



Sunday Bulletin:  
Oct. 13th, 2024  
St. Pius X Parish  
Kelowna, BC

*28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Happy Thanksgiving!*



**Pastor's Message**

Nelson Diocese priests have been immersed in Clergy Study Week including our own Fr. Obi, who has granted me (Doris Bregolis - Bulletin Coordinator) the grace to write here today so he can focus on his studies.

It dawned on me that instead, Fr. Obi could have employed Artificial Intelligence (AI) to write for him, as many people do these days. Or for that matter, what's stopping him from turning to AI for homily ideas when short on inspiration?

What would that even look like, I wonder?

AI is supposed to gather its knowledge of any subject from sources available on the internet. That alone frightens me, considering intelligence is seemingly lacking on-line these days, especially on the subject of faith, hope and love for God and our neighbours.

I believe it would be a frightful world to live in should everyone give up on developing God's gifts in themselves in favour of letting computers do all the thinking and creating. And we ultimately are only cheating ourselves out of opportunities to learn, develop and discover our talents if we turn to AI. Even opportunities to fail, become resilient and understand compassion could all be lost.

Anyone who has lived long enough knows that God truly does work in mysterious ways. Faith in His plans for us grow stronger with time even when we lose our way. There are no shortcuts to faith as there are no shortcuts in reaching our goals.

We need only look to our local faith leader to understand that God has a plan for all of us if we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us.

Fr. Obi's journey becoming a priest 9 years ago is

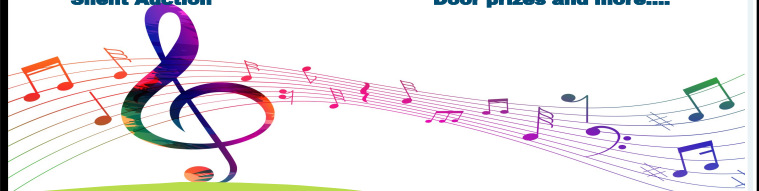
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**The Hills are Alive**

**Seton House Fundraiser 2024**

**Featuring:**

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| <b>African Drummers</b>                 | <b>Vic's Dance Band</b>         |
| <b>Blakey Okanagan Irish Dancers</b>    | <b>Tony Serka</b>               |
| <b>Nelson Diocese Clergy Choir</b>      | <b>Filipino Dancers</b>         |
| <b>Our Lady of Lourdes School Choir</b> | <b>LOL Parish Family Choir</b>  |
| <b>Cecelia's Classical Piano</b>        | <b>Holy Cross Guitar Club</b>   |
| <b>St. Charles Garner Singers</b>       | <b>50/50 Draw</b>               |
| <b>Jimenez Family Singers</b>           | <b>Ukrainian Dancers</b>        |
| <b>Silent Auction</b>                   | <b>Door prizes and more....</b> |



**Monday, October 21, 2024 | Immaculata High School Gymnasium**

**Doors @ 5:30 p.m. | Performance @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Tickets: Adults \$30, Students \$15 (13-18), Children \$10 (12 and under)**

**Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson**

**TICKETS: <https://theromancatholicedioceseofnelson.regfox.com/seton-house-fundraiser>**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**  
**FOR SETON HOUSE**

On **October 12th and 13th** there will be a **special second collection** in support of Seton House in all parishes in the diocese.



**Pancake Breakfast this Sunday!!!**

St. Pius X Knights of Columbus welcome everyone to the Best Breakfast in town!

Sunday, Oct. 13th 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in the parish hall.

**Parish Priest: Fr. Obi Ibekwe**  
**Priest in Residence: Fr. Harry Clarke**

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***Pastor's Message continued from page 1...***

a testament to his faith in God. The challenge of losing sight in one eye just after making his vows proves that even when we reach our goals, adversity will still have to be overcome. Fr. Obi's resilience has brought him to the place where he can inspire the parishes he leads to celebrate exuberantly together, as he has for the last 17 months at St. Pius X. He tirelessly attempts to coach each of us to find our own gifts while helping make our parish community a better place.

He is a true leader.

If you haven't found a place to develop your talents at our parish, you haven't spoken to Fr. Obi much ;)

This Sunday, please join the parish in celebrating Fr. Obi's 9th Priestly Anniversary. Cake will be served in the hall during the Knight's of Columbus Breakfast.

**Happy Thanksgiving to all our parishioners!**

Today I give thanks to God for all of you: for the parish we all call home, our spiritual family. I thank God for our beautiful home. Each time I speak with my mum, she always asks me: "How are your parishioners? I hope they are well. Please thank them for me. I hope to see them someday." I'm hoping she'll be able to come someday to visit us.

