

# St. Pius X Parish Kelowna

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**September 3, 2023**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: Jeremiah 20.7-9 Romanos 12.1-2, Gospel Matthew 16.21-27

### Pastor's Message

**Gratitude for Farewell and Welcome Celebrations, Remembering our Firefighters in prayers, Alpha, Back to School Mass and Adoration, Bazaar, First Friday Devotion**

Dear Friends in Christ, I hope you had a good week. We look forward to seeing you on the weekend and worshipping with you.

I would like to thank you for the wonderful Farewell and welcome celebration you had for us. I'm more convinced that St. Pius Parish is truly the best parish - in Kelowna. Maybe after 6 years, I can say it's the best parish, not only in Kelowna but also in the whole of the Okanagan. For now, I don't want to make my friends in Penticton angry at me :)



It was a lovely evening. Thank you to those who cooked, who set up and decorated the hall and those who sang and made other presentations. What I saw was a joyful, lovely community coming together to give thanks to God. May our dear Lord bless us all, bless Fr. Gerald as he serves at St. Charles.

### **Firefighters**

May we continue to pray for our firefighters that God May bless and keep them safe.

### **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 .....continue on page 2.

### Sacraments

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Every Saturday at 4pm or by appointment.

Check page 6 for details regarding the others Sacraments in our parish.

**SPX Parish office will be closed on Sep 4th.**



**HAPPY**  
*Labour Day*

### 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 2	5:00 pm	Ayla Grace Loseth -R-
Sunday, Sep 3	8:30 am	Parishioners -NT-
Sunday Sep 3	11:30 am	Kaine Carlson Kirke-R-
Tuesday, Sep 5	9:00 am	Pauline Huang -INT-
Wednesday, Sep 6	9:00 am	Guido Vecchio -R-
Thursday, Sep 7	9:00 am	Margaret Greenwood -INT -
Friday, Sep 8	9:00am	Rino Gemin-R-
Saturday, Sep 9	5:00 pm	Alanet & Mackinnon -INT -
Sunday, Sep 10	8:30 am	Parishioners -INT-
Sunday, Sep 10	11:30 am	Delia Whissell INT-

### Pastor Message Continues:

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*

**Back to School Mass and Adoration:** We look forward to starting the new school year with a special community event, Mass and Adoration. This will take place on September 24 not September 10. Check page 3 for more details.

**Bazaar:** Following last week's announcement regarding bazaar, we received more items. We are very grateful. There's still room in Beryl's collection center for more. I think I'm her friend now for making the announcements on the weekend. So, let's keep the items coming :)

**First Friday:** Tonight at 6pm, we will have our First Friday Mass. Please check page 3 of the bulletin for details. I look forward to praying with you tonight. Hope you can come.

We welcome any visitor worshiping with us this weekend. May your visit with family be pleasant. May your journey home be safe. Happy Labour Day weekend!

Happy Sunday. Your brother....Fr. Obi

## REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE ILLS

Please pray for the sick and injured at home and in hospital, especially Tessa McGibbon, June Hanushchak, Elizabeth Gutenberg, 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, George Kane, Constance Cournane, Fionnuala Kane, Wilai Basuwan, Jennifer Roa, Rugene Valle, Grace Tumale, Rafael Dolo, Beatriz Hernandez, Dalia Whissell, Betty Yarrow, Patricia Cisakowski.

*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)

MERCIFUL JESUS, GRANT THEM A HEALING OF MIND AND BODY, AND RESTORE THEIR STRENGTH AND SPIRIT. AMEN



### St. Pius X Catechism Classes for 2023-24

REGISTRATION FOR CATECHISM at St. Pius X Please register your family today on the sheet provided in the church foyer. The forms are to be returned on Thursday September 14th.

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](mailto:mwilson@cisnd.ca) or cell 250-859-6718.

## Community

### Moved with Love

"Children are God's lovegift, they are heaven's generous reward". Psalms 127:3



Save  
the  
Date

### Annual Benefit Banquet

Thursday Sept 21, 2023  
6:00 to 9:00pm  
Evangel Church  
3261 Gordon Ave, Kelowna  
Ticket \$25 or Table of 8 for \$200

To Purchase Tickets please call:

250.763.2112

OKANAGAN VALLEY  
Pregnancy  
Care Centre

## Upcoming Events

### What's coming up in our parish

**1. First Friday Devotion.** On Friday, September 1, our parish will start First Friday Devotion. This is one of the traditions we have in the Catholic Church. This devotion was based on the visions received by St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1688. She promoted the devotion as our Lord asked her to. This devotion is in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and in reparation for the sins against the love of God. I invite you to come and pray with us. There's many in the world today who not only sin against God's love but they mock and scorn Him, like the recent event in the states where the Sisters of indulgence were making mockery and fun of the Holy things of God. Mass will begin at 6pm, followed by Adoration. We will end at 7.30pm. Confessions at 5pm.

