

Sunday Bulletin: February 25th, 2024 St. Pius X Parish Second Sunday of Lent



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Lent - Truly, A Time of Grace and Renewal

The search for more is intensified every Lent. We want more of God and the riches hidden in Jesus. God truly desires more for us.

- What are some of the things we are doing as a parish to make Lent 2024 truly a time of grace, renewal, spiritual infilling and abundant blessings?
- Parish Mission, March 9th 12th. Please check page 5 of the bulletin for details. The upcoming Mission promises to be a great time to listen to inspiring talks on the beauty of our Catholic Faith, miracles and how we can be filled so we can give from a place of abundance. There's also a Men's Session. Lent/Easter Confession will be available during the Mission.
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 am (during the Rosary).
- Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) on Fridays during Adoration (9:35 am to 9:50 am)
- Stations of the Cross, Fridays at 6:30 pm.

Metanoia - For young Adults every Sunday starting at 4:00 pm.

Other items:

- Foyer of the Church: You will notice that our foyer has chairs for people to sit and visit. There are inspiring books for your use. We are also hoping that parents of young children can utilize this space if their child needs attention. We hope they find it comfortable.
- Booklet for prayers in the pews: You will also notice we have some Stations of the Cross booklets in the pews. Lent is a time to focus on the passion of Jesus: all that He did for us in order to save us. Booklets like this can help in our conversation with Jesus and can inspire deeper personal prayer. We hope they can be neatly kept so that everyone including our visitors will find our church neat, tidy and beautiful.

Young Adults:

This Sunday, February 25th at 4:00 pm, St. Pius X Parish is starting a Young Adult Group where we can come together to connect, build community, grow in our relationship with Jesus, pray together, support one another, deepen our Catholic faith, play games, and have fun.

We will be watching a beautiful inspirational video called Metanoia by Fr. Dave Pivonka, have some discussion on Lent and pray Night Prayer together and Mass (for anyone who would like to attend evening Mass).

I'm really excited about this!

Please help me to spread the word. It is open to anyone from Age 17 to 40.

Something Good: I saw a sticker on a car the other: 'I pray that something good happens to you today.' That day, after reading it, something good happened to me. Well, that's my prayer for you this weekend and in the following week and everyday.

Be kind, keep loving, smile often, forgive always, God loves you! Happy Sunday! Your brother, Fr. Obi.

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 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 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.

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS TIMES

Palm Sunday Mass, March 23rd Saturday (Anticipated): 5:00 pm Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm

Holy Thursday, March 28th: 4:00 pm

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

CHRISM MASS - NELSON

Everyone is welcome to attend the **Mass of the Sacred Chrism** in **Nelson** on **Monday, March 25th**. At this Mass, the different oils we use during the year are blessed by the Bishop. It is a beautiful diocesan celebration. If you haven't attended before, consider attending this year, if you can. Anyone planning to attend should register through our parish office in person, telephone or email.

Couples who are celebrating special wedding anniversaries (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and longer) are invited to attend. The diocese rejoices with them on this day and would honour them for being a sign of God's faithful love in the world. Names of Jubilarians are needed by March 15th so that the diocese can prepare tokens of congratulations.

<u>Mass</u> 7:00 pm <u>Social Get-together</u> 4:15 pm <u>Dinner</u> 5:00 pm



Rachel's Corner

Rachel's Vineyard Spring 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 April retreat in Kelowna. For more information contact Vicki, 250-762-2273.

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



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



APRIL 11th, 2024 – May 9th, 2024

If the death of a loved one has left you searching for God in your grief, we are here to help. **Grieving with Great Hope** is a Christ-centred grief support group with an approach rooted in the traditions and teachings of the Catholic Church. It uses prayer, scripture, reflection activities, faith sharing and fellowship to help you find Christ's consolation in your grieving. Our 2024 Spring Session will run for 5 weeks, each Thursday, 4:00 pm to 5:45 pm from April 11th, 2024, to May9th, 2024, sessions will be held in the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall.

