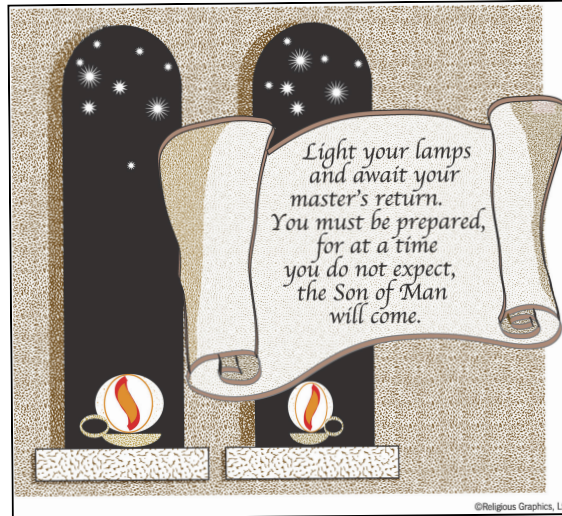


# Saint Pius X

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August 10, 2025



Dear friends,

The words of the poet Robert Frost echo through this Sunday's readings:

***The woods are lovely, dark and deep,  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep.***

In Frost's image, the traveler pauses in a place of beauty yet cannot stay—because a journey still stretches before him, filled with promises that demand faithfulness. This is precisely the vision the Scriptures give us today:

- In Wisdom, the people of Israel keep watch in the dark, holding onto God's promise of deliverance.
- In Hebrews, Abraham walks into the unknown, trusting the One who called him.
- In Luke, Jesus tells His followers to keep their lamps lit and their hearts awake, for the Master may arrive at any moment.

The Eastern Church Fathers often compared the Christian life to such a pilgrimage. St. Gregory of Nyssa wrote that we never truly "arrive" in this life, for God's beauty and love are infinite; we are always called onward. St. Basil the Great urged believers to stay ready, not from fear of punishment, but out of the joyful anticipation of meeting the bridegroom. And St. John Chrysostom reminded us that the faithful traveler sails on, guided not by the certainty of the map, but by the trustworthiness of the Divine Pilot. We can imitate the life of St. Josephine Bakhita in *Walking the Unseen Miles*.

St. Josephine Bakhita's life was a long road of faith through suffering. Born in Sudan in 1869, she was kidnapped as a child, sold into slavery, and passed through many hands. For years she had no control over her path—only the hope, deep within, that there must be a Master greater than the ones who beat her. When she encountered the Canossian Sisters in Italy, she discovered the One who had been walking with her all along: Jesus Christ. She was baptized in 1890, became a religious sister, and spent her life serving others with joy. Looking back, she could even say: "If I were to meet the slave traders who kidnapped me, I would kneel and kiss their hands. Because if that had not happened, I would not have become a Christian and a sister." Like Abraham, she left behind the familiar and set out on a road she could not see to its end. Like the servants in the Gospel, her lamp stayed lit—ready for the Lord's coming in every moment, until her final mile led her to eternal rest in 1947. From Scripture, the Eastern Fathers, the saints, and even our neighbors we learn that:

- Faith means trusting God's promises even in the dark.
- Watchfulness means keeping our hearts open to His presence every day.
- The journey is measured not in miles walked, but in love lived.

## Who's Who

### Pastor

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The woods of life can be lovely, dark, and deep filled with moments that tempt us to stop. But like Frost's traveler, we cannot linger; we have promises to keep: to love God, serve our neighbor, live the Gospel. And until that final sleep in Christ, there are still miles to go—miles of kindness, forgiveness, courage, and hope. May I sum up with this Prayer for the Week: Lord Jesus, keep our hearts awake and our lamps burning. Give us Abraham's trust, Bakhita's perseverance, and the quiet courage to take each mile as it comes, until the last mile leads us to You. Amen.

*Fr. Joseph Kurian*

### Are You an Adult Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Do you need to be baptized or receive First Communion or Confirmation?  
Want to Know More About the Church?

If the answer is "yes" to any of these questions, the O.C.I.A. is for you! We invite you to drop in at the parish office conference room after any of the Masses this weekend to learn what the process involves and discover the richness of the Church. God may be calling you to journey toward full participation in the Catholic Faith! Just stop by the door between the church and the office.

### The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Simon and Christina Purnell for your prayers for vocations this past week. Mark and Monica Cano will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Herb and Sarah Morrison will be taking the Crucifix August 17 - 24 , 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*

## From the Mailbox . . .

Thank you and the St. Pius X Catholic Church VBS for the \$100 donation to Ronald McDonald House Charities South Texas. Your gift enables us to make a meaningful difference in the lives of the families we serve, and for that we are sincerely grateful. Your contribution will continue to help children receive the critical care they need while ensuring their families can stay close and comfortable. Sincerely, The Families and Staff of RMHCSTX.

