



ST. PIUS X Catholic Women's League

"INSIDE INSIGHTS"

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

A new year often brings change and your CWL is moving with the times by embracing change. We are happy to introduce you to some fresh changes.

- ✚ A new look and name for our Newsletter: "Inside Insights"
- ✚ A new CWL Executive. Please see below.
- ✚ A new President's focus for 2024-2026: "Catholic Women Unite"



- ✚ A New National Theme 2024-2026



ST. PIUS X CWL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2024 - 2026

Spiritual Advisor Father Jefferson
M. Thompson, CSB

President.....Barbara Johnston
Secretary Monica Altamirano
Treasurer Miriam Irving
Past President Marie Adams
Faith ChairpersonLisa Miiller
Service Chairperson.....Michelle Cox
Social Justice Chairperson.....Lizette Bell
Parish Activities Chairperson...Carol Landy

Heavenly Father, Through the ages, you have called many to serve you. Abraham, Sarah, and Samuel; Martha, Mary, and Elizabeth, as well as countless men and women throughout the ages. All were different and each brought unique gifts to your service. Now today, we too hear your call to come and follow, to bring our gifts to your service. Help us, O Lord to make our reply, *"Here I am Lord, send me"* with full and generous hearts, in order that we may be your instruments in the building of your Kingdom. We ask that you hear and answer our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, National Spiritual Adviser



NEW YEAR GREETINGS FROM FATHER JEFFERSON THOMPSON

Greetings and blessings for the New Year to all the dedicated women of the CWL in St. Pius X Parish. The energy and generosity of service within this group is so abundant that it always spills over from one year and into the next. SPX parishioner's gratitude to the CWL is constant, as is our expectation that you will continue to spoil us with your projects and bake sales. May the SPX CWL be blessed with strong membership and renewed vitality. May your faith and service bring you fulfillment in this world, and the happiness of eternal life in the next.

**So technically Moses was the
first man to download files
from the cloud using a tablet.**



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT BARBARA JOHNSTON, PRESIDENT 2024-2026

Barbara was born in the mid-north of England and came to Canada to go to UBC on a scholarship. She met her husband John while getting her degree in history. Following graduation, they were married in England and then moved to Prince George, BC. They raised three children and later were blessed with four grandchildren.

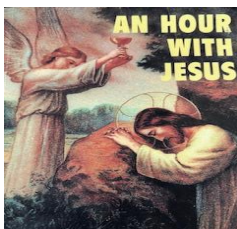
Barbara first joined CWL in Kamloops over 20 years ago and though John's work took the family to many places in BC, Barbara was always able to find a CWL to join. During these years she worked in many different jobs, including being a community librarian. Her favorite job was when she worked as Mrs. Claus at the North Pole BC. The children and the elves kept Barbara on her feet, singing and laughing.

When she is not involved in CWL, you will find her reading a book, taking part in Trefoil Guide activities (ex-Girl Guider), volunteering at Deep Cove Theater or going out socially with a widow's group. She loves music, theatre, and mysteries!

Barbara is looking forward to her new role as council President. Her focus is to Unite Catholic Women and grow the league with a diverse group of women from all walks of life.

FAITH - LISA MIILLER

- The week of January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Sunday January 21 celebrates the Word of God and reminds us that Scripture is the source of unity shared among Christian Churches. The International Theme for the Week of Christian Unity is "*You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbor as yourself.*" This theme calls all Christians to act like Christ in loving the good Samaritan, showing mercy and compassion to those in need, regardless of religious, ethnic, or social identity.
- February 2 is The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast comes 40 days after Christmas and is also called Candlemas for the custom of using lighted candles in celebration of the Lord's Presentation in the Temple.
- February 14 is Ash Wednesday and signifies the beginning of Lent. Also being Valentine's Day, we must try extra hard to follow the practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to renew our souls and deepen our faith.
- **ADORATION** returns on Friday January 12 following the school Mass that day at 9:15 am and will begin at 10:30 am. Adoration will end as usual with Benediction at 2:30 pm

