



Sunday Bulletin: January 28th, 2024

St. Pius X Parish Welcomes You!

Kelowna, BC

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

My time at the Monastery in Mission was very restful and enjoyable. I prayed for our families and prayerfully discerned what God is calling us to do as a parish family in 2024 and spent sometime to prepare for Lent.

It was a happy reunion for me to see my former Rector from St. Joseph's Seminary Edmonton. He came to give a retreat here. He's now a Bishop. It was an opportunity to catch up with him.

During my week here (week for Prayers for Christian Unity), the Church continued to pray the prayer of Jesus - 'That they (the world, Christians) may be one. The week culminated with the celebration of the conversion of St. Paul. Throughout the day, in prayer and reflection, we were drawn to the writings of St. Paul: 'I count everything as loss if only I may know Jesus, my Lord; for me to live is Christ and to die is so much gain; I have fought the good fight, I have kept the faith, I have finished the race, I now await the crown of glory.'

The Young Seminarians

There were about 33 minor seminarians who are discerning their call to the priesthood. I saw in them young ones running the race, keeping the faith and fighting the good fight. Two of them are from our diocese (one of them Jacob Quillet from St. Edwards Parish, Lake Country and the other: Samuel Donegan from St. John Vianney Parish, Penticton).

They all enjoy praying, sports, community life, friendship, Adoration etc. Some of the grade 8's - the youngest amongst them - still find silence challenging. But it'll come with time. In them, I found hope for the future of the Church and the world. I had an opportunity to speak with them, share meals and play volleyball. I didn't realize how bad I have become in volleyball. I must start practicing again. Samuel is one of four boys and he still maintains he's his Mom's favourite. 😊



Seminarians from our diocese:
Jacob, Fr. Obi, Samuel and Fr. Anthony

Hospitality: In so far as you did it to the least of my brethren, you did it to me. The monks showed me great hospitality. They served the meals with a smile. You can almost taste the love in their service and in the food. They gave me the head table which surprised me. They treat you as if you are Christ among them. I felt loved and welcomed! My great desire is that everyone especially visitors to our parish will feel the same way.

A Heavenly Experience

One of my favourite things during the retreat was chanting the psalms with the monks at 5 am. I had to struggle to wake up at 4.30 but it was worth it. The bells, the chant, the silence, the friendship, the love: all these were for me a taste of heaven. It took me down memory lane to my years of formation as a Franciscan.

I prayed for you. I hope you are all keeping well. God love you. Happy Sunday!

Your brother,
Fr. Obi

Lent Begins

Ash Wednesday - February 14th
Masses at 9 am and 6 pm.

Palms

Please bring your palms that were blessed last year during the Palm Sunday Mass. These palms will be burned and used for ashes on Ash Wednesday. Drop them off in the church foyer in the box provided.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 6.30 pm.

Lent/Easter Confession

March 11th at 5:30 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

Confession -

Saturday 4:00 pm

or by appointment

Adoration/ Benediction

Every Wednesday and Friday
9:35 am - 10:00 am

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

Email: SPX.Kelowna.Pastor@nelsondiocese.org
1346 Gordon Drive, Kelowna, BC V1Y 6X6 Canada

Parish Office Phone: 250-762-2587

Parish Office Email:
spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org

Website: spxbc.com

Office hours: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Monday thru Friday

Office Manager: Anjelica Ortiz

Ready, Set, Learn

On **Feb. 1st** we will host our annual **Ready, Set, Learn!** Event where we invite prospective Kindergarten students and their families to learn more about the school and why St. Joseph Catholic School is a great choice for their family.

If you have a child that will be ready to start Kindergarten in fall 2024, please RSVP to attend as soon as possible.

Please take a moment to share the RSL event information with any families you know who may be interested. Together we can share the word and make this event a success!



Sessions will take place at St. Joseph Catholic School (839 Sutherland Avenue) at 3:30 and 5:00pm. Please RSVP to sjkoffice@cisnd.ca or 250-763-3371.

