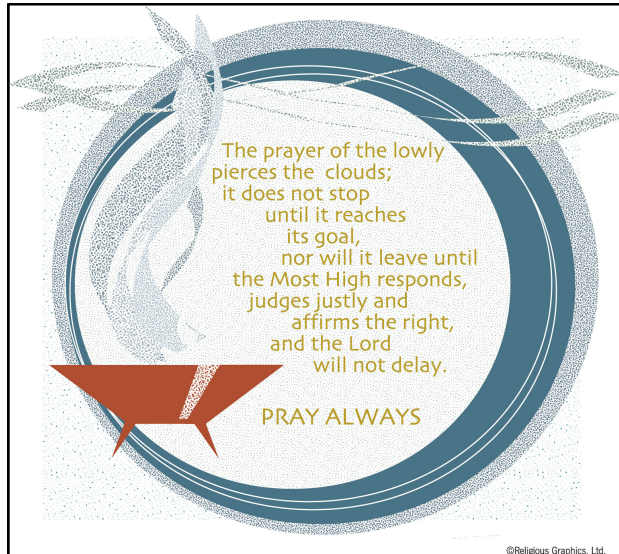


Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

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

October 26, 2025



Dear Friends,

Even though it has not even been a month, it seems as though I have been out of touch with all of you for a long time. At the end of September, I departed with a group of 46 other people on a pilgrimage to Italy for the Jubilee Year of Hope. I was only gone for two weeks, but when I returned, I promptly found myself in the throes of the dreaded Covid. That impeded me from celebrating Masses last weekend, and it also kept me out for another week while I recuperated. It is good to be “back in the saddle” now and back into the routine of parish life.

The pilgrimage was an eventful one, filled with a few challenges and many blessings. The itinerary was packed, and I have to admit it was rather exhausting. Even so, everything we did was very enriching and faith-building. There is something about walking the paths of saints that is inspiring. In Italy, there are many saints! Their stories evoked deep longings to imitate their holiness and reminded us that holiness is something we can all strive for. Not only did we visit the tombs of the likes of St. Mark the Evangelist, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Francis of Assisi, and St. Charles Borromeo, we also set our eyes upon St. Clare, St. Carlo Acutis, and Pope St. John Paul II. Moreover, we visited a number of places that have played a significant role in the life and history of the Church, including some associated with our patron, St. Pius X. We capped it all off by attending a general audience with Pope Leo XIV and passed through the holy doors at the four major basilicas of Rome.

To tangibly connect to the saints is a beautiful thing. Somehow, it makes them more real and not just some nebulous figure who lived a long time ago. That need for connection is one of the reasons the altar in virtually every church has a relic of a saint placed within it. It is also one of the reasons we have statues in our churches. The statues present the saints as someone tangible and real.

Here at St. Pius X, we have a connection with a Saint who was just canonized in Rome last Sunday. One of our dearly departed parishioners, Chispa Bluntzer, had the privilege of calling him “Uncle”. Chispa was originally from Venezuela and was an institution here at St. Pius X.

Some time before her passing, she spoke to me very proudly of her uncle and was excited that the path was cleared for him to be named a Saint. His name is Dr. José Gregorio Hernández Cisneros, O.F.S. Though Chispa did not live to see the day of his canonization, I’m sure she was rejoicing in heaven at his being counted among the Saints.

St. José Gregorio was a Venezuelan physician and a member of the Third Order of St. Francis (a lay order of Franciscans). The eldest of seven children, he expressed a desire to go to law school, but his mother convinced him to study medicine. He tried on a couple of different occasions to study for the priesthood, but his delicate health forced him to withdraw from the seminary.

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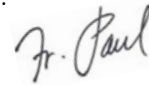
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Once he became a doctor, he was highly esteemed and was renowned for his charitable nature. He dedicated his life to treating poor people free of charge. During the Spanish influenza epidemic of 1918, he worked selflessly, often buying medicines for the poor out of his own pocket. In June of 1919, while out trying to deliver medicine to treat an elderly person, he was struck by a car. As he was taken to the hospital, he died saying the name of Our Lady.

José Gregorio's love for the poor was very likely forged by his own physical infirmities. These helped him to develop a great compassion and love for the poor. His intimacy with the Lord came through prayer, which enabled him to see the dignity of those whom he served.

In reflecting on the gospel this weekend, we are called to consider the humility of the tax collector, who was very aware of his sinfulness. It was this disposition of humility that justified him in the sight of God. St. Jose Gregorio had cultivated humility in his heart and that enabled him to serve, not because it would be of benefit to him, but because it was the right thing to do out of love for God. Would that we all learned such lessons!

St. José Gregorio, pray for us!



Altar Flowers

This week's floral arrangements are dedicated to the memory of Mary and Susy Bengston, beloved mother and sister of Mary Jones.

Thank You from the Coastal Bend Blood Center

Thank you for hosting a lifesaving blood drive with the Coastal Bend Blood Center! The recent event hosted by St. Pius X Catholic Church is greatly appreciated.

