

Welcome to St. Pius X Parish, Kelowna

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September 24 2023: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Message: Building Up Our Community in Christ Jesus

Faith, Family, Fun, Games, Mass and Adoration

This Sunday, September 24, starting at 4.30pm, we are going to have a community building event. Everyone is invited for Pizza, games, fellowship, getting to know each other, celebrating anniversaries, birthdays and ending with Mass and Adoration. During Adoration, families will light candles and place on the Altar and offer to the Lord the desires of their hearts. Everyone is welcome.



With cross in her hand and smile on her face, Elena is looking forward to Sunday



What's your name: Fr. Obi or Fr. Sylvester?

This is a question that someone asked me this week. People ask me all kinds of interesting questions. Some I have answers to, others, I don't. This one I do :)

So, both are my names given to me by my parents. At birth, I was given the name Obiora (short form is Obi). At baptism, I received another name - Sylvester. In Nigeria, one of the names become dominant. In my own case, everyone in my family, friends, relatives call me Obi. In my prayer, that is also the name I hear God call me. Names are important and the name Obiora means 'The heart of the community' (Obi means heart; ora means community). Maybe this is why I'm interested in helping always to build community. So, during our years together here: I'll join you in building up not only our parish community but also the Kelowna Catholic Community. Though we are many, we are one Body in Christ.

Second collection this weekend is for the Church in Canada: to help the Bishops in the pastoral needs of the Church in Canada and for building up the faith. Thank you in advance for your generosity



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.

Wednesday Rosary 8:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m.

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 23	5:00 pm	Jack Desautels	-R-
Sunday Sep 24	8:30 am	Parishioners	-INT-
Sunday Sep 24	11:30 am	Alice Ruest	-R
Tuesday Sep 26	9:00 am	Rito Ortiz & Natalia Almeda	- INT
Wednesday Sep 27	9:00 am	Gene Allen	-INT-
Thursday Sep 28	9:00 am	Margaret Becker	-INT-
Friday Sep 29	9:00 am	REV. Cerlouie Jimenez	-INT-
Saturday Sep 30	5:00 pm	Malanie Hope Wadden	-R-

Pastor's Message Continues...

Catechism

On Thursday, we started catechism. Our parish was buzzing with kids - 32 of them. We are growing - thanks be to God. We encourage parents and grandparents who haven't registered their children and grandchildren to do so. Come join us on Thursday at 6pm. No Catechism next week, September 28. The following week, October 5, we will start catechism with a meal for parents and children at 5.30pm.

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING MASS (OCTOBER 1) AT 6PM WILL BE A HEALING MASS. Anointing of the sick at the end of Mass. 'Come to me all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest.' (Matthew 11:25).

PRAYER GROUP IS RESTARTING

Check p. 3 for details

Alpha.... Starting on October 5 with a meal at 5.30pm. Check p. 5 & 6 for details.

I look forward to seeing you all on the weekend and celebrating the love of the Father.

God love you! Happy Sunday.

Your brother,

Fr. Obi

"IT IS NOT JOY THAT MAKES US GRATEFUL; IT IS GRATITUDE THAT MAKE US JOYFUL" __ DAVID STEINDL- RAST.



REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE ILLS

Please pray for the sick and injured at home and in hospital, ...Please check last week's bulletin for names.

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



SUNDAY EVENING MASS AT 6PM

New 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. 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 helping to be able to serve our families more by having this Mass.

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 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 It's amazing and it is coming to St. Pius X soon. Look for more information in upcoming bulletins.

3. **Back to School Mass and Adoration:** Check page...

4. **Bazaar:**

the parish annual bazaar is fast approaching. We are so grateful for the items you have donated. I understand that items are still being collected. So if you have anything to donate, we will be happy to receive them. Thank you in advance.

5. **Multicultural Day:**

We are planning to have a multicultural day in October. Details in the coming weeks.

6. **Catechism:**

Registration will take place on September 14 at 6pm. Grades 1 - 7.

7. **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

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

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 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

no password is required.



Pilgrimage of Faith donations are also accepted with no password at 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 3rd 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

BACK TO SCHOOL

Family Prayer for the Year Ahead



 Sunday September 24, 4:30pm – 7:30pm
 St. Pius X, 1077 Fuller Avenue
Family Fellowship, Pizza, Games
Mass (6pm) & Adoration (7pm)

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**.