### **2. Back to School Mass and Adoration:**

On Sunday, September 24, we will have a special Mass at 6pm to pray for all our students, teachers and families as we begin a new school year. Mass will be followed by a short Adoration. Families will have an opportunity to light a candle and place on the Altar and say a prayer for their family. Candles will be provided. Spread the word, invite others.

### **3. 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.

### **4. Multicultural Day:**

We are planning to have a multicultural day in October. Details in the coming weeks.

### **5. Catechism:**

Registration will take place on September 14 at 6pm. Grades 1 - 7.

### **6. 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 [spxke-lowna@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:spxke-lowna@nelsondiocese.org)

### **7. YOUTH EVENTS:**

Plans to be unveiled soon.

### **Singers are needed for the 8:30 AM mass**

contact Christa Kartika email [c.nangoi@yahoo.com](mailto:c.nangoi@yahoo.com) or call **250-863-8860**.

## Upcoming Events

We're running Alpha this fall! Details coming soon. For more info contact Angela **250-317-7670**



### PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Our Lord Jesus is inviting you to visit Him in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel.  
Scheduled Hours available are:



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

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

### Prayer In Time of Wildfires

God of all creation, all the elements belong to you. The earth, air, water and fire are yours to command. You guarded your people Israel by night with a pillar of flame. You sanctified the early church with tongues of fire at Pentecost. You appeared to Moses in the burning bush, which was engulfed but not consumed.

God of wind and flame, extinguish the fires engulfing land, communities, and homes. Guard those who must flee because of the blaze, give them safety and wholeness.

Bring those who have perished home to you, grant them your perpetual peace.

Protect those who battle the flames, sanctify their service and send them your Spirit.

Restore our land, our homes, our faith in your goodness, And show us again how you bring life out of ash and dust Give us the resources and strength, we ask, to rebuild and replant And show us that you are the loving Creator and Savior. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Depise not our petition in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have Mercy on us.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for us.

St. Joseph, Pray for us.

All Holy Angels and Saints of God, Pray for us.

**A SOUL THAT HAS NEVER TASTED THE SWEETNESS OF INNER SILENCE IS A RESTLESS SPIRIT WHICH DISTURBS THE SILENCE OF OTHERS \_\_**

st. Faustina Kowalska

## Our Parish

### Baptism

Contact the office two months before planning a date for preparation & instruction

### Marriage

Contact the office at least six months prior to the date for preparation & instruction.

### Interested in becoming a Roman Catholic?

Please contact the Parish office.

### Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Parish of hospitalized and shut-in parishioners.

**For emergencies, and end of life blessings, please call:**

**250-878-1502** at any time.

### 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. She is back from her holidays and is looking forward to meet at he garage for the drop off of your treasures. Please call at 250-717-0527.

Etransfers are accepted at St Pius X Parish

Please Send your offering via e-transfer to [etransfer.spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org) no password is required.

Pilgrimage of Faith donations are also accepted with no password at [etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org).



Readers are needed for all masses

Training can be provided.  
Email coordinator Doris Bregolisse  
[doris@kelownadoris.com](mailto:doris@kelownadoris.com)  
or call 778-583-0222



**WHEN WE SERVE THE POOR OR THE SICK, WE SERVE JESUS** \_\_ Rose de Lima

## Our Parish

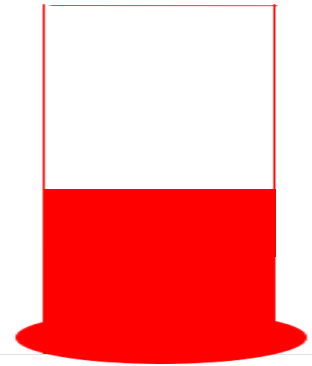
**Our POF Goal is \$41,200.00**

\$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 Faith-Formation (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](mailto: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](mailto:appeals@nelsondiocese.org) or logon to the Nelson Diocese website <https://www.nelsondiocese.org/> and click on the 'Donate Now' button.

