



Sunday Bulletin:

April 14th, 2024

St. Pius X Parish

Third Sunday of Easter



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, ignite and Youth Festival

This weekend, I am at Seton House of Prayer for Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat. Please pray for all who will be attending this retreat for their healing. This is a retreat filled with the compassion and love of Jesus for our sisters (and brothers) suffering from the pain and trauma of abortion. It is the Risen Lord who heals and restores all things in this confidential retreat.

Ignite - Children and Youth Ministry

Immense gratitude to Cherry and Ron for our new Ignite youth ministry. Our next one comes up on April 19th from 5.30 to 7.30 pm. Please pray for our coordinators and our young ones that this ministry may continue to be a great blessing for the parishes in Kelowna. Jesus says: "Let the little ones come to me for the kingdom of God is for such as these." (Matthew 19:14)

One of the children asked me during the event: "Father, where is the dessert; are we not going to have one?" Well, she was a little disappointed when she heard there was no dessert. Well, we could only afford pizza.

After the weekend, a few parishioners have approached me and our coordinators to say: "We wish to support this ministry." One of them gave us \$100. Who knows: there might be a little dessert in the upcoming youth night.

Youth Festival for Okanagan Catholic Community held at St. Pius Parish - May 4th & 5th

Since last year, I have been planning with a group of youths and adults to come to our parish for a youth festival. Because of winter conditions, they could not come last year but they are now ready to come. This is a group of young ones and married couples who go to parishes to bring about the excitement of our Catholic faith and friendship with Jesus to the young and to parishes. There will be 22 youth (late teens and early twenties) and 7 couples. We will need housing for them. If you have a room or some space in your home to house some of the youths or the couples, that would be wonderful. Please let the office know. We depend on your help and prayers for the success of the event.

May you have a wonderful weekend!

May the Shalom of Jesus be with you.

Your brother,
Fr. Obi

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.

Knights Of Columbus

Breakfast Sunday Starting at 8:30 am at St. Pius X!



You are more than welcome to join us for the Best Breakfast in town on **Sunday, April 14th!**

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 Friday
9:35 am - 10:00 am

Confession

Saturday 4:00 pm
or by appointment

Parish Priest: Fr. Obi Ibekwe
Priest: Fr. Biju Antony
Priest in Residence: Fr. Harry Clark

Fr. Obi Email: SPX.Kelowna.Pastor@nelsondiocese.org
Office Manager: Angelica Ortiz
346 Gordon Drive, Kelowna, BC V1Y 6X6 Canada
Phone: 250-762-2587 **Website:** www.spxbc.com
Email: spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org
Office hours: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, Monday thru Friday

THE PARISH

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

News Update

Greetings St. Pius X Parishioners! The following is an update to let you know what has been happening so far this year. The first three months of 2024 have been quite busy, we even had a couple of extra delivery days to keep up with requests. We received 122 calls, delivered 58 hampers, gave out \$4030 in gift and gas cards and utility relief, had 22 referrals, and assisted 24 new clients. The gift cards allow clients to buy fresh dairy products, vegetables, and fruit. Gas cards help clients attend medical appointments locally and sometimes Childrens' Hospital. At times, there is not enough money to go around and clients need help with their utility bills. Sometimes the requests we receive require more specialized assistance. That is when we refer folks to other organizations.

There is a great need for affordable housing in Kelowna. Many people walk a thin line between being housed or living on the street, especially those with special needs. Although our Society tries to help where it can, we still have to be diligent and prudent with our resources. To that end, our clients generally only qualify for our help no sooner than every three months.

We need your help. Parish donations have dropped, especially food donations. Please consider dropping off non-perishable foodstuffs in the St. Vincent de Paul bin located in the church foyer. The donation envelope package has a yellow envelope for St. Vincent de Paul on the first Sunday of the month. Please be as generous as possible. May Our Lord bless you for your benevolent charity. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank-you very much!

Respectfully, Abel Martins



**Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul**

THE DIOCESE

Rachel's Corner

"I gave all to Our Lord, and He broke the chains, and I am free now. I feel more at peace and a deep feeling of joy and hope that I can one day be with my child, my God and with Jesus. That is the hope I had one day lost and now have again." - Testimonial

Have you lost hope that you could ever be free of the chains that have imprisoned you since your loss due to an abortion decision? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and hand those chains to Him. Be free again.

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

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Prayer Group

We'd love to have you come join us! Come and celebrate our risen Lord ☺

***Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name; make known among the peoples his deeds! Sing praise, play music; proclaim all his wondrous deeds!
Glory in his Holy name; rejoice,
O hearts that seek the LORD!***

Psalm 105: 1-3

Our needs are great... our GOD is GREATER!!!!!!

When: Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30pm

Where: St Pius X Parish

For more info please call Piera 250-215-7100

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.

