



# Sunday Bulletin: March 17th, 2024 St. Pius X Parish *Fifth Sunday of Lent*



## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

**This mysterious covering of statues..... Why? Why cover that which is beautiful?**

As a child I was always intrigued to see statues covered in our parish shortly before Holy Week. Maybe you often wonder why.

I remember a few years ago some grade 7 students asked me why we had to cover the statues. One said, "I love to see the face of our Lady of Lourdes whenever I come to Church." That touched my heart deeply. It became a moment for us to learn together.

Let's see why it's covered:

It's usually covered in Canada the week before Palm Sunday, that is, before Holy Week.

1. It heightens our senses and builds a longing within us for Easter.
2. Alerts us to the special time we are in and to get ready for the most sacred week of our faith life.
3. Focus our senses on the striking words we hear during the Passion narrative and to enter into the scene and become part of the drama.

The veils are not meant to be there forever. They will be removed before Easter Vigil. This is a reminder of our own lives. We live in a veiled world; we are in exile here from our true home land - heaven. It is only through our own death that the veil of our life is lifted, and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.

"Well, that's what I learned. Hope that helps," I said to her. She smiled and nodded her head. But she couldn't wait for Easter: to see, once again, the face of our Lady. You should have seen the joy on her face as she came to Mass on Easter Sunday and beheld the face of our Lady. 😊

With that in mind, next week, we will enter into the most sacred week experiencing the love of Jesus for us. As his life and ours meet in the week's celebrations, we pray: **Jesus, thank You for all you did for me. I want to show You this week and always that I love you. Make my life beautiful.**

Your brother,  
Fr. Obi

*Second Collection for Development  
and Peace this weekend.  
Thank you for your generosity!*

## Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 6:30 pm

## Welcome to St. Pius X Parish

We are happy your life's journey has brought you here today

## Parish Mission/Men's Session/Confessions - Gratitude

I would like to express my gratitude to all who contributed in one way or another to make the parish events of the past week meaningful and a grace-filled. We have received many positive feedback and we are grateful to Jesus. The goal is that these events may draw us closer to Jesus - into the riches hidden in Him. The candle light Adoration was one of my favourites and it is something I'd like us to continue in our parish. I'll share more in the coming weeks.

What does it take to do a parish mission? Last year, I was in Steubenville for a conference. I met a mission team: they go about preaching and facilitating missions in parishes. I asked what it would take for us to bring them to our parish for a mission. They said they'll need about 400 people to attend - parishes can merge and the ticket sold for \$30 each. That would be \$12,000. Well, we don't have \$12,000 for mission, I told them. Anyways, with the endorsement of our bishop, I invited Jean-Paul. He doesn't charge. He said: "Fr, I don't charge to preach the gospel. I live on providence."

God bless his heart. However, he needs to put gas in his car and take care of his family and to continue the work he is doing. May I ask you to support him. If you saved any money this Lent, do you mind sharing a little bit of that to support our parish mission. There are envelopes marked parish Mission in the foyer. Or you can put an envelope in the basket marked 'Parish Mission.' We will give that to him.

God bless you.

## 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

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## THE PARISH

### 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

### 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**  
**Raised So Far: \$7,086.19**  
**We still need \$38,363.81 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 e-transfer to: [etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org](mailto: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).



## THE DIOCESE

### Rachel's Corner

*"Truly, the Lord is waiting to be gracious to you, truly, he shall rise to show you mercy; For the Lord is a God of justice: happy are all who wait for him!"* Isaiah 30:18

How amazing it is to know that Our Lord is waiting to fill us with mercy and His love, when we at times can feel so far away from deserving that embrace. Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and receive. It is time. Time for you to receive the peace for which you yearn.

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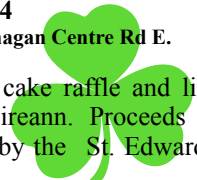
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### ST. EDWARD'S PARISH ST. PATRICK'S DAY TEA

**Saturday March 16, 2024**

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. in the Parish hall 11123 Okanagan Centre Rd E.  
Lake Country.

Come join us for a light lunch, bake sale, cake raffle and live Celtic music and singing by Ceol na hEireann. Proceeds to support Seton House of Prayer. Sponsored by the St. Edward's CWL. Everyone is Welcome!



### 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.

Mass  
7:00 pm  
Social Get-together  
4:15 pm  
Dinner  
5:00 pm



### Marriage Encounter

Even when a marriage is going smoothly, there are always opportunities to make it work better. The Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share and connect more deeply. There is no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be.

**April 19 – 21, 2024 Virtual Experience Edmonton based (Mtn Time)** Questions? Doug & Candice Chappell  
[778-479-7900](tel:778-479-7900) [doug.candice.chappell@wwme.org](mailto:doug.candice.chappell@wwme.org)

## THE PARISH

### Second Collection March 16th & 17th

The annual Good Friday Collection was first taken at Pope Paul VI's request fifty years ago. It is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational, and social works and help to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere.

For the sake of our brothers and sisters enduring hardships, please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on March 29, 2024. If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute by Interact e-transfer to [terresainte@bellnet.ca](mailto:terresainte@bellnet.ca) or online at [Commissariat.ca](http://Commissariat.ca) – receipts will be issued. On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support.

Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM

### 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 Courneane, 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](mailto:spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org)

### Mass Intentions

\*Saturday, March 16th, 5:00 pm  
Mariana Bacolod Birthday -INT-

\*Sunday, March 17th, 9:00 am  
St. Pius X Parishioners -INT-

\*Sunday, March 17th, 11:00 am  
Hani Yousif -R-

\*Sunday, March 17th, 6:00 pm  
Daren Reiter -INT-

\*Tuesday, March 19th, 9:00 am  
Wied Van Den Eerenbeemt -R-

\*Wednesday, March 20th, 9:00 am  
Thu & Tu Tran -R-

\*Thursday, March 21st, 9:00 am  
Marnelie Maluya Bday -INT-

\*Friday, March 22nd, 9:00 am  
Isabel Nunes -R-

### 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

### St. Pius X Catholic Women's League

#### \*Thought for the Week: Welcome!

My Catholic Women's League is a place of comfort as I share a seat with like-minded women of faith and purpose. With councils across Canada – I am confident of a warm welcome no matter where I visit. Our sisterhood spans the nation. Come be a part of our family!

Contact: Mary Ann Rehlinger 250-763-3396

#### \*Up Coming Events:

**Executive Meeting:** Monday, March 11, 2024 at 10:00 am in the Father Martin Room.

**General Meeting:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 10:00 am in the Father Martin Room. Light lunch served

**CWL Regional Retreat:** 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](http://cwl.ca) for more information.



# THE PARISH



Our Young Adult Group - 17+ 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!

Fr. Obi

## 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.

Next class: March 14th

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

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



## 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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:lhaledaoust2012@gmail.com) or phone **250-460-0378**

## 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




**IGNITE!**  
FRIDAY NIGHT  
FREE ADMISSION  
NEW FRIENDS \* PRAYER \* GAMES & MORE  
April 5, 2024  
5:30-8:00pm  
ST PIUS X Parish Hall  
1077 Fuller Ave



## THE DIOCESE

### ***THE LITTLE WAY – IN HONOUR OF OUR LORD'S PASSION***

Come join the Knights of Columbus as they walk from ICC on Saturday **March 23rd** to Seton House of Prayer, to pray the Stations of the cross at 3:00 pm.

There are two ways to join:

- **Walk** – Meet at the ICC parking lot (839 Sutherland Avenue); we are leaving at **12:00 noon**
- **Drive** – Those who are not able to walk the distance may meet us at 3:00 pm at **Seton House of Prayer** (5819 Chute Lake Road) for the Stations of the Cross.

### **Diocesan Charismatic Conference**

**April 26th - 27th**

The Diocesan Charismatic Conference will be held at St. Ann's Parish in Penticton. More details will be provided at a later date. The Theme is "I came, that you might have life" "the love of the Lord is strong, the Lord is faithful forever" Ps.117:2. The speaker is Rachel Herbeck from renewal ministries.

### **Second Collection Recipient**



### **Development & Peace Canada**

Everywhere on Earth, and especially in the Global South, impoverished populations are facing growing challenges due to climate change, land grabbing, resource theft, soil contamination and armed conflict.

Rural populations are particularly affected by these upheavals, and Development and Peace — Caritas Canada supports them in defending their rights to life, land, water, biodiversity, justice, health, participation, decent livelihoods, a healthy environment and more.

The **Kelowna Right to Life Society** is bringing Dr. Abby Johnson to Kelowna, Saturday May 18th at the ICC Parish Hall on Sutherland Avenue. Abby is a well-known American pro-life activist whose compelling story was portrayed in the popular movie, *Unplanned*.

This is a fundraising, semi-formal gala dinner with all proceeds going to pro-life educational efforts in the Central Okanagan.

For event details and ticket pricing, please visit [www.prolifekelowna.ca](http://www.prolifekelowna.ca), contact the Society at [kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com](mailto:kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com), or call 250 870-4103.

## THE PARISH

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Two new St. Pius X parishioners have been baptized!

Welcome **Ada Marie** (parents Julie Pineault and Cory Rublee in photo below)



& **Jeydin** (parents Dindo and Jeah Royo) above.

**BLESSINGS TO BOTH THEIR FAMILIES!!**

## ST. PIUS X PARISH EVENTS: MARCH 16th - 22nd

Friday, March 15th	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 16th	5:00 pm	Holy Mass
Sunday, March 17th	9 am, 11 am & 6 pm	Holy Mass
Monday, March 18th	6:00 pm	ESL (English Class) —Parish Hall
Tuesday to Friday	8:30 am	Rosary Followed by Holy Mass
Tuesday, March 19th	11:00 am	Korean Prayer Group —Fr. Martin Room
Tuesday March 19th	10:00 am	Divine Will Studies —Fr. Mulvihill Room
Wednesday & Friday	9:35 am	Adoration
Wednesday, March 20th	10:00 am	Quilter's Day Fr. Martin Room
Thursday, March 21st	1:30 pm	Bible Study—Fr. Martin Room
Thursday, March 21st	6:00 pm	Catechism Class
Friday, March 22nd	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross

## WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH

## Embracing God's Plan

@  
IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION  
PARISH

9 AM - 4 PM

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

## Candlelight Adoration and Confession



## Men's Night



### 4 Marks of Manhood

(to measure every action we take)

A true man of God:

1. Accepts responsibility
2. Rejects passivity
3. Leads courageously
4. Loves sacrificially

The day after the talk, I received a call from a lady: "Fr, what did you do to my husband; I don't recognize him anymore; he's a changed man. We've been married for many years, I'm seeing a side of him that I hadn't seen before. I'm loving it."

## JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

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

