



Sunday Bulletin: March 3rd, 2024 St. Pius X Parish *Third Sunday of Lent*



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Parish Lenten Mission/Retreat

Our parish Mission is next week. Parish Missions are meant to help and strengthen us in our faith journey. Please join me to pray that it may truly be a blessed time for our parish and all who will be attending.

Do you have a friend, a former parishioner, a family member, a son, daughter, a grandchild, a co-worker who has been away from the faith? This is a perfect opportunity to invite them. This is a time to begin again as they hear great stories of God's love and mercy and how Jesus reveals to us that He is alive and working in our lives.

Coldest Night of the Year - A Learning Experience

Last Saturday, I was offered the wonderful opportunity to join the members of St. Vincent de Paul for a walk for the poor and homeless in our city. A three hour walk! I wasn't quite ready for that. It's been a long time since I've had such a loooong walk. I thought it was going to be 30 minutes. Though my feet hurt but it was all worth it. I just need to start a new walk routine.

The walk opened my eyes to the amazing things Churches and organizations are doing in our city. We truly can work together as Churches for we are one family in the Lord.

I was touched to see that people are reaching out to the margins, to those places sometimes unvisited - to encounter and serve those for whom life has become difficult and to do everything it takes to get them back to the road of life.

One of the young men I met serving at Metro Church said to me: "I'm now 24 but I've been serving here since I was 10." I asked him the mission of their Church. He said: "We seek. Pursue truth. In an atmosphere of love, where judgment is left at the door." I was deeply touched. One more story but I'll leave it for next week.

The Woman at the Well

This weekend, we are taking the second Gospel: The woman at the well. She is a symbol of the thirst in our souls. Jesus knew her thirst. He comes to her - where she was, and promises her living water. The encounter changed her. After staying away from her community for years because of her failure in life, now she returns - no longer ashamed but is telling everyone about Jesus. For once in life, she met someone who treated her as a human being - who did not take advantage of her.

What is your own well? Where do you return to be filled? Where are you searching for love? Who and what have quenched your thirst? This weekend, let us come with our hunger and thirst to the one who promises us living water - Jesus of Nazareth.

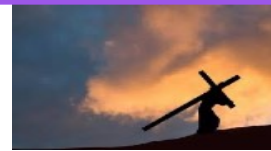
I saw something on a wall this week:

- Be true to who you are
- Discover your passion
- Find something to live for

Happy Sunday. God loves you!

Your brother, Fr. Obi

Stations of the Cross
Every Friday during Lent
at 6:30 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

Adoration/ Benediction

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

Confession -

Saturday 4:00 pm
or by appointment

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.**

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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

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



Rachel's Corner

"In the beginning I felt guilt and the burden that would not let me breathe nor be at peace. Then I began to experience the mercy and healing from God and now I feel that I have been set free from what had me tied down. It was an experience of healing." Testimonial

Perhaps you too know what that burden feels like that seems to be relentless in filling your thoughts with guilt and self-condemnation, which don't let you breathe and be at peace. Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ retreat and let us walk with you as you lay that burden down and allow God to show you how much He loves you and yearns for you to receive His merciful healing. Confidentiality assured.

info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com,
www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com

POLISH COMMUNITY CONFESSION & MASS

On **Saturday, March 16th**, Fr. Marian Korzeniowski will be at Immaculate Conception Church (839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna) to hear **confession** (in Polish) at **6:00 pm** and to celebrate **Polish Mass at 7:00 pm**.

Saturday, March 30th at 12:30 pm, Fr. Paul will be blessing Easter Food.



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!



APRIL 11th, 2024 – May 9th, 2024

If the death of a loved one has left you searching for God in your grief, we are here to help. **Grieving with Great Hope** is a Christ-centred grief support group with an approach rooted in the traditions and teachings of the Catholic Church. It uses prayer, scripture, reflection activities, faith sharing and fellowship to help you find Christ's consolation in your grieving. Our 2024 Spring Session will run for 5 weeks, each Thursday, 4:00 pm to 5:45 pm from April 11th, 2024, to May 9th, 2024, sessions will be held in the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall.

If Grieving with Great Hope is for you or if you wish to learn more or to register, call ICC parish office (250-762-3910) or email Tania Tavares: taniastemarietavares@gmail.com. **Registration is required to ensure that a participant booklet and seat is available for you. Register by: March 28th, 2024. Note: There are no fees for the sessions, participant booklet or journal.