IGNITE! Children's Ministry and Youth Group

K-Grade 7

NEW FRIENDS * PRAYER * GAMES & MORE

Every 1st & 3rd
Friday!

April 19, 2024

5:30-7:30pm

ST PIUS X Parish Hall

Contact persons: Ron &
Cherry
Email:

chepesis@yahoo.com



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, April 13th, 5:00 pm
Antonia Guercio -R-

*Sunday, April 14th, 9:00 am
St. Pius X Parishioners -INT-

*Sunday, April 14th, 11:00 am
Daren Reiter -R-

*Sunday, April 14th, 6:00 pm
Parishioners of St. Pius X - INT-

*Tuesday, April 16th, 9:00 am
Darin Chabot -R-

*Wednesday, April 17th, 9:00 am
Phil Healey -R-

*Thursday, April 18th, 9:00 am
Carolyn Hanak's Health - INT-

*Friday, April 19th, 9:00 am
Mario Giuseppe & Luigi Putaro -R-

Pray for the Sick

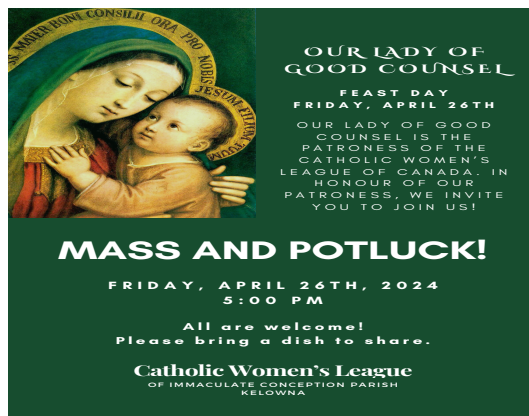
Please pray for the sick and injured at home and in hospital, especially for...

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, Constance Courne, 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

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.



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL
FEAST DAY
FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL IS THE PATRONESS OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA. IN HONOUR OF OUR PATRONESS, WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US!

MASS AND POTLUCK!

FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2024
5:00 PM

All are welcome!
Please bring a dish to share.

Catholic Women's League
OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
KELOWNA

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:**

CWL Regional Retreat: April 13th, 2024 at ICC Parish.

Diocesan CWL Convention: May 2-4. Theme is Renewing God's Fire Within Us: Summerland, Holy Child Parish. Registration packages have been emailed to members.

Provincial CWL Convention: June 20-22 Theme is Joyfully Serving the Lord: Kamloops, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Center..

National CWL Convention: August 11-14. 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)

Part 2: Families and Faith Formation

Building strong connections between our families and our Faith.

Bonding with our Community of Faith.

Third Sunday of each month

(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!

Parent Check List - Baptism Prep



- Contact the St. Pius X Parish office to enquire about Baptism at least 2 months prior to Baptism Rite.
- Watch the video <https://watch.formed.org/videos/what-is-baptism>
- Our Parish Office Manager will send information about the Baptism Prep Program and Selecting Godparents.
- Provide a copy of your child's Birth Certificate

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.

Next Class April 18th

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

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

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**

THE ANNUAL MASS FOR LIFE

This mass will be celebrated on **Thursday, May 9th, 6:30 pm @ ICC parish** on Sutherland Avenue.

This year marks 55 years of legal abortion in Canada, = over 4.5 million deaths of innocent unborn children!

Please join us to pray for our country, our leaders, to end abortion & euthanasia. Canada leads the world in Euthanasia!!! Coffee & short video will follow in the hall. All CWL, K of C & parishioners welcome to join us to **STAND FOR LIFE**. God bless

THE PARISH

IGNITE YOUTH GROUP

Our children's ministry and youth group in our parish is called IGNITE. It is a ministry for children and the young ones from kindergarten to grade 7. Our hope is to see them being disciples that love like Jesus and fully equipped to put their faith in action. Last April 5th was the very first event and we had 30 children who attended our gathering from all over Kelowna.

It was an event full of fun and there was prayer, pizza, dancing, indoor hockey with other games and logo making for each group age. The children were all happy, enthusiastic and looking forward to the next meetings.



THE DIOCESE

Our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal

This [annual appeal provides funding](#) 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



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 e-transfer 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](tel:250-762-2587).