## Let's Celebrate the Feast of Our Patron, St. Pius X!

August 21st is the Feast Day of our patron, St. Pius X. So that everyone may participate, we will celebrate our feast at all the Sunday Masses on August 23rd and 24th. Let's all show our love of our patron saint on that weekend!

## Novena Of St. Pius X In Preparation For The Feast Of St. Pius X

We will pray the Novena to St. Pius X daily after the 8:15AM Masses from August 13th until August 21st. Please join us for this beautiful and thought-provoking novena.

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation

Planning ahead, Friday, August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have a vigil Mass on Thursday, Aug. 14th at 5:30PM. On the Holy Day, we will have Mass at 6:30AM, 8:15AM, 12:00PM, and 6:00PM.

## Coffee and Donuts Will Be Served Next Sunday!

Mark your calendar! Coffee and Donuts will be served next Sunday, August 17th after the 10AM Mass. Please join us in the Parish Hall for fellowship and a sweet treat! Thank you, Catholic Daughters, for hosting this month's event!



## Altar Flowers

Altar flowers for the weekend of August 16, 2025 are provided by the family in memory of Christopher Janosek.

## Parish Happenings



### Monday, August 11th

6:30PM – Boy Scouts – Cafeteria

### Tuesday, August 12th

1:00PM – Sultanias – Rec

6:00PM – Acts of Charity – CC#2

### Thursday, August 14th

7:00PM – Adoration & Confessions – CH

### Friday, August 15th – Assumption of Mary

8:00AM – Institute of Hispanic Culture – YC

### Sunday, August 17th

1:30 – Baptisms – 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.**

## 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.

## Religious Education Needs You!

Religious Education needs volunteer catechists for Wednesday classes (6–7PM). Training and materials are provided. If you feel called to serve, please consider volunteering.

## Diocesan Blue Mass

Most Rev. Michael Mulvey, STL, DD, Bishop, Diocese of Corpus Christi cordially invites the public of all denominations to the 24th annual Diocesan Blue Mass honoring area First Responders. (*Police, Constables, Sheriffs, Troopers, Agents, Fire Fighters and Paramedics*)

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Most Precious Blood Catholic Church

3502 Saratoga Blvd.

4:30 PM Evening Vigil Mass

Followed by Ceremony outside, then Banquet & Speeches in Parish Hall, concluding with raffle winner announcements (hosted by Knights of Columbus Assembly #2987).

Raffle tickets will be on sale at this parish after all masses on the weekend of August 16-17.

## Registration for 2025-26 Religious Education and Confirmation

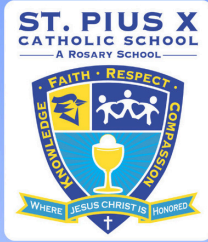
Registration for the 2025-26 Religious Education and Confirmation is now live at:

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

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

## Parish Office Closed for the Assumption

The Parish Office will be closed in observance of the Solemnity of the Assumption on Friday, August 15th.



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*Our 20 in '25 Honorees:*

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# School News



Blue Jay Families,

Our teachers and staff have dedicated the past several days to back-to-school training for the Diocese and at St. Pius X. It is truly inspiring to witness our schools unite in celebration of Mass as one body in Christ. On our first day, which we devoted to spiritual reflection, Sister Caritas reminded us to keep Jesus in our hearts as we begin each day and interact with one another. It can be easy to complain or become irritated, but taking the time to open our hearts and let Jesus guide us can transform our interactions. She encouraged us to engage in self-reflection whenever we feel frustrated. Imagine the positive impact we could have if we all practiced this virtue daily.

We also focused on our mission and vision, as well as our behavior management system, known as PAX (the Good Behavior Game). The term "PAX" is Latin for PEACE, and this program, developed and studied at Johns Hopkins University, is in its second year of implementation here. It has proven highly effective; any staff member can quiet the entire school in just a few seconds.

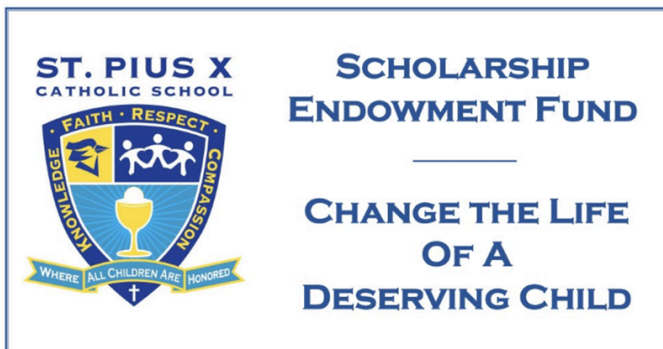
I would like to extend my gratitude to an anonymous donor who funded our Hallow membership. We had an extensive training session on Hallow, which serves as a valuable resource for both our staff and students, enriching our prayer life and enhancing our religion curriculum in numerous ways. Additionally, we received training on Magic School AI, safety protocols review from former Blue Jay Sergeant James Habeeb, and continued our Smart Families training in its second year. We are grateful for the opportunity to grow both professionally and spiritually. St. Pius X is a forward-thinking school that offers an abundance of resources for our students and staff, who are truly blessed.

