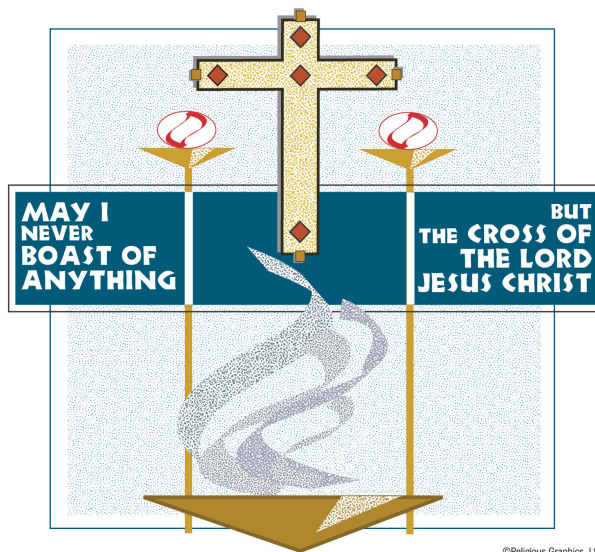


# Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

More than 60 years of faith  
“To restore all things in Christ”

July 6, 2025



Dear friends,

Last Thursday, July 3 we celebrated the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle of India. For me, St. Thomas is the patron Saint of the Missionary Society of St. Thomas the Apostle, my own missionary order (MST) as well as the father in faith of Saint Thomas Christians. The passage for this Sunday speaks of the sending of 72 disciples, their joy of being the emissaries of the gospel and Jesus' words on the real reason to be joyful disciples. This suddenly made me think over the joy of St Thomas being the disciple of Jesus in the jubilant cry “My Lord and My God” (Jn 20:29), courageous invitation “let us also go to die with Him” (Jn 11:16); then the famous question “Master we do not know where you are going: how can we know the way?” and the revelation of Jesus “I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me (Jn 14:5-6). Now let us reflect on how we can be joyful disciples like St. Thomas the Apostle basing on the gospel passage and Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*. In Luke 10:1-12, Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples ahead of Him, two by two, into every town and place He intended to visit. This moment is more than a logistical preparation; it is a profound missionary act rooted in joy, trust, and urgency. These themes resonate powerfully with Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), which calls all Christians to become joyful evangelizers.

1. **Joy as the Foundation of Mission:** Jesus does not send the 72 with sorrow or fear but with joy. He tells them that “the harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few” (Luke 10:2), implying that their work is not burdensome but full of promise and fruit. Mission begins not with guilt or pressure, but with the overflow of joy in knowing Christ. Pope Francis writes: “The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 1). Just as the 72 experienced the power of Jesus and went out with gladness, so too must modern disciples; priests, religious, laypeople be joyful witnesses of the Risen Christ in a world thirsting for meaning and peace.

2. **Mission Is for Everyone:** The fact that Jesus sends not just the Twelve Apostles, but 72 disciples show the universal call to evangelization. These were ordinary followers, not just leaders. The Church teaches that every baptized Christian is called to be a missionary: “Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization” (EG, 120). In families, schools, workplaces, and parishes, Catholics are called to embody the Gospel with their lives and words. The joy of the Gospel is meant to radiate outward, not remain hidden.

3. **Trust in God’s Providence:** Jesus tells them: “Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals.” This instruction forces the disciples to trust entirely in God and in the hospitality of others. Their dependence is not a weakness but a witness: the Kingdom of God is built not on wealth or power, but on grace, simplicity, and communion. The missionary Church today must also live in trust and simplicity, especially when resources are limited or challenges are great. Joyful trust in God becomes its own form of witness.

## Who's Who

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4. **Peace and Healing as the Fruits of Joyful Mission:** Jesus instructs: "Whatever house you enter, say first, 'Peace to this household.'" The missionary's task is not to argue or condemn, but to bring peace, healing, and the nearness of the Kingdom. The 72 return rejoicing, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us!" Their joy came not only from success but from realizing that God was working through them.

5. **The Church Today is a Field Hospital and a Missionary People:** Pope Francis often describes the Church as a field hospital, going out to those who are wounded and abandoned. The sending of the 72 is a model for the Church today, a Church that "goes forth," not content with waiting within the walls of the sanctuary. "An evangelizing community knows that the Lord has taken the initiative... it knows that he has loved us first (cf. 1 Jn 4:19), and therefore it goes forth boldly" (EG, 24).

