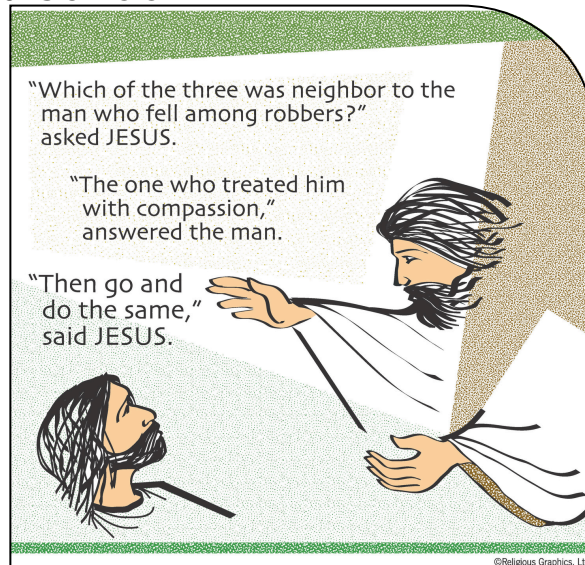


# Saint Pius X

## Catholic Church and School

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

July 13, 2025



Dear Beloved Parish Family,

The July 4th weekend was one filled with mixed sentiments for many. While I think most of us had a good relaxing holiday, a tragedy unfolded for those who live in Kerrville and the surrounding areas. Who could be unaffected by the images and news reports of the catastrophic flooding along the Guadalupe river? The thought of so many innocent lives, particularly the children, being consumed by the floodwaters was almost unbearable to handle. I have to confess that I was emotional many times throughout the weekend.

Because of the proximity of the floods to our own community, the tragedy hit close to home. People have told me stories of acquaintances who were caught up in the flood. I myself found out that one of my high school classmates was among the missing, but then later heard that his body, along with his wife's, were recovered. I've even heard first-hand accounts from people in our own community who escaped the flooding. = It is hard to comprehend the magnitude of what happened and how there was little to no warning.

These are the kinds of things that are difficult to understand, and if we were to look for answers, there really would be none. How can anyone explain why God would allow something as horrific as a flood that swept away tiny little children?

We would have to be pretty callous if we didn't react to what happened. Yet, there are sometimes in our lives when it is possible to be insensitive to the plight of others.

The gospel today presents us with another one of Jesus' famous parables. It is the parable of the Good Samaritan. Jesus tells it in conjunction with a Jewish scholar's question about how one may attain eternal life. Jesus poses the question back to him and the scholar answers with the famous "shema", which is: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." Jesus praises the scholar for his understanding, but the scholar asks for clarification as to who was his neighbor. He does so, perhaps because he wanted to know just where he could draw the line as to whom he should love. Jesus' response implies that there are no boundaries.

The people of Jesus' time could be notorious for playing the part of being very religious, but uncaring toward those in need. Their lifestyle contradicted what faith was supposed to be about. This frame of mind isn't something exclusive to the Jewish leaders of Christ's time. It is something we can easily find today. Externally, we can observe all the various aspects of our Christian faith, but nevertheless be insensitive to others.

The gospel parable is a prick of our conscience as much as it is for the scholar of the law. Do we have a heart for those who are suffering? Can we be attentive to the plight of our neighbor who may not necessarily be within the circle of our friends? It is a good question.

## Who's Who

### Pastor

Very Rev. Paul A. Hesse, V.G.

### Parochial Vicar

Fr. Kurian Joseph

### Permanent Deacons

Deacon Salvador (Sal) Alvarado

Deacon Loni Lugo

Deacon Mark Arnold

### Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper

### Director of Religious Education & Adult Faith Formation

Mary Maldonado

### Director of Youth Ministry

Brandon Lutz

### Music Minister

Michael Mullins

### 5:30pm Mass Band Leader

Mick Boudreau

### School Principal

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### School Website

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It was moving to see how many people responded to the tragic floods. Rescue workers, first responders, and volunteers flocked to the center of the disaster to help. Heroes emerged to save the lives of families and children. Some sacrificed their own lives like the director of Camp Mystic. It is amazing how willing people are to help in a time of tragedy. We will have the opportunity to do our part as we take up a collection for the victims this weekend. At the same time, there are situations that we might find ourselves in where we are more reluctant to get involved.

The parable of the Good Samaritan this weekend portrays two religious individuals who don't want to get involved with the beaten man by the roadside. The Samaritan man, though, is one who approached the situation from the depths of his heart. The Samaritan was an outsider in the mind of the Chosen People, and they would have been repulsed by him. Yet, he is the one that Jesus upholds as a model because he immediately tended to the man and provided oils for healing and safe shelter for his recovery.

