

Sunday Bulletin

Dec. 8th, 2024

St. Pius X Parish

Kelowna, BC



2nd Sunday of Advent

Pastor's Message

Advent - The Yearning and Longing of our Hearts

I was at Apex this week. It looked like winter wonderland. It was a reminder to me that Christmas is on the horizon.

How shall we prepare for the coming of Jesus this Christmas? There is no other way other than the way of love. As Martin Luther King said, "When we discover the power of love, we shall make this old world a new world." Let us begin with our family. Let us forgive. Let old resentments go. The Holy Spirit can help us to do this. On our own, it can be difficult.

One of my favourite Advent song is 'O Come O Come Emmanuel.' I found myself singing it already this week. The song evokes in us a longing, a yearning for a Messiah, for hope, for meaning, for that which will last. As we sing it during this Advent, may it help to give expression to the deep longings of our heart.

Advent is a time of pilgrimage: an interior journey that we make with Mary, Joseph and John the Baptist. We are heading to the manger. Dorothy Day once spoke of the manger in a beautiful way. She said, "I'm so glad Jesus was born in a manger. Because my soul is so much like a manger. It's poor and in unsatisfactory condition - yet I believe if Jesus can be born in a manger, maybe he can also be born in me."

As we prepare for Christmas: the beautiful lights and decorations, the shopping and baking, May the manger of our hearts be also prepared so that at Christmas, we can give to Jesus a new heart as we too receive Him anew on Christmas Day.

How can we have a grace-filled Advent as we prepare for Christmas? Here are 10 suggestions:

1. Take inventory of life: where am I today in my relationship with Jesus?
2. Prepare for our Parish Christmas Confessions which is on Monday, December 16 at 5.30pm.
3. A resolution to begin again
4. Keep awake through prayer: rediscovering Holy Mass. Maybe attend one more Mass during the week and pray for your family that this year at Christmas, you may be united and be a blessing to everyone.

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St. Pius X Knights of Columbus



**Pancake
Breakfast**



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Breakfast
In Town!**

After All Sunday Masses

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

Healing Prayers for Bishop Gregory and For Our Loved Ones

Heavenly Father, we lift up to you our loved ones who will be undergoing surgery soon especially our dear Shepherd, Bishop Gregory Bittman.

We offer the suffering and pain of his illness to you as a sacrifice pleasing to you for the good of our diocese. Through it, we pray that we may draw closer to you and closer to one another during this Advent.

Please guide the hands of the medical team and grant them wisdom. Surround Bishop Gregory and our loved ones with Your healing presence and bring comfort to their heart. We trust in Your mercy and healing power.

Lord, we entrust their recovery into Your hands. May Your healing power bring swift and complete restoration. Grant them strength, patience, and a spirit of resilience during this time of recovery. Thank You, Lord, for Your faithfulness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Please pray for families in the Middle East and in Ukraine.

5. Pray the Rosary as you drive
6. No negativity: resolve to not engage in any negative word, comment and speak about someone in a negative. Change the discussion.
7. Say Merry Christmas.
8. Advent Candle lighting with family or by yourself: dim the light. Determine to be a bearer of hope. As Christians, we bring hope in the midst of obscurity, darkness, absurdity, unrest and war. Evil will never win. Love wins!
9. Pray together as family.
10. Driving and in the grocery store: Words of blessing to the driver before and behind you; same thing as you pay for your groceries, pray for the person before and behind you.

Frs. Harry, Jim and I look forward to making this journey of Advent with you.

Please pray for our dear Shepherd, Bishop Gregory Bittman who will be undergoing a surgery on December 18th. See prayers on page 1.

Your brother,
Fr. Obi

Mass Intentions

*Saturday, Dec. 7th, 4:00 pm
Gino Cimbaro -R-

*Sunday, Dec. 8th, 9:00 am
Parishioners of St. Pius X -INT-

*Sunday, Dec. 8th 11:00 am
Rino Gemin -R-

*Sunday, Dec. 8th, 6:00 pm
Robert Fougere & Family -INT-

*Tuesday, Dec. 10th, 9:00 am
CWL -INT-

*Wednesday, Dec. 11th, 9:00 am
Beverly McNamaea -R-
Klara Kaslin -R-

*Thursday, Dec. 12th, 9:00 am
Micheal Curran -R-

*Friday, Dec. 13th, 9:00 am
Antonia Guercio -R-

FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings and peace in the Lord!

I write to let you know that I have to deal with a medical issue that requires my immediate and full attention.

Our Vicar General, Fr. Sebastian Puthenpura, and our Chancellor, Fr. Cerlouie Jimenez, will fill in during my absence.

I very much appreciate your prayers at this time, especially on Dec. 17th & 18th. I, of course, will hold you in prayer during this time too.

God bless,
✠ Bishop Gregory



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...

