

Sunday Bulletin Dec. 1st, 2024 St. Pius X Parish Kelowna, BC

1st Sunday of Advent



Pastor's Message

'Tis the time to shop for what you think you need: this is the weekend when merchants lay out their best deals for bargain-hungry consumers. If you didn't find what you were were looking for on Black Friday, there's always Cyber Monday, right?

But did you know, us Catholic's have been enjoying THE BEST pre-season Christmas deal ever?

Today's special offerings include our spiritual "supersized meal deal"! It's the "door crasher" special that offers everything our soul wants!

Hope ~ **Peace** ~ **Joy** ~ **Love**

Don't let the familiar name of "The First Sunday of Advent" fool you. This day is much more than simply the first day of your Advent Calendar. This day opens up the gates to a destination that is fit for king!

Advent - which means arrival - is our yearly destination as Christians: a spiritual celebration where you can find abundant hope, eternal peace, everlasting joy and endless love

These are truly the gifts that keep on giving because Jesus was born.

My favourite symbol of our Advent anticipation is the wreath adorned with 3 purple candles (hope, peace & love), 1 pink candle and a circle of evergreen.

Every year, I help our catechism students build their own Advent Wreath and this year was no exception. Their enthusiasm for this simple craft is something to behold. I always show up with materials akin to a few loaves and fish and watch how the children turn my dollar store materials into unique creations fit for the arrival of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. I am amazed at their resilience as they share materials, discuss their creative process and use whatever has been presented. This is always my first Christmas miracle of the season.

We also came together in our circle to sing the candle lighting song and they fumbled along with me to come up with actions associated with the words to help with memorizing the words. They are a wonderful group and I know we all cherish our parish children.

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Mass Schedule - St. Pius X

Saturday 4:00 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 3:00 pm or by appointment

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We invite all our families to attend 11:00 am mass on December 1st, where the children will be asked to bring their humble vet spectacular wreaths to the altar. At 4:00 pm, please join us for our Christmas Festival and Carols.

Blessings for a magical and wondrous Advent journey!

~ Doris Maria Bregolisse



POLISH MASS

Fr. Waldemar Karciarz will be visiting Immaculate Conception Church in December to celebrate mass and hear confession for our Polish Community (in Polish).

Reconciliations

Dec. 15th, 3:00 pm Friday December 13th, 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm ICC Parish Saturday December 14th, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm

CARE HOME MASSES

Northwood: 1st Friday @ 10:30 am

David Lloyd Jones: 2nd Tuesday @ 10:30 am

Brandt's Creek Mews: 1st Wednesday @ 10:30 am

Three Links Manor: 3rd Tuesday @ 10:30 am **Sandalwood:** Date & Time to be Announced

Mass Intentions

*Saturday, Nov. 30th, 4:00 pm Jennifer, Kayle, Marino & Family -INT-

*Sunday, Dec. 1st, 9:00 am Parishioners of St. Pius X -INT-

*Sunday, Dec. 1st 11:00 am Giovannina & Francesco Putaro -R-

> *Sunday, Dec. 1st, 6:00 pm Teysi Quiroz Mata -R-

*Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, 9:00 am Wied Van Den Eerenbeemt -R-

*Wednesday, Dec. 4th, 9:00 am George Weninger -R-

*Thursday, Dec. 5th, 9:00 am Katharine Alex Fedyk Family -INT-

> *Friday, Dec. 6th, 9:00 am Dillan McLellan -R-



Next Spanish Mass

Thursday, December 12th, 6:00 pm

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

At this Mass, we will bless our new Statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Pray for the Sick

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

Bob & Rita Fairhurst, Julie La Brie, Loretta Bouchard, Donna Kirkham, Jared Kirkham, Ellenette Panis, Loreta Batandolo, Neil Chan, Juan Francisco Lorenzo, George Levine, Bobbie Cascanette, Lina Quarenghi, Beatriz Hernandez, Helen Curran, Linda Kleintelder, Bill Kipke, 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 or by Email: spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org

Merciful Jesus, grant them a healing of mind and body, and restore their strength and spirit. Amen

St. Pius X Dishwasher Replacement

Events at our parish wouldn't be possible without a commercial dishwasher. And after several decades of hard service to all of us. our parish needs to replace our this valuable piece of equipment.