If Grieving with Great Hope is for you or if you wish to learn more or to register, call ICC parish office (250-762-3910) or email Tania Tavares: taniastemarietavares@gmail.com. **Registration is required to ensure that a participant booklet and seat is available for you. Register by: March 28th, 2024. Note: There are no fees for the sessions, participant booklet or journal.

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St. Pius X Catholic Women's League

*<u>Thought for the Week: Vision</u>

The Catholic Women's League's envisioned future is to be an inclusive and engaged community of Catholic women – inspired by faith. Its vision is to ensure that it remains a vital participant in the church, a valued partner for social justice, a respected advocate at all government levels, and connected to the world. Come and see! Contact: 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.

Lent Confession Schedules

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

St. Pius X Parish Monday, March 12th @ 6:00 pm

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

St. Edwards Parish Wednesday, March 14th @ 6:00 pm

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

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

<u>Pray for the Sick</u>

Please pray for the sick and injured at home and in hospital, especially for... Walter Quarenghi, Joel Del Pino, 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: <u>spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org</u>

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

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.

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 Vincent Kohut Confirmation Charlie Sierhuis Wayne Xander Espejo Danica Roach Mariana Iturbide Casey Alvarez Matias Arroyo Flores Manfred Lumalang Cadence Filice Gideon Santos Callum Vos Uchenna Claire Anagboso Emilia Schulze **Evelino Stradiotto** Chimdi Emma-Ann Anagboso

Mass Intentions

*Saturday, Feb 24th, 5:00 pm. Beu Strom Family -INT-

*Sunday, Feb 25th, 9:00 am Parishioners of St. Pius X -INT

*Sunday, Feb 25th, 11:00 am Lou Therrien & Jo Lauer -R-

*Sunday, Feb 25th, 6:00 pm Andrew, Wife Stephany & daughter Catherine Plishka

> *Tuesday, Feb 27th, 9:00 am Roselie Maravilla Palomar -R-

*Wednesday, Feb 28th, 9:00 am Daren Reiter -INT-

*Thursday, Feb 29th, 9:00 am Renato Casamayor Palomar -R-

* Friday, March 1st, 9:00 am Suzie McCann -INT-





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VOLUNTEER WITH US!

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 <u>volunteer.st.pius.x@shaw.ca</u>

Marriage Preparation

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

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.

FAMILY MASS FEBRUARY 25TH, 11 AM

Next class: February 29th

Please consider helping out at catechism classes. We are always in need of spares for all grades! Contact Mike Wilson <u>mwilson@cisnd.ca</u>

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.

Office Gratitude

The office of St Pius X church was gifted a computer monitor.

We are very grateful to our parishioner who donated the monitor to us for our office.

Likewise, we extend our most sincerely gratitude to the people who called to offer us more. We feel very blessed having you and for your response and generosity.

God bless you and yours. Angelica.



OFFERINGS FOR ST. PIUS X **NEW** QR CODES ARE HERE!!

- With the camera on your phone, place the QR code on the left in the centre.
- A yellow "Square Link" box will appear, touch that and open the link.
- 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.
- Follow the prompts (it should be relatively simple) and pay with your credit card.
 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 envelopment of the message box indicate that you want your donation to go to Sunday Collection. Regular offering

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 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.



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 Sandalwood: Date & Time to be Announced

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As we continue to journey through Lent, we invited you to watch the **Second Sunday of Lent** video of the series titled "Journey through Lent" also now available on the CCCB website: <u>https://www.cccb.ca/lent/</u>

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

Lenten Parish Mission for the Whole Family Embracing Grace and the Call to Mission

Many of us feel like we are giving from a place of emptiness and scraping the bottom. Jesus desires more for us. St. Pius X Parish will be hosting a Lenten Parish Mission to help you get filled up and renewed through the power of the Eucharist so you can give again from a place of abundance to a broken world. This will be a perfect opportunity to prepare for Easter: Listen to inspiring talks, attend a candle-lit Eucharistic Adoration event, and prepare for a great Lenten/Easter Confession.