**Final Thought:** The sending of the 72 reminds us that the mission of the Church is not burdensome; it is a joyful calling to share the love and hope of Christ. When Christians live the Gospel joyfully like those first 72 we become living signs of the Kingdom of God, transforming the world one household, one encounter, one heart at a time. "Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." (Nehemiah 8:10). God Bless.

*Fr. Kurian Joseph*

### The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Mark and Barbara Kaul for your prayers for vocations this past week. Tony and Martha Arnolds will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Marc and Paola Prado will be taking the Crucifix July 13 - 20, 2025.



### Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm

### Schedule of Services

Masses: First Saturday 8:15am

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm

Sunday 8am, 10am, 12pm, 5:30pm

Vietnamese Mass 7:30pm

Monday - Friday 8:15am

Wednesday & Friday 5:30pm

Holy Days: 6:30am, 8:15am, 12pm, 6pm (Vigil 5:30pm)

Confessions: Saturday 4-5pm & Thursday 7:15-7:50pm

Marriages: By appointment only and 6 months advance notice.

Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register through the office.

Anointing of the Sick: On request

## Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick Moved

Due to the July 4th Holiday, the Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be transferred to Friday, July 11th at 5:30PM. We hope you enjoy the holiday!

## Would You Like To Be A Bulletin Sponsor?

You can be a bulletin sponsor to help defray the cost of printing the bulletin by placing an ad for your business in the bulletin. As an added incentive, we will also place an ad on our church website free of charge to promote your business. Contact the parish office for more information.

## Pilgrims of Hope

As we reach the half-way point of this Jubilee Year of Hope, there is still time to grow closer to Jesus! Learn how to get a Pilgrim of Hope Passport at <https://diocesecc.org/passport>, where the Holy Sites are in our diocese at <https://diocesecc.org/holysites>, and ways to Rekindle Your Faith with a special study series led by Bishop Michael Mulvey at <https://diocesecc.org/lent-series>. Find out more by visiting [diocesecc.org/hope](https://diocesecc.org/hope).

## 2025 Catechetical Convocation

Registration is now open for the 2025 Catechetical Convocation, formerly known as the Faith Educators Workshop. It will be held on Saturday, August 23, at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church. This annual convocation welcomes all priests, deacons, directors of religious education (DREs), catechists, youth ministers, young adult ministers, OCIA team members, marriage preparation team members, and Catholic school theology teachers. The event offers a unique opportunity for spiritual renewal, professional development, and communal worship. The registration fee is \$20 per participant, and the deadline to register is Friday, August 8, 2025. Visit <https://form.jotform.com/communicationsdofcc/convocation> to register.

## Registration for 2025-26 Religious Education and Confirmation

Online registration can be found <https://www.stpiusxcc.org/religious-education-registration> or you may pick up a paper registration form at the back of the church.

## St. Pius X Blood Drive

Sunday, July 27th from 9:00AM – 2:00PM. There is a need for all types of blood, and the target goal is 12 units. Donors will receive Hooks baseball tickets and a donor shirt. Help strike out the blood shortage by donating.

## Parish Happenings



### Monday, July 7th

6:30PM – Boy Scouts – Cafeteria

### Thursday, July 10th

7:00PM – Adoration & Confessions – CH

### Sunday, July 13th

1:30PM – Baptism – CH

## Volunteers Needed

Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi is seeking volunteers to help with its food pantry. Duties include organizing the pantry, distributing food, and assisting clients. Please contact Catholic Charities for additional information.



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## Join Us in Praying the Rosary

Join us on Sundays in the church as 7:30am prior to the 8am Mass or at 9:25am prior to the 10am Mass.



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This deadline for submitting bulletin announcements is each **Wednesday by 2PM.**

# Mass Intentions



## Saturday, July 5th

8:15AM † Chris Janosek by John, Debra & Brian  
5:30PM † Pat & Patrick DeGregorio by Family

## Sunday, July 6th

8:00AM For the People of St. Pius X  
10:00AM † Vernon Krause by Judy & Bob Buchanan  
12:00PM † John Buckner by Helen & R.C. Allen  
5:30PM † Reynaldo Ramirez by Irma Ramirez