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, 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

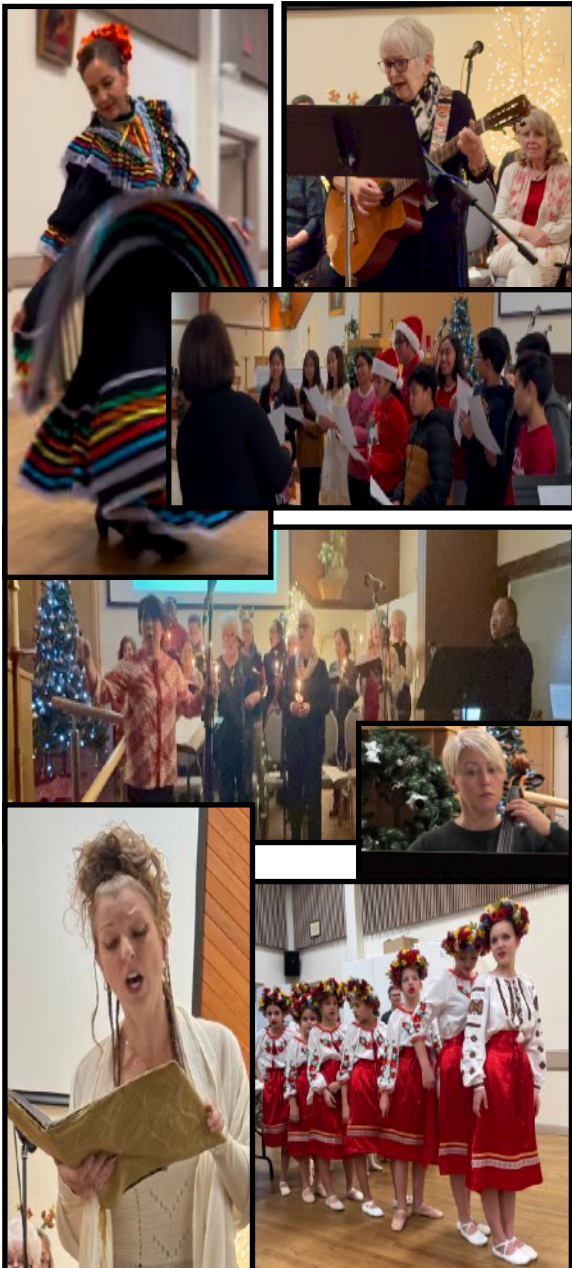
*Merciful Jesus, grant them a healing of mind and body, and restore their strength and spirit.
Amen*

GRATITUDE & APPRECIATION

We hope your hearts are filled as full as ours following the beautiful Christmas Carols & Festival last weekend. Thank you to the performers, the volunteers and everyone who attended.

Donations collected for the St. Pius X chapter of St. Vincent de Paul Society totalled \$3,010!!

These funds raised will help ensure that less fortunate families in our community are supported over the Christmas season.



St. Pius X Christmas Party

**December 15th at 4:00 pm
in the Church Hall**

**\$15.00 per person, children 12
and under are free.**

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

*We have a special guest who will be
meeting with the children:
that's 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!

*Wear a
Christmas
sweater or hat!*



*Wear
anything
red!!*

St. Pius X Christmas Bake Sale



It's time to fill your cookie jars in preparation for the Christmas festivities and we are happy to help you fill them!

Cookies, squares, and butter tarts will be for sale in the hall on:
Sat., Dec. 6th, after the 4:00 mass
Sun., Dec. 7th, from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

*If able, we ask buyers to please bring containers for their purchases.

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

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

Friday December 13th, 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Saturday December 14th, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Mass

Dec. 15th, 3:00 pm

ICC Parish

St. Pius X
Catholic Women's League News



***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.**

***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/>

Taste of the Nations

Taste of Latin America

Donations received: \$1,081.05
Balance after expenses: \$921.79

Taste of the Philippines

Donations received: \$822.
Balance after expenses: \$498.26

Taste of Africa

Donations received: \$1432.75
Balance after expenses: \$27.28

Taste of Asia (Vietnam, Indonesia, China, South Korea, India)

Donations received: \$1378.35
Balance after expenses: \$1215

Through the generosity of families participating from different nations, some of the cost of groceries were covered.

We are immensely grateful.

May we continue to build up our community of faith in love and a spirit of welcome and embrace.

Catholic Education Prayers of the Faithful

“For Catholic teachers: That they will be guided by the Holy spirit in nurturing the faith of their students, helping them to understand the meaning of Advent”

The National Day of Prayer in
Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples

Celebrated on December 12th every year, on the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas, who appeared to a humble native peasant, Juan Diego, in Mexico in 1531. The Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council celebrates this day for prayer, solidarity and reconciliation, by issuing an annual message honouring Aboriginal people who were inspired by their Catholic faith.

