

Sunday Bulletin: March 31st, 2024 St. Pius X Parish

Easter Sunday - Happy Easter!



PASTOR'S MESSAGE FOR EASTER

Dear Friends in Christ, Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!! Happy Easter

Thank you for your presence and prayers as we celebrate the greatest event in history. I especially extend a warm welcome to anyone who is visiting with us from other places or from other Faith backgrounds. As we gather this Easter on the holy ground of our parish, we celebrate the gift of life that God has blessed each of us with. If you are with us today but do not worship with us on a regular basis, I welcome you home to the Catholic Church and extend an invitation to visit with one of our priests or staff to answer any questions you may have about our faith. We are here to serve you, to partner with you and to journey together as we discover the riches hidden in Christ and the beauty of our faith.

We have a number of people already making the journey through RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) and would be received in the Church next year at Easter. Christian Initiation is an ongoing process in our parish. If you or a loved one would ever like more information about becoming a Catholic, please free feel to speak with any of our priests or staff.

I pray that you and your loved ones have a blessed Easter! When you come before the Lord, please pray for me, for the other priests who serve us and for our staff.

Please know that we will pray for you, your loved ones and your intentions.

Jesus is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!!

Permit me to share a little message of Easter with you. What Difference Can Easter Make For Me?

As I write this piece, I'm looking through the window of my living room. I see tulips sprouting, grass green again, things I thought were dead are coming back to life. The song: 'What a wonderful world' immediately came to my mind and is all in my head as I write this.

The resurrection of Jesus can transform the way I live and the way I die and help me to rediscover the wonder and mystery that life is.

The resurrection matters because my past can be forgiven, my present problems managed and my future secure and nothing is definitively lost.

The Past

One of the great news of Easter is that the past can be forgiven. Have you ever been halfway through a project ...

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.

EASTER BLESSINGS! HE IS RISEN

Good Friday Second Collection

In support of Christians in the Holy Land, these funds are used for the protection and upkeep of shrines, basilicas and churches and to help with pastoral work, Catholic schools, needs of convents and social assistance

Christians are a shrinking minority in the Holy Land.

Mass Schedule - St. Pius X Mass

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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

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THE PARISH

Pastor's Message Continued...

and wished you could start over? A lot of time people feel that way about life. When you have regrets about things you've done or said which you are not proud about, Easter brings us a message of hope: "He has forgiven all our sins and cancelled our debts. Jesus has done away with it by nailing it on the Cross." Colossians 2:14.

For those who are in Christ Jesus, there is no condemnation.

The Present

Sometimes I meet people who say 'My life is out of control: schedule, relationships, I just don't know what to do.' On our own, we can't do it. Only the power that raised Jesus from the dead 2,000 years ago can help us. As St. Paul says: "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me."

The future is secure. Because of Jesus and His resurrection, I know I have a place in my Father's house when I die. I'm no longer afraid of death.

Maybe you are barely hanging on; you've been discouraged, disappointed, depressed. The pressure and stress has been building up, and you feel overwhelmed. Maybe you are not well. Jesus says to you and I this Easter: "Give it all to me; Let go and let me work in your life." At Holy Communion, let us say to Him:

- Jesus, I want to give you these problems I'm facing; I
 want to give you my life: the good, the bad, the ugly.
 Fill me with your hope and your presence and your
 power.
- 2. Jesus, I'm putting my total trust in you. I want to follow you. Thank you for loving me and dying for me. Help me to understand it more.
- 3. Maybe you've drifted away. Jesus says to you: "With deep love, I'll draw you back." You can say to Him: "Lord, I want to get it in gear again. I want to quit playing Mickey Mouse and put first things first in my life."

I look forward to celebrating these holy days with you! Happy Easter! Your brother, Fr. Obi

HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS TIMES

Good Friday, March 29th

Stations of the Cross: 2:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena: 2:30 pm Passion of our Lord: 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil, March 30th: 4:00 pm

Easter Sunday, March 31st: 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 6:00 pm

Blessing of Easter Bread/food

After 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses. Bring your Easter basket/bread and place them in front of the Altar.