Youth Leadership Summit


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



2024 Spring Gala
April 19, 2024
We are proud to announce that tickets are available to purchase!
<https://stjoseph.hotlunches.net>
Early Bird Tickets available till March 11th for \$65/person
Tickets sold after March 11th will be \$75/person
Deadline is March 22, 2024

ST. PIUS X PARISH EVENTS: April 12th - 19th

Saturday, April 13th	5:00 pm	Holy Mass
Sunday, April 14th	9 am, 11 am, 6 pm	Holy Mass
Sunday, April 14th	4pm	Young Adult Group
Monday, April 15th	6:00 pm	ESL (English Class) — Parish Hall
Tuesday to Friday	8:30 am	Rosary Followed by Holy Mass
Tuesday, April 16th	11:00 am	Korean Prayer Group — Fr. Martin Room
Tuesday, April 16th	10:00 am	Divine Will Studies — Fr. Mulvihill Room
Tuesday, April 16th	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
Wednesday, April 17th	10:00 am	Quilter's Day Fr. Martin Room
Thursday, April 18th	1:30 pm	Bible Study—Fr. Martin Room
Friday, April 19th	9:35 am	Adoration
Friday, April 19th	5:30 pm	Ignite Children's Event



GUEST SPEAKER
RACHEL HERBECK

Come to Know God's Heart
Experience the Depth of His Love
Be Strong in the Lord, in the Strength of His Power
Encounter the God of Possibilities

I CAME SO THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE LIFE

NELSON DIOCESE CHARISMATIC
Conference

26 / 27 | Saint Ann's Church
APRIL 2024 | 1296 Main Street
Penticton, BC

REGISTRATION FRIDAY 5:30 P.M
COORDINATOR: GLADYS MILLER | 250-442-8589
CO-COORDINATOR / BILLETING: BERNADETTE BARRY | 250-809-2524

Grieving With Great Hope

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

MARCH FOR LIFE

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

Gala Fundraiser May 18th @ ICC
Tickets: 250-870-4103



WE INVITE ALL TO JOIN US!
FOR SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT & OPPORTUNITIES
TO BE OUR LORD'S EYES, HANDS, FEET & VOICE

RENEWING GOD'S FIRE WITHIN US

NELSON CWL 38 TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

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

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:

Preventing Sexual Exploitation of Youth - Friday at 12:30
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

...activities include: Presentations, Film, Facilitated Discussion, Detective Game

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

Summit

An evening of Eucharistic Adoration with
music, short talks, prayer and reflection.
Priests will be available for reconciliation.



Saturday, April 27
7:00 – 8:30 pm

Immaculate Conception Church

All Ages and All Parishes Welcome!

~ social in hall to follow ~ if possible, bring snacks to share ~

Parish Organizations

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

Fr. Biju Anthony (Associate Pastor)

Priest in Residence: Fr. Harry Clarke

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: Doris Bregolis 778-583-0222
dorisbregolis@shaw.ca

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: Cherry 250-300-9128

RCIA: Fr. Obi Ibekwe 250-762-2587

Music Ministry: Christa Kartika 250-863-8860

Pastoral Care: Sue Morris

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: Abel Martins 250-762-0902

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

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

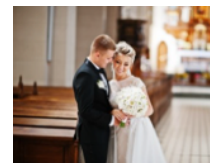
In Baptism we begin the beautiful journey of friendship with Jesus. As a Parish Family, we rejoice to add new members in Baptism. Please call the office at least 6 weeks prior to your requested date to ensure time for your preparation of this most special sacrament.

Coordinator: Angela 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

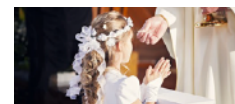
Do you think that the Lord might be calling?

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



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.

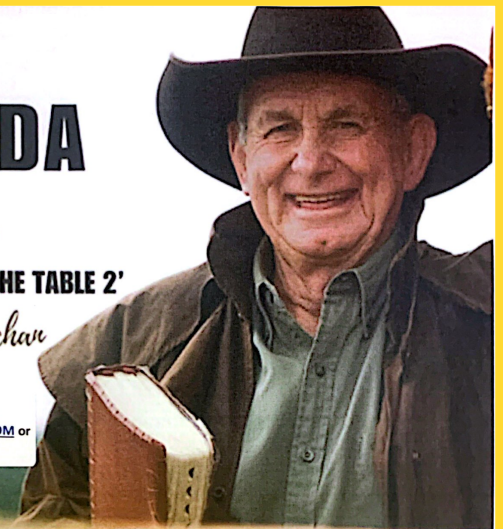
We would like to hear from you. Please give us a call at
250 762 2587. Please ask to speak with
Fr. Obi. You can also email us at
spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org

MMC CANADA 2024

'COME AROUND THE TABLE 2'

with Angus Buchan

For More Information,
Please Contact Nancy @
CATAFORDNANCY@GMAIL.COM or
Phone (250)-777-4243



TIMES

FOR MEN & SONS:
FRIDAY 7PM
SATURDAY 9AM
SATURDAY 7PM

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY:
SUNDAY 10AM
ANGUS WILL BE SPEAKING VIA THE
BIG SCREEN FROM SHALOM FARM IN
SOUTH AFRICA