Rachel's Corner

"I finally admitted to what I did, faced it and feel forgiven. I was able to honour the life of my children and have peace knowing they are with God."

- testimonial

Join the men & women on a Rachel's Vineyard © Retreat. Let that burden go and let God give you the peace you may have known you needed yet weren't sure how to find it. Honour your children by getting the healing you need.

250-762-2273

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com
www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com
 f Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna

There will be a Vocation Live-In on the weekend of February 10-11 at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome. For more information phone 604-826-8975 or email rector.minors@sck.ca

Youth Retreat Weekend

On the weekend of February 10th – 11th, The Catholic Parishes of Penticton will be welcoming the travelling retreat team from NET Canada (National Evangelization Teams). NET is a reputable company with teams in many countries, who specialize in connecting with youth and bringing them a meaningful, Christ-centered experience. Whether your child is a practicing Catholic/Christian who is looking to take the next step in their faith, or one who doesn't know Jesus, but is looking to better understand their identity and purpose in life, this retreat will be impactful! I highly recommend signing up if you can. Open to students in grades 6-12. More information at this link <https://forms.gle/PzJLjhqKWtRgdhz49>

MADE FOR MORE

Where do we come from and where are we going? These questions are DECISIVE for understanding what it means to be human and how to orient our lives and our actions toward authentic fulfillment. Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they creatively weave together dynamic presentations with live music, movie clips, YouTube videos, and sacred art for an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny. You will come away with a faith-filled vision of hope that will instil in you the sheer wonder and joy of being alive...

**February 8th - Immaculata High School, Kelowna
 7-9:30 pm**

For more information about tickets pricing and availability, contact, Rebecca Robertson - 250-718-6926 - beccarobertson@shaw.ca

"Moments in Time"

The Immaculata High School grad class of 2024 is presenting their one and only fundraiser to help offset the costs of prom and graduation. "Moments in Time" is a variety show put on by the grade 12 students with several different musical acts, combined with trivia for the audience, on Friday, February 2nd, at 6:30 pm. The evening will have a beer/wine bar, concession, silent auction, and our "Grapes for Grads" wall of wine and spirits. This promises to be a fun, social event so please bring your friends and family – all ages are invited!

Tickets are \$15 in advance. VIP Seating Available!
 Call 778-214-1542 or email courageforkindness@shaw.ca

Kelowna Catholic Youth Group

If you are in grades 7-12 and want to deepen your faith with other Catholic teens, please join us!

Upcoming events:

Sunday, Jan. 28th: The Search (a dynamic weekly video series for teens)
 Sun, Feb. 04: Family Rosary Night — 4:00 to 6:00 pm at St. Pius X Parish, includes Dinner and Mass to follow.

Sun, Feb. 21: Night Hike and Snow Taffy

Youth Group Registration Form and Event Sign-up required.
www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca

THE PARISH

St. Pius X Catholic Women's League

***Thought for the Week: Strength**

The strength of belonging to a sisterhood of thousands of women is powerful and our impact makes a difference in our parishes, communities, country and beyond. The Catholic Women's League is the largest women's organization in Canada. Imagine the many gifts and talents shared for the good of others. There is strength in numbers. Come join us!

***Up Coming Events:**

St. Pius X Valentine's Tea: Saturday February 10th, 2 - 4 pm in the hall. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. All parishioners are invited to attend. This event is to help us celebrate and share love with those special someones in our lives - mom, brother, aunt, neighbour, coach. This event is also a fundraiser towards the CWL purchasing a statue of our Lady of Guadalupe for our parish. Bring your own teacup, preferably china, and share the story of its origin. Tea will be served along with canapés, scones and sweets.

CWL Regional Retreat: April 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.



St. Valentine's Day Tea



\$10 per person



Tea, Sandwiches & Sweets

Feb. 10th, 2 - 4 pm

St. Pius Church Hall

Bring your own tea cup & share it's special story.

Everyone Welcome!



