



*Sunday Bulletin*  
*March 2nd,*  
*2025*  
*St. Pius X Parish*  
*Kelowna, BC*  
*Eighth Sunday in*  
*Ordinary Time*



**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

**Dear Parishioners,**

As we embark on the sacred journey of Lent, we are reminded of God's heartfelt invitation through the prophet Joel:

*"Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." (Joel 2:12)*

These words capture the essence of Lent a season of returning to God, not merely through outward observances but with a deep, sincere conversion of heart. The Lord calls us to come back to Him, to renew our faith, and to realign our lives with His divine will.

Lent is a time of **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving:** three spiritual pillars that help us grow in holiness. Through **prayer**, we open our hearts to God, seeking His guidance and strength. It is an opportunity to deepen our relationship with Him through personal reflection, Scripture, and participation in the Sacraments. Through **fasting**, we detach ourselves from material excesses and focus on spiritual nourishment. This self-discipline reminds us that true satisfaction is found not in worldly comforts but in God alone. Through **almsgiving**, we share our blessings with those in need, practicing Christ's love in action.

Lent is not merely about abstaining from food or habits but about making space for God in our lives. It is a time to let go of anything that separates us from Him—sin, distractions, complacency and to embrace a renewed commitment to holiness. Each sacrifice we make, each prayer we offer, and each act of charity we perform draws us closer to Christ, who gave His very life for us.

This season also invites us to reflect on Christ's journey to the cross, His immense love for humanity, and the salvation He offers. By walking with Him in His suffering, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the victory of His resurrection at Easter.

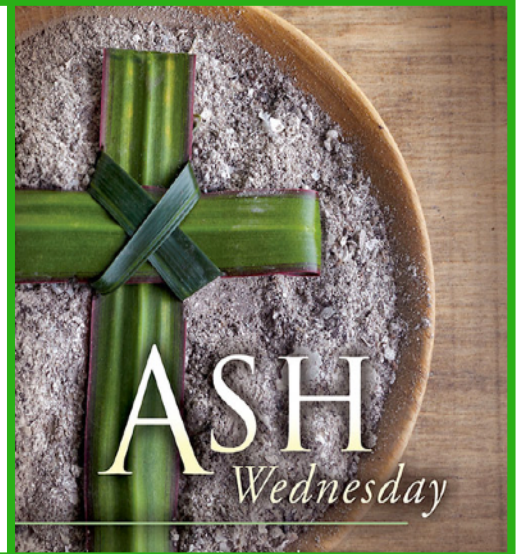
I encourage each of you to embrace this Lenten journey with openness and sincerity. Take time for personal reflection, attend Mass and confession, engage in acts of kindness, and seek God with all your heart.

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**Ash Wednesday**  
**March 5th**

**Masses:**  
**9:00 am & 6:00 pm**

Bring last year's blessed palms to mass this weekend to be burned for ashes. Deposit them in the box in the foyer of the Church.



**Mass Schedule - St. Pius X**

**Saturday:** 4:00 pm

**Sunday:** 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 6:00 pm

**Tuesday through Friday:** Rosary 8:30 am, Mass 9:00 am

**Ash Wednesday (March 5th):** Holy Mass 9:00 am & 6:00 pm

**Stations of the Cross:** 6:30 pm, Friday's during Lent

**Adoration/ Benediction:** Every Friday  
 9:35 am to 10:00 am

**Confession:** Saturdays at 3:00 pm or by appointment

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*Pastor's Message Continued....*

Let this be a time of true renewal, where we allow God's grace to transform us. May this Lent be a season of deep spiritual growth, leading us closer to the heart of Christ. Let us return to the Lord with all our hearts, trusting in His boundless mercy and love.

**Observing Lent as a family can be a beautiful and spiritually enriching experience. Here are some practical tips to help your family make the most of this holy season:**

**1. Pray Together Daily**

- Set aside time for **family prayers**, such as saying the **Rosary**, the **Divine Mercy Chaplet**, or the **Stations of the Cross** at home.
- Read and reflect on the **daily Lenten Scriptures** together.
- Attend **daily Mass** or **Eucharistic Adoration** as a family when possible.

**2. Fast as a Family**

- Choose one meal a week to have a **simple meal** (like soup and bread) and discuss the meaning of sacrifice.
- Encourage children to give up **something meaningful** (sweets, screen time, or complaining) and explain how fasting brings us closer to God.