TICKETS

TICKET PRICE	\$40	PER PERSON INCLUDING A MEAL
TICKET PRICE	\$45	PER PERSON INCLUDING A MEAL + CAMPING
TICKET PRICE	\$50	PER PERSON INCLUDING A MEAL + RV CAMPING

JULY 12 - 14

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4254 MOLE ROAD, HWY 6

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Springfield Funeral Home Presents

**FREE Seminar & Complimentary Dinner
for the Catholic Diocese of Nelson**

Catholic Estate & Funeral Planning

Tuesday, May 7th - 5:00 PM

Immaculate Conception Church Hall, Kelowna

LEARN ABOUT: The Catholic Funeral Rites, Estate Planning,
Catholic Funeral Pre-Planning, Nelson Diocese Planned Giving

Guest Speakers:



Mark Brade
Estate Lawyer
Pushor Mitchell LLP



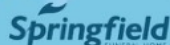
Fr. Cerlouie Jimenez
Chancellor
Nelson Diocese
Parish Priest
Our Lady of Lourdes



Charlotte Lutzer
Pre-Planning Director
Springfield Funeral Home

LIMITED SEATING. REGISTER BY MAY 1, 2024:
springfieldfuneralhome.com/catholic
OR 250.860.7077

Registration is limited to 18+. No sales or solicitation.

**Springfield**
FUNERAL HOME

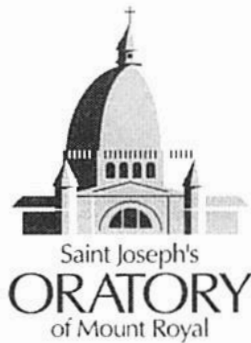
Prayer Service for Ukraine

Thursday, April 18th, 7pm
**Trinity Church - Corner of Spall Road and
Springfield Road**

Our purpose is to gather the faith community in Kelowna and the region to hear directly from church leadership in Ukraine. Over 50 church leaders responded to our request to share their experience and prayer needs. Two Ukrainians (Father Pavlo and Alex Topivets) will share this learning. We will also hear from Stefania Miro, who fled Kyiv at the start of the war and has published a book about her faith journey through the war to our city.

Enter the church on the east side, using
The Refinery doors.

Please register by following the link to this **free event**:
Ukraine Prayer Service
or emailing: ok4ukraine@gmail.com



To: Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

From: Fr. Michael M. DeLaney, C.S.C.
Rector, Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal

Date: February 2, 2024

SUBJECT: 4th CENTENARY OF THE DEDICATION TO CANADA TO SAINT JOSEPH

Excellencies,

I send you my prayers and greetings from Saint Joseph's Oratory in Montréal.

The year 2024 will be significant for the Canadian Church and the Saint-Joseph Oratory of Mount Royal as we mark the 4th centenary of the dedication to (what is now) Canada to Saint Joseph!

We know that the consecration took place in 1624, but we do not know the exact day of this event. However, if we refer to the work *Devotion to Saint Joseph in New France**, page 6, the consecration would probably have taken place between July 16 and August 15, 1624.

In 1834, Gregory XVI definitively approved the vow of 1624 and Saint Joseph officially became the first Patron of Canada; he was honored as patron and protector of the Church of Canada, before being declared patron and protector of the universal Church by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1870.

As a world center of devotion to Saint Joseph, the Saint-Joseph Oratory of Mount Royal undoubtedly has a key role to play in this 4th centenary anniversary.

The Oratory also has other moments to celebrate in 2024:

- The first centenary of the blessing of the cornerstone of the basilica.
- The 150th anniversary of the perpetual vows of Brother André, founder of the Oratory, pronounced on February 2, 1874.

One of the strong points of Brother André's spirituality is to lead pilgrims to Saint Joseph: "Go to Joseph".

In this context, our leadership team of the Oratory believes that it is appropriate to open the doors of the Oratory even more widely to all the dioceses of Canada for a period of 7 months of celebration. The opening of the year of the 400-year pilgrimage would be from March 10, which marks the beginning of the annual novena dedicated to Saint Joseph, until October 19, the date of the foundation of the Oratory.

With the collaboration of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, which has always supported the mission of the Oratory in the Church and society, all dioceses, all parishes and all religious communities would be invited to make a pilgrimage to the Oratory during this period, accompanied or not by a priest or a bishop. The planning of these celebrations would be to be determined between the pilgrims' companions and the Reception and Pilgrimage Office of the Oratory.

We hope you will be interested in having a group or groups from your diocese join us during this important year dedicated to the anniversary of the patronage of Saint Joseph for all of Canada.

May Saint Joseph, Protector of the Universal Church and Patron of Canada, watch over you and protect the nation always.

The Lord's blessings to each of you.

I send these sincerest greetings with much wishes for much Peace.


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Rector

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