This dishwasher will cost more than \$10,000.

We are counting on you to assist the parish so that we can continue to

host amazing events for all of us.

Please speak to Fr. Obi or Angelica, our office manager, about making a donation today! 250-762-2587

St. Pius X Christmas Party



in the Church Hall \$15.00 per person, children 12

> Come out and enjoy a Turkey dinner with all the trimmings, live music and lots of laughter.

and under are free.

We have a special guest who will be meeting with the children:

thats right, Santa!

Please fill out the sign up sheet in the church foyer.

The deadline for sign up is December 6th.

If you would like to bring a pan of your favourite cookies or squares for dessert we would really appreciate the treats!

See you all there! Ho Ho Ho!



Taste of Latin America

Thanks to the team who made this celebration another successful event in our parish. May our dear Lord continue to bless our parish as we grow in love of God and neighbour. Viva Christo Rey! ~Fr. Obi



St. Pius X Catholic Women's League News

*CWL Christmas Party: :

Saturday, November 30th at 10:00 am in the Father Martin Room. The parish CWL council is inviting all the women of the parish to join us in some holiday cheer and fellowship. If you have an inquiring mind about the CWL come join us and learn what we are all about!



*St. Pius X CWL Christmas Bake Sale: The Bake Sale is coming up on Saturday, Dec. 7th, after the 4:00 pm mass and on Sunday, Dec. 8th from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. Bakers are invited to bring up to 6 dozen of one baked item. Baking is to be dropped off at the church hall, Fri. Dec. 6th, between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. Thank you. For more information, please leave a message for Blanche (250-801-6517).

*Bakers needed: the CWL will be baking shortbread on Wed. Dec. 4th, after the morning mass and tarts on Fri. Dec. 6th, after the morning mass. If you are able to help, please leave a message for Blanche (250-801-6517).

*Molly Boucher Bursary: The Nelson Diocese CWL offers a \$2000 bursary. The applicant must be a practising Catholic and an active member of the Catholic Women's League of Canada for a minimum of two (2) years. Applications must be received no later than April 30th. For more information, please go to https://bcyukoncwl.com/resources/molly-boucher-bursary/

Gr. 7-12 Kelowna Catholic Youth Group News!

To kick off the Advent Season and Christmas festivities, we will be meeting at St. Pius X Parish for the Christmas Festival and Carols on Dec. 1st at 4:00 pm. This is a whole family gathering, and it promises to be another great event like last year. No ticket needed to attend. Freewill offering will be taken for St. Vincent de Paul Society to help the poor in our community. Jesus is the Reason for the Season.

Upcoming Date to Note

Sunday, Dec. 8th -- Christmas Movie Night ICC Parish Center

For more information about these events or to register for our Youth Group, go to www.kelownacatholicyouthgroup.ca





Knights of Columbus Corner

The Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal lottery tickets are available online at:

<u>kofccharity.ca</u> ——> Click on the Charity Appeal button (left side of screen) then click on the Buy Now Button (top of screen). This will lead you to the purchasing screen.

Purchase the option that interests you.

Ensure under "My Organizations" you select Kelowna-7359 St. Pius X Parish An e-mail receipt 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.



2024 ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULES

Corpus Christi Parish Wed. Dec. 4th, 6:00 pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Wed. Dec. 11th, 4:00 pm