**3. Practice Almsgiving and Service**

- Set up a **family Lenten jar**, where everyone contributes money saved from fasting to donate to the poor.
- Volunteer as a family at a local shelter, food pantry, or parish event.
- Write letters or visit **the sick, elderly, or homebound** in the community.
- Encourage children to share their toys, clothes, or time with those in need.

**4. Strengthen Your Faith at Home**

- Create a **Lenten prayer space** with a cross, candles, and purple cloth.
- Watch **faith-based movies** or read **Bible stories** related to Jesus' Passion.
- Encourage **spiritual reading** (such as lives of saints, Lenten reflections, or books on sacrifice and mercy).

**5. Attend Confession Together**

- Make the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** a family priority during Lent.
- Discuss the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation within the family.

**6. Observe Holy Week with Meaning**

- Participate in Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil services.
- Recreate the **Last Supper** at home on Holy Thursday, discussing its significance.
- Have a family **silence hour** on Good Friday to meditate on Christ's sacrifice.

By observing these practices, Lent can become a time of **spiritual renewal, deeper faith, and stronger family bonds**. May this holy season bring your family closer to Christ.

**Fr. Biju CMI, Administrator**

**PARISH SCHEDULE**

Tuesday through Friday	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Holy Mass
Tuesdays	10:30 am	Korean LEGIO Group
Tuesdays	6:00 pm	Prayer Group - Fr. Martin Room
Ash Wednesday (March 5th)	9:00 am & 6:00 pm	Holy Mass
Wednesdays	10:00 am	Quilter's Group
Thursdays	5:45 pm to 7:15 pm	Catechism
Fridays	9:35 am	Adoration
Fridays During Lent	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sundays	4:30 pm	Alpha Youth

**EASTER (LENT) CONFESSIONS**

MONDAY, APRIL 7TH  
5:30 PM

THE KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE SOCIETY AND THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

*2025 Dinner Event*

Saturday, May 24

6:00 pm @ ICC Parish Hall - 839 Sutherland Ave in Kelowna

Tickets: \$35



**Mr. Alex Schadenberg**  
Executive Director



**Dr. Ryan Wilson**  
President



Euthanasia Prevention Coalition



Canadian Physicians for Life

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT [PROLIFEKELOWNA.CA](http://PROLIFEKELOWNA.CA), LOAVES & FISHES & ICC PARISH OFFICE

**EUTHANASIA EXPANSION IN CANADA?**

### Pray for the Sick

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

Bishop Gregory Bittman, Fr. Jim Ratcliffe, Marie-Jeanne McLellan, Janet Vander Hoek, Verna Finnigan, 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, Helen Curran, Linda Kleintelder, Bill Kipke, Walter Quarenghi, Gelindo Del Pino, Tessa McGibbon, June Hanushchak, Christine Zlogar, Vince Cummings, James McGlinchey, Rita Gemin, Betty Klinger, 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, 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*

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 1st, 4:00 pm  
Assad Fannah -R-

Sunday, March 2nd, 9:00 am  
St. Pius X Parishioners -INT-

Sunday, March 2nd, 11:00 am  
Renée & Tom Burzuk -INT-

Sunday, March 2nd, 6:00 pm  
Lou Therrien & Jo Lauer -R-

Tuesday, March 4th, 9:00 am  
Bob Fairhurst -R-

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

Thursday, March 6th, 9:00 am  
Mi Ki Kan -R-

Friday, March 7th, 9:00 am  
Myles Flaig -R-

### 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

### People of Faith Prayer Group

Meetings will be every other Tuesday  
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at  
St. Pius X Parish.

The upcoming dates are:  
**March 4th & March 18th**



*“Return to me with  
all your heart,  
with fasting and  
weeping and  
mourning. Rend  
your heart and not  
your garments.”*

*JOEL 2:12*

### 2024 TAX RECEIPTS

The 2024 donation tax receipts are available in the foyer. Please only take the envelope marked with your name.

Please call the office regarding any discrepancies.

Thank you for your generosity!

