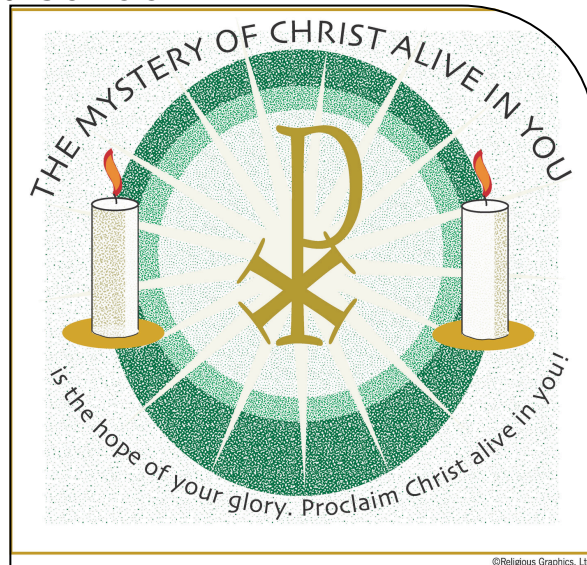


# Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

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

July 20, 2025



Dear Friends,

If there is one thing that is certain, life is complicated and hectic. So many of us live at a harried pace, going from one thing to the next. We no more finish one task, then we have to move on to the next task. Frequently, we are juggling multiple things at the same time. Financial concerns plague us, children's activities consume us, household duties occupy us, and even recreational activities create stress in our lives. Typically, we live lives of much activity and many things cause us undue anxiety. If this is the case, today's gospel is just the ticket for our contemporary frustration.

As a priest and a pastor, I know full well how crazy daily life can be. Balancing spiritual exercises while managing the temporal aspects of the parish can sometimes be overwhelming. I also know that mine isn't the only life that faces these things. Virtually everyone grapples with this balancing act. We all face exhaustion and frustration at all the things we need to take care of everyday. We do it because we care. I don't think many of us chose the daily grind because we love the daily grind. Although, I do believe some people thrive off the challenges that each day brings. For most of us, though, we would love to have stress-free lives.

I do believe that the gospel gives us the key to a more peaceful existence. It presents us with two seemingly disparate figures: Mary and Martha. Martha is the one who is busy with all the duties of hospitality. She is trying to get a dinner prepared, and making sure everything is set up just right for Jesus, her cherished guest. Who can fault her for wanting everything to be just right for him and his guests? She becomes upset with Mary, who is sitting at the Lord's feet listening to Jesus teach. Martha complains to Jesus asking for him to tell Mary to help her. Mary, seems unconcerned about all the busy work. All she wants is to be close to the Lord. In this sense, she is defying the conventions of her day. Typically, it would be her role to help with the preparations that Martha was engaged in. Mary, however, wants to not miss what the Lord has to say. It's not that she is averse to helping, she just loves the Lord.

When reading this gospel, we often interpret Martha's activity in a negative light. Even the Lord seems to favor Mary's attitude of attentiveness by telling Martha that Mary has chosen the "better part". The fact is, we shouldn't judge Martha's desire to be hospitable to the Lord. After all, she just wants to make the Lord comfortable. She cares too. Her only problem is that she is overly anxious and worried about everything to the point that she has lost her peace of mind. Could she have lost her focus by not taking time to reflect?

To be honest, Martha and Mary represent both the active life and the contemplative life of the Church. As Christians, we need both. This is part of the balance of daily living. Ideally, we take time to reflect on God's will for us and what he wants us to do in our lives, and then we go out and do it. Contemplation is necessary before action.

We are not so good about listening. We make decisions based on feelings or impulses. We don't always take time to

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listen to the Lord's voice to consider whether or not something is the right choice. We also allow the noise of the world to drown out the voice of the Lord speaking to us. We spend hours on the phone scrolling or we watch lots of TV, and we therefore do not take time to discern what God is saying to us.

Listening should come before action. That is why the Church sometimes seems slow to do things. She is always contemplating and listening before acting. I'm sure we could all benefit from putting this principle into practice in our lives. We might save ourselves from heartache and crises if we would take time to listen to the Lord through prayer, reading scripture, and studying prior to acting.

By the same token, we can't just be always listening without ever acting. At some point, we need to trust and act. That's why this story of Martha and Mary is good for us. It reminds us that we need to incorporate both aspects of activity and contemplation in our lives. It's a good thing that God gives us people with both active and contemplative personalities. They complement each other and lead us to be a healthier Church! The main thing is to keep our minds and our hearts fixed on Jesus. When we do that, everything falls into place. God bless!