### CWL September 2,3 Announcements



#### \* Thought for the Week: Leaders

The Catholic Women's League has many programs and workshops that empower women in becoming confident leaders who journey together to build God's kingdom in the areas of faith, service and social justice! Come walk with us.

\*Executive Meeting: Tuesday, September 12 after the 9:00 am mass in the Father Martin room.

\*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, our calendar of events and who we are.

**DO NOT FORGET, JESUS LOVES YOU**

## Diocese

### *Rachel's Corner*

*"It is in the dark that God is passing by. The bridge and our lives shake not because God has abandoned, but the exact opposite: God is passing by, God is in the tremors... Though it is black, and we can't see, and our world seems to be free-falling and we feel utterly alone, Christ is most present to us" Ann Voskamp*

Has it seemed very dark since the day of the abortion? Perhaps no one knows just how dark it truly is for you. God knows. He was there that day, and He is here now. Will you join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and allow Him to fill your life with light and warmth again as He touches your aching heart with His merciful love?

[info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com)

[www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](http://www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com)

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250-762-2273

## Diocese



### PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, Oct 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 11:30 am.

ICC Procession to Rowcliffe Park.  
PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US.

SAT. OCT 14, 2023

11:30 Gather @ ICC outside front entrance.

11:40 Procession on Sutherland to Rowcliffe Park  
(Corner Richter & Rowcliffe)

Noon: Pray Public Rosary in the Park  
Marian Hymns & singing

12:45 Procession with singing, back to ICC

### 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@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com),

[www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](http://www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com),

Confidentiality assured.

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 October 24 – 28, 2023 in Kelowna.

For more information please email [griegtogracedkelowna@gmail.com](mailto:griegtogracedkelowna@gmail.com) or make a confidential call to: 250-808- 6403



**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 [sjkinternation-](mailto:sjkinternation-)

### Yeshua 2023 Retreat

“Men are yearning to encounter the real person of Jesus. The problem is that in today's fast-paced, digitalized world, many good men are often caught in a whirlwind of responsibilities and distractions. The deeper questions of purpose, faith, and personal connection with God can get sidelined. The Men's Retreat: Yeshua, is more than just a three-day event; it's an opportunity to rediscover Christ. Guided by Jake Khym and Peter White, attendees will dive deep into understanding not just the teachings, but the very person of Jesus. The Men's Retreat offers:

\* Personal Discovery: Learn that Jesus isn't just a figure in history, but a real, competent, and loving Savior who seeks a personal relationship with you

\* Brotherhood: Forge deep connections with like-minded men who are committed to going deeper with Jesus

\* Adventure: Break free from routine, and be immersed in the stunning outdoors of Rockridge Canyon

Here's what you need to do:

1. Register for The Men's Retreat at, [www.liferestoration.ca/men-retreat](http://www.liferestoration.ca/men-retreat)

2. Invite a friend or brother priest to join you.

3. Get ready to deeply experience the person of Jesus.

Rediscover. Reconnect. Recommit. Register today.”

WHENEVER WE YEARN FOR MEANING, FEEL TIRED AND OVERWHELMED, BECOME UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE DIRECTION OF OUR LIVES, OF SIMPLY NEED TO FEEL LOVED... WE KNOW JUST WHERE TO TURN. GOD AWAITS US ALWAYS IN THE EUCHARIST. AS LONG AS WE NEVER TIRE OF SEEKING HIM THERE, WE WILL FIND EXACTLY WHAT OUR SOULS NEED.



Bobby Angel

## Parish Organizations



### **Pastoral Team**

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

Fr. Biju Anthony (Associate Pastor) 250-762-2587

### **Parish Secretary/Office Manager**

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:** 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

**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:** Peter Huang 250-763-5830

**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

## **Sacraments**

### **Hospital/Home Visits/ Anointing of the Sick**

Please call or notify the Parish of hospitalized and shut-in parishioners.



### **Baptism**

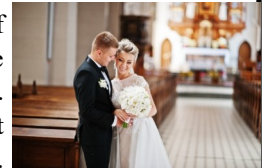
In Baptism we begin the beautiful journey of friendship with Jesus. As a Parish Family, we rejoice to add new members in Baptism. Please call the office at least 6 weeks prior to your requested date to ensure time for your preparation of this most special sacrament.



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](mailto:mwilson@cisnd.ca)



## **PARISH ORGANIZATIONS MEETING TIMES**

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Visit: [cwl.ca/membership/join](http://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 10.30am. Everyone welcome.  
Invite a friend. Visit: [KofC.org/join](http://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.



### **KOREANCATHOLICCOMMUNITY**

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.