St. Pius X Parish Mon. Dec. 16th, 5:30 pm

St. Edwards Parish

Tues. Dec. 17th; 4:30 pm dinner, 6:00 pm confession

OLOL School Wed. Dec. 18th 10:30 am & 12:45pm

St. Charles Garnier Parish Wed. Dec. 18th, 5:30 pm

Immaculate Conception Parish Thurs. Dec. 19th, 3:30 pm

ST. PIUS X PARISH EVENTS: Nov. 30th to December 7th

Saturday, Nov. 30th	4:00 pm	Holy Mass
Saturday, Nov. 30th	10:00 am	CWL members Christmas gathering
Sunday, Dec. 1st	9:00 am	Holy Mass
	11:00 am	Holy Mass
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass
Sunday, Dec. 1st	4:00 pm	Christmas Festival & Carols
Sunday, Dec. 1st	4:30 pm	Alpha Youth
Monday, Dec. 2nd	6:00 pm	ESL (English Class) —Parish Hall
Tuesday, Dec. 3rd -	8:30 am	Rosary
Friday, Dec. 6th	9:00 am	Holy Mass
Tuesday, Dec. 3rd	10:30 am	Korean LEGIO Group — Fr. Martin Room
Tuesday, Dec. 3rd	6:00 pm	Prayer Group - Fr. Martin Room
Wednesday, Dec. 4th	10:00 am	Quilter's Day
Thursday, Dec. 5th	5:45 pm	Catechism
Friday, Dec. 6th	9:35 am	Adoration
Friday, Dec. 6th	9:00 am to 1:00 pm	Drop off baking for bake sale after masses
Saturday, Dec. 7th	4:00 pm	Holy Mass



St. Charles Garnier Advent & Christmas Festival

Friday, December 13th, 6:30 pm "Around the World - Through the Ages"

We will celebrate diverse cultures - please bring a tray of snacks or sweets to share that reflect your culture.

Chalice Christmas Gift Catalogue

Chalice, a Catholic, Canadian charity, invites you to share the blessings of Christmas with children in the developing world.

A beautiful handwritten card will be sent to the recipient, telling them of the gift that is given.

To order gifts, please call 1-800-776-6855 or visit https://chalice.ca/gift-catalogue/



FORMED

Formed has some great content for reflection as we prepare for the coming of Jesus.

On the drop-down menu at the top of the web page they have an ADVENT Button. Just click on it and you will find a great selection of speakers, movies etc.

I have downloaded their Advent Calendar and there you will find daily readings, speakers, reflections, movies for both adults and children – most are short, five minutes or so. I have listed my three favourites below.

May I suggest, after supper or just before going to bed, before you open the little door on your store-bought advent calendar for your little treat, take a few minutes for some spiritual reflection, by yourself or as a family. After all, Jesus is the reason for the season.

Merry Christmas everyone! ~ Mary Anna

Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree this Advent https://watch.formed.org/rooted

Adore! Advent with Father John Burns

https://watch.formed.org/adore-advent-reflections-with-fr-john-burns

Brother Francis: The Days of Advent (for children) https://watch.formed.org/brother-francis-the-days-of-advent



Office of the Bishop

DIOCESE OF NELSON

Seminarian Appointment December 2024

To the Priests, Religious and Faithful of the Diocese of Nelson

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I am pleased to make the following Seminarian Appointment:

Jeffrey Loma will be a seminarian intern at Holy Trinity Parish in Trail, December 10, 2024.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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St. Pius X Word Puzzle Dec. 1st. 2024 13 11

ACROSS

- 1. Jesus was first presented in the temple of this town in Israel.
- 2. First candle of Advent represents this.
- 3. To give up or let go of something.
- 4. Jesus' mother.
- 5. Two small pieces of cloth joined by strings and worn around neck. The Brown one is said to save those who wear it from the fire of hell.
- To find an answer to a problem.
- Mary's cousin and the mother of John the Baptist.
- Describing a follower of Jesus.
- A circle of greenery.
- 10. The archangel who is called the Angel of the Lord.
- 11. The four weeks of Advent culminate with this celebration.

DOWN

- Christmas celebrates the birth of Him.
- 12. The archangel who appeared to Mary and told her she was pregnant with the Son of God.
- 13. A way to mark the days of Advent leading up to Christmas. Often filled with small treats.
- 14. Showing sorrow or regret for having done wrong.
- 15. Restoring what was unjustly taken and compensating with generosity for the selfishness that caused the injury.
- The father of John the Baptist; he was married to Elizabeth, Mary's cousin.
- 17. A small place of liturgical worship.



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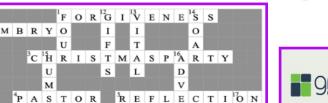
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Answer to Nov. 24th Word Puzzle



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