

# Welcome to St. Pius X Parish, Kelowna

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## October 8, 2023: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Pastor's Message

**Thanksgiving, Bazaar, Priests' Study Days, Ordination to the Diaconate**

### Thanksgiving

**Beloved Sisters and Brothers,**

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this weekend, personally, there's so many things to give thanks for. Today I'd like first to **thank the Father for the Gift of Jesus**. This is what we do at every Mass, hence Mass is called Eucharistic Celebration. **Eucharist means thanksgiving. This weekend, as we attend Mass, let us thank God again for His many blessings.** Someone asked me to include in the bulletin the prayer I say after Communion sometimes on Sunday:

*Jesus, this is a wonderful day for me, that you the God of universe would come to this little heart of mine. All I just want to say is THANK YOU.*

Another prayer I say after Communion during the week is:

**Jesus, may all that You are flow into me; Jesus, may all that You are flow into our families;**

**Jesus, may all that you are flow into the world.**

We can say the prayer together after Holy Communion during our week-day Masses.

**I also want to thank God for the gift of my family** back home in Nigeria and for all the parishioners of St. Pius Parish. **You are my family now. And you are also my first love, my primary responsibility.**

I have been entrusted with so many responsibilities by the Bishop. I have found great joy in the many ministry opportunities where I get to serve the people of God in our diocese. I serve as the Chaplain for Rachel's Vineyard, Chaplain for the Renewal Ministry, Chaplain for UBCO. I'm also helping Fr. Biju with Youth Ministry and with mentorship as he enculturates into the Canadian culture. **In spite of all these responsibilities, please know that YOU are my first love: you have my first attention. Phone me anytime, even midnight, I'll be there for you. I'll continue to go the extra mile for you.**

**SPECIAL MASS: Though we do not usually have Mass on Mondays, we will have 9am Mass on Monday, October 9 to celebrate thanksgiving. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Bazaar** - Gratitude to volunteers, donors, attendees and all who made in one way or another helped to make it successful. PICTURES on page 6.

I write to thank everyone for our 2023 bazaar. It was truly amazing. Now, I see what Fr. Jim meant when he said that our parish is known for bazaar :)

So much work went into it: organizing, sorting, advertising, meetings, coordinating, baking, cooking etc. It was such a joy for me to see many people on Saturday working together, serving, building community, bonding, creating friendship, having fun (as Beryl would say) It was beautiful to see the young ones helping and having a deep sense of belonging in our parish. *Continue on page 2*

## Confession Times

Every Saturday at 4pm or by appointment.

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

## With gratitude we announce the St. Pius Bazaar totals for 2023. Very successful



Baking Booth: 2315.50

Quilting: 705.00

50/50 - 429.75

Used Toys: 185.15

Jewellery: 2,002.65

Linens: 145.45

Treasure Booth: 2,851.05

Tea Room: 1373.35

White Elephant: 1696.60

Used Books: 514.15

Snack Bar: 288.25

Freedom's Door Booth: 1285.00

Quilt Raffle Tickets: 2695.15

2023 Env. Donations: 1,755.00

**Total so far 2023: \$18,242.20**

**Update on the total next week**



## Week Mass Intentions

Saturday Oct 7	5:00 pm	Harry DiMarcello R-
Sunday Oct 8	8:30 am	Parishioners -INT-
Sunday Oct 8	11:30 am	Dillon McLellan - R-
Tuesday Oct 10	9:00 am	CWL -INT-
Wednesday Oct 11	9:00 am	Wayne Allen-INT-
Thursday Oct 12	9:00 am	Florita Castillo & Pedro Perez-R-
Friday Oct 13	9:00 am	Jo & Wilfred Lauer
Saturday Oct 14	5:00 pm	Clarence & Margaret Becker -INT-

### Pastor's Message Continues...

Thank you for the love and sacrifice you put into this. It was not only the work but more importantly the love you put into it. It shows. Thank you so much for all you did: for God, for our parish, for our community and ultimately for building up of God's Kingdom. May our dear Lord bless you abundantly and keep our parish always in His love and grace.

### PRIESTS' STUDY DAYS: October 9 - 13

Please pray for us as we gather this year at Seton House for our Study Days. I still have so much to learn :)

### Just for this week, Mass times are adjusted.

Monday, October 9: Mass at 9am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: Mass at 8.15am

Friday: no Mass in the morning. Special Mass in the evening at 6pm. to celebrate our Lady of Fatima. Check page 2 for details of the celebration.