### St. Pius X CWL News



#### **Save the Date:**

**Diocesan Convention:** May 1-4, 2025. Nelson, BC  
information to be sent via CWL email soon.

**Provincial Convention:** June 19-22, 2025. Sandman Inn, Kelowna, BC

**National Convention:** August 10-13, 2025. Toronto, Ontario

### WAYS TO DONATE TO OUR PARISH

- **Regular offerings/collection envelopes.**
- **Pre-Authorized debit**
- **e-Transfer** [etransfer.spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org)  
**In the message box indicate that you want your donation to go to Sunday Collection, or a Special Collection.**

**Mail your Offerings to: 1346 Gordon Drive, Kelowna, BC V1Y 6X6**

**Please call or email our office to arrange for weekly Offerings Envelopes, or for direct deposit information: [250-762-2587](tel:250-762-2587) or [spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:spxkelowna@nelsondiocese.org)**



## The Chosen Season 5 Movie Night

Are you a Chosen fan ... Well St. Pius X CWL is organizing a group viewing at the Grand 10 Landmark Theatre, on McCurdy Rd.

**WHEN:** **Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** (Part 1) 6:30 pm  
**April 4<sup>th</sup>** (Part 2) 6:30 pm  
**April 11<sup>th</sup>** (Part 3) 6:30 pm

**HOW:** We are hoping to get bulk tickets for the events. Please sign up at the back of the church or call Tara. We need a minimum of 25 people for each movie night for bulk discount pricing. **Please sign up by March 2**, for all movie nights.

**COST:** Ticket price is \$13.50.

**PAYMENT:** We will only accept **cash or e-transfer** (call Tara for electronic details). All monies must be in by **March 4<sup>th</sup>**. Cash payment will be accepted after each mass on Saturday, March 1 or Sunday March 2 or dropped off at the office by Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**TICKET PICKUP:** Starting March 11, **pre-purchased tickets** will be available for pick up at St. Pius X office on Tuesday or Friday from 9-2; at the back of the church after the 4, 9 and 11 o'clock masses; or at the Grand 10 Theatre 30 minutes before showings. You can contact Tara at 250-801-4057 if you have any questions.

## YOUNG ADULT DANCE



7 PM - SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST  
ICC PARISH HALL  
MUSIC & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS  
OPEN TO ADULTS 18 TO 35 YEARS OF AGE

## World Day of Prayer

**March 15th @10am**  
Corpus Christi Parish  
750 Rutland Road North  
A reception will follow in the church hall.  
All parishes are welcome.

## KEY COLLECTION!

Are you a former volunteer or ministry worker who was given keys to St. Pius X Parish facilities?

Thank you for your generous gift of your time and talents to the parish!

**We now need those keys back, please, as some of those keys are very costly to replace.**

Please return the keys to the parish office, which is open Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

## St. Pius X Catechism Update

NEXT CLASS MARCH 6TH - 5:45 PM TO 7:15 PM

A district-wide Confirmation Ceremony will take place 1:00 pm, May 18th, 2025, at St. Charles Garnier Parish.

The new date for First Holy Communion is May 25th, with First Reconciliation on April 7th. Both will take place at St. Pius X.

## LITURGY VOLUNTEERS MEETING

St. Pius X Lectors, Ushers/ Greeters and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are invited to a dinner meeting with Fr. Biju on Monday, March 3rd @ 6:00 pm

Please RSVP so we can properly prepare food for the event.

Doris - [778-583-0222](tel:778-583-0222) or [DorisBregolis@Shaw.ca](mailto:DorisBregolis@Shaw.ca)

## *Rachel's Corner*

*"What in you has become leprous? What in you is being called back to intimacy with Christ? ...That in you which needs healing must come and prostrate itself before Christ and ask to be received. And, of course, He wants to heal. That is why He has come."* **Bishop Barron**

Have there been times you felt like an outcast since your abortion decision? Is it hard to truly believe He wants to heal you? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and let Him show you.

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## **GRADE 8 EXPANSION - WEST KELOWNA**

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School is embarking on a remarkable journey. Starting September 2025, students in West Kelowna will have the opportunity to continue their Catholic education all the way through to Grade 8.

This fall, the school will expand its programming to include Grade 8, providing a seamless transition from early learning to high school.

Students now have the opportunity to complete their middle school years at OLOL before transitioning to high school, providing greater continuity in education, fostering ongoing relationships, and setting a strong foundation for success.

Superintendent Pamela Guilbault shared her enthusiasm, noting the importance of offering Grade 8 at Our Lady of Lourdes. "This change allows us to offer parents the peace of mind knowing that their children are not only receiving excellent education, but they are growing in their faith every day. It is a privilege to walk with them on this important part of their journey."