THE PARISH

St. Pius X Catholic Women's League

*Thought for the Week: Vision

If you only knew... the Catholic Women's League has a 'voice' to create change! Backed by thousands of Canadian Catholic women - it meets with government and influences laws, stands up for social justice and speaks up for those who do not have a voice. Is there a cause or issue you would like to see brought to the attention of government? Your voice matters – we can help! Contact: Mary Ann Rehlinger 250-763-3396

*Up Coming Events:

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 for more information.



Lent Confession Schedules

Corpus Christi Parish

Wednesday, March 6th @ 6:00 pm

St. Pius X Parish

Monday, March 12th @ 6:00 pm

St. Charles Garnier Parish

Wednesday, March 13th @ 5:00 pm

St. Edwards Parish

Wednesday, March 14th @ 6:00 pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Wednesday, March 20th @ 4:00 pm

Immaculate Conception Parish

Thursday, March 21st @ 3:00 pm

Gluten-Free Communion

For those requiring Holy Communion without gluten, please see the presiding priest during the distribution of Holy Communion and ask for a gluten-free Eucharist.



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



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 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

Mass Intentions

*Saturday, March 2nd, 5:00 pm.
Theresa LeClaire -R-

*Sunday, March 3rd, 9:00 am
Parishioners of St. Pius X -INT-

*Sunday, March 3rd, 11:00 am
Parishioners of St. Pius X -INT-

*Sunday, March 3rd, 6:00 pm
Glynn & Carol Jones 45th Anniversary -INT-

*Tuesday, March 5th, 9:00 am
Mirella DiMarcello -R-

*Wednesday, March 6th, 9:00 am
Marie Andree Brochu -INT-

*Thursday, March 7th, 9:00 am
Lionel Moyer -R-

*Friday, March 8th, 9:00 am
George & Dillon McLellan -R-

THE PARISH

VOLUNTEER WITH US!

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

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.

lhaleaoust2012@gmail.com or phone 250-460-0378



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 7th

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



OFFICE REQUEST

Do you have a flat-screen TV that you no longer use? We have a group in our church that could use your gently-used donation.

Please contact Angelica at the office. [250-762-2587](tel:250-762-2587) or spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org

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.

Happy Birthday, Dr. Peter Huang

Our dear brother celebrated his 88th birthday on February 27. We salute a great man, a humble soul. Peter, thank you for the light you shine in our parish with great humility. Thank you for your services, for the ways and means you bring us the love of Jesus, not only in our parish but beyond, especially to the seniors you serve in the old people's homes. Please join me to pray for Peter and to wish him a happy birthday.



Bazaar Donations Year Round!

Contact Beryl with items you have for our 2024 Bazaars
[250-717-0527](tel:250-717-0527)

Kindly reminder 2024 ENVELOPES still at the back of the church.

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](tel:250-762-2587)

Stewardship: Pre-Authorized Giving (Blue & Yellow Envelops)

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.



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



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

CATHOLIC MOMS CONNECT

Wednesdays, 9:30—11:00 am @ St. Charles Garnier Hall. Childcare provided. Join us for prayer and fellowship. Questions? Contact Abbey @ 250-899-4384

Lenten Parish Mission for the Whole Family Embracing Grace and the Call to Mission

Many of us feel like we are giving from a place of emptiness and scraping the bottom. Jesus desires more for us. St. Pius X Parish will be hosting a Lenten Parish Mission to help you get filled up and renewed through the power of the Eucharist so you can give again from a place of abundance to a broken world. This will be a perfect opportunity to prepare for Easter: Listen to inspiring talks, attend a candle-lit Eucharistic Adoration event, and prepare for a great Lenten/Easter Confession.

Facilitated by Faith Room and led by Jean-Paul de Fleuriot. To find out more, you can visit www.faithroom.ca.

Dates and Time

Sat, March 9th: 7 pm - 9 pm (16+ Mens Only Session involving sports, a talk and fellowship)

Sun, March 10th: A 25 mins talk after Holy Communion (Don't worry, no Fr. Obi's homily this week;-)

Mon, March 11th: 6 pm - 8:15 pm: Two Talk Sessions to inspire our faith and give us tools to find greater freedom in Christ.

Tues, March 12th: 6 pm - 9 pm: A short talk to help draw our hearts into Eucharistic Mission and a Candle-lit Eucharistic Adoration Event to bring our burdens to Jesus. Parish Lenten/Easter Confessions are available this night.

EMBRACING GRACE AND THE CALL TO MISSION

A LENTEN PARISH MISSION

JOIN US FOR A

LENTEN PARISH MISSION TO BE FILLED SO YOU CAN GIVE FROM A PLACE OF ABUNDANCE TO A BROKEN WORLD.

A perfect time to prepare for Easter:

Listen to inspiring talks, attend a candle-lit Adoration event and go to Confession.