January 28th is the feast day of St. Thomas Aquinas.
1226 - 1274
Patron Saint of Students & Universities

'Student's Prayer'

Come, Holy Spirit, Divine Creator, true source of light and fountain of wisdom! Pour forth your brilliance upon my dense intellect, dissipate the darkness which covers me, that of sin and of ignorance.

Grant me a penetrating mind to understand, a retentive memory, method and ease in learning, the lucidity to comprehend, and abundant grace in expressing myself. Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to successful completion.

This I ask through Jesus Christ, true God and true man, living and reigning with You and the Father, forever and ever.

Pray for the Sick

Please pray for the sick and injured at home and in hospital, especially for...
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: spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org

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

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

Charlie Sierhuis

Danica Roach

Casey Alvarez

Manfred Lumalang

Gideon Santos

Uchenna Claire Anagboso

Emilia Schulze

Evelino Stradiotto

Chimdi Emma-Ann Anagboso

Confirmation

Vincent Kohut

Wayne Xander Espejo

Mariana Iturbide

Matias Arroyo Flores

Cadence Filice

Callum Vos



THE PARISH

How to donate to St. Pius X Parish

E-transfers are accepted at St Pius X Parish. Please send your offering from your online banking site to etransfer.spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org No password is required.



Pilgrimage of Faith donations are also accepted with no password at etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org.

QR CODES ARE HERE!!

The QR codes are now in the foyer too. We thank you for your support.

Mass Intentions

*Saturday Jan 27th 5:00 pm.
Dosolina Bazzana -R-

*Sunday Jan 28th 9:00 am
Parishioners of St. Pius X -INT-

*Sunday Jan 28th 11:00 am.
Flores Hernandez Family, specially
for Claudia's Life & Health -INT-

*Tuesday Jan 30th 9:00am.
Franco Marcanio -R-

*Wednesday Jan 31st 9:00am.
Daren Reiter -INT-

*Thursday Feb 1st 9:00am.
Johnatan Sharp Blancarte -R-

* Friday Feb 2nd 9:00am.
Dosolina Bazzana -R-

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

Bazaar Donations Year Round!

Contact Beryl with items you have for our 2024 Bazaars 250-717-0527

English As A Second Language (ESL)

We have now started a program to help immigrants who wish to learn or improve their English. The first one was held on Monday, January 8th.

If yourself or someone you know could benefit from this, you are welcome to join us every Monday at 6pm in the parish hall. Fr. Obi has registered!

We have a professional English teacher who stepped forward to help. Jenny Achtem is our 9am mass pianist. Jenny has a Master's degree in education with an emphasis in ESL. She has taught adult immigrants, refugees and international students.

This program is for anyone in our community and beyond: Catholics and non-Catholics alike. For more information, contact Fr. Obi at 250-762-2587 or email the parish office: spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org.

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: February 1st



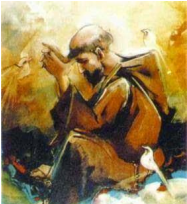


You are invited to witness the
**Eucharistic Celebration with the
Rite of Permanent Profession to the Gospel
Life with Bishop Gregory Bittman for
the Secular Franciscans Order (OFS) of The Little
Flowers of St. Francis Fraternity for**

Anne Engel

Paulette Froh

Wilma Lucia Suarez-Pinzon



24 February 2024 at 11:00 AM (in the morning)
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish 2547 Hebert Road,
West Kelowna, BC

Any inquiries contact

Fraternal Minister Sandra Kavanaugh OFS 250-212-3596

Pax et Bonum

Our Lady Of Lourdes - Annual Fundraiser

Please join us for the OLOL Black Tie Gala! Come out for a night of great food, dancing and a live and silent auction! This event sells out every year, so get your tickets soon!