I once heard this: 'Never wait until the end of life or when someone passes to say something nice, good and kind about the person. Today and everyday, let us take the opportunity to bless (blessing means good word), each other, to say good things about and to them, sincerely.

As I celebrate my Anniversary on this Thanksgiving weekend, I look back with gratitude to God for calling me to serve, for the people whom I've met on the road of life who taught me, who showed me the way to Jesus, who through their life of virtue taught me the most valuable lessons of life. Thanks to my Mom and the countless others.

Here at St. Pius parish, my journey began as an associate pastor. Your life of Sacrifice and love has been a great inspiration.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Your Brother, Fr. Obi

**THANKSGIVING MONDAY**

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE  
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY ON  
MONDAY, OCT. 14TH**

**ST. PIUS X PARISH EVENTS: Oct. 12th - Oct. 20th**

Saturday, Oct. 12th	5:00 pm	Holy Mass
Sunday, Oct. 13th	9:00 am	Holy Mass
	11:00 am	Holy Mass
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass
Sunday, Oct. 13th	4:30 pm	Alpha Youth
Monday, Oct. 14th	6:00 pm	ESL (English Class) — Parish Hall
Tuesday, Oct 15th- Friday, Oct 18th	8:30 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	Holy Mass
Tuesday, Oct. 15th	11:30 am	Korean LEGIO Group — Fr. Martin Room
Tuesday, Oct. 15th	6:00 pm	Prayer Group - Fr. Martin Room
Wednesday, Oct. 16th	10:00 am	Quilter's Day — Fr. Martin Room
Thursday, Oct. 17th	5:30 pm to 7:15 pm	Catechism Class
Thursday, Oct. 17th	5:30 pm	Alpha
Friday, Oct. 18th	9:35 am	Adoration
Saturday, Oct. 19th	4:00 pm	Holy Mass *****NEW TIME*****

**Pray for the Sick**

Please pray for the sick and injured at home and in hospital, especially for...

Julie La Brie, Loretta Bouchard, Donna Kirkham, Jared Kirkham, Ellenette Panis, Loreta Batandolo, Neil Chan, Juan Francisco Lorenzo, George Levine, Bobbie Cascanette, Lina & Walter Quarenghi, Beatriz Hernandez, Helen Curran, Dinah Beppe, Linda Kleintelder, Bill Kipke, Liz Hmylycia, Janice James, Walter Quarenghi, Gelindo Del Pino, Tessa McGibbon, June Hanushchak, Christine Zlogar, Vince Cummings, 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, Heather Duguay, Pamela Renzi, Sandra Martinez, Claudia Albarran, Constance Cournane, Fionnuala Kane, Wilai Basuwan, Jennifer Roa, Rugene Valle, Grace Tumale, Beatriz Hernandez, Dalia Whissell, 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](tel: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*

*Rosary Coast to Coast*  
CANADA

ST. JOSEPH  
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL  
OUR LADY OF THE CAFFE  
PRAY FOR US

<https://rosarycoasttocoast.ca>

The Rosary Coast to Coast live stream at 3100 Weston Road on the field behind Carmen Stefano Community Centre at 8:00 p.m. on October 13, 2024

8 P.M. EASTERN  
9:30 P.M. NEWFOUNDLAND  
9:00 P.M. ATLANTIC  
7:00 P.M. CENTRAL  
6 P.M. MOUNTAIN  
5 P.M. PACIFIC and YUKON



**JOIN THE ZOOM MEETING**

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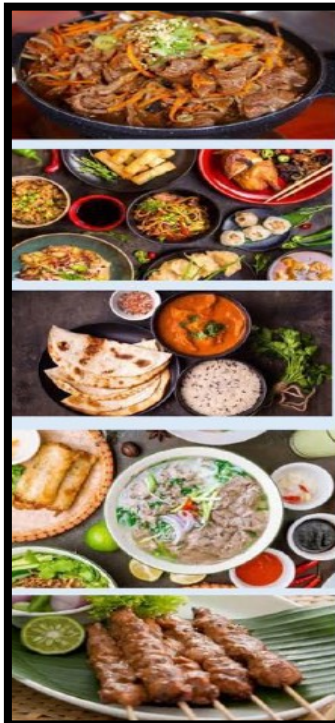
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<https://app.zoom.us/>

Light a candle, pray with your family and friends, or join an online **live stream** event at 3100 Weston Road, Toronto, Ontario. Recitation of the holy Rosary, chaplet of the Divine Mercy, consecration to Mary in song, and a brief reflection. There is no better time to be on our knees and implore God for mercy on our families and country!

