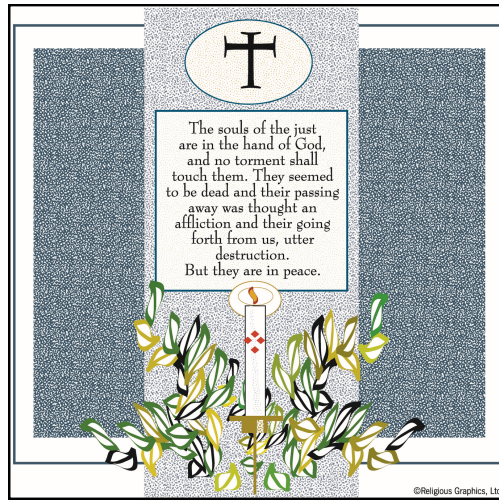


Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

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November 2, 2025



Dear Friends,

Last week, our school held its annual Halloween carnival. From the looks of it, we had a terrific turnout of school families, parishioners, and the general public. It was a fantastic evening that was a result of a lot of different people coming together to make it happen.

It is always fun to see all the different costumes that the kids wear and to see families enjoying the many features from the food, to the game booths, to the petting zoo. Sometimes people wonder if it is appropriate that we, as a Catholic Church, have a Halloween Carnival. After all, isn't Halloween associated with dark arts and superstition? To answer the question, I think it is important to start by reviewing what Halloween is and where it came from.

The name Halloween means All Hallows' Eve. It refers to the evening before the celebration honoring all the "Hallowed" or "Holy Ones". Essentially, it is the vigil on the evening prior to the great feast, All Saints Day. So originally, Halloween started as a Catholic celebration honoring or venerating the Saints of God. While some have erroneously connected Halloween to earlier pagan celebrations, it actually has prominent Catholic roots. The celebration remembers those who have gone before us and who share in the Eternal Light of heaven. Following upon All Saints, the Church celebrates All Souls, which commemorates the faithful departed and prays for the souls still in purgatory. These celebrations naturally cause us to think of our own mortality.

So, initially, there was nothing associated with ghosts, witches, sorcery, and the like. Sadly, the focus on mortality became more sinister and was corrupted by a secular culture where the ideas of superstition, sorcery and morbidity started to creep in.

As Catholics, we shouldn't be ashamed of the real meaning of Halloween. Instead, we should reclaim it for what it truly is: a celebration of the Saints in heaven and the prayers that we offer for All Souls. The innocent parts of the celebration, like Trick or Treating and the giving of candy should be the focus, while refraining from glamorizing anything involving superstition, witches, witchcraft, sorcery, or the occult. Opening the door to these more sinister things may seem fun and innocuous, but they can be dangerous to the soul. Dressing up in fun, lighthearted costumes, especially dressing as Saints, can be a good custom that maintains the character of the day.

This year, the Commemoration of All Souls has landed on Sunday. We are called to pray for the faithful departed and to intercede on their behalf that they might be well disposed to the purification that prepares them for heaven. Often, purgatory is viewed as a place of fire and suffering. It would be better if we think of purgatory as a state of purging where everything that is an obstacle to my receiving God's love is burned away by God's love. It is

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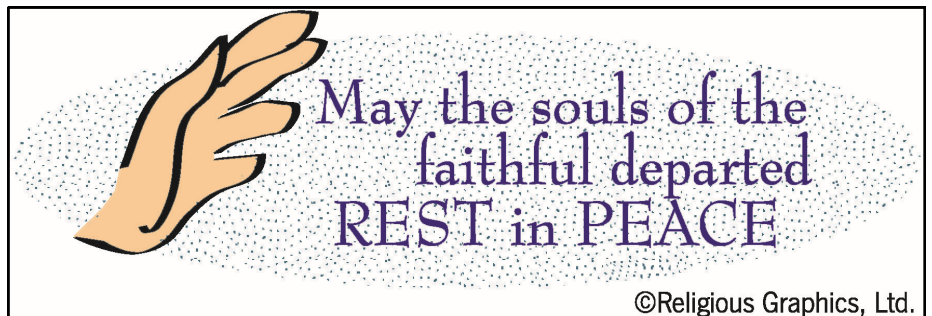
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in some way a painful process as our sins are revealed to us and we feel the pangs of remorse for having done what we have done. However, that process of purging gives way to the fullness of God's love that is uninhibited in any way.

Join me in offering our prayers for the beloved faithful departed so that our prayers may be effective in quickening that process of purification and open them to receive the beautiful gift of the kingdom God has readied for them.

Fr. Paul



All Souls Day Novena

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.



