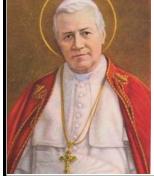
Welcome to St. Pius X Parish, Kelowna



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January 7th. Epiphany of the Lord

Pastor's Message

Epiphany: Bringing to Jesus Our Finest Gifts

With today's celebration of Epiphany, we wrap up the Christmas celebration. What a blessing it has been.

Thank you immensely for your prayers, gifts and words of encouragement you sent our way during the Christmas festivity. It means a lot to me. You are a blessing to me. Thank you. May our dear Lord bless you with peace, health and every good thing this year and always.



The magi, once they saw the star, they moved.

They travelled a long way to see Jesus. It was a hard journey with obstacles especially Herod who wanted to kill the child. Upon arrival, they presented Him the finest gifts of their time: gold, frankincense and myrrh. They went back following a different route. Fulton Sheen once said: nobody comes to God and goes back the same way they came. May I ask you for a favour: that this year, we all pray before Mass that all our visitors will find the presence of Jesus among us in St. Pius X Church. Also, that we, too, will always leave Mass with a new blessing.

They offered to Jesus the best gift they can find. What are the best gifts we can offer to Jesus this year? This year, I was asking myself: am I going to give Jesus a little bit of my time; a little bit of my talent; a little bit of my treasure or give Him the best of me? I really want to give the best of me. I invite you to pray and ask Jesus what He wants from you this year. Let us pray for one another. Most importantly, He wants your heart and my heart.

God has a plan - a beautiful plan - for everyone. As we seek Him and follow His Will, He will make a masterpiece of our lives.

God love you! Happy Sunday! Happy New Year!

Your brother, Fr. Obi

First Friday Devotion

Please join us today for our First Friday Mass at 6pm as we pray for peace in the world, for our family members and friends, and all who have asked us to pray for them.

Confession Times

Every Saturday at 4pm or by appointment.

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.



2024 ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2024 are now ready to be picked up in the foyer of the Church. Please start using them on January 1st and recycle the old ones. If you notice your envelopes are not there or you want to start using envelopes, please contact our parish office.

spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org or call 250 762 2587

Stewardship (Pre) Authorized Giving

If you are using the preauthorized giving plan, so as not to miss the ordered collection such as Development and Peace, we have made the envelopes for ordered collection available for pick up in the foyer. Thank you for picking them up.

The Beauty and the Gift of Time "THE FUTURE STARTS TODAY NOT TOMORROW." - - Pope St. John Paul II	Fall in Love					
<i>"There's only one thing more precious than our time, and that's who we spend it on."</i> - Leo Christopher	Often attributed to Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ (1907–1991), but by Joseph Whelan, SJ					
Spending time with the Lord in prayer and helping others leads us to the discovery of the truth of the song: "Lord, You are more pre- cious than silver; Lord, You are more costly than gold; Lord, You are more beautiful than diamond, and nothing I desire compares with You." As our Easter liturgy says: Christ yesterday and today, The Beginning and the End The Alpha and the Omega The Beauty of Old Age OLD AGE MAY HAVE ITS LIMITATIONS AND CHALLENGES, BUT IN SPITE OF THEM OUR LATTER YEARS CAN BE SOME OF MOST REWARDING AND FULFILLING OF OUR LIVES. IT WAS FOR THEM, AND IT CAN BE FOR US. - Billy Graham	Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morn- ing, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, whom you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and grati- tude. Fall in Love, stay in love, and it will decide everything. From <i>Finding God in All Things: A Mar- quette Prayer Book</i> © 2009 Marquette University. Used with permission.					
From The Dio	From The Diocese of Nelson					
	PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPELLocated off the back ofImmaculate Conception Church;entrance is off west alley/driveway.Our Lord Jesus is inviting youto visit Him in thePerpetual Adoration Chapel.					
Discerning a Vocation to Permanent Diaconate? The Diocese of Nelson is hosting an online information session, for Catholic men aged 35 to 60 who are interested in learning more about being a deacon. If you feel God is calling you to become a permanent deacon, consider attending an Online Information Session: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm Monday, February 12 th , 2024 You are encouraged to attend with your spouse (if applicable).	Scheduled Hours available are:MON1 AM, 2 AM & 10 AMTUES7 AM & 12:00 PM (noon)WED1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM & 2 PMTHURS3 PMFRI12 AMSAT2 PM					
Register no later than Monday, February 5 th , 2024 by emailing rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org A link to join the online session will be sent once you are registered	Spares are always needed. Shared times available! <i>For information phone Lorie:</i> 250.448-5633					

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REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE ILLS

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 listor 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



Our Parish

St Pius X Parish QR CODES ARE HERE!!