Divine Mercy Novena Friday March 29th to Saturday, April 6th

in the Church at 3pm

Divine Mercy Sunday Saturday, April 6th: 5:00 pm **Sunday, April 7th**: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm

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Rachel's Corner

"I have told you all this so that you may find peace in me. In the world you <u>will</u> have hardship, but be courageous: I have conquered the world." - John 16:33

Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and celebrate Our Lord's victory over death which you can receive directly as you allow Him to conquer the death you feel inside since your abortion.

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com f Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna 250-762-2273

BURSARY - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Fr. Delestre Council of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce that it will again be offering bursaries to students who are graduating from high school this year and who are planning to attend an accredited post-secondary school in BC. One-time bursaries are also available for students already in post-secondary programs who are continuing their studies in accredited post-secondary education in BC.

To request an application, please contact Paul Gabias, <u>paul.gabias@ubc.ca</u>. All applications must be received **on or before May 15**th to be considered.

Ozanam Recovery House, a project of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, is a Kelowna-based recovery home for men struggling with addictions and/or mental health issues. Our mission is to treat addiction and promote recovery by providing Home, Health and Hope. Since opening our doors in 2008, we have helped more than 750 men change their lives!

We are currently in need volunteers to join our Board of Directors.

Treasurer position is vacant and needs to be filled urgently. **Directors at Large also.**

Our working board meets online once a month for 2 hours, and members typically contribute an additional 2-6 hours of their time per month. To learn more or get involved, please contact **Jamie Walters**, **General Manager** at manager@recovervkelowna.ca or call 250-762-4673.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

There has been a temporary change to our access to patient information in hospital.

If you know of any St. Pius X parishioners who are in hospital and they would like to receive the Eucharist, please let Angelica in the parish office know so our parish hospital visitation team can visit them.

THE PARISH

Prayers Requested

First Communion Students

Noah Adam
Casey Alvarez
Uchenna Claire Anagboso
Jayden Iligan
Erika Iturbide
Manfred Lumalang
Danica Roach
Charlie Sierhuis
Danica Roach
Gideon Santos
Emilia Schulze
Evelino Stradiotto

Confirmation Students

Chimdi Emma-Ann Anagboso
Sebastian Blazejewski
Wayne Zander Espejo
Cadence Filice
Matias Arroyo Flores
Mariana Iturbide
Vincent Kohut
Hanna Slivinski
Callum Vos
Jasper Woodman

Mass Intentions

*Saturday, March 30th 5:00 pm Hani Yousif -R-

*Sunday, March 31st 9:00 am St. Pius X Parishioners -INT-

*Sunday, March 31st 11:00 am
Frank Steger -RFrank Kovacs -R-

*Sunday, March 31st 6:00 pm Fr. Obi on his Birthday -INT-

*Tuesday, April 2nd 9:00 am Mary Kolenkowski & Family -R-

*Wednesday, April 3rd 9:00 am Fr. Obi Birthday -INT-

*Thursday, April 4th 9:00 am Abel & Paulette Martins 35th Wedding Anniversary -INT-

*Friday, April 5th 9:00 am
Thanks Giving to the Lord for all the
Blessings -INT-

Gluten-Free Communion

For those requiring Holy Communion without gluten, please see the presiding priest during the distribution of Holy Communion and ask for a gluten-free Eucharist.

AN EASTER PRAYER

I said an Easter Prayer for you,
And asked the Lord above,
To keep you safely in His care,
And enfold you in His love...
~ Helen Steiner Rice

Pray for the Sick

Please pray for the sick and injured at home and in hospital, especially for...

Walter Ouarenghi, Joel Del Pino, Tessa McGibbon, June Hanushchak, Christine Zlogar, Vince Cummings, Oliver Fabris, James McGlinchey, Rita Gemin, Betty Klinger, Desigrations 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, 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 Mover.

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

St. Pius X Catholic Women's League

"1": Members are the "1" called by name and chosen by God. It begins with "1"! All it takes is "1" step in the right direction and "1" member to make a difference. How can you as a CWL member make a difference in your family, in your parish or in your community? What small step can you take? Our CWL council is looking for individuals to serve in as our Service & Social Justice leads. Learn more at cwl.ca. If you are interested in the positions, please contact president Mary Ann Rehlinger 250-763-3396.



*Up Coming Events:

<u>CWL Regional Retreat:</u> 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 for more information.

Welcome to the St. Pius X Parish Family!!