## Monday, July 7th

8:15AM † Beatrice A. Salinas by Family

## Tuesday, July 8th

8:15AM † Tricia Hayes by Brian & Mary Higgins

## Wednesday, July 9th

8:15AM † Lowell & Alice Didear  
† Deceased Members of the Didear Family  
† Deceased Members of the Darilek Family  
† Susan Hesse by Al & Adelle Hesse  
Julian Galloway's Health by Family  
† Salvador G. Mendez by Carlos Gomez  
† Christina Dalrymple by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Hyde  
Mary Kuffel by Michelle Hogan  
† Mary, John & James P. Kelly by KKH  
† Anna Van Dijck by James Kelly  
† Felix Van Hoof by James Kelly  
† Karel Soudan by James Kelly  
† Sharon & Tally Smart by James Kelly  
5:30PM † Raymond Sykora by Daehne Family  
† John Boyd by John & Della Swoboda  
† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell  
† James W. Sr. & Helen B. Kelly by James & John Kelly  
† Mary Pat & Albert T. Slavik by James & John Kelly  
Liliane Van Hoof by James Kelly  
John Kelly by James Kelly  
James W. Kelly III by James Kelly

## Thursday, July 10th

8:15AM † Owen Harris by Julia Harris

## Friday, July 11th

8:15AM † Donna Tindell by Shayd Speed  
5:30PM † Gilbert Schanen Jr. by Nancy Schanen

## Saturday, July 12th

5:30PM † Cathryn Belhasen by Benesh Family

## Sunday, July 13th

8:00AM For the People of St. Pius X  
10:00AM † Elsie Samperi by Mary Fodor  
12:00PM † Alvino & Stella Campos by Family  
5:30PM † Cristian Perales by Nilza Cardona Gonzalez & Family

## Financial Report for 06/29/2025

Sunday Collection	\$	6,243.05
Sunday Online	\$	4,230.00
GOF	\$	40.00
Other Donations	\$	90.00
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,603.05</b>

### Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	145.00
Emil & Marie Habib Sch.	\$	80.00
Peter's Pence	\$	395.00
Total Other Contributions	\$	620.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,223.05</b>

## Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Natalie Adkinson, John Albertini, Ernie Alborno, Connie Alvarado, Luis Alvarado, Danilyn Arevalo, Sugar Arras, Abby Arredondo, Missy O'Rourke Atkinson, Arthur & Sandy Aubin, Tamra Bacon, Manuel C. Balbin, Ann Marie Bazan, Georgie Benton, Bernice Berry, Frances Branning, Bob Buchanan, Jimmy & Carolyn Buehrig, Michael Campos, Lisa Caperton, Belle Carson, Benita Marie Casey, Katie Cooper, Rose Marie Cortinas, Carole Cotter, Lee Dunk, Natalie & Elaine Elwood, Frances Leal Emry, Dale Flannagan, Guadalupe Flores, Bobby Floyd, Debbie Fuqua, Julian Galloway, Berta Garcia, Dakota Garcia, Valerie Garcia, Victoria Garcia & Family, Deborah Giese, Joe Gomez, Hilario Gonzales, Sr., Beatriz Gonzalez, Nilza Gonzalez, Linda Goulet, Chuck Gross, Ana Guzman, Linda Habeeb, Monte Hall, Janice Hass, Agnes Heiman, Roger Heitzmann, Jr., Shain Hennig, Joan Hennings, Shelley Hinojosa, Graham Hughes, Mark Hyde, Carl Jacobi, Dennis Kramer, Desiree Kund, Jeanne Kunkel, James Lawrence, Annette Ledesma, Arlene Leep, Sharon Lewis, Dorothy Lickteig, Gladys Lippincott, Pearl Lopez, Larry Ludka, Bill Lyman, Tom Malone, Christopher & Linda Manka, Samuel Marsillo, Bertha Martinez, David & Rick McCabe, Jack McCord, Andra Megivern, John Miller, Fred Mitchell, John Morgan, Sam Morris, Sterling Murphy, Sandra Nicolas, John & Jerilyn Okoniewski, Anna Fay Olenick, Jason Olog, Ozzie Osborne, Linda Park, Dan & Carolyn Pedrotti, Valerie Pompa, Paola Prado, Joe Prejean, Derrel & Dolores Puckett, Frances Quinn, Irma Ramirez, Tino Ramos, John Rank, Michelle Richter, Ray Richter, Alexis M. Rodriguez, JoAnn Rosales, Jean & Hedy Rosenast, David Russell, Button Ruzicka, Dolores Saenz, Kimberly Salch, Sandra Salinas, Janie San Miguel, Rick Sanders, Nancy Schanen, Grace Scherzer, David Scherzer, Jack Schuett, Steve Schuster, Anita Shirley, Alma Silva, Peter Siracusa, Rodney Sirus, Denise Sosa-Villagran, Mary Ann Starkey, Brandee Torres, Ernie Trevino, Mark Tyler, Mary Vasquez, Joan Vedder, Godfrey Vela, Joan Whitmire, Helen Witzsche, Mary Bell Yankee, Joe Zepeda, Belinda Garza Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.



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