**Brother Ferdinand's Ordination to the Diaconate Everyone is invited** to celebrate the ordination of our brother at Our Lady of Lourdes, West Kelowna on October 11 at 4.30pm. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Alpha has begun.** You can still join. There's no cost for registration. Our first session went very well. PICTURE HERE

**Catechism begins every Thursday at 5.30pm with a meal.**

### Dogs come for blessing at St. Pius Church.

It was quite a blessing on October 4 when dogs proceeded to the Church for a special blessing. The name of the first one to arrive was Francis. He was so excited and was scratching the door of the Church. He really wanted to go in. Anyways, he had to make do with a blessing with holy water. I think he and the other dogs really enjoyed the holy water and blessing over them for their health and well-being and for blessing on their families. How wonderful that God has blessed us with them: man's friend. We thank God for the love and comfort they bring us.

## REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE ILLS

Please pray for the sick and injured at home and in hospital,..... Please see previous bulletin for the names on the list.

MERCIFUL JESUS, GRANT THEM A HEALING OF MIND AND BODY, AND RESTORE THEIR STRENGTH AND SPIRIT. AMEN



To conclude the month of October, MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY, a Mass and Living Rosary will be Celebrated on Tuesday October 31st at Immaculate Conception Church.

Please join us for this special Mass being offered for the clergy & religious of our Diocese.

### AGENDA

4:30-5:00 – confessions

5:15 – Mass

6:00 – start setting people up as Living Rosary around the pews

6:15 – begin praying Rosary

6:45ish -- Outdoor Procession around Church (tentative)

7:00ish -- Final prayers in Church

Bring your children, family and friends!



### Pastor's Message Continues...

I pray that you and family would have a wonderful thanksgiving celebration. You never know: your hungry pastor and his associate might show up at that door for leftovers.

I look forward to seeing you on the weekend.

God love you! 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.

## Parish & Diocese

**Congratulation to Barb Jansen the happy winner for raffle quilt 2023 . Thank you to all participants for invaluable support!**



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!

## 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.**



## **NOVEMBER BAZAAR**

Another great Bazaar has passed, but we still have one more to go on November 4th, we will be having Christmas Bazaar. So if you have any Christmas articles you don't want anymore we would be happy to accept them.

Thank you for all the support you gave us, we truly appreciate the generosity from all our Parishioners and Friends.

Feel free to call **Beryl** at **250-717-0527**,



## 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 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

*The St. Pius X Bazaar was once again a success this year.*

A big **THANK YOU** to all the coordinators and volunteers who worked endlessly all week and throughout the year, to the bakers who made all the wonderful baking and to all of you who donated special treasures or made a donation to the bazaar, you truly are angels. May God bless you all.



## 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)

**FACE TO FACE  
COMING  
SOON**

REGISTER HERE

OCTOBER 14-15  
GRADES 8-10

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
Vernon, BC

## Our Parish

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

So far we have received \$22,665.00. 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.



## Beloved Sisters and Brothers, October - The Month of Holy Rosary What's coming up?

The month of October is a special month for us when we celebrate our Blessed Mother in a special way as we say the Rosary asking for her intercession.

As always, we will recite the Rosary before the weekday Masses.

These are some important dates and celebrations coming up:

**October 4 - 12**

**Novena to our Lady of Fatima. Begins with Rosary at 8.15pm and a Novena prayer at 8.45am.**

**Friday, October 13 - Our Lady of Fatima (No morning Mass; Mass in the evening)**

**Mass, Procession and potluck dinner.**

**Mass at 5.15pm, followed by a Rosary Procession and dinner.**

After the procession, we will go to the hall for dinner and to cut 'Our Lady of Fatima' cake and thank God for the anniversary of her apparition in Fatima. This year is the 106 years since her apparition.

## October 13: Fr. Obi's Ordination Anniversary

This is a special day for me in many ways. Growing up in Nigeria, all the children in our neighbourhood would gather everyday in the evening at 6pm to recite the Rosary in obedience to what our Lady of Fatima asked the three little children to do. The boys would represent Francesco while the girls would represent Lucy and Jacinta. That was how my vocation began. I owe it to our Lady. She chose October 13 for my ordination. Someday, I'll share the whole story with you. Please come and thank God with me. I'll have a cake to share. I only ask for your prayers for me on this day.

