



# Sunday Bulletin:

## February 11th, 2024

### St. Pius X Parish

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

One of our Lenten prayers goes this way: 'That we may be delivered into the riches hidden in Christ.'

Lent is truly a time to rediscover in a new way the riches hidden in Christ.

How can we make Lent 2024 the best Lent ever? Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, our hearts are disposed to journey with Jesus.

#### **Stations of the Cross**

Growing up, I really really disliked Stations of the Cross. Friday was a day to relax after the school week and now I have to go to the Church AGAIN?! But I had to go: everybody went. Gradually, something began to change in my heart. Jesus fell under the Cross, He was stripped naked, He saw His Mother (the anguish, the pain in the face of a mother seeing her son suffer), the mocking crowd, the women crying for Him, His death. The whole drama began to melt my heart. Why did He undergo all this? Because He loves me! Walking the Stations now is a way of me telling Jesus that I love Him, that I want to try to please Him, that I'm grateful for all He did for me and all He continues to do.

This year, we want to make the Stations extra special. Please join us at 6.30 pm every Friday.

#### **Some Lenten Suggestions to help draw us nearer to Jesus**

##### **Almsgiving**

Maybe as a family, have simple dinners and save some money to put in a piggy bank and give to the poor at the end of the season or at anytime. Some of the poor in our community come to the door of the Rectory from time to time. I'm hoping my piggy bank money would be handy this time. Also, St. Vincent de Paul would help us to reach out to the poor in our community.

##### **Silence**

In all the noise we experience today, Lent can be a time to enjoy the beauty of silence: less media.

##### **Media Fast**

Maybe turn off your phone every Friday

##### **Fast from Alcohol**

##### **Fast from saying something negative about someone**

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### Lent Begins

**\*Prayer \*Fasting and  
Abstinence \*Almsgiving.**

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



**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

### 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

### 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.**

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

**Email:** [SPX.Kelowna.Pastor@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:SPX.Kelowna.Pastor@nelsondiocese.org)  
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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED**

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday Fasting & Abstinence**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

The sick are not obliged to fast.

Members of the Eastern Catholic Churches are to observe the particular law of their own sui iuris (of one's own right) Church.

**A Reflection on Lenten Fasting**

If possible, the fast on Good Friday continues until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honour the suffering and death of our Lord, Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

May Lent 2024 truly deliver us into the riches hidden in Christ.

Frs. Biju, Harry, Jim and I look forward to making the Lenten journey with you.

Your brother,  
Fr. Obi

*Rachel's Corner*

*"God, you are my God, I pine for you; my heart thirsts for you, my body longs for you, as a land parched, dreary and waterless." - Psalm 63:1*

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**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. 21: Night Hike and Snow Taffy  
Feb 25 & Mar 10: The Search (a dynamic weekly video series for teens) from 6:15 to 8:15 pm

Youth Group Registration Form and Event Sign-up required.  
[www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca](http://www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca)

**Lent Confession Schedules**

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

St. Pius X Parish  
Monday, March 11th @ 5:30 pm

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

St. Edwards Parish  
Wednesday, March 13th @ 5:30 pm

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

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

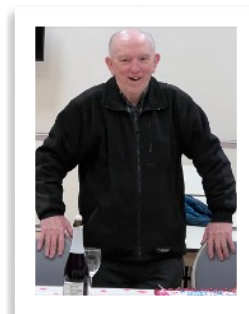
**SHROVE TUESDAY**

**COME AND JOIN US ON THE TUESDAY BEFORE  
ASH WEDNESDAY FOR MASS AND PANCAKE  
DINNER.**

**THIS IS A WONDERFUL TRADITION WHERE WE  
GATHER TOGETHER AS A PARISH FAMILY  
BEFORE LENTEN FAST BEGINS.**

(There will still be 9 am mass.) **MASS: 5:30 PM  
DINNER: 6 PM**

**Happy 81st Birthday Father Harry!**



May our dear Lord bless you always!

## THE PARISH

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



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

The core purpose of the Catholic Women's League is to unite Catholic women to grow in faith, and to promote social justice through service to the church, Canada and the world. Did you know members celebrated the 100-year anniversary in 2020? We are a nation of unified women – one voice, one heart, one mission, and there is always room for you!