*Fr. Paul*

### The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Marc and Paola Prado for your prayers for vocations this past week. Vincent and Paula Vargas will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. The Fritz family will be taking the Crucifix July 27 - August 3, 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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## ST PIUS X BLOOD DRIVE

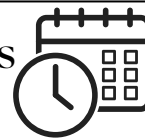
Sunday, July 27th from 9:00AM – 2:00PM. There is a need for all types of blood, and the target goal is 12 units. Donors will receive a pair of Hooks baseball tickets and a donor T-shirt. Help strike out the blood shortage by donating.

The Coastal Bend Blood Center has transitioned to Donor QuickPass. QuickPass is an easier, quicker and more efficient way to donate blood. Donors must complete the QuickPass process **ONLY** on the day of donation. The QuickPass link is [bit.ly/cbbcpASS](http://bit.ly/cbbcpASS)

## 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 20th

1:00 – Baptisms – CH

Catholic Daughters Raffle Ticket Sale

### Monday, July 21st

6:30PM – Boy Scouts – Cafeteria

### Thursday, July 24th

10:00AM – Funeral – CH

7:00PM – Adoration & Confessions – CH

### Saturday, July 26th

11:30AM – Bunco – CC#1

2:00PM – Renewal of Vows – CH

Catholic Daughters Raffle Ticket Sale

### Sunday, July 27th

9:00AM - Blood Drive

Catholic Daughters Raffle Ticket Sale



## 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 July and August. There are eleven raffle prizes, \$2.00 per ticket. Thank you for your support. For more information about Catholic Daughters, please visit <https://catholicdaughters.org>. 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

Registration for the 2025-26 Religious Education and Confirmation is now live at:

<https://www.stpiusxcc.org/religious-education-registration>

Paper registration forms are available at the back of the church.

## 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.



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## **DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

**Loving Father, you call men and  
women to consecrate themselves to  
you in service to your Church  
and to humanity.**

**Stir up the grace of “listening to your  
Holy Spirit” so that many may hear and  
respond in vocations to sacramental  
marriage, priesthood, diaconate,  
religious and consecrated life for the  
Diocese of Corpus Christi.**

**May they witness to the power of your  
love through lives of  
generous service.**

**If you desire to call someone among us,  
a family member, friend, or member of  
our parish, give us the wisdom and  
courage to support them.**

**May we encourage them to listen to  
your voice and respond without delay.**

**We ask this in truth and sincerity  
through Mary, Mother of the Church  
and Queen of Heaven.**

**Amen.**

*Have a blessed week!*

# Mass Intentions



## Saturday, July 19th

5:30PM † Buck Shaw by Stephanie 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

## Monday, July 21st

8:15AM Juanita Ybarra by Family

## Tuesday, July 22nd

8:15AM † Cecilia Mikulik by Wallace & Randy Mikulik

## Wednesday, July 23rd

8:15AM † John Boyd by Lucy Boyd

Julian Galloway's Health by Family

† Raymond Sykora by Greg & Lynn Gallagher

† Eladio Castaneda by Wife & Family

In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart by Mary Vasquez

† Rene Garza & Family by Rick McCabe

† Mary Ann Cirlos by Mary Vasquez

† Anna Van Dijck by James Kelly

† Felix Van Hoof by James Kelly

† Sharon & Tally Smart by James Kelly

† Karel Soudan by James Kelly

5:30PM † Ronald Mikulik by Family

† Laura Escobar by Art & Mary Salinas

Tony Espinoza by Greg Gallagher

† John Buckner by Helen & RC Allen

Liliane Van Hoof by James Kelly

John Kelly by James Kelly

James W. Kelly III by James Kelly

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

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

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

## Thursday, July 24th

8:15AM Dionel Johnny Garza Spiritual Well Being by Parents

## Friday, July 25th

8:15AM † John H. Kelly, Sr. by KKH

5:30PM † Luis A. Lopez by Family

## Saturday, July 26th

5:30PM For the People of St. Pius X

## Sunday, July 27th

8:00AM For the Intercession & Protection of Our Lady, St.

Joseph & St. Michael of C.C. by Rick McCabe

10:00AM † Buck Shaw by Stephanie Klock

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

5:30PM David Russell by De Havel

## Financial Report for 07/13/2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 12,580.33
Sunday Online	\$ 7,318.00
GOF	\$ 40.00
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 19,938.33</b>

## Other Contributions:

AOC	\$ 288.00
Christopher Janosek Sch.	\$ 50.00
Church in Africa	\$ 15.00
Mother Teresa Shelter	\$ 10.00
Memorial Fund	\$ 20.00
Flood Victims	\$ 6,637.29
Total Other Contributions	\$ 7,020.29
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 26,958.62</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, 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 & Jerilynn Okoniewski, Anna Fay Olenick, Jason Olog, Scott Olson, 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, Randy Sykora, Brandee Torres, Ernie Trevino, Mary Vasquez, Joan Vedder, Joan Whitmire, Helen Witzsche, Mary Bell Yankee, Carole Zanetti, Joe Zepeda, Belinda Garza Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.

