

# Welcome to St. Pius X Parish, Kelowna

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## October 1st, 2023: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Bazaar, Healing Mass, Alpha, First Friday, Back to School Event

**Bazaar:** All is ready! Saturday September 30 from 8am to 2pm. I'm amazed at the amount of work that goes into this. This week has been spent setting up - the things there are really good stuff. I already bought something. Please come and check out all the stuff. Invite friends. Let us celebrate and have some fun. As Beryl would always say: "Fr, we are just having fun." :)



### Healing Mass—This Sunday

As requested by people, this Sunday, October 1 at 6pm, we are going to have a healing Mass. In this Mass, there is nothing extraordinary except that we are going to ask our Lord to heal everyone who is sick and to give us the grace to bring that healing to our family and all in need of healing. There will be anointing of the sick at the end of Mass.

**Alpha:** begins next Thursday at 5.30pm with a meal. We have materials for you to pick up at all the Masses this weekend. The materials are given to you personally to invite you to Alpha and for you to invite others. We hope you can attend. Please pray that the Lord May bless our efforts and bring people to come and experience God's love, mercy and hope.

**Sunday Mass—Every Sunday at 6pm. Last chance Mass!**  
**First Friday Mass and Adoration: October 6 at 6pm.**

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## Confession Times

Every Saturday at 4pm or by appointment.  
Check page 6 for details regarding the other 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.

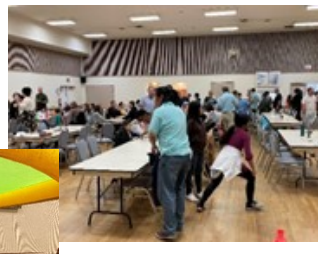


## Week Mass Intentions

Saturday Sep 30	5:00 pm	Malanie Hope Wadden -R-
Sunday Oct 1	8:30 am	Parishioners -INT-
Sunday Oct 1	11:30 am	Gabrielle Cote -INT-
Tuesday Oct 3	9:00 am	Ayla Grace Loseth -R-
Wednesday Oct 4	9:00 am	Nicole Normand Health -INT-
Thursday Oct 5	9:00 am	John Grison -R-
Friday Oct 6	9:00 am	Margaret & Clarence Becker -INT-
Saturday Oct 7	5:00 pm	Harry DiMarcello R-

### Pastor's Message Continues...

**Back to School Fellowship, Games, Pizza, Mass and Adoration:** what a night it was for us last Sunday when our families gathered in numbers to celebrate our faith in a fun environment. There were hundreds of people: young and young at heart. One of our young at heart came to me at the end of the celebration and said: "Fr, for many years, we have tried to do something like this, I'm so happy today to see this happening in our parish." All I could say is: "Thank you, Jesus, for the new thing you are doing." Immense thanks to our core team: Angela, Doris, Abel and Nicole. I look forward to our next family night which comes up at the end of October.



I look forward to seeing you on the weekend.

God love you! Happy Sunday.

Your brother,

Fr. Obi

## REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE ILLS

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, 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](mailto: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

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](mailto:mwilson@cisnd.ca) or cell 250-859-6718.

**Pilgrimage of Faith:** Following last week's bulletin announcement, we received some donations. We are grateful. So far, we have received \$22,165.00. We have \$19,035.00 to go. Thank you for your generous donation and for helping us to reach our goal. May our dear Lord bless you abundantly.

Happy Sunday.

Your brother,  
Fr. Obi



## 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](http://www.formed.org) It's amazing and it is coming to St. Pius X soon. Look for more information in upcoming bulletins.

### 3. **Multicultural Day:**

We are planning to have a multicultural day on October 22nd.

### 4. **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](mailto:spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org)

5. **YOUTH EVENTS:** Plans to be unveiled soon.

Join us on Sunday, October 1st for the annual **LIFE CHAIN!**

Over 300 locations across Canada will be holding Life Chains this year, and together we will be heard.

Please meet at Gagnon and Harvey Avenue behind the Dairy Queen (Harvey & Gordon) at 1:45 pm.

See you there!