I also want to thank another anonymous donor for funding an upgrade of our class set of Chromebooks this year. This upgrade was necessary as the previous technology had become outdated and would no longer receive updates.

We can't wait to welcome our students on the first day of school and have some special guests joining us! Come with bright smiles and positive energy—it's going to be a joyful morning!

God bless,

*Mrs. Hinojosa*  
Servant & Principal



Contact the school for more information about the  
Scholarship Endowment Fund.

*Have a blessed week!*



# Mass Intentions



## Saturday, August 9th

5:30PM † Patricia Janosek by Family

## Sunday, August 10th

8:00AM † Mary, John & James P. Kelly by KKH

10:00AM † John Buckner by Helen & R.C. Allen

12:00PM † Theresie Krnavek by Irma Ramirez

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

## Monday, August 11th

8:15AM † Ben Janosek by Family

## Tuesday, August 12th

8:15AM † Leonel Dugue by Carol Dugue  
Manuel Maldonado Family

## Wednesday, August 13th

8:15AM Julian Galloway's Health by Family  
† Barbara Hesse Rico by Al & Adelle Hesse  
† Lowell & Alice Didear  
† Deceased Members of the Didear Family  
† Deceased Members of the Darilek Family  
† Nellie Mead by Reumuth Family  
† Mary L. Chesney by Carol Dugue  
† Raymond Sykora by Randy & Jeraldine Sykora  
† Jim Forehand by Rose Mary Taylor  
† Alfredo Garcia Jr. by Rosie Garcia  
† Sharon & Tally Smart by James Kelly  
† James W. Sr. & Helen B. Kelly by James & John Kelly  
† Mary Pat & Albert T. Slavik by James & John Kelly  
5:30PM † Laura Escobar by Art & Mart Salinas  
† Eladio Castaneda by Wife & Family  
Daniel Michael Hayes by Marie Hayes  
† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell  
† 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, August 14th

8:15AM † Msgr. Richard Shirley by Art & Mary Salinas

## Friday, August 15th

8:15AM † Mary Annie Gross by Chuck Gross

5:30PM † Joe L. Guerra, Julie & Ende Garcia by Family

## Saturday, August 16th

5:30PM † Christopher Janosek by Family

## Sunday, August 17th

8:00AM † Leonel Dugue by Carol Dugue

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

12:00PM † Mary Ann Cirlos by Mary Vasquez

5:30PM Roman & Luisa Arevalo by Family

## Financial Report for 08/03/2025

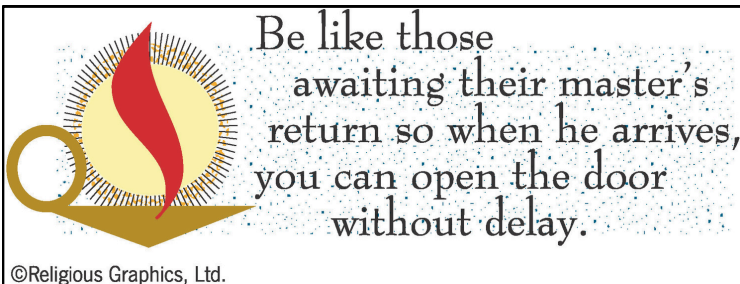
Sunday Collection	\$ 11,656.00
Sunday Online	\$ 6,940.00
GOF	\$ 40.00
Filipino Santo Nino Mass	\$ 404.00
Other Donations	\$ 1,510.00
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 20,550.00</b>

## Other Contributions:

AOC	\$ 375.00
Christopher Janosek Schol.	\$ 80.00
Church in Africa	\$ 10.00
Total Other Contributions	\$ 465.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 21,015.00</b>

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

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, Helen Crider, 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, 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, Alexis M. Rodriguez, JoAnn Rosales, Jean & Hedy Rosenast, David Russell, Button Ruzicka, Dolores Saenz, Dora Salazar, Kimberly Salch, Sandra Salinas, Janie San Miguel, Rick Sanders, Adam Saylor, Nancy Schanen, Grace Scherzer, David Scherzer, Jack Schuett, Steve Schuster, Liz Sefcik, Anita Shirley, Alma Silva, Peter Siracusa, Rodney Sirus, Johnny Sosa, Sandy Sosa, 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.



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