The QR codes are now in the foyer for anyone who wishes to use them. These have been used in other parishes with GREAT success to enhance donations and ease to parish giving. Here's the general process (each device is different...:)



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 St. Pius X Parish site that you can donate. When requested, use "Sunday Collection" as the reason for the donation. Follow the prompts (it should be relatively simple) and pay with your credit card.

4) When complete, you will get a text or an email to confirm your donation.

5) NOTE: Because you have to include your name and address during the process, you WILL get a tax receipt for your donation.

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

Rachel's Corner

"It really helps to ask for forgiveness and to be forgiven. I knew God was merciful, but I don't think I really knew it all the way. I knew God had forgiven me, and now I can actually feel that God has forgiven me. I thought that what I had done could not be forgiven, but I really did not have any idea of how big God's loving mercy is." Testimonial

Come and see if it is true. Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat[™] and see if you will discover the depth of God's loving mercy and forgiveness for you.

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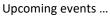
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Kelowna Catholic Youth Group

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



-Sun, Jan. 7, 14 & 28: The Search (a dynamic weekly video series for teens) -Sun, Jan. 21: Night Hike and Snow Taffy

Youth Group Registration Form and Event Sign-Up required.

For more details, sign-up links and/or our registration form, go to www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca

For the Gift of Diversity in Church.

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community

and discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.



⁶⁶Don't leave Jesus in the manger; don't remember Him only at Christmas. Instead, learn to walk with Him every day, as you pray and read His Word and ask Him to help you. 99







Mass Intentions			Our Parish	
Saturday Jan 6	5:00 pm	Bibiana Lahay -R-	CWL January 6-7 2024 Bulletin Announcements	
Sunday Jan 7	9:00 am	St. Pius X parishioners -INT-	* <u>Thought for the Week: Solidarity</u> We are all sisters and brothers who active- ly work for the common good. Through the	
Sunday Jan 7	11:00 am	Marina Edelbrock -R-	Catholic Women's League, members are invited to build relationships – to understand what life is	
Tuesday Jan 9	9:00 am	CWL -INT-	like for others. Join us in solidarity as we journey to- wards peace and justice.	
Wednesday Jan 10	9:00 am	Maria & The Nguyen -R-	*CWL Executive Meeting: Tuesday, January 9th at noon in the church hall. *CWL General Meeting: Saturday, January 13th at	
Thursday Jan 11	9:00 am	Joseph Huang -R-	10:00 am, in the Father Martin Room, followed by a light lunch.	
Friday Jan 12	9:00 am	Adrianne Proulx -R-	Bazaar Donations Start now	
Saturday Jan 13	5:00 pm	Ricardo & Helan Cabusao -R-	If you are getting rid of Christmas items, don't put them away, please you can	
		Antonia Guercio -R-	donate them now to our church. Don't hesitate to Call Beryl to help you with	
	<u>Prayer (</u>	<u>Froup</u>	that. 250-717-0527. Thank you for all your support .	
		a new in our hearts		
But will resume in Ja	e e	for the rest of December	<u>Care-Home Masses</u>	
Prayers will continue	Merry Chris		We are happy to announce that Care-home Masses have started again.	
For more info please	call Piera at 25	0-2157-100	Northwood Regency: 1st Fri @ 10.30am	
	ha wax an d	a van know aanaana wha is	David Lloyd Jones: 2nd Tues @ 10.30am	
	•	lo you know someone who is is asking questions about becom-	Brandt's Creek Mews: 1st Wed @ 10.30am Three Links Manor: 3rd Tues @ 10.30am	
	ng a Catholic, a	about deepening relationship with	Sandalwood: Date & Time to be announced	
Jesus? Are you a Catholic who has received bap- tism but not the other Sacraments? Are you from another Church and				
		cholic? We look forward to jour-	Condolences: Our deepest condolences to the families 1).Thomson, for the death of their loved one Cecil whose funeral will be on Sat- urday, January 6 at 11:00 am.	
neying with you in t	he RCIA progr	ram. We would like to hear from		
		2 2587 . Please ask to speak with		
Fr. Obi. You can also	bemail us at:	spxklowna@nelsondiocese.org	2). Van de Eerenbeemt, for the death of	
			their loved one Godefridus (Weid) whose funeral will be on Tuesday, Jan-	
BAPTISM			uary 9 at 11:00 am. May their souls rest	
Congratulations to Glen and Venus Sales on the baptism of the son Austin Theodore Sales whose baptism will take place in our parish on January 7, 2023.			in peace.	
		sm will take place in our parish	<u>For a Eucharistic Life.</u>	
	•	God. You are the beloved of the		
Father. Please join us ish.	s to welcome A	ustin and His family to our par-	We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the	
Thank you for praying for Austin and their family that			Eucharistic at the heart of	
			their lives, transforming hu- man relationship in very deep	
Austin may grow	·		way and opening to the en- counter with God and all their	
know that all that m that Jesus is His Frie			brothers and sisters.	