SAT, SUN 9 - 12 MON & TUES
MARCH

Sat, March 9th: 7 - 9 pm Men's session only
Sun, March 10th: 25 mins after each Mass
Mon, March 11th: 6 pm - 8:15 pm
Tues, March 12th: 6 pm - 9 pm

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Catholic Independent Schools of Nelson Diocese

The Catholic Independent Schools of Nelson Diocese (CISND) is seeking an exceptional individual for the position of **Administrative Assistant**, with duties to commence on March 18, 2024.

This full to part-time administrative assistant will support the Superintendent of Schools. Working in the Kelowna Catholic Pastoral Centre, the incumbent will provide comprehensive administrative support and liaise with both school and parish communities in a courteous and efficient manner while maintaining absolute professionalism and confidentiality. The annual work calendar will be similar to the school year with the potential for time off at Christmas, Spring Break, and some of the summer.

Application Deadline: March 8th, 2024

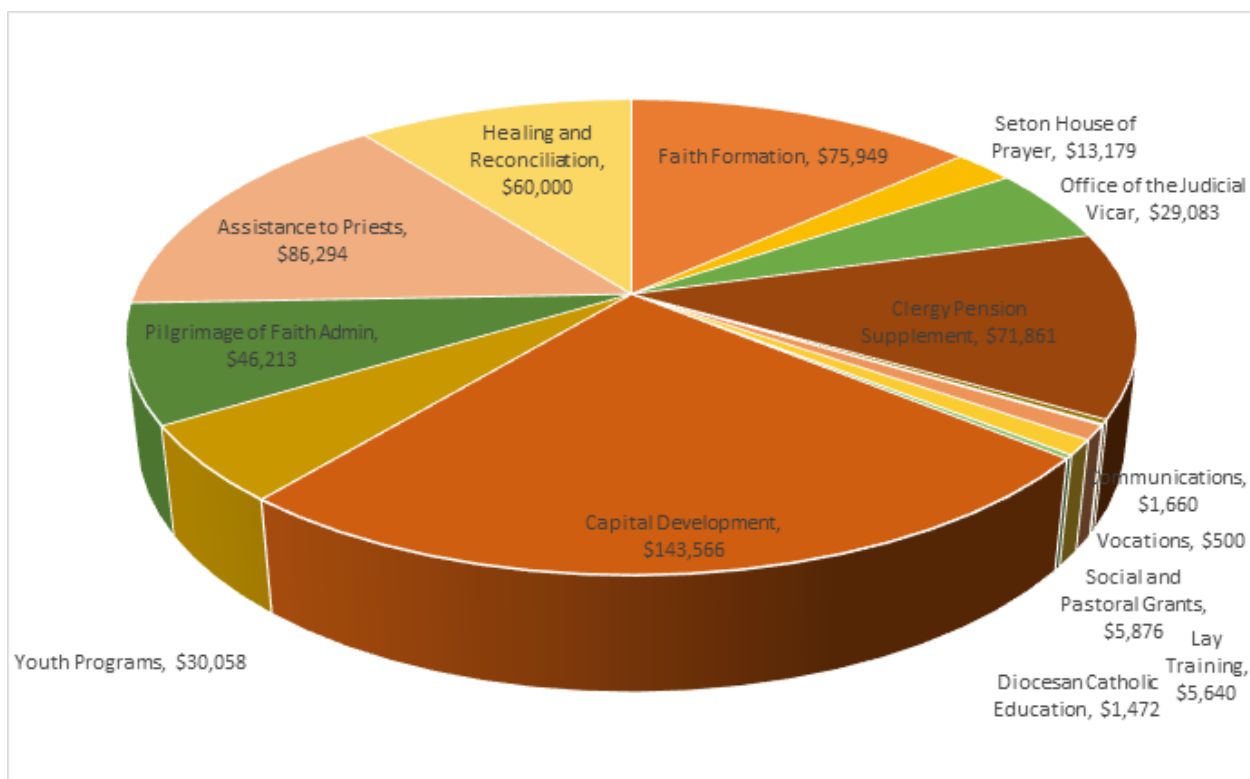
More information: nelsondiocese.org

Dear St. Pius X Parish,

We want to thank you for your generous contributions and your support to make the Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal a success! We are grateful for all that you do!

In 2023, our Parishes and Schools received Capital Rebates and Program Rebates. These amounts were granted by the Pilgrimage of Faith Committee at the meetings in April, September and November 2023, and February 2024.

These rebates are made possible by the continued support and donations from our Parishioners. The pie chart shows how we were able to support parishes, schools, and ministries.



Our 2024 Pilgrimage of Faith Appeals goal is \$39,450.