## 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](http://www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca) or talk to your parish youth coordinator. **First event starts Sunday, Sept. 17! Registration form and Sign Up REQUIRED.**



## Parish & Diocese

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

Please Send your offering via etransfer to [ettransfer.spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:ettransfer.spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org)

no password is required.



**Pilgrimage of Faith donations** are also accepted with no password at [ettransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:ettransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org). We thank you for your support. God bless you!

### Prayer Group

Greetings, Grace and peace to you all.

“Come to me all you who labour and are heavily burdened and I will give you rest” Matthew 11:28

Come Join us!

**Where: St Pius X Parish**

**When: Tuesdays at 7:00 pm**

**Starting: October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023**

We gather in an atmosphere of love and support for one another, in an effort to grow in the knowledge and love of God and to show this love in our attitude toward others.

The prayer group is a place where people have found a new dimension to their spiritual lives and have discovered God's love in a more profound way.

Together we are learning to live a surrendered life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ who continually leads us to our ABBA Father.

We gather with thanksgiving, in the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit to seek God's face in Praise and Worship. Entering His presence and giving Him ours, gazing upon His goodness.

“He inhabits the praises of His people.” (Psalm 22:3)

In His beautiful presence we give Him our struggles, fears, anxieties, frustrations, loneliness, circumstances, and shortcomings. In this place our loving Father accepts us just as we are and fills us with His Mercy and Grace and gives us a renewed Peace and Hope.

Often our problems begin to disappear when we praise God, who then gives us a new perspective on life.

The Word of God is read and listened to. Scripture teaching, on aspects of the Christian life, instructs and helps us to grow in our spiritual life.

Through prayer ministry and intercession, we pray for each other, for our Church, city and our world.

Testimonies are shared as a most important way of building faith in others.

All are welcome. We would love to have you join us.

All Glory and Praise to our Lord Jesus Christ

**For more information please call Piera (250) 215 7100**

## Our Parish

### 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**.



### **SUNDAY EVENING MASS AT 6PM— EVERY SUNDAY**



Mass at St. Pius X Church starting September 24 (6pm): Our Back to School Mass will be our first Sunday Evening Mass. Following that, we will have 6pm Mass every Sunday evening. Why this Mass? There used to be two Sunday evening Masses in Kelowna: one at ICC (5pm) and the other at St. Charles (7pm). At some point, St. Charles stopped having theirs. It used to be called the last chance Mass. Since we have two priests serving at St. Pius, it is something we can do together to serve the greater Kelowna. We have been meeting some of our young Catholic families who are asking for this Mass. Their children are involved in sports and they are looking for a Sunday evening Mass that is later than 5pm. We are hoping to be able to serve our families more by having this Mass.

## Community

St. James school located at 2700, 28th Ave, Vernon, at 1pm on Saturday the 14, for registration.

Pick up will be at 10pm on Saturday night. Sunday morning will start at 9am with a continental breakfast. We strongly encourage families to join us for an 11 am mass at the school, this can be a meaningful moment for you and your teen to share in the weekend. (otherwise pickup around 12:15)

## Our Parish

### **Our Pilgrimage of Faith Goal is \$41,200.00**

So far we have received \$22,165.00. 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.

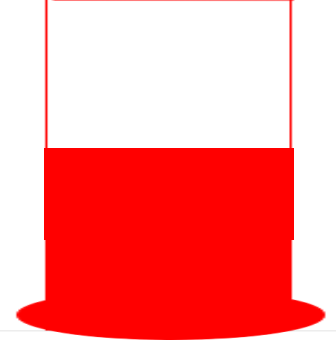


\$45,000

\$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](mailto: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](mailto:appeals@nelsondiocese.org) or logon to the Nelson Diocese website <https://www.nelsondiocese.org/> and click on the 'Donate Now' button.

## **CWL September 30, Oct 01** **Announcements**



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

"For it is in giving that we receive." Members of the Catholic Women's League strive to reach out to those in need. Won't you help us reach further? Come and join us.