We are so happy that you have chosen to Baptize your beautiful child at St. Pius X and we invite you to this special time of preparation for the Baptism of your child!

We want you to understand the significance of Baptism and feel a sense of belonging to our Parish family so we have created a 2-part Baptism Prep Program. The first session will help you gain a greater understanding and be proactive participants in the Baptismal Rite; the second session is a time for prayer, reflection, and group discussion on the Sacrament and how we can live in out in our lives and the lives of our children.

We hope that you will be engaged by our presentations and we thank you in advance for your participation. May this preparation make your child's Baptism a truly joyful and Spirit-filled event. We hope that you will be engaged by our presentations and we thank you in advance for your participation. May this preparation make your child's Baptism a truly joyful and Spirit-filled event.

First Wednesday of each month (6-7pm)

Part 1: The Celebration of Baptism The Rites and Symbols of Baptism Homework between sessions: watch video -Your Baby's Baptism (copy provided)

Second Wednesday of each month (6-7pm) Third Sunday of each month

Part 2: Families and Faith Formation Building strong connections between our families and our Faith. Bonding with our Community of Faith.

(11am Mass – until about 1pm) Rite of Baptism Followed by a Parish Celebration to welcome your child into our Parish family!



Young Adult Group

17 years and older. Meets every Sunday at 4:00 pm in the St. Pius X church hall. Come join us for prayers,

games, watch a really good video on growing in our love for Jesus, getting to know Him more and supporting each other as young Catholics.

Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend!

Marriage Preparation

Our Parish Office Manager will send information about the

Parent Check List - Baptism Prep Contact the St. Pius X Parish office to

enquire about Baptism at least 2 months

Watch the video https://watch.formed.org/videos/w

Baptism Prep Program and Selecting Godparents. Provide a copy of your child's Birth Certificate

prior to Baptism Rite.

Are you getting married in the Catholic Church this spring or summer?

There will be a marriage prep session at St. Pius X Church starting

on Thursday, April 4th at 6:30 pm.

Please contact Deacon Peter d'Aoust or Lynn Hale to register and for more information.

lhaledaoust2012@gmail.com or phone 250-460-0378

CATECHISM UPDATE

We are on Spring Break! 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.

No Classes until April 4th

Please consider helping out at catechism classes. We are always in need of spares for all grades! Contact Mike Wilson

> Children's Liturgy at St. Pius X Church **Every Sunday at the 11am Mass** Ages 3 to 9

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 (a) 10:30 am Date & Time to be Announced Sandalwood:









April 5, 2024 5:30-8:00pm ST PIUS X Parish Hall



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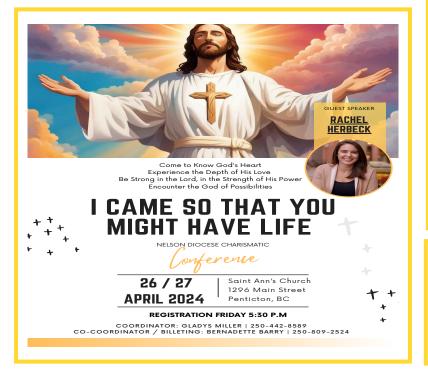


MARCH FOR LIFE

Thursday May 9th @ 6:30 pm ICC 839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna

Grieving With Great Hope

Thursdays 4 - 4:45 pm @ ICC Parish April 11th to May 9th Call ICC office to register 250-762-3910





Happy 30th Wedding Anniversary, Dinh and Tina. We love you! Thank you for being a sign of God's faithful love in the world.

Our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal

This <u>annual appeal provides funding</u> for capital project rebates, Catholic education, social and pastoral programs, and many other key services in our Diocese as well as to our parish.

Our Diocesan Goal: \$39,450

Parish Goal: \$6,000

Total Goal for 2024: \$45,450 Raised So Far: \$\$7,461.19

We still need \$37,988.81 to reach our goal.

We hope that everyone will participate in this year's appeal. Remember to fill out your pledge card and drop it along with a cheque/cash in the collection, or donate via etransfer to: etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org or online via Canada Helps at Canada Helps: https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/24360. For more information on how to give, contact St. Pius X office at 250-762-2587.