## **STEUBENVILLE NW YOUTH CONFERENCE**

**Spokane, Washington -- July 9-13, 2025**

If you are a Catholic student **currently** in grade 8 to 12 and are from one of the Catholic parishes in Kelowna, West Kelowna or Lake Country, we invite you to apply for this sacrament-soaked weekend!

This youth conference is filled with talks, small group discussions, lively worship music, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, and Mass to help us see the importance of our relationship with the Lord.

Trip cost: \$695.00 (*additional funding may be available - please contact your parish office.*) Cost includes bus ride from ICC Kelowna, four nights' accommodation, all conference activities, 11 meals, travel medical insurance and entry into Silverwood Theme Park. Space is limited!

Complete these three application steps **by April 4th**:

- 1) INTERESTED? Email David Z FIRST at [snw.kelowna@gmail.com](mailto:snw.kelowna@gmail.com) with **'I'm Interested'** in the subject line so that he can watch for the following:
- 2) Parish Commitment Form signed by teen's parish priest
- 3) School-Based Character Reference

For more information about the conference and application process, go to [www.kelownacatholicityouthgroup.ca](http://www.kelownacatholicityouthgroup.ca).

## **Guest Services Clerk Job - Seton House of Prayer & Retreat**

- Maintains calendar bookings for upcoming retreats and events.
- Booking caterers and cleaning staff as required.
- Welcoming all visitors and processing all paperwork as required.
- & Other responsibilities.

This is a contract position working up to 20 hours per week. This position pays \$25/hour.  
Contact: [executive-cpc@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:executive-cpc@nelsondiocese.org)

## **St. Edwards Lenten Mission**

### **PREPARING for EASTER**

This spiritually enriching mission is four hours long, divided into two 2-hour sessions on different days. You can attend EITHER afternoon or evening, to fit your schedule.

**Where:** St. Edwards Parish, 11123 Okanagan Centre Rd East, in Lake Country

**When:** March 31 and April 2

**How:** Afternoon sessions: 2:00-4:00, starting with refreshments

Evening session: 5:30-7:30, starting with a light dinner

**Why:** Reflect, recharge, and connect with others to prep for Easter

**What:** Deacon Paul Murphy will lead presentations, group discussions, prayer, quiet reflection, concluding with silent adoration.

Mission themes include *faith, hope and prayer*.

**Registration is required:** Visit [stedwardsparish.ca](http://stedwardsparish.ca). Scroll down to Lenten Mission Afternoon or Lenten Mission Evening session, select your session, then follow the links.

- Can't register online? Call Richard Delaney at 613-794-3236.
- Can't join in person? Evening sessions livestreamed through parish website.

## **VATICAN UPDATE ON POPE FRANCIS' HEALTH**

FEB 28TH, 2025

By Vatican News

"As in recent days, the night passed calmly, and the Pope is now resting," read a Holy See Press Office statement on Friday morning, as Pope Francis receives treatment for bilateral pneumonia at Rome's Gemelli Hospital.

After waking up this morning, the Holy Father ate breakfast and read a few newspapers. He continues his treatment and breathing physiotherapy.

The Vatican also announced on Friday that Cardinal Angelo De Donatis, Major Penitentiary of Apostolic Penitentiary, will preside at the traditional celebration of the Ash Wednesday liturgy on the Aventine, which will take place on 5 March. According to the Thursday evening press release, the Pope's clinical condition continued to improve, though it remains "complex." The Press Office added that his prognosis remains guarded.

"He alternated high-flow oxygen therapy with a Ventimask. Due to the complexity of the clinical picture, further days of clinical stability are needed to clarify the prognosis," said the Thursday statement.

He spent Thursday afternoon in prayer in the chapel of his private apartment at the Gemelli hospital and received the Eucharist. He also engaged in several work-related activities.

**PASTORAL SERVICES  
UPDATE**

Fr. Biju is available to help those who are looking for monthly home-visits for eucharist & confession. For those looking for marriage, baptism & RCIA preparation, please make an appointment with Fr. Biju at your convenience.

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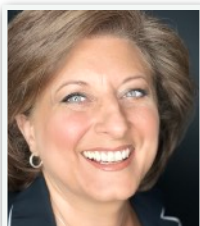
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