St. Pius X's Bazaar will be held

On Saturday, September 30th and the Christmas Bazaar is Sat, November 4th. Please keep us in mind if you are cleaning your house, closet or basement, we can help take those special treasures off your hands, please feel free to call Beryl. September 24 is the last day to drop off of your treasures. Please call at **250-717-0527**



VOLUNTEERS are needed for our Bazaar on Sat, Sept 30th, if you are able to help even if it is only for a couple of hours, your time would be very much appreciated. We are also looking for coordinators for the following booths: Linsens, Bake table & the Children's Booth.

If you are interested in being a coordinator, please call Trish. To be a volunteer please write your name on the poster at the entrance of the church or call Trish at **250-763-1090**.

What better way to meet the parishioners in our church, come out and have some fun!

Thanking you in advance.

The Bazaar Baking Booth and Tea Room needs all your great baking. Cakes, cookies, muffins, fudge, loaves, pies, bread and buns are always popular. Pickles, jams, jellies etc also sell well. We will be in the hall Friday, Sept 29th all day until 5:00pm to receive your items. Last year we sold out of everything, that tells you how awesome our baking is! So **READY-SET-BAKE** all you star bakers please start baking.

BAZAAR Fliers have been placed in the main foyer - if you have access to a bulletin board,

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.

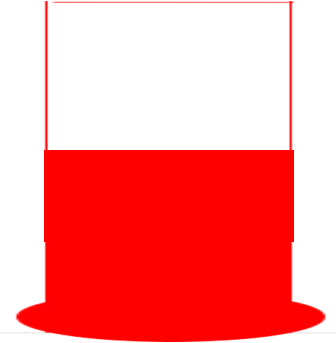


\$45,000

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

CWL September 23,24 Announcements



* Thought for the Week: Mentorship

Mentorship includes guidance, inspiration and encouragement. The Catholic Women's League is a sisterhood of mentors willing to walk with you. Come be part of the journey.

*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

"I am like the sick sheep that strays from the rest of the flock. Unless the Good Shepherd takes me on His shoulders and carries me back to His fold, my steps will falter, and in the very effort of rising, my feet will give way. St Jerome- feast day September 30

Have you felt isolated from life itself as you have struggled since the day of your abortion decision? Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and allow The Good Shepherd to scoop you up into His merciful embrace and carry you until you feel strong again.

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

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,

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.

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.

lhledaoust2012@gmail.com or phone **250-460-0378**.

LIGHT A CANDLE STAY, PRAY & PRAISE
TO BLESS THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

The Source

Sunday Sept. 24th St. Pius X
Adoration & Praise (at end of 6pm Mass)

For Info: Text Kevin 250-718-3659

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.



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FACE PAINTERS - we are looking for 2 volunteers to help us with face painting at the Bazaar, if you are interested and love to paint art on faces we would enjoy having you, the kids enjoy this part of the Bazaar. Please call Trish at **250-763-1090**.



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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Each Alpha session includes a short video, time to connect, and plenty of time to discuss.

Join us!

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October 5-December 14
530-730 pm
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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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Share the
hope you
have with
the people
you love.

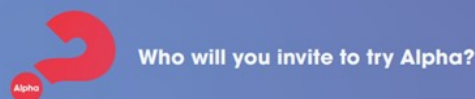
Alpha creates
a space for
you to...

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

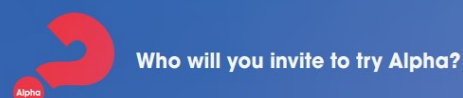
Sharing your
faith can be
scary...

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: Peter Huang 250-763-5830 **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

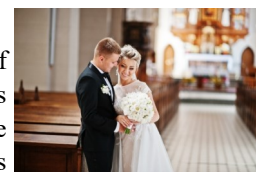
In Baptism we begin the beautiful journey of friendship with Jesus. As a Parish Family, we rejoice to add new members in Baptism. Please call the office at least 6 weeks prior to your requested date to ensure time for your preparation of this most special sacrament.



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



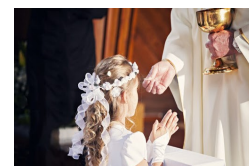
Priesthood/Diaconate/ Religious Life

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



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



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.