Youth Leadership Summit

July 2nd - 6th, 2024 Grade 8 - 12 youth St. Pius X Parish

ST. PIUS X PARISH EVENTS: MARCH 29th - April 4th

Friday, March 29th	2:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Friday, March 29th	2:30 pm	Divine Mercy Novena
Friday, March 29th	3:00 pm	Passion of Our Lord
Saturday, March 30th	4:00 pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday, March 31st	9 am, 11 am, 6 pm	Holy Mass - Easter Sunday
Sunday, March 31st	After all masses	Blessing of Easter Baskets
Monday, April 1st	6:00 pm	ESL (English Class) —Parish Hall
Tuesday to Friday	8:30 am	Rosary Followed by Holy Mass
Tuesday, April 2nd	11:00 am	Korean Prayer Group —Fr. Martin Room
Tuesday, April 2nd	10:00 am	Divine Will Studies —Fr. Mulvihill Room
Wednesday & Friday	9:35 am	Adoration
Wednesday, April 3rd	10:00 am	Quilter's Day Fr. Martin Room
Thursday, April 4th	1:30 pm	Bible Study—Fr. Martin Room



FOR SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT & OPPORTUNITIES
TO BE OUR LORD'S EYES, HANDS, FEET & VOICE

NELSON CWL 88 TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

For more information or to preregister: debcloutier27@gmail.com

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:

by BRAVE Education Panel Members and Facilitators:

• Alyssa Favro, MA RCC, Counsellor and Educator

• Brenna Wallace, Experiential Spokesperson and Educator

• Bryna Ari, Investigator, RCMP Serious Crimes Unit

• Kelly Schuler-McDonald, Executive Director

WHEN: 12:30 Friday, May 3rd 2024 WHERE: 14010 Rosedale Ave, Summerland BC Donations to NDCWL are appreciated



RELINQUISHING OUR PLANS AND ASPIRATIONS AND ENTRUSTING OURSELVES TO GOD'S BOUNDLESS COMPASSION AND PROVIDENCE.

ALL WOMEN WELCOME!

COST \$40 TO REGISTER EMAIL CHRISTINA.ICC.CWL@GMAIL.COM OR CALL 250-808-3785



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat:

Has abortion left you feeling empty and alone?

Rachel's Vineyard retreats are available for women, men, couples or anyone who has struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion.

If you are searching for peace and inner healing from an abortion experience, this retreat is for you.

Register now for our Spring retreat in Kelowna. For more information contact Vicki, 250-762-2273.

> info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com, www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com

> > Confidentiality assured.

Parish Organizations

Pastoral Team Fr. Obi Ibekwe (Pastor) 250-762-2587

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Angelica Ortiz

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dorisbregolisse@shaw.ca

Finance Chairperson: Dennis Barnes Hospital & Shut-in Visits: Elizabeth Hobart

236-420-0599

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250-878-1502

Baptism Preparation: Angela Pomeroy 250-317-7670

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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

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 Pomerov – 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



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm in the Fr. Martin Room.



KOREAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY LEGIO meets every Tuesday at 11am in the Fr. Martin Room. COMMUNITY meets 3rd Sunday at 12.30 in the Fr. Martin's Room.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

For St. Pius X CWL Council meeting times and events please visit their calendar at: https://www.spxbc.com/cwl



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 Room





Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

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 <u>250</u> <u>762 2587</u>. Please ask to speak with Fr. Obi. You can also email us at <u>spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org</u>

HOLY WATER

At the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses, we will have bottled holy water for all our parishioners. If you already have a container, come and fill it with holy water. If you don't have one, we'll have a bottle of holy water for your family. By blessing our homes with Holy Water, we invite Jesus—our Risen Lord—to always be united with our family.

We implore Him to protect us from days of crisis when love fails among us.

GRATITUDE

On this Easter celebration, I would like to thank everyone in our parish for your faith in Jesus, for your loving and active participation in our parish and city, for the many ways you inspire and encourage me and others.

Thank you.

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations a meaningful and beautiful one.

Thanks to ALL for giving your all and for your kind assistance to me.

To all our parishioners, thank you for the gifts you have shared, for the flowers, for making our parish a beautiful place where Jesus is encountered and loved, where hearts are warmed and the sick are healed and restored.

I'm a happy pastor because of you.