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2024 ADVENT
CONFESSION
SCHEDULES

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: Dec. 7th to Dec. 14th

Saturday, Dec. 7th	4:00 pm	Holy Mass
Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 7th & 8th	After all masses	Bake Sale
Sunday, Dec. 8th	9:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass
Sunday, Dec. 8th	4:30 pm	Alpha Youth
Monday, Dec. 9th	6:00 pm	ESL (English Class) —Parish Hall
Tuesday, Dec. 10th - Friday, Dec. 13th	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Holy Mass
Tuesday, Dec. 10th	10:30 am	Korean LEGIO Group — Fr. Martin Room
Tuesday, Dec. 10th	6:00 pm	Prayer Group - Fr. Martin Room
Wednesday, Dec. 11th	10:00 am	Quilter's Day
Thursday, Dec. 12th	5:45 pm	Catechism
Thursday, Dec. 12th	6:00 pm	Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe & Statue Dedication
Friday, Dec. 13th	9:35 am	Adoration
Saturday, Dec. 14th	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/>

Important Upcoming Events at a Glance

- Thursday, December 12th at 6:00 pm: Spanish Mass and blessing of the statue of our Lady of Guadalupe
- Sunday, December 15th at 4:00 pm: Parish Christmas Party
- Monday, December 16th at 5.30 pm: Parish Christmas Confession
- Prayers for Bishop Gregory for his upcoming surgery starting this weekend until his surgery which is on December 18th
- Christmas Mass Schedule: check upcoming bulletins
- Monday, December 9th: Solemnity of Immaculate Conception: Mass at 9:00 am. (This feast day, because it falls on Sunday this year, was moved to Monday December 9th)

Feed a Family... Feel the Joy!

7th Annual Kelowna Christmas Turkey Drive

Immaculata Regional High School
1493 KLO Road

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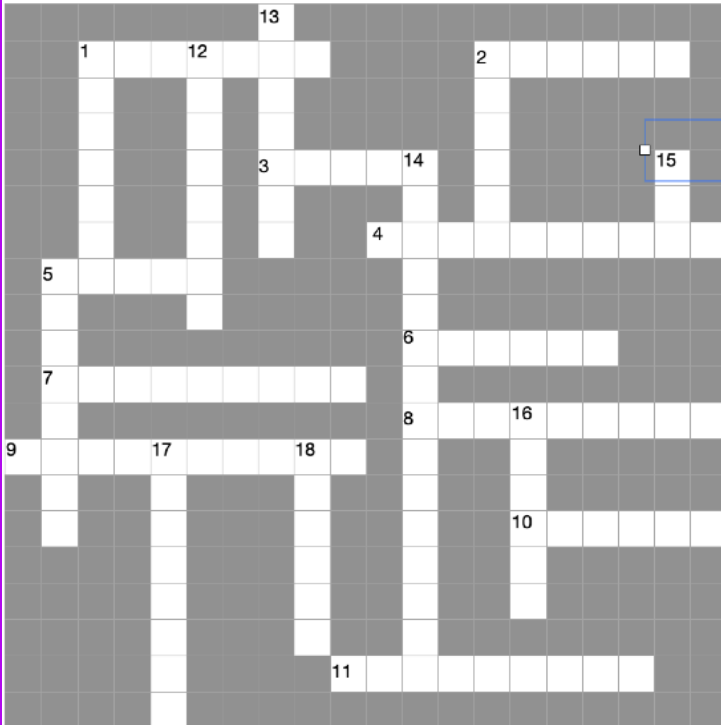
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December 13th
6:30am - 10:00 am

Accepting both frozen turkeys and monetary donations for the direct purchase of turkeys.



St. Pius X Word Puzzle Dec. 8th, 2024



Answers in the Dec 15th Bulletin

ACROSS

1. A person who speaks for God.
2. A likeness of Christ, the Blessed Virgin or one of the saints that has been sculpted, carved or cast in a solid material that is venerated by the faithful.
3. A person recognized for holiness.
4. A cupboard or boxlike receptacle for the exclusive reservation of the Blessed Sacrament.
5. This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent. What does the second purple candle that we light represent?
6. A group of persons who are related by marriage or blood. In the church, this group is protected by divine law.
7. The act of religion by which God is recognized as alone worthy of supreme honour. This takes place on Friday mornings after mass.
8. Feast Day on December 12th, marking the apparition of Our Lady in December, 1531, in this Mexican City.
9. Pope Pius XII placed Rome under the special protection of Our Lady of _____ during the Second World War.
10. There are three purple and one pink of this item on an Advent Wreath.
11. Our parish is thankful for these gifts that help pay for items like our new dishwasher.

DOWN

1. A declaration of assurance that one will do a particular thing.
2. Many of these are prominent sacred localities. They may be the burial place of a saint, where they lived or died or where a heavenly apparition took place.
5. A synonym for heaven.
12. The Knights of Columbus are making this food on Sunday after masses.
13. The first book in the Old Testament.
14. A complete change of form or appearance into a more beautiful or spiritual state.
15. The members of this Catholic group are holding a bake sale this weekend.
16. A man specially ordained to the service of the Church's ministry.
17. A New Testament title of Christ, from the place where he lived.
18. The Mother of Jesus, Mary, remained this all her life.

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