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

The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Gary and Kathy Clark for your prayers for vocations this past week. Walter and Dolores Taylor will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Phil and Elida Benavides will be taking the Crucifix November 2 - 9, 2025.



Respect Life Month – Pray the Rosary

Every October the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

Men's Club BBQ Success

Thank you to all who purchased the Men's Club BBQ. Your support made the event a great success, and we sincerely appreciate your enthusiasm. Your participation not only brought the community together, but also helped raise important funds for our future projects and events. We look forward to seeing everyone at future gatherings and to keeping this positive momentum going.

All Souls Day Candles

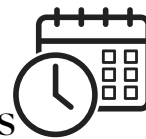
In keeping with parish tradition, we will light candles at the conclusion of the 5:30 Sunday Mass on November 2nd to honor parishioners and loved ones who passed away and whose funerals were held at St. Pius X this past year. These candles will remain lit throughout the week as a tribute and symbol of our prayers for their eternal rest. Everyone is welcome to join us for the candle lighting ceremony, especially family members of those we are remembering.

Veteran's Day Celebration

St. Pius X Catholic School would like to honor any of our parishioners who have served in the armed forces at a Veteran's Day Celebration on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, from 10:00 to 11:00AM in the St. Pius X Parish Hall, and afterward for refreshments and fellowship. We will have a table set up for any photos you would like to share. We welcome our veterans and any family members who wish to attend.



Parish Happenings



Saturday, Oct 25th

8:00AM – School Carnival Clean-up – PH

Sunday, Oct 26th

8:00AM – School Carnival Clean-up – PH

Monday, October 27th

8:00AM – School Carnival Clean-up – PH

6:30PM – Boy Scouts – Cafe

Tuesday, October 28th

10:00AM – Journey to Damascus – PH

Wednesday, October 29th

6:00PM – Religious Ed – CC#1 & CC#2

Thursday, October 30th

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – 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

This week's deadline for submitting bulletin announcements is **Wednesday by 2PM.**

Remember Your Deceased Loved Ones in the All Souls Day Novena

All Souls Day is around the corner and you are invited to remember your loved ones in the Novena of Masses offered for the repose of their souls. Novena Envelopes are available at the entrances of the church or in your monthly envelope mailings if you receive those in the mail. You may also include your deceased loved one in the Novena online by visiting spxcc.org and clicking on the floating "Giving" link or by scanning the QR Code here with your phone's camera.



Anniversary Mass Intentions

Due to the high volume of parishioners requesting Mass Intentions, we will make every effort to accommodate all requests for anniversaries of death and birthdays of the deceased on a first-come, first-served basis. Beginning Monday, November 3, we will commence scheduling ONLY these specific Masses. All other Mass Intentions may be arranged starting in December.

Thank You to the Men's Club and School Parents

A special thank you to the Men's Club and School Parents for setting up the booths for the carnival. We appreciate all you do for the parish and school. Your commitment and teamwork truly made this year's carnival a memorable celebration.

Halloween Carnival Thank You

Thank you to all who participated in our school Halloween carnival. We appreciate everyone who purchased or sold raffle tickets, donated candy, bid on auction items, donated items and/or attended the carnival. We are also grateful to the volunteers who helped decorate, set up, and clean up after the event, making sure everything ran smoothly and everyone had a fun, safe experience. Your support enables us to carry on our mission of educating and nurturing children.

No Obligation on All Saints Day

Since All Saints Day falls on a Saturday this year, there will be no Holy Day obligation as there normally is. However, you are certainly encouraged to attend Mass on Saturday morning at 8:15 if you wish. The Saturday Vigil Mass and all Sunday Masses will celebrate All Souls' Day.

Youth Ministry

Life Teen High School Ministry & Confirmation
Sundays at 6:30pm
Edge Middle School Ministry
Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Baptism Classes

Baptism classes take place on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00AM in CC#2. Register by contacting the Parish Office at 361-993-4053.



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School News



Blue Jay Families,

This week, I had the privilege of attending "A Time of Reflection," a live session in Sugar Land, TX, with Father Mike Schmitz. He spoke on the power of Jesus's Parables. It was both moving and thought-provoking, reinforcing the impact of storytelling on our learning and faith. It was a powerful reminder of how God has designed us to connect with truth through narrative, and it has inspired me to explore how we can integrate these timeless lessons for our students here at St. Pius X.

Our campus has been very busy throughout October. Last week, our third-grade students enjoyed an educational field trip to Ag Days, deepening their understanding of agriculture. This week, we are excited for our annual Halloween Carnival and are grateful for the tremendous effort in its preparation.

Our student clubs are also off to a great start. I was excited to learn that our Marian Club began the year by reading Our Lady's Wardrobe, and at their most recent meeting, they received miraculous medals and learned about Saint Catherine Laboure. Students also began creating their own Immaculate Heart of Mary prayer cards.

