



Sunday Bulletin: January 21st, 2024
St. Pius X Parish Welcomes You!
Kelowna, BC



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Frozen Holy Water: How Can I Solve This Mystery?

Ever since I came to Canada, I haven't experienced this kind of cold weather in the Okanagan. It feels like I'm back in Edmonton. During these days, I have been doing car blessings, house blessings and visiting families to get to know our families and to bless new born babies and their parents and families. I enjoy this a lot. But blessing car in this cold weather is like throwing me in a lake and asking me to swim. My hands freeze, my ears feel like I've lost them. This is new Canadian baptism for me. Well, this is nothing to compare with missionaries who travelled many miles on foot to minister to people in the cold winter seasons.

In one of my Adventure blessings, I had arrived to bless a house and realized that the Holy Water in my car had frozen. What am I going to do now? Drive back to the house to get a refill? It takes a while for my car to heat up. Even driving in this cold isn't fun. Should I just go to the family with the frozen holy water and ask them to boil it for me, I mused? Now, I'm not quite sure what to do. This is an uncharted territory for me? How can I solve this mystery: frozen holy water? How do you think this mystery should be solved? I'd love to hear from you. To be continued...

In the Monastery for A Time of Rest

I will be going to Westminster, Abbey in Mission for 5 days. I will be thinking of you and praying for you. I look forward to spending a time of retreat with the monks there.

Lent

Lent this year begins early. Ash Wednesday is on February 14 - Valentine's Day. Check page 4 for an item on Lent.

May every Mass, every Confession, every Sacrament be a great blessing for us!

Stay warm...God loves you! Happy Sunday!

Your brother,
Fr. Obi

January 21st, 2024, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

No matter what happens,

Know that

You matter

You are loved

You are precious

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.

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 4pm
 or by appointment

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Office Manager: Angelica Ortiz

Ready, Set, Learn

On **Feb. 1st** we will host our annual **Ready, Set, Learn!** Event where we invite prospective Kindergarten students and their families to learn more about the school and why St. Joseph Catholic School is a great choice for their family.

If you have a child that will be ready to start Kindergarten in fall 2024, please RSVP to attend as soon as possible.

Please take a moment to share the RSL event information with any families you know who may be interested. Together we can share the word and make this event a success!



Sessions will take place at St. Joseph Catholic School (839 Sutherland Avenue) at 3:30 and 5:00pm. Please RSVP to sjkoffice@cisnd.ca or 250-763-3371.



Rachel's Corner

"You never go away from us, yet we have difficulty in returning to You. Come, Lord, stir us up and call us back. Kindle and seize us. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love. Let us run."

- St. Augustine

Has it felt sometimes like God has abandoned you? Or is it just beyond what you can handle to ponder reconciling with Him? Let God do the hard part! He is ready and yearns to hold you in His arms again! Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat.

250-762-2273

info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com
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There will be a Vocation Live-In on the weekend of February 10-11 at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome. For more information phone 604-826-8975 or email rector.minors@sck.ca

Youth Retreat Weekend

On the weekend of February 10th – 11th, The Catholic Parishes of Penticton will be welcoming the travelling retreat team from NET Canada (National Evangelization Teams). NET is a reputable company with teams in many countries, who specialize in connecting with youth and bringing them a meaningful, Christ-centered experience. Whether your child is a practicing Catholic/Christian who is looking to take the next step in their faith, or one who doesn't know Jesus, but is looking to better understand their identity and purpose in life, this retreat will be impactful! I highly recommend signing up if you can. Open to students in grades 6-12. More information at this link <https://forms.gle/PzJLjhqKWtRgdhz49>

MADE FOR MORE

Where do we come from and where are we going? These questions are DECISIVE for understanding what it means to be human and how to orient our lives and our actions toward authentic fulfillment. Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they creatively weave together dynamic presentations with live music, movie clips, YouTube videos, and sacred art for an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny. You will come away with a faith-filled vision of hope that will instil in you the sheer wonder and joy of being alive...