**\*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, who we are and our calendar of events.

## Diocese

### *Rachel's Corner*

"Yesterday was the last day of the past. The best thing you can do is leave it there."  
- Dr. Amen

Easier said than done? Has the burden of your involvement in an abortion decision in the past, continued to be a part of your present? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and discover how you really can let that go.

[info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com)

[www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](http://www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com)

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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](mailto:info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com),

[www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](http://www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com),

**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](mailto: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.

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

The Roman Catholic  
Diocese of Nelson &  
the Community of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, West Kelowna, BC  
cordially invite you to the  
Ordination of Sem. Ferdinand M. Bayarong  
to the Sacred Order of Transitional Deacons  
Through the laying on of hands of:  
MOST REV. GREGORY J. BITTMAN  
Bishop of the Diocese of Nelson

Wednesday  
4:30 PM | 11 | October  
2023  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church,  
West Kelowna, BC Canada

## Parish & Diocese

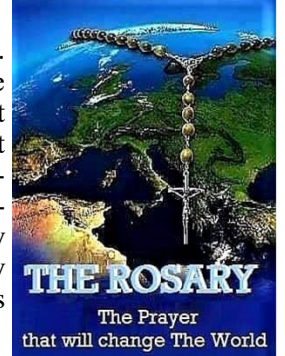
**Alpha begins October 5th!** Alpha provides a safe space to ask all your questions about life, faith and meaning in a friendly environment with people who, like you, want to explore. Each Alpha session includes a meal and time to connect, a video and plenty of time to discuss. Join Us! To register contact Angela 250-317-7670 or the Parish Office 250-762-2587.



### Rosary Coast to Coast 2023

Dear Family in Christ,

Peace in Jesus! I pray all is well. This year is the fifth year that the worldwide Rosary Coast to Coast will be on October 13, 2023. Last year, we received an outstanding response from school and church communities nationwide who sincerely desire to participate in this uniquely beautiful event. Barely a few days away, and we are almost there!



### 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*

What is my purpose?  
Is Jesus still relevant?  
Is God present in my  
loneliness?  
How can I have hope?

## Where can I ask these questions?

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### Join us!

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October 5-December 14  
530-730 pm  
St. Pius X Parish - 1077 Fuller Ave  
call the office at 250-762-2587 or Angela 250-3177670 to register



## Connect Watch Discuss

Explore life,  
faith, and God  
in a relaxed,  
low pressure  
environment.

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hope you  
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the people  
you love.

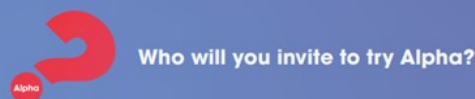
Alpha creates  
a space for  
you to...

invite someone in your life, whether a friend, family member, or colleague to ask questions and explore the hope of Jesus, maybe for the first time.

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Fear of rejection  
Not enough time  
Awkward conversations  
Pressure to know  
the answers

## A simple invitation to Alpha

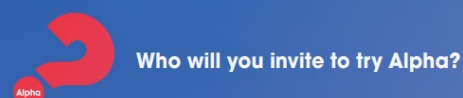
Sharing your  
faith can be  
scary...

but Alpha creates a space where you can simply invite a friend to explore their questions over some food, a video talk, and small group discussion. The rest is up to God.

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## 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:** 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:** Abel Martins 250-762-0902

**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@rachelsvineyardkelowna.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**

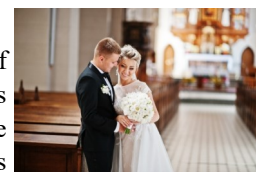
In Baptism we begin the beautiful journey of friendship with Jesus. As a Parish Family, we rejoice to add new members in Baptism. Please call the office at least 6 weeks prior to your requested date to ensure time for your preparation of this most special sacrament.



*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



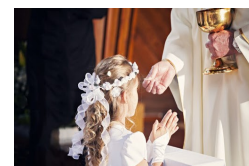
### **Priesthood/Diaconate/ Religious Life**

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](mailto:mwilson@cisnd.ca)



## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS MEETING TIMES

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

For St. Pius X CWL Council meeting times and events please visit their calendar at:

<https://www.spxbc.comcwl>



### 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](http://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.