**CONSIDER BECOMING A PRAYER CAPTAIN!**  
**OCTOBER 13, 2024 8 p.m. EST**

**CONTACT: ANGIE CARBONI**  
marbenjoseph@protonmail.com



## TASTE 2024 ASIA FOOD & CULTURE FESTIVAL

Experience the beauty of the Catholic Faith & Culture of Asia  
**Vietnam, Indonesia, China, Korea, India**

- Place: St. Pius X Parish  
(1346 Gordon Drive)
- Date: Oct. 27, 2024
- Time: 11am mass  
(followed with lunch and activities in the hall)

**Everyone is welcome!**  
**Entrance by donation**

Join us for faith & community building



### Knights of Columbus Corner

The Knights of Columbus would like to let all St. Pius X parishioners know that the Charity Appeal Raffle is underway.

This year the prizes are (in descending order): 2024 Ford Escape Hybrid, \$25,000, \$10,000, \$5,000, and ten \$1,000 prizes, with 10 Early Bird prizes of \$1,000!

Tickets are available online at: [kofccharity.ca](http://kofccharity.ca)

Click on the Charity Appeal button (left side of screen)

Click on the Buy Now Button (top of screen).

This will lead you to the purchasing screen.

Purchase the option that interests you.

An e-mail record will be sent to you.



This year there are also 50/50 tickets available for those who have bought raffle tickets.

Thank-you for supporting the Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal.

See you all at the Pancake Breakfast this Sunday.

### St. Vincent de Paul Update

Hello St. Pius X Parishioners.

A big THANK-YOU to all who contributed toiletry items on St. Vincent de Paul Sunday.

Your generosity is most appreciated.



**Society of  
Saint Vincent de Paul**

**ST. PIUS X CATECHISM**  
**UPDATE**  
**HELP WANTED**

Looking for volunteer catechist teachers to be teachers on-call.

Also looking for one full-time teacher to share the level 2 class.

Thursdays 6-7:15 pm, from September to May (approx).

For more information please email Ingrid at [catechism.spx\\_kelowna@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:catechism.spx_kelowna@nelsondiocese.org)

If you, or someone you know has a gift for teaching and would enjoy serving this way, please prayerfully consider volunteering.

Thank you, Ingrid Uhrich.

**Mass Schedule - St. Pius X**

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 Friday 9:35 am - 10:00 am

**Confession**

Saturday 4:00 pm  
or by appointment



**OCT. 13th - Feast of Our Lady of Fatima**

On the day of the final apparition to three young Portuguese children, October 13th, 1917, Mother Mary identified herself as “Our Lady of the Rosary”.

**Luke Bertolucci - St. Pius X Young Adult Leader - Tells his story (Part 4 of 4)**

When I started my practicum at Immac I still wasn't fully sure that this was God's plan. Anxiety will often make you doubt the most obvious things. Yet, when I arrived in the parking lot for the first time, I parked beside the electronic sign in the parking lot. As I looked at it, it said “you are meant to be here” and I had goosebumps all over my body. God lit up a sign for me. To this day I look at the sign every day but I have never seen a message that was even close to that. He put it on someone's heart to put that message on the sign that day. God's ways are above ours and he uses his people to fulfill his plan.

On the last day of my practicum before Christmas break, the teachers took part in a spiritual retreat led by CCO. My friend from Queen's was the one that led it so he asked me to do the first bible reading of the day. The verse was Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans that I have for your life, plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.” Again, I had goosebumps as this was a verse I would focus on over and over during the covid lockdown when I was feeling anxiety. Another example of God helping a stubborn mule to figure it out.

After that moment I have not looked back. This job has been more than I could ever ask for. I get to teach others about their faith and I even get to teach my other passions like history and writing. Every day I get to spend time with tomorrow's future and it gives me energy.

I would like to leave you with a few key points that you can use in your lives.

- 1) When you are deciding what to do with your future look at what makes you happy. What excites you? What gives you energy? If you are going to work 40 hours a week it had better be something that you enjoy. Never do something for just the paycheque or the prestige.
- 2) Pray – during covid I was still not sure about my future. But rather than stewing in my own anxiety, I brought it to God. Many of you might not know how to pray and that's ok because I didn't either. Start by sitting or laying in silence for a few moments because that is where you will hear him. From there, talk to him. He created you and he wants to hear you. He can handle your frustration and your pain. He will not let you down.
- 3) Similar to point number 2 – ask God what his plan for your life is. He knows us better than we know ourselves and his plan is where you will be happiest. It can be scary, but he wants you to surrender it to him. Some of you might have a religious calling, and that is beautiful. It was not meant for me, but I only truly knew that by bringing it to him. And if I did have that beautiful calling to the priesthood I would have accepted, and it would have been where I was most fulfilled. So simply ask him and leave it with him.
- 4) Don't just think about the future all of the time. Enjoy the present moment because you will never get to live it again. Take some time to appreciate where you are at and where you have come from.

