

Welcome to St. Pius X Parish, Kelowna

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September 17, 2023: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Message: The Beauty of our Parish Life

With the fall season here, parish life is back in full swing. There's a lot going on. The activities in the parish give me an opportunity to meet and get to know the parishioners. What I see on the faces of parishioners is joy. Though they are working so hard, it's as if they are having fun!

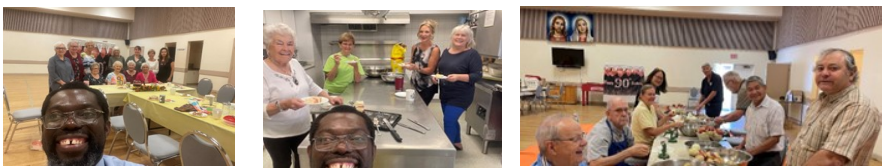
On Monday, the ladies were in the kitchen prepping for pie. On Thursday, they were back again. They thought me how to roll the dough. I was doing it so well (that was what one of the ladies said :) that Lorraine Landry said to me: "Fr, you are really getting good at this but we still want you to be our priest. Don't go looking for a backing job because they might take you. You can come and help us and just have this as your part time job." :)

We even had some time amidst the buzzing of parish life to celebrate a **birthday**. Jo Stewart turned 90. Margaret few months ago also celebrated her 90th birthday. These ladies don't quit. They keep working and making our parish a beautiful place. May our dear Lord bless them, grant them good health, joy and peace. Happy birthday!

If you have a special birthday or anniversary coming up, please let us know, we would like to celebrate you. You matter to us. You are important. You are precious to God and to us!

On Monday I had the joy of celebrating the **first Mass in UBCO**. Please pray for me and the Catholic students and all the other students and lecturers in the university that this new ministry may bear fruit, that Jesus may reveal Himself in a new way to hearts searching, seeking for meaning, for love and for happiness.

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.



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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Sep 16	5:00 pm	Harold Smith -R-
Sunday, Sep 17	8:30 am	Parishioners -INT-
Sunday Sep 17	11:30 am	Lina Diaz & Miguel Rangel Wedding anniversary -INT-
Tuesday, Sep 19	9:00 am	Thanksgiving for Ray Mark Bacolod Graduation -INT-
Wednesday, Sep 20	9:00 am	June Buckan Bday - INT-
Thursday, Sep 21	9:00 am	Kaine Carlson Kirke-R-
Friday, Sep 22	9:00am	Clarence & Margaret Becker -INT-
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-

Pastor's Message Continues....

I 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. Each Sunday evening Mass, while being a Mass for everyone will have a particular focus. More details next week.

On Tuesday, I was at **David Llyod Jones Care Home**. I'm always aware that every care-home is an extension of our parish: there we find parishioners with whom we have shared life and love. They are still part and parcel of our parish life. They may not be able to peel apples for pie for upcoming bazaar but their prayers for the parish is a great ministry. We are so grateful to them for that. As I was leaving, one of them said: "Fr, I have a question for you. Why is it that your hair is so dark but your beard is turning grey. What happened." "Well, Nora, there are many questions I don't have an answer to, and this is one of them" "Ok, Fr, I'll be here waiting, when you figure out the answer, let me know." They told me that every Friday afternoon they serve beer and wine and I'm invited to join them. So, I'm thinking of honouring this invitation 😊

Last weekend, I took Fr. Biju to the Catholic Family camp in Winfield. He saw so many families there and you could see how happy he was. Being from Indian, he's used to seeing lots of people. So, family camp gave him a taste of India. He looked at me with a smile on His face and said: "Fr, there's so many people here; I love it. Thank you for bringing me here." This weekend, Fr. Biju is participating (and hearing Confessions and celebrating Mass) in the Live-In Retreat at Seton House. Please let's pray for him and all the participants that it may be a grace-filled retreat for them.

Alpha: Begins on October 5. Check page 5 of the bulletin for details.

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



CONDOLENCES: *Our prayers and condolences to Bernie Shalagan (and his family) for the death of his wife Patrica Shalagan, who died 2 weeks ago.*

May the beautiful memories of a special loved one bring you comfort and solace during this time. Brighter days are ahead.



With deepest
Sympathy

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.

Pastor's Message Continues...

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!



PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Our Lord Jesus is inviting you to visit Him in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

Scheduled Hours available are:

SUN	8 AM, 9 AM & 3 PM	FRI	12 AM
MON	10 AM	THURS	4 AM
TUES	12 AM & 7 AM	SAT	4 AM & 2 PM
WED	2 AM & 3 AM		



Spares are always needed. Shared times available!
For information phone Lorie 250-448-5633

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Knights of Columbus.

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Community

Please join us for annual Walk for Life in Mission Creek Park on Saturday, September 23rd from noon - 2 pm. Free BBQ lunch for the first 75 people. Fun and games for the kids. Fellowship with pro-life community members. Short walk along the Greenway.



Join us on Sunday, October 1st for the annual LIFE CHAIN!

Over 300 locations across Canada will be holding Life Chains this year, and together we will be heard.

Please meet at Gagnon and Harvey Avenue behind the Dairy Queen (Harvey & Gordon) at 1:45 pm.

See you there!



Moved with Love

"Children are God's love-gift, they are heavenly generous reward". Psalm 127:3



Annual Benefit Banquet

Thursday Sept 21, 2023

6:00 to 9:00 pm

Evangel Church, 3261 Gordon Ave, Kelowna

Call: 250.763.2112



Ticket \$25 or Table of 8 for \$200

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

Singers are needed for the 8:30 AM mass

contact Christa Kartika email c.nangoi@yahoo.com or call **250-863-8860**.



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.

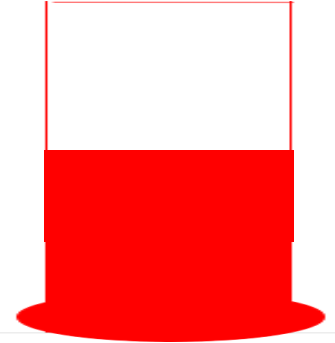


\$45,000

\$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 16,17 Announcements



*** Thought for the Week: Meaning**

Life has meaning when you recognize your God-given gifts and share them with others. Join the Catholic Women's League and celebrate the meaning of life as you share your gifts.

***General Meeting:** Saturday, September 16 at 10:00 am, in the Father Martin room followed by a light lunch.

***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

*The Lord sets prisoners free; the Lord gives sight to the blind.
The Lord raises up those who are bowed down."*

- Psalm 146: 7-8

When thoughts come to your mind regarding the day you were involved in an abortion decision, do they make you feel blind to hope, entrapped in regret and burdened with shame? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard® Retreat and be free again.

info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com

www.rachelvineyardkelowna.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@rachelvineyardkelowna.com,
www.rachelvineyardkelowna.com,

Confidentiality assured.

Knights of Columbus - St. Charles Garnier Parish You are invited to the Best Breakfast in town this Sunday after both 8:30 am & 10:30 am Mass at St. Charles Garnier Parish - Hall Sunday, September 24, 2023. Breakfast is served by the Knights of Columbus!

If you could please buy your tickets before Mass to have a better count of people. Tickets are \$9.00 per person and \$25.00 per family! Breakfast is served by the Knights of Columbus!

All funds raised go to Knights Charities!



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.

lhaleaoust2012@gmail.com or phone **250-460-0378**.

"If you cannot feed a hundred people, then feed just one"—
Mother Teresa, 1910

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.



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

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

Parish Organizations

Pastoral Team

Fr. Obi Ibekwe (Pastor) 250-762-2587
 Fr. Biju Anthony (Associate Pastor)
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 Angelica Ortiz

Parish Council Chairperson: Jim Mazzei
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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
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Charismatic Prayer Group: Piera Quarenghi 250-215-7100

Intercessory Prayer Group: TBA

Women's Ministry: Angela Pomeroy 250-317-7670

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Knights of Columbus: Peter Huang 250-763-5830 **K**

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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

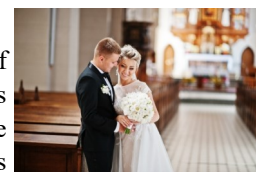
In Baptism we begin the beautiful journey of friendship with Jesus. As a Parish Family, we rejoice to add new members in Baptism. Please call the office at least 6 weeks prior to your requested date to ensure time for your preparation of this most special sacrament.



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



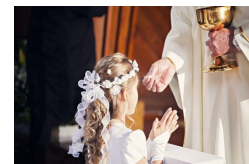
Priesthood/Diaconate/ Religious Life

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.



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.