We do not hesitate to respond to a heartbreaking tragedy, but we also are called to respond to those among us who are suffering. Let us pray that we will be able to put our faith into action by the things that we do for others, even if those people are not who we would consider neighbors.

God bless!

### The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Tony and Martha Arnolds for your prayers for vocations this past week. Marc and Paola Prado will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Vincent and Paula Vargas will be taking the Crucifix July 20 - 27 , 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*

## Calling All SPX School Alumni!

If you are an alumnus of St. Pius X School, please sign up with the QR code to help create a database of ALL students. The database is being built to help the school administration link former students to the current activities and events. We will help identify a network of resources to help connect current students and parents to the Blue Jay Alumni.



**Calling all**  
**ST. PIUS X**  
**ALUMNI**  
**We want to hear from you!**

Scan the QR Code to register as an alumnus of St. Pius X Catholic School

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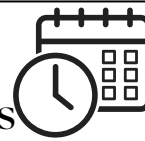
## Welcome to Our Parish!

We extend a warm welcome to David and Nancy Davila, and granddaughter Everly to our parish family. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you.

## Coffee and Donuts is on Vacation!

Coffee and Donuts is taking a break for July. Please make plans to join us at our next event on August 17th, which will be hosted by Catholic Daughters.

## Parish Happenings



### Sunday, July 13th

1:30PM - Baptisms – CH

### Monday, July 14th

6:30PM – Boy Scouts – Cafeteria

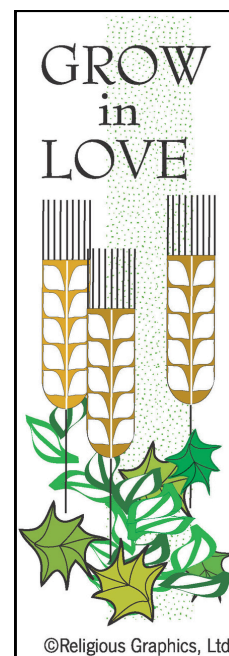
### Tuesday, July 15th

5:00PM – Men's Club – CC#1

### Thursday, July 17th

2:00PM – 50th Wedding Anniversary – CH

7:00PM – Adoration & Confessions – CH



## 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.



## Follow us on Facebook

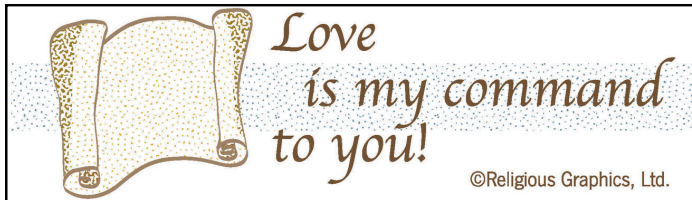
Keep up on all the latest on our Facebook page. Go to our link at [facebook.com/stpiusxcc](https://facebook.com/stpiusxcc)

This week's deadline for submitting bulletin announcements is

**Wednesday by 2PM.**

## Catholic Daughters Fundraiser

Catholic Daughters Court Angels of Mary #2460 is having a Summer Raffle. We have charitable projects planned to bring joy to the elderly and vulnerable persons in our community, as well as projects to promote parish fellowship. CDA members will be selling raffle tickets after all the Masses during the next month. Thank you for your support. May the Lord bless you abundantly.



## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

An advertisement for Bob's City Garage. It features the name "Bob's" in blue script, a blue outline of a car, and "City Garage" in large red letters with a blue outline. Below that, it says "A Family Tradition Since 1920". At the bottom, it lists "Joe Skrobarczyk" with phone number "853-5862" and "3544 SPID (Carroll Ln@SPID) Corpus Christi, TX 78415".

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July 2025

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## One Minute Meditations

### St. Elizabeth of Portugal

St. Elizabeth followed the footsteps of her great-aunt and namesake, St. Elizabeth of Hungary: she was born to royal parents, practiced fervent spirituality, great generosity and penances. She married King Denis of Portugal. Despite a difficult marriage and family conflicts, she remained patient and charitable. She is known for her care for the poor and sick, and for resolving political conflicts peacefully. After her husband's death, St. Elizabeth entered the Third Order of St. Francis.

### Prayer is a response to Love

God wants a relationship with us. This is a central truth of our faith. "The living and true God tirelessly calls each person to that mysterious encounter known as prayer. In prayer, the faithful God's initiative of love always comes first; our own first step is always a response" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2567). So, next time you feel called to pray, say, like Samuel, "*Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening*" (1 Samuel 3:10).