**VALENTINE'S****BAKE SALE****AFTER MASSES****FEBRUARY 10/11**

Inviting all CWL members to bring their baked Valentine goodies to the Meeting room between:

**4-4:45pm on Saturday Feb.10 and
8:30-8:45am or 10:30-10:45am Sun. Feb. 11**

Cookies, cupcakes, bars, pies, tarts, loaves, cakes and other sweet or savory treats including **GLUTEN FREE** recipe items are most welcome.

We cannot accept baked goods that require refrigeration.

Please arrange on a paper plate and/or wrap in packages of 4-6 pieces, depending on their size, with a list of ingredients attached.

LAST CHANCE TO INDUCE BEFORE LENT!

SERVICE - MICHELLE COX❖ **Cobs Bread Delivery**

Thank you to our volunteers! We had a very successful year of reducing food waste and providing bread and baked goods to two charities. Our collection dates for January and February as follows:

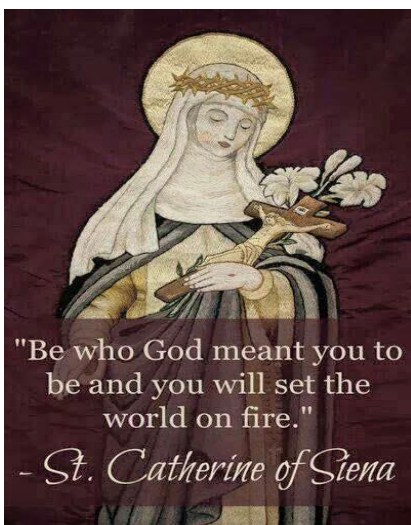
The Door is Open – **Jan 7, 21 and Feb 4**

Crabtree Corner – **Jan 8, 22 and Feb 5, 19**

❖ **Men's Shelter Ministry**

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Men's Shelter Ministry in 2023. Our last collection date in December was extremely successful. We filled an SUV to the brim with hot meals, sandwiches, baked goods, fruit, comfort kits, knitted toques, socks and many more items. Our parishioners came together to bring an extra special delivery to those less fortunate during the Christmas season. The generosity of our small parish was very impressive!

Our donation day in 2024 will remain on **Fridays** with our first collections of the new year on **Jan 26 and Feb 23**.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!****SENIOR'S VALENTINE TEA AND BINGO SOCIAL**

FEBRUARY 13 -1:30 TO 3:30 PM

PARISH MEETING ROOM

VALENTINE GOODIES WILL BE SERVED

ALL PARISH MEN & WOMEN ARE MOST WELCOME

RIDES ARE AVAILABLE

PLEASE RSVP TO

**Barbara at (236) 999-1285
Email at bajohnston@gmail.com**

SOCIAL JUSTICE - LIZETTE BELL

January is **Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC)** membership renewal month.

Membership is \$25 per year.

<https://epcc.ca/product/membership>

[Health Canada reported that there were 13,241 assisted deaths in 2022 representing 4.1% of all deaths \(Link\).](#)

The CWL is a supporter of EPC and encourages all parishioners to become and/or renew their membership of this worthwhile cause.

EPC's Goal: To prepare a well-informed, broadly-based network of organizations and individuals supporting measures that will create an effective social barrier to euthanasia and assisted suicide.

EPC is a supporter of a new book that is worth a read. It is thought provoking and provides a view into those who are less fortunate and/or dealing with mental illness and their desire which leads them to exploring **MAID** (Medical Assistance in Dying). Fortunately, Tyler chooses not to go down this path and this book is his recount of his journey to and away from **MAID**. We encourage al to read this book – **Therefore, Choose Life: My Journey from Hopelessness to Hope** – by Tyler Dunlop.

[Therefore, Choose Life](#) is available through the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition.