When: Feb 10, 2024 at 6 pm

Where: OLOL School, 2547 Hebert Rd
Tickets are \$75 and are available by emailing Carly at lolbookkeeper@cisnd.ca



Corpus Christi CWL will be hosting a hearty beef stew dinner, **Saturday, February 10th**. Doors open at 5:00 pm, tickets at the door. Cost of Admittance is **\$15.00**.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Corpus Christi Church Hall
750 Rutland Road North, Kelowna



Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors, find healing and journey to wholeness. The next retreat in Canada is **May 14 - 18, 2024 in Kelowna**. For more information please email griegtogracekelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

JOB OPENING

The Roman Catholic **Diocese of Nelson** is hiring for the position of **Financial Administrator**. The person would be responsible for oversight of all financial operations of the Diocese and provides strategic financial guidance and effective advisory support to the Bishop. This position oversees 35+ parishes and the 7 Catholic Independent Schools of Nelson Diocese. **Application deadline: Jan. 31st/ 2024**. More information at the diocese website: <https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/jobs/>

THE SEASON OF LENT

The Christmas season has passed, and we are now in Ordinary Time. However, time flies so fast... Have you thought about Lent?

Probably, not yet. Here are some refreshments of what Lent is. The earlier you make your plan for Lent the more fruitful it will be.

The first day of Lent always starts on Ash Wednesday and goes on for 40 consecutive days. This year, Ash Wednesday will be on Feb. 14.

There will be 2 Masses celebrated at St. Pius X Parish, 9 am and 6 pm.

During Lent we focus on three main pillars: *Prayer *Fasting and abstinence *Almsgiving. This is the time of reflection and repentance as we prepare for the most Holy Time in the Liturgical year, that is the Easter season. Don't wait and make your plan for Lent now!

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 volunteer.st.pius.x@shaw.ca

Parish Organizations

Pastoral Team

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

Fr. Biju Anthony (Associate Pastor)

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: TBA

Finance Chairperson: Dennis Barnes

Hospital & Shut-in Visits: Judith Bentley 250-878-9888

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

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 Oppertshouser

Knights of Columbus: Abel Martins 250-567-2549

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

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

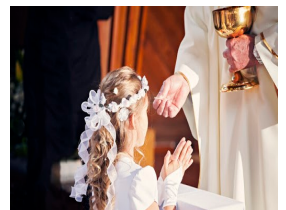
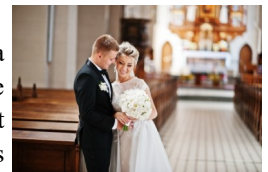
Through the Sacrament of Marriage, a new center of love is established in the world. Please Contact the office at least 6 months prior to the date. As Catholics, the most important part of the preparation is asking Jesus to be at the center of the marriage. Please let us know how we can assist you. Phone 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

Visit: cwl.ca/membership/join

For meeting times and dates, see main bulletin.



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 12 :30pm. 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.



THE PARISH

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

You will notice that our pews now have a QR code attached (and posted here in our foyer).



These are an alternative option during offertory, which have been used in other parishes with GREAT success to enhance donations and ease to parish giving.

Here's the general process :

1. With the camera on your phone, place the QR code in the center.
2. A yellow "Square Link" box will appear, touch that.
3. 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.
4. Follow the prompts (it should be relatively simple) and pay with your credit card.
5. 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.

NOTE: This is an encrypted system and has been used with success AND privacy in numerous places before (including churches).

OTHER WAYS TO DONATE: Pre-Authorized debit forms are available by email or mail if you are interested in signing up for donations through the SAG program. 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. All you have to do is create a new "payee" (eg. St. Pius X Parish) and use the email 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.

You can also mail your Offerings to: St. Pius X Parish, 1346 Gordon Drive, Kelowna, BC V1Y 6X6. Please call or email our offices to register with our parish, or to arrange for weekly St. Pius X Offerings Envelopes. 2024 envelopes are now ready for pick up in the Church Foyer —they are arranged alphabetically by last name. Please recycle your 2023 envelopes that may be left and please do not take someone else's box of collection envelopes! We thank you for your continued charity to help us create the programs and cover the costs needed to run our parish. God Bless you all!