



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

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.

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.

The Beauty and the Gift of Time

“THE FUTURE STARTS TODAY NOT TOMORROW.” -

- Pope St. John Paul II

“There’s only one thing more precious than our time, and that’s who we spend it on.”

- Leo Christopher

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 precious 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

Fall in Love

Often attributed to [Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ](#) (1907–1991), but by Joseph Whelan, SJ

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 morning,

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 gratitude.

Fall in Love, stay in love,

and it will decide everything.

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From The Diocese of Nelson



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 12th, 2024

You are encouraged to attend with your spouse (if applicable).

Register no later than Monday, February 5th, 2024

by emailing rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org

A link to join the online session will be sent once you are registered.



PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Located off the back of
Immaculate Conception Church;
entrance is off west alley/driveway.

Our Lord Jesus is inviting you
to visit Him in the
Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

Scheduled Hours available are:

<u>MON</u>	1 AM, 2 AM & 10 AM
<u>TUES</u>	7 AM & 12:00 PM (noon)
<u>WED</u>	1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM & 2 PM
<u>THURS</u>	3 PM
<u>FRI</u>	12 AM
<u>SAT</u>	2 PM

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

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 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



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).

From The Diocese

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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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 ...

-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.



"Don'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."

Billy Graham



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Mass Intentions

Saturday Jan 6	5:00 pm	Bibiana Lahay -R-
Sunday Jan 7	9:00 am	St. Pius X parishioners -INT-
Sunday Jan 7	11:00 am	Marina Edelbrock -R-
Tuesday Jan 9	9:00 am	CWL -INT-
Wednesday Jan 10	9:00 am	Maria & The Nguyen -R-
Thursday Jan 11	9:00 am	Joseph Huang -R-
Friday Jan 12	9:00 am	Adrienne Proulx -R-
Saturday Jan 13	5:00 pm	Ricardo & Helan Cabusao -R- Antonia Guercio -R-

Prayer Group

Come Lord Jesus come and be born a new in our hearts....
Prayer group will not be gathering for the rest of December....
But will resume in January 2024...
Prayers will continue...Merry Christmas
For more info please call Piera at **250-2157-100**



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: spxklowna@nelsondiocese.org

BAPTISM

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.

Welcome Austin to the family of God. You are the beloved of the Father. Please join us to welcome Austin and His family to our parish.

Thank you for praying for Austin and their family that Austin may grow up to know that all that matters is that Jesus is His Friend.



Our Parish

CWL January 6-7 2024 Bulletin Announcements

* Thought for the Week: Solidarity

We are all sisters and brothers who actively work for the common good. Through the Catholic Women's League, members are invited to build relationships – to understand what life is like for others. Join us in solidarity as we journey towards peace and justice.

*CWL **Executive Meeting:** Tuesday, January 9th at noon in the church hall.

*CWL **General Meeting:** Saturday, January 13th at 10:00 am, in the Father Martin Room, followed by a light lunch.



Bazaar Donations Start now

If you are getting rid of Christmas items, don't put them away, please you can donate them now to our church. Don't hesitate to Call Beryl to help you with that. **250-717-0527**.

Thank you for all your support .



Care-Home Masses

We are happy to announce that Care-home Masses have started again.

Northwood Regency: 1st Fri @ 10.30am

David Lloyd Jones: 2nd Tues @ 10.30am

Brandt's Creek Mews: 1st Wed @ 10.30am

Three Links Manor: 3rd Tues @ 10.30am

Sandalwood: Date & Time to be announced

Condolences: Our deepest condolences to the families

1).Thomson, for the death of their loved one Cecil whose funeral will be on Saturday, January 6 at 11:00 am.

2). Van de Eerenbeemt, for the death of their loved one Godefridus (Weid) whose funeral will be on Tuesday, January 9 at 11:00 am. May their souls rest in peace.



For a Eucharistic Life.

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharistic at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationship in very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