Looking ahead, we have several important events:

- Open House: We will host an Open House for prospective families next week. Our 5th grade Ambassadors will play a key role by providing tours to visiting families.
- Education Savings Account Town Hall: Please join us on November 3rd in the Parish Hall for an informative Town Hall on Education Savings Accounts. This is a valuable opportunity to learn more, and we encourage all interested community members to attend.

Finally, a special word of thanks to our 5th grade class for their diligent work in preparing the VIP and sponsor swag bags for the carnival. Their initiative and servant hearts are a true blessing to our school community.

If you would like to learn more about our school, please visit our Facebook page at

www.facebook.com/stpiusxschoolcc/ or our Instagram page at www.instagram.com/stpiusxcatholicsschool/

God bless,
Mrs. Beth Hinojosa
Servant & Principal





CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
Diocese of Corpus Christi

TEXAS EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNT IN-PERSON TOWNHALL MEETINGS

Join Dr. Rebecca Hammel, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Corpus Christi, for in-person town hall meetings to learn more about Texas Education Freedom Accounts.

We invite all parents and community members interested in learning more about TEFAs and private education opportunities to attend. Four in-person Town Hall meetings are being offered to accommodate your schedule.

Monday, November 3 at 6:30 PM
St. Pius X Parish Hall
5620 Gollihar Rd, Corpus Christi, TX 78412

Scan to register:



Have a blessed week!

Mass Intentions



Saturday, October 25th

5:30PM † Chuck Kovar by Jackie & Phyllis

Sunday, October 26th

8:00AM For the People of St. Pius X

10:00AM † Susan Hesse by Al & Adelle Hesse

12:00PM † Dee Samperi by Mary Fodor

5:30PM † Ray, Lola Rose & Johnny Heiman by Agnes Heiman, Siblings and their Families

Monday, October 27th

8:15AM † Paul Jordan by Reumuth Family

Tuesday, October 28th

8:15AM † Lowell Didear

Wednesday, October 29th

8:15AM Julian Galloway's Health by Family

Joe Vasquez by Beth Hinojosa

Martha Kolda by Kathy Clark

† Joann Jordon by Reumuth Family

† Freddy B. Wyman by Jeraldine Sykora & Daniel Wyman

† Mary Bengtson by Mary Jones

† Cecilia Mikulik by Wallace & Randy Mikulik

† Ann Skrobarczyk by Al & Adelle Hesse

† John Boyd by Lucy Boyd

† Jason Voelkel by Family

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

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

† Sharon & Tally Smart by James Kelly

† Mary, John & James P. Kelly by KKH

5:30PM Rudy, & Cody Reed & Family by Rick McCabe
Intercession & Protection of Our Lady, St. Joseph & St. Michael for C.C. by Rick McCabe

† Paralee Zieger by Georgia Carr

† Alfredo Garcia, Jr. by Rosie Garcia

† Judy Broll by YDR

† Joseph Cavalier by Georgia Carr

† 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

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

Thursday, October 30th

8:15AM † Maria Amelia Nadal by Naida M. Hrdlicka

Friday, October 31st

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

5:30PM † Susy Bengtson, Jr. by Mary Jones

Saturday, November 1st FIRST SATURDAY, ALL SAINTS DAY

8:15AM † Eda Marie Travland by Linda

† Dr. Clayton Travland by Mary Sue

5:30PM † Randy Havel, Doak & Josephine M. Russell by De Havel

Sunday, November 2nd – ALL SOULS' DAY

8:00AM For the People of St. Pius X

10:00AM † Deceased Members of the Men's Club

12:00PM † John H. Kelly, Sr. by KKH

5:30PM † All Souls' Novena

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Financial Report for 10/19/2025

Sunday Collection	\$	9,302.00
Sunday Online	\$	5,119.00
GOF	\$	40.00
Challenge	\$	30.00
All Saints Day	\$	10.00
Other Donations	\$	0.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$	14,501.00

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	906.00
Military Services	\$	10.00
Memorial Fund	\$	40.00
Respect Life	\$	13.00
Mission Sunday	\$	513.00
Total Other Contributions	\$	1,482.00
Total Contributions	\$	15,983.00

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

John Albertini, Ernie Albornoz, 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, Kanon Brown, 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, Juanita Gaytan, 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, Kim Hofstede, Graham Hughes, Mark Hyde, Carl Jacobi, Joseph Jude, Dennis Kramer, Desiree Kund, Jeanne Kunkel, James Lawrence, Annette Ledesma, Arlene Leep, Sharon Lewis, Dorothy Lickteig, Gladys Lippincott, Kenny Lopez, Pearl Lopez, Larry Ludka, Bill Lyman, Tom Malone, Mary Louise Mandujano, Christopher & Linda Manka, Norma Marshall, Samuel Marsillo, Bertha Martinez, Wanda Mays, 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, Carolyn Pedrotti, Valerie Pompa, Joyce Pouncy, Paola Prado, Joe Prejean, Derrel & Dolores Puckett, Frances Quinn, Irma Ramirez, Tino Ramos, John Rank, Michelle Richter, Alexis M. Rodriguez, JoAnn Rosales, Jean & Hedy