"By mercy you have washed us in the Blood, and by mercy you desire to converse with your creatures... Loving Madman! ...Your mercy constrains you to give even more to mortals, namely, to leave yourself to them in food."

St. Catherine of Siena

## Step out and let Christ meet you where you are

"Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water" (Matthew 14:28). St. Peter showed remarkable courage when he stepped out of the boat in the middle of a storm. While God may sometimes call us to follow Him in dramatic or difficult moments, more often He invites us in the quiet, ordinary circumstances of daily life — to step out of what's comfortable and meet Him in our prayer, our relationships, and our service.

**Prayer:** The greatest challenge in deepening your prayer life is often just beginning. Start with a Gospel passage, read slowly, reflect, respond, and rest in God's presence. Light a candle. Sit in front of an icon. Play sacred music. Let beauty draw your heart to God. Ask the Holy Spirit to renew your desire, focus, and love for God. Step out of the boat — to a tired parent by watching their children. When service flows from love, it transforms both the giver and the receiver — and conforms our hearts to Christ's.

**Relationships:** The virtues — patience, self-control, fidelity, honesty — aren't just about personal growth; they're about

loving others well. Show kindness to someone who frustrates you. Have a real conversation with someone with whom you disagree. Forgive, even if it's undeserved. These small choices shape us into Christ's likeness.

**Service:** "...the Son of Man came ... to

**"Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:27)**

serve" (Matthew 20:28). Loving service doesn't require grand gestures. True holiness is forged in everyday acts: give away a piece of clothing you love but don't need. Help with the dishes, even when it's not your turn. Offer a break

## Why Do Catholics Do That?

The Church teaches that many souls, though destined for Heaven, undergo purification after death, a process called Purgatory. Purgatory prepares us to see God clearly.

Scripture supports this: Judas Maccabee offered prayers for the dead (2 Maccabees 12:43-46), and Jesus mentioned sins forgiven in the next life (Matthew 12:32). St. Paul described a

## Why Do Catholics Believe in Purgatory?

judgment in which a person is saved, but their works are tested by fire. This fire isn't Hell (since they are saved), but a purifying fire, which aligns with the idea of Purgatory (1 Corinthians 3:13-15). Purgatory is mercy. The souls there benefit from our prayers — and they pray for us in return. It's part of God's loving plan to make us truly ready for His presence.

# Mass Intentions



## 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

## Monday, July 14th

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

## Tuesday, July 15th

8:15AM † Henry Villarreal by Wife

## Wednesday, July 16th

8:15AM † Robert Skrobarczyk by Al & Adelle Hesse

† Mary L. Chesney by Carol Duque

Alyssa Thomas Intentions by Beth Hinojosa

Julian Galloway's Health by Family

† Raymond Sykora by Randy & Jeraldine Sykora

† Robert Pena by Family

† Nicolas Ramirez by Family

† Adelea M. Torres by Husband Rodolfo

† James W. Sr. & Helen B. Kelly by James & John Kelly

† Mary Pat & Albert T. Slavik by James & John Kelly

† Karel Soudan by James Kelly

† Sharon & Tally Smart by James Kelly

5:30PM † Laura Escobar by Cindy & Fred Rodriguez

† Eladid Castaneda by Wife & Family

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

† Anna Van Dijck by James Kelly

† Felix Van Hoof by James Kelly

Liliane Van Hoof by James Kelly

John Kelly by James Kelly

James W. Kelly III by James Kelly

## Thursday, July 17th

8:15AM † Lowell & Alice Didear

## Friday, July 18th

8:15AM † Maudine Prunty by Reumuth Family

5:30PM † Mary, John & James P. Kelly by KKH

## Saturday, July 19th

5:30PM † Buck Shaw by Stephane Klock

## Sunday, July 20th

8:00AM † Duane Read by Cheryl Johnson

10:00AM For the People of St. Pius X

12:00PM † Mary, John & James P. Kelly by KKH

5:30PM David Russell by De Havel

## Financial Report for 07/06/2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 12,926.45
Sunday Online	\$ 11,241.00
GOF	\$ 90.00
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 24,257.45</b>

### Other Contributions:

AOC	\$ 605.00
Christopher Janosek Sch.	\$ 80.00
Church in Africa	\$ 50.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 345.00
Total Other Contributions	\$ 1,080.00

**Total Contributions \$ 25,337.45**

## 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, Norma Marshall, 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.

LOVE the LORD  
your GOD with  
all your heart  
with all your soul  
with all your strength

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