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 Walter and Dolores Taylor for your prayers for vocations this past week. Phil and Elida Benavides will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Frank and Vickie Soliz will be taking the Crucifix November 9 - 16, 2025.



Advertise in the Parish Bulletin

Local businesses, organizations, and individuals are invited to advertise in our weekly parish bulletin. Advertising here ensures your message reaches a wide and diverse audience. Take advantage of our platform to maximize your visibility and connect with potential customers while contributing to the ongoing mission of our parish. Advertising proceeds directly fund church programs and outreach incentives. If you wish to place an advertisement in the parish's weekly bulletin, please contact the office Monday through Friday between 9am and 5pm. The cost is \$25.00 per Sunday bulletin.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Volunteers Needed

We are seeking committed individuals to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion during our upcoming Masses and for the Homebound Ministry. This role offers a significant opportunity to assist in the distribution of the Holy Eucharist and to support our faith community in a vital ministry. All confirmed Catholics in good standing with the Church are eligible to volunteer. Comprehensive training will be provided for new ministers, and current volunteers are encouraged to renew their commitment. Since this is a public ministry, CMSC, Safe Environment Training is required, and classes will be offered to fulfil the requirement.

Contact Deacon Lugo at 361.993.4053 or email him at deaconlugo@stpiouscc.org to express your interest. You can also speak with Deacon Lugo after Mass or see the sign-up sheet in the vestibule of the church. Then attend our upcoming training session (date and time to be announced).

We sincerely appreciate your generosity in sharing both your time and faith by serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Your dedication not only enriches our worship but also brings comfort and spiritual nourishment to those unable to attend Mass in person. By participating in this ministry, you help strengthen our parish community and embody the compassionate spirit at the heart of our faith. We look forward to welcoming new faces and supporting our current volunteers as we grow together in service and fellowship.



Parish Happenings

Saturday, Nov 1st – FIRST SATURDAY & ALL SAINTS DAY

1:00PM – Alhambra's Installation of Officers – PH

Sunday, Nov 2nd – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

8:00AM – Men's Club Deceased Members Luncheon – PH

Monday, Nov 3rd

6:30PM – Boy Scouts – Cafe

Wednesday, Nov 5th

6:00PM – Religious Ed – CC#1 & CC#2

7:00PM – Alhambra's – Rec

Thursday, Nov 6th

6:00PM – PTO – Cafe

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

Friday, Nov 7th – FIRST FRIDAY

8:00AM – Set-up for Fall Market – PH

5:30PM – Healing Mass – CH

7:00PM – Santo Nino Mass – CH

Saturday, Nov 8th

8:00AM – Fall Market – PH

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.

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.

All Souls Candles Remembrances

If a candle was lit on All Souls Day for your loved ones, the expended candle is available if you wish to have it as a remembrance. They will be available until December 1st.

Celebrating a Successful Blanket Drive

We are delighted to announce the successful completion of our recent blanket drive. Thanks to your incredible generosity and support, we collected an outstanding number of blankets for those in need. This achievement truly reflects our church's spirit of compassion, community and fellowship. The Mother Teresa Shelter, Catholic Charities and Timon's Ministries thank you for your kindness and generous donations of blankets for the homeless in October.

November Acts of Charity

In November the Acts of Charity is collecting NEW winter outerwear (ex. jackets and hoodies) for the Mother Teresa Shelter and the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission. Cleaned and gently used jackets will be accepted. Please place your donations in the designated Acts of Charity bin at the back of the church or at the parish office. Your involvement and generosity are deeply appreciated. Together we are making our community a warmer, kinder place for all.

Come Pray the Rosary With Us

The America Needs Fatima Rosary Organization invites parishioners to participate in a rosary prayer gathering on Saturday, November 8, at 10am in the church parking lot. Bring a lawn chair and join us as we honor Our Lady of Fatimas's request to pray the Rosary daily.

Advent by Candlelight

Advent by Candlelight provides a peaceful and reflective way for women to prepare for Christmas by focusing on the true meaning of the season – the birth of Jesus Christ. Participants have the opportunity to enjoy an evening designed to foster a sense of serenity and reflection as the holiday approaches. The event is Saturday, December 6th from 7-9PM in the Parish Hall. Each table is responsible for their own meal. Dessert, coffee and water will be provided. Women interested in hosting a table, please contact Celeste Lutz 361-945-6112. Space is limited, so reserve your table ASAP!

St. Patrick's Christmas Bazaar

St. Patrick's Altar Rosary Society cordially invites all to attend the Christmas Bazaar, scheduled for Saturday, November 15th in St. Patrick's Parish Hall from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. The event will feature vendors, a silent auction, baked goods, crafts, collectibles, door prizes, and a raffle. Proceeds will support altar necessities and the procurement of vestments for the Priest.



