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com),

[www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com](http://www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com) Confidentiality assured.

## WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH

### Embracing God's Plan

@  
IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION  
PARISH

9 AM - 4 PM

RELINQUISHING OUR PLANS AND ASPIRATIONS  
AND ENTRUSTING OURSELVES TO GOD'S  
BOUNDLESS COMPASSION AND PROVIDENCE.  
**ALL WOMEN WELCOME!**

**COST \$40**  
TO REGISTER  
EMAIL [CHRISTINA.ICC.CWL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CHRISTINA.ICC.CWL@GMAIL.COM)  
OR CALL 250-808-3785

## Summit

An evening of Eucharistic Adoration with  
music, short talks, prayer and reflection.  
Priests will be available for reconciliation.



Saturday, April 27

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Immaculate Conception Church

**All Ages and All Parishes Welcome!**

~ social in hall to follow ~ if possible, bring snacks to share ~

### JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

As we continue to journey through Lent, we invited you to watch the **next** video of the series titled

“Journey through Lent” also now available on the CCCB website: <https://www.cccb.ca/len/>