May we have a blessed month filled with joy, love and peace!

Your brother,  
Fr. Obi

## 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*

"It doesn't matter how fragile you might feel when it comes to your relationship with God. Everything is possible. God took my life torn to pieces and re-created me with the fire of His love." Testimonial

Since the day you had your abortion, have you felt like your life has been torn to pieces? Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and let God, with His merciful love, make you whole again by putting the pieces back together

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

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

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

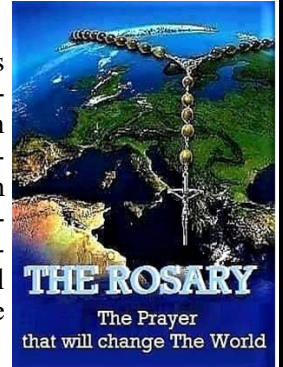


## Parish & Diocese

### 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!



### Have you thought about leaving a legacy?

You can help ensure that the vitality of the Diocese of Nelson and its mission to spread the Gospel are sustained well into the future with a Legacy Gift. You may make a bequest through your will, a trust, retirement assets, privately held securities, real estate, a life insurance policy, shares or stocks.

Legacy Gifts provide future financial support to the Diocese and affirm the importance of faith in the life of the donor.

Donations can be made to the Catholic Foundation of the Nelson Diocese Society which provides vital support for evangelization, retired Priests, vocations, building preservation, the poor and Catholic education. Donations can also be made to your Parish.

For more information or assistance contact the Diocesan Appeals Office at the Catholic Pastoral Centre.

phone: **250-448-2725 ext. 240**

email: [plannedgiving@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:plannedgiving@nelsondiocese.org)



## Cummunity

### Baby Bottle Brigade 2023

Take a Bottle change a Life!

Mother's Day to Father's Day Thank you for your support!

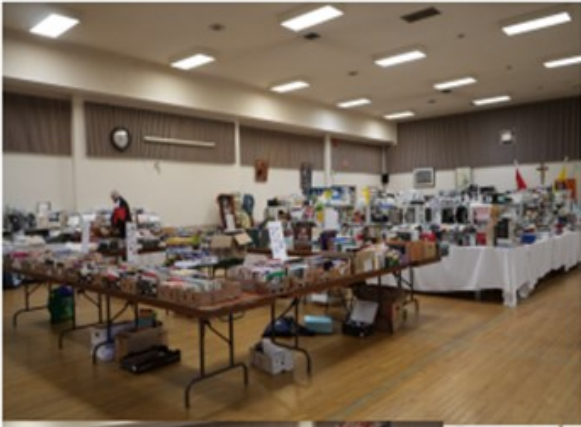
Oct 8- Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 2023

OKANAGAN VALLEY  
Pregnancy  
Care Centre





# St. Pius X Bazaar - - - September 30, 2023





# Religious Freedom in the World Report 2023

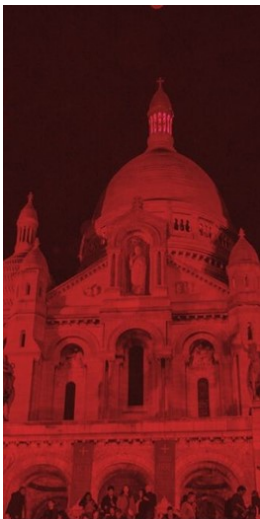
*Do you have a full picture of religious freedom in the world?*

Since 1999, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has been publishing the Religious Freedom in the World Report - a global overview considering the status of this fundamental human right for all religious traditions. Published biennially, the publication reports on incidents gathered over the two-year period, revealing where the individual can freely choose and publicly express



his or her faith without being discriminated, oppressed, or persecuted.

Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion [guaranteed and respected]; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance (Article 18 of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights).



## **Religious Freedom Report**

The ACN report examines the state of religious freedom in 196 countries, runs to nearly 900 pages, and is published in six languages. It is one of four reports on the state of global religious freedom. The others are published by the American Pew Research Center, the U.S. State Department, and the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF). The ACN report is the only non-governmental report in Europe that takes Catholic social doctrine into account.

*Aid to the Church in Need (ACN Canada) Religious Freedom in the World Report 2023. The Summary is available in PDF format ready to be downloaded at the following link;*

<https://acninternational.org/religiousfreedomreport/>