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School News



Dear Blue Jay Families,

On behalf of the entire school community, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who helped make our 40th Annual Halloween Carnival a resounding success. We were thrilled to see a record number of attendees this year. This event would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of our parents, staff, and parish volunteers, as well as the generous support of our sponsors and silent auction donors. Thank you for coming together to create a wonderful experience for our community, especially our children.

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Hammel, our Superintendent, will host an informative presentation on Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA), also known as ESA funds. The session will be held on Monday, November 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Dr. Hammel will cover essential details, including: Program eligibility requirements, Funding levels, Application process and timelines. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about this program and have your questions answered. We encourage all interested families to attend.

Please join us in honoring the service and sacrifice of our veterans. We invite all parishioners who have served in the armed forces to our Veterans Day Celebration on Tuesday, November 11th from 10:00AM to 11:00AM in the Parish Hall. The ceremony will be followed by a time for refreshments and fellowship. Veterans and all of their family members are welcome to attend. Our St. Pius students are always inspired by the opportunity to meet and thank the amazing men and women who have served our country.

Last, it is that time of year where we have the opportunity to bless our teachers and staff for all the hard work that they do. We have set up the annual Winterfund. Our faculty and staff have chosen to dedicate their careers to Catholic education, often making personal sacrifices to do so. They are here out of a deep commitment to fostering both faith and knowledge in our students.

Please consider making a gift to honor these deserving individuals. Your contribution, doubled by this generous match, will serve as a powerful testament to our collective appreciation. You can donate by:

- Mailing a check to 737 St. Pius Dr, Corpus Christi, TX 78412
- Scanning the QR code below
- Using this secure link:
- <https://2025-winter-fund-copy.cheddarup.com>

Thank you and God bless,

Mrs. Hinojosa
Servant & Principal



Mass Intentions



Saturday, Nov 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, Nov 2nd

8:00AM For the People of St. Pius X
10:00AM † Deceased Members of the Men's Club by Chuck Gross
12:00PM † John H. Kelly, Sr. by KKH
5:30PM † All Souls Novena

Monday, Nov 3rd

8:15AM † All Souls Novena

Tuesday, Nov 4th

8:15AM † All Souls Novena

Wednesday, Nov 5th

8:15AM † All Souls Novena
5:30PM Julian Galloway's Health by Family
† Joyce Shirley by Family
† Ronald Mikulik by Mikulik Family
† Gerald Higdon by Family
† Alfredo Garcia, Jr. by Rosie Garcia
† Isabel Anorga by Tamez Family
Martha Kolda by Kathy Clark
† Mary, John & James P. Kelly by KKH
† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell
† Mary Pat & Albert T. Slavik by James & John Kelly
† James W. Sr. & Helen B. Kelly by James & John Kelly
† Sharon & Tally Smart by James Kelly
Liliane Van Hoof by James Kelly
John Kelly by James Kelly
James W. Kelly III by James Kelly

Thursday, Nov 6th

8:15AM † All Souls Novena

Friday, Nov 7th – FIRST FRIDAY

8:15AM † All Souls Novena
5:30PM † Gilbert Schanen, Jr. by Nancy Schanen
† Barbara Mikulik by Wallace & Randy Mikulik
† Deacon George Phillips by Estela Phillips
† Bill West by Reumuth Family
† Ben Garcia II by Garcia Family
† Anna Van Dijck by James Kelly
† Felix Van Hoof by James Kelly
† Karel Soudan by James Kelly
† Jesus & Christelia Ancira by Diana Garza & Family
† Judy Broll by YDR
† Nacaria Rodriguez by Schoenstatt Mother's Branch
† Reynaldo Trevino by Angie Ramos
† Deceased Members of the Catholic Daughters by Delfina McHugh

Saturday, Nov 8th

5:30PM † All Souls' Novena

Sunday, November 9th

8:00AM † Josephine M. Russell by De Havel
10:00AM Mary & Wilson Woolley by Joan Hennings
12:00PM † For the People of St. Pius X
5:30PM † All Souls' Novena

Financial Report for 10/26/2025

Sunday Collection	\$	10,400.35
Sunday Online	\$	6,869.00
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Other Donations	\$	211.95
Total Operating Revenue	\$	17,521.30

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	555.00
Mother Teresa Shelter	\$	20.00
Emil & Marie Habeeb Schol.	\$	80.00
Memorial Fund	\$	100.00
Parish Hall AC Fund	\$	10.00
Respect Life Appeal	\$	30.00
Sunday Flower Donation	\$	60.00
World Mission Sunday	\$	10.00
Total Other Contributions	\$	865.00
Total Contributions	\$	18,386.30

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, 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, 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

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