**February 8th - Immaculata High School, Kelowna
 7-9:30 pm**

For more information about tickets pricing and availability, contact, Rebecca Robertson - 250-718-6926 - beccarobertson@shaw.ca

"Moments in Time"

The Immaculata High School grad class of 2024 is presenting their one and only fundraiser to help offset the costs of prom and graduation. "Moments in Time" is a variety show put on by the grade 12 students with several different musical acts, combined with trivia for the audience, on Friday, February 2nd, at 6:30 pm. The evening will have a beer/wine bar, concession, silent auction, and our "Grapes for Grads" wall of wine and spirits. This promises to be a fun, social event so please bring your friends and family – all ages are invited!

Tickets are \$15 in advance. VIP Seating Available!
 Call 778-214-1542 or email courageforkindness@shaw.ca

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:
 Sunday, Jan. 28th: The Search (a dynamic weekly video series for teens)
 Sunday, Jan 21st: Night Hike and Snowy Taffy
 Youth Group Registration Form and Event Sign-up required.
www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca

THE PARISH

St. Pius X Catholic Women's League



***Thought for the Week: Spirituality**

We are called to live in relationship with God, others and creation. Spirituality nourishes us on our faith journey enriching us as we grow. The Catholic Women's League calls us to be witnesses to the love of God through ministry and service. Connect and grow with us.

***Up Coming Events:**

St. Pius X Valentine's Tea: Saturday February 10, 2 – 4 pm in the hall. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. All parishioners are invited to attend. This event is to help us celebrate and share love with those special someones in our lives – mom, brother, aunt, neighbour, coach. This event is also a fundraiser towards the CWL purchasing a statue of our Lady of Guadalupe for our parish. Bring your own teacup, preferably china, and share the story of its origin. Tea will be served along with canapés, scones and sweets.

CWL Regional Retreat: April 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.

Sympathy and Prayer



We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family of Dosolina (Lena) Bazzana. Please keep Lena and her loving husband of 69 years, Arturo, in your prayers, and may God's comfort and peace be with their families in their time of grief.

Lena's funeral mass will be at St. Pius X on Monday, January 22nd, at 11 am.



On January 17, 1871, Our Lady of Hope appeared in the French village of Pontmain, France. There, she revealed herself as the 'Madonna of the Crucifix' and gave the world her message of 'Hope through Prayer and the Cross.'

'The basilica built at Pontmain by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate is one of the great French pilgrimage places, noted for its miracles of grace.'

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 Courmane, 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

Merciful Jesus, grant them a healing of mind and body,

Society of St. Vincent de Paul URGENT REQUEST!

Do you happen to have a tent or sleeping bag that you do not anticipate using anymore tucked away in your garage or storage space? This week, especially in view of the extremely cold weather, and dwindling supply of these items, there is a community request for tents and blankets for those who may find themselves without even this shelter in the coming weeks. Outreach workers will distribute them to those at tent city or elsewhere who have no other accommodation. They can be accepted at the parish office while the cold weather lasts or until this message is updated. Thank you!

THE PARISH

How to donate to St. Pius X Parish

E-transfers are accepted at St Pius X Parish. Please send your offering from your online banking site to etransfer.spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org
No password is required.



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

QR CODES ARE HERE!!

The QR codes are now in the foyer too. We thank you for your support.

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.



Mass Intentions

Saturday Jan 20th 5:00 pm.
Leerne & Raymond -INT-

Sunday Jan 21st 9:00 am
Parishioners of St. Pius X INT-

Sunday Jan 21st 11:00 am.
Not Mass Intention Booked

Tuesday Jan 23rd 9:00am.
Jason Coe-INT-

Wednesday Jan 24th 9:00am.
Renato Casamayor Palomar-R-

Thursday Jan 25th 9:00am.
Evy Birkeland -R-

Friday Jan 26th 9:00am.
Peter & Maria Ou -R-

Society of St. Vincent de Paul 2023 Recap

Happy New Year St. Pius X!!!

2023 was a challenging year for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul here at St. Pius X. The need in our area increased substantially. Not only did we receive requests for food hampers, but also for help with utility, medical, children's summer programmes, and other expenses. Rent requests are handled by Invincible Housing a special project of the Okanagan Valley Particular Council of the SSVP. This is the umbrella Council for all the local Conferences here in the Central Okanagan.

In 2023 we received 525 calls to the St. Pius X SSVP phone. 79 of the callers were new clients looking for assistance. We delivered 199 hampers plus 90 Christmas hampers. As a result of these inquiries, 64 callers were referred to other organizations that were better suited to support their needs. We were blessed to be able to distribute 53 winter coats to children of families we support - courtesy of the Knights' of Columbus. In June we provided a barbecue and in December a turkey dinner to anyone who received aid in 2023.