#### **\*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

### Catechism Update

**Tuesday February 13th, 5:30 pm, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Night** Parents to help and Volunteer hours for Confirmation Candidates. **All the catechism group are invited to attend this parish event.**

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 15th**

**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)**

### *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



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

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

### Mass Intentions

**\*Saturday Feb 10th, 5:00 pm**  
Antonia Guercio -R-

**\*Sunday Feb 11th, 9:00 am**  
Parishioners of St. Pius X INT-

**\*Sunday Feb 11th, 11:00 am**  
Parishioners

**\*Sunday Feb 11th, 6:00 pm.**  
Thanksgiving for Matthew's healing -INT

**\*Tuesday Feb 13th, 9:00 am**  
CWL -INT-  
Antonia Guercio -R-

**\*Wednesday Feb 14th, 9:00 am**  
Joseph Huang -R-

**\*Thursday Feb 15th, 9:00 am**  
George Bruch & Jo Lauer -R-

**\* Friday Feb 16th, 9:00 am**  
Rino Gemin-R-



## Healing Mass, St. Pius X Church

**Date & Time: February 11 at 6pm**

February 11 is the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes, also known as World Day of the sick.

Patricia Stephen and her healing ministry team will be coming from Edmonton to join us for the Healing Mass. She will give a talk on inner and spiritual healing. With testimonies, she would share stories on how unforgiving and bitterness can affect not only our spirit but also our bodies. With spiritual and inner healing, many other aspects of our life would fall into place.

In the Gospel for this weekend, the sick man said to Jesus:, “If you choose, You can heal me.” Jesus said to him, “*I choose; be made well.*” Jesus desires to heal us.



After Mass, there will be Anointing of the Sick, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, holy water to take home, Confession and opportunity for Patricia and another priest from Edmonton to pray with you privately.

We have about 4 priests for Confession.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

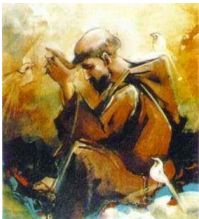


You are invited to witness the **Eucharistic Celebration with the Rite of Permanent Profession to the Gospel Life with Bishop Gregory Bittman** for the Secular Franciscans Order (OFS) of The Little Flowers of St. Francis Fraternity for

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**

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK - FEBRUARY 11TH**

His Holiness Pope Francis' message for this year is entitled: *"It is not good that man should be alone"* - Caring for the sick by caring for relationships.

*"From the beginning, God, who is love, created us for communion and endowed us with an innate capacity to enter into relationship with others. Our lives, reflecting in the image of the Trinity, are meant to attain fulfilment through a network of relationships, friendships and love, both given and received. We were created to be together, not alone."*

Read more about this year's message from Our Holy Father at this link: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/20240110-giornata-malato.html>

*"Let us commend ourselves to Mary Most Holy, Health of the Sick, that she may intercede for us and help us to be artisans of closeness and fraternal relationships."*

**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

**CATHOLIC MOMS CONNECT**

Wednesdays, 9:30—11:00 am @ St. Charles Garnier Hall. Childcare provided. Join us for prayer and fellowship. Questions? Contact Abbey @ 250-899-4384



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](mailto:griegtograckelowna@gmail.com) or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

**Knights Of Columbus Breakfast Sunday!**



You are more than welcome to join us for the Best Breakfast in town on Sunday, February 11th!

**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](mailto: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 Oppertshauer

**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 Deschner  
info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.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***

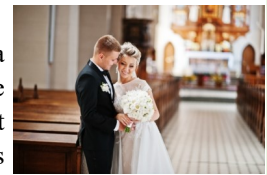
In Baptism we begin the beautiful journey of friendship with Jesus. As a Parish Family, we rejoice to add new members in Baptism. Please call the office at least 6 weeks prior to your requested date to ensure time for your preparation of this most special sacrament.



*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***

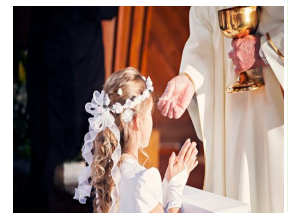
Do you think that the Lord might be calling? Phone Fr. Obi 250-762 2587



### ***Catechism and Sacramental Preparation***

Contact Mike Wilson at  
250-859 6718 or

[mwilson@cisnd.ca](mailto:mwilson@cisnd.ca)



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## **PARISH ORGANIZATIONS MEETING TIMES**

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Visit: [cwl.ca/membership/join](http://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](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.