I can promise you that if you do these points, you will be happier, more at peace, and more importantly, holier.



Above: Knights of Columbus District Deputy Bro. Arnie Kouwenhoven & Grand Knight Bro. Abel Martins

**St. Pius X Knights of Columbus**  
**Council 7359 has achieved**  
**‘Star Council Status’**

The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and programming. In order to achieve the Star Council Award, a council must earn the Father McGivney, Founders’, and Columbian Awards.

**Congratulations St. Pius X Knights!!**



**Children’s Liturgy**

Children Liturgy, Sunday Morning during 11:00 am mass, needs 3 volunteers in order to continue to operate. You would only have to volunteer 2 Sundays per month. Training is provided and very simple to learn. If you are interested please call Theresa. 250-763-0869

**Honour Our Lady of Fatima**  
**Outdoor Rosary Rally**

*Our Lady of Fatima*

**Immaculate Conception Church**  
**Saturday, Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 11:30 am.**

ICC Procession to Rowcliffe Park.  
**EVERYONE WELCOME!!**

- 11:30 Gather @ ICC parking lot.
- 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.

**Mass Intentions**

- \*Saturday, Oct. 12th, 5:00 pm  
Doris Mabanag Krenz Family -INT-
- \*Sunday, Oct. 13th, 9:00 am  
Parishioners of St. Pius X -INT-
- \*Sunday, Oct. 13th, 11:00 am  
Antonia Guercio -R-
- \*Sunday, Oct. 13th, 6:00 pm  
Maggi Putaro -R-
- \*Tuesday, Oct. 15th, 9:00 am  
Joao & Maria Gomes -R-
- \*Wednesday, Oct. 16th, 9:00 am  
Fred & Barbara Orlando -R- Mirella DiMarcello -R-
- \*Thursday, Oct. 17th, 9:00 am  
Harry DiMarcello -R-
- \*Friday, Oct. 18th, 9:00 am  
Michael Curran -R-

**Grade 7-12 Kelowna Catholic Youth Group News!**

Just a reminder that there is no Youth Group this Sunday (Happy Thanksgiving!).

We continue with our Connected Series **NEXT Sunday (Oct. 20)!**

Here are the details ...

- 6:15 - 8:15 pm
- ICC Parish Center (use EAST entrance)

To RSVP for this event and download your registration form, go to [www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca](http://www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca)

Looking forward to seeing you there!!  
 David, Leanne, Laura and Nicole

## PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH APPEAL

This annual appeal provides funding for capital project rebates, Catholic education, social and pastoral programs, and many other key services in our Diocese as well as to our parish.

**Diocesan Goal: \$39,450**

**Parish Goal: \$25,000**

**Total: \$64,450.**

**Raised to Date: \$49,993.35**

**Funds Still Required: \$14,456.65**

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)



## *Rachel's Corner*

Has abortion left you feeling empty and alone? Rachel's Vineyard retreats are available for any man, woman or family member who has struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. If you are searching for peace and inner healing from an abortion experience, this retreat is for you. Register now for our October retreat in Kelowna. For more information, call Vicki, 250-762-2273 or email: [info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com)

[www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](http://www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com)  
f Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna

## **Corpus Christi Parish** 750 Rutland Road North **Annual Turkey Supper**

**Monday, November 11, 2024**

**3:00 pm Take-out**

**4:30 pm Seating**

**6:00 pm Seating**

Tickets \$15.00 per person

Call [250-765-6869](tel:250-765-6869) to reserve your ticket

## **THANK YOU BELLA ROSA ORCHARDS**

Sam & Patti DiMaria, long time parishioners of St. Pius X Parish, donated 160 lbs of apples in September to help make our bazaar apple pies. Visit [their orchard](#) in



Glenmore for pears & apples. From 8:30 am to 5 pm until Oct. 20th.

Address: 120 Mail Road, Kelowna  
[250-763-5433](tel:250-763-5433)

## **St. Edwards Parish** **CWL Fall Fair**

Saturday, October 26th  
10 am - 2 pm

Featuring: Team Room,  
Baking, Crafts, Gifts,  
Christmas Goods & More

11123 Okanagan Centre  
Road E.  
Lake Country (Winfield)



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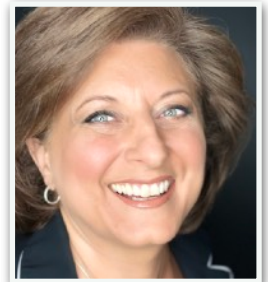
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