Year over year our food expenses increased by 18% as did outlays for other needs. These expenditures would have been higher were it not for the extremely diligent efforts of our purchasers abilities to scan fliers and take advantage of sales and discounts. Food donations were a slightly lower. We would like to express our deep appreciation to the parishioners of St. Pius X and the students of Immaculata Regional High School for your truly generous foodstuffs donations. Monetary donations rose 0.5% from 2022. Thanks to the monies received from the Christmas Carol Festival and a private foundation the St. Pius X SSVP was able to virtually break even in 2023.

I am profoundly humbled by the generosity and support we received from our parishioners, the Knights of Columbus, Immaculata High School staff and students, and all the volunteers who give countless hours, energy, and treasure to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters. It is my prayer that our Lord continue to bless each and everyone of us. May His grace and mercy inspire us to spread his love to all. God Bless.

Respectfully, Abel Martins



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 Tues @ 10:30 am
Sandalwood: Date & Time to be Announced.

Bazaar Donations Year Round!

Contact Beryl with items you have for our 2024 Bazaars 250-717-0527

THE PARISH

Happy Birthday!

Our dear Sister Beryl Froehler celebrated her 87th birthday on January 12. Beryl, with all that you do in the parish, it is hard to believe you are 87. I remember seeing you under the table during the bazaar as you moved things back and forth. I was amazed. We are grateful for the GIFT that you are to our parish. Through the bazaar you coordinate you bring our parish and community together in love, joy and friendship. As always: she would always say to me: "Father, it is not hard work, we are having fun." **We love you and wish you joy, peace and health.** Blessings to you and family. Happy birthday!



Catechism Update

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.

There is no class on January 25th, due to Family Mass January 28th @ 11 am.

THE SEASON OF LENT

The Christmas season has passed, and we are now in Ordinary Time. However, time flies so fast... Have you thought about Lent?

Probably, not yet. Here are some refreshments of what Lent is. The earlier you make your plan for Lent the more fruitful it will be.

The first day of Lent always starts on Ash Wednesday and goes on for 40 consecutive days. This year, Ash Wednesday will be on Feb. 14.

There will be 2 Masses celebrated at St. Pius X Parish, (morning and evening). Times will be announced closer to the date.

During Lent we focus on three main pillars: *Prayer *Fasting and abstinence *Almsgiving. This is the time of reflection and repentance as we prepare for the most Holy Time in the Liturgical year, that is the Easter season. Don't wait and make your plan for Lent now!

Family Rosary & Social

- 16:30 – Doors open
- 17:00 – Rosary
- 17:45 – Pizza in the hall
- 18:15 – Movie & Popcorn

FREE OF CHARGE

SUNDAY JANUARY 28 AT 4 PM
2024

ST. PIUS X
1346 Gordon Drive

THE DIOCESE

Our Lady Of Lourdes - Annual Fundraiser

Please join us for the OLOL Black Tie Gala! Come out for a night of great food, dancing and a live and silent auction! This event sells out every year, so get your tickets soon!

When: Feb 10, 2024 at 6pm

Where: OLOL School, 2547 Hebert Rd
Tickets are \$75 and are available by emailing Carly at lolbookkeeper@cisnd.ca



Would you like to share your time and talent in helping out at St. Pius X Parish? Don't know where you could fit in? Email 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 Oppertshouser

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 Deshner

info@rachelvineyardkelowna.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

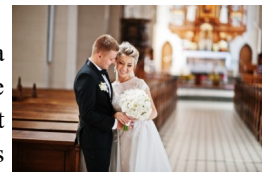
In Baptism we begin the beautiful journey of friendship with Jesus. As a Parish Family, we rejoice to add new members in Baptism. Please call the office at least 6 weeks prior to your requested date to ensure time for your preparation of this most special sacrament.



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



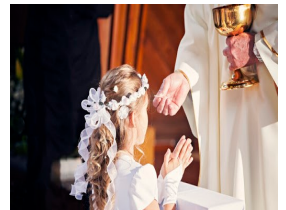
Priesthood/Diaconate/ Religious Life

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



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 12 :30pm. 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.



KOREAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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.