Facilitated by Faith Room and led by Jean-Paul de Fleuriot. To find out more, you can visit www.faithroom.ca.

Dates and Time

Sat, March 9th: 7 pm - 9 pm (16+ Mens Only Session involving sports, a talk and fellowship)

Sun, March 10th: A 25 mins talk after Holy Communion (Don't worry, no Fr. Obi's homily this week;-)

Mon, March 11th: 6 pm - 8:15 pm: Two Talk Sessions to inspire our faith and give us tools to find greater freedom in Christ.

Tues, March 12th: 6 pm - 9 pm: A short talk to help draw our hearts into Eucharistic Mission and a Candle-lit Eucharistic Adoration Event to bring our burdens to Jesus. Parish Lenten/Easter Confessions are available this night.



2023 Year End Report

St. Pius X Parish

Comparison of Actual to Budget for the year Ended December 31, 2023

Unaudited St. Pius X Financial Information prepared for internal use only

INCOME		BUD	DGET 2024	2023			2,022
Collections		\$	305,000	\$	310,366	\$	
Ordered Collections			9,000		8,729		6,820
Gifts from other Organizations			4,000		4,040		193
Hall Rental			1,800		1,850		4,400
Rental House			30,000	(3)	30,000		11,000
Rebates from Diocese			5,000		12,044		35,586
Rebates from Diocese - Capital			15,000		0		0
Stole Fees, Religious Articles			8,500		8,477		10,055
Interest Revenue			10,500		7,763		6,002
Religious Education			1,500		1,480		1,791
Events (Bazaar)			22,000		23,057		22,410
Bequests			0		13,496		13,478
Youth Group			2,200		2,345		
Wage Subsidy - COVID 19			0		0		596
Candles, missals & envelopes			4,000		4,135		4,439
	Total Income	\$	418,500	\$	427,782	_	387,468
EXPENSES							
Cathedraticum - Diocesan Levy			59,000	(2)	50,242		45,830
Ordered Collections			9,000		8,729		6,820
Diocesan Pension Support			5,500		5,402		4,977
Repairs and Maintenance			30,000		21,960		19,059
Utilities			35,000		33,198		31,855
Insurance			16,000		15,959		15,516
Property Taxes			3,300		3,218		3,267
Office and Communication Supplies			10,000		9,255		10,670
Mass Supplies			4,500		4,685		825
Rectory supplies			2,000		2,308		469
Liturgical Supplies			9,300		4,685		825
Religious Education			2,500		2,487		2,050
Youth Group			13,000		844		1,487
Retreats, Workshops and Courses			14,000		3,818		901
Evangelization			4,000		3,965		0
Hospitality			2,000		0		0
Outreach to local charities			3,000		2,534		4,225
Ministry to seniors			3,000		0		0
Payroll			120,000	(1)	112,462		93,189
Rental House			10,500	(3)	16,657		8,504
Other Expenses			3,500		4,819	_	2,845
	Total Expenses	\$	359,100	\$	307,227	\$	253,314
Net Income		\$	59,400	\$	120,555	\$	134,154
Capital Expenses			25,000	(4)	111,188	_	24,293
Net Income Including Capital Expenses		\$	34,400	\$	9,367	\$	109,861

Notes

1. Payroll for Fr Gerald was partially paid by St. Edwards in 2023 and 2022

2. Cathedricum is based on a percentage of the previous year taxable collection which has been increasing

3. Extensive repairs were done to the rental house which is now fully rented at a higher rate

4. 2023 capital expense mainly related to the new heating and AC system

5. Other increases in 2023 and the budget for supplies, retreats, youth group

related to new programs that are being planned (including a part-time youth coordinator)