

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

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

July 27, 2025



Dear Friends,

If you are like most people, you probably find it difficult to maintain a regular discipline of prayer in your life. With all the daily tasks requiring attention, it is so easy to relegate the care of our spiritual needs to the bottom of the list. No doubt there are some who make it a regular habit to pray every day, but for those who are active and working, it is a little harder.

I was often inspired by my maternal grandmother, who in her latter years, kept a rosary at her place on the couch. I have also been inspired by various priests, like Msgr. Seamus McGowan, who is a very prayerful man himself and a fine example of someone who is spiritually grounded. I've also been edified by many people in the various parishes where I've been who come early to Mass and spend time in quiet prayer with the Lord.

Undoubtedly, most of you have some kind of prayer life, even if the daily concerns distract you from time to time. If there is one thing that characterizes our life as Christians, it is the very personal connection we have with our God through prayer.

The gospel this weekend highlights the theme of prayer. After Jesus had just finished a period of personal prayer, one of the disciples requested that Jesus teach them how to pray. They had been moved by the profundity of Jesus' communication with the Father, so the disciples expressed a longing to know how to pray as Jesus did. Jesus obliged the disciples' request by instructing them to pray the "Our Father".

The "Our Father" is a model prayer because it is the perfect prayer. In it, we find several nuggets that are important for us to reflect upon. I would like to focus on just a couple of those nuggets.

One of the first things we notice in the Lord's Prayer is that Jesus refers to God as Father. This is significant because it shows us a personal relationship. God isn't alienated from us in any way. Rather, he is very close to us and he loves us as a father. Our relationship with him is very close and intimate. So by calling God "Father", we are stating that he is our beloved.

At the same time, we acknowledge that our heavenly Father is holy. When we say, "hallowed be your name", we are not adding anything to the holiness of God. God is perfectly and sufficiently holy in and of himself. Rather, we are praying that God's name may be regarded with greater holiness within us. It expresses a desire on our part that we reverence the holiness of God in a fuller way.

Next, we ask in humility that His kingdom may come. This is a surrender to the will of God above all things. Where we often go astray in life is that we often try to impose our own will on things. In the end, this just leaves us miserable, especially when things don't go as we would expect.

Who's Who

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The other thing to consider in the Lord's Prayer is that we pray, "Give us each day our daily bread." This is an interesting little portion of the gospel because the Greek text uses an interesting word. The typical word used for "daily" in Greek is *hémera*. In this passage from Luke, however, the Sacred Writer doesn't use the word *hémera*. Instead, he uses the phrase *artós epiousios* to say "daily bread". This is the only time the word *epiousios* appears in the scripture or in any other literature. The general thinking is that Luke (and Matthew) created this word because he wanted to say something specific. Certainly, we ask our heavenly Father to give us the necessary sustenance we need for each day. Interestingly though, the word *epiousios* means *supersubstantial*. Another way to put it is that it is a substance of a higher order. It is referring to the kind of bread that is above the ordinary order of substance. The inference we get is that we are asking for a bread on a higher substantial order on a daily basis. What is this bread of a higher order? It is easy to see this as the eucharistic bread. So in essence, we are asking that the Lord give us the Eucharist daily for our sustenance. There is something to be said for the daily reception of the Eucharist as necessary for our spiritual life.

In the following verses of the gospel, Jesus gives us a story about persistence in prayer. As I mentioned at the beginning, sometimes it is very difficult to persevere in prayer, especially when it seems that we are not receiving what it is we are asking for in prayer. We have to recognize that when it seems that God is not answering our persistent prayers, perhaps what God is doing is enlarging the space in our hearts for something even better than what we have been asking for. We are simply called to persevere and be persistent, knowing that what God is preparing us for is far greater than we can even imagine. Keep up the prayer!

Fr. Paul

The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Vincent and Paula Vargas for your prayers for vocations this past week. The Fritz family will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Simon and Christina Purnell will be taking the Crucifix August 3 - 10, 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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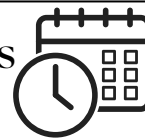
Sunday, July 27th from 9:00AM – 2:00PM. There is a need for all types of blood, and the target goal is 12 units. Donors will receive a pair of Hooks baseball tickets and a donor T-shirt. Help strike out the blood shortage by donating.

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

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 27th

9:00AM - Blood Drive

Catholic Daughters Raffle Ticket Sale

Monday, July 28th

6:30PM – Boy Scouts – Café

Thursday, July 31st

6:00PM – PTO – Café

7:00PM – Adoration & Confessions – CH

Friday, August 1st

1:00PM – Rosary – CH

1:30PM – Funeral Mass – CH

Saturday, August 2nd

Catholic Daughters Raffle Ticket Sale

Sunday, August 3rd

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

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.

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 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 for 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

Monday, July 28th

8:15AM Miguel Posada by Lucy Canales

Tuesday, July 29th

8:15AM † Mary Osborne by Witten Wade

Wednesday, July 30th

8:15AM Julian Galloway's Health by Family

Theresa Arizmendi by Beth Hinojosa

Michelle Hogan by Beth Hinojosa

† Raymond Sykora by Randy & Jeraldine Sykora

† Hilda Batterson by Margaret Lenken

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

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

5:30PM † Eladio Castaneda by Wife & Family

† Michael Lyon by Ray & Stella Trevino

† Anna Van Dijck by James Kelly

† Felix Van Hoof by James Kelly

† Karel Soudan by James Kelly

Liliane Van Hoof by James Kelly

John Kelly by James Kelly

James W. Kelly III by James Kelly

Thursday, July 31st

8:15AM † Mario Lopez by Pearl Lopez

Friday, August 1st

8:15AM † Mayra Walsh by Mary Longoria

† Ronald Ballard by Randy & Jeraldine Sykora

† Anita Vallejo by Family

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

5:30PM † Deacon George Phillips by Estela Phillips

† Juliet Ordner Johnson by Randy & Sandra Ordner

† Barbara Mikulik by Wallace & Randy Mikulik

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

† Eladio Castaneda by Wife & Family

Saturday, August 2nd

8:15AM † Laura Escobar by Cindy & Fred Rodriguez

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

Sunday, August 3rd

8:00AM † R.C. Allen by Marion Heldenfels

10:00AM † Doyle Harris by Julia Harris

12:00PM † Stella Campos by Family

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

Financial Report for 07/20/2025

Sunday Collection	\$	12,580.33
Sunday Online	\$	6,920.00
GOF	\$	40.00
Challenge	\$	40.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$	24,654.12

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	928.00
Church in Africa	\$	397.00
Memorial Fund	\$	23.00
Quilting Ministry	\$	140.00
Flood Victims	\$	6,903.00
Total Other Contributions	\$	8,391.00
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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, Liz Sefcik, 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.

Pray as
JESUS himself
taught us

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