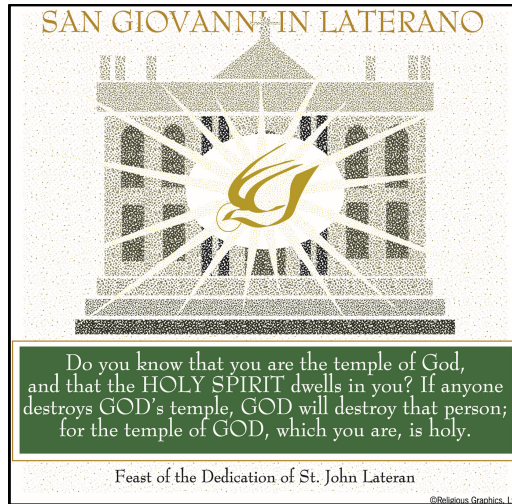


Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

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

November 9, 2025



Dear Parishioners:

This weekend, we have another annual feast that uncommonly falls on a Sunday. Last Sunday, we celebrated the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day). This Sunday, it just so happens that we celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. The question you may ask is: "Why do we celebrate the dedication of the Lateran Basilica?" The short answer is that the Lateran Basilica is the Mother Church of all the churches in the whole world! If it is the Mother Church of the world, then it makes sense that we honor it just as we would give due honor to our own local church.

Just last month, I had the pleasure of visiting the Lateran Basilica as part of the pilgrimage I led to Italy for the Year of Hope. It is a beautiful Cathedral and has a very storied history. I actually consider it to be one of my favorite churches in the Holy City. I find it particularly attractive because our own Corpus Christi Cathedral is loosely modeled after it. If you look at pictures of the apse (the semi-circular wall behind the altar), you can notice similarities between the two, with Christ in the center and a row of saints in the upper portion.

The Lateran Basilica is officially known as "The Cathedral of the Most Holy Savior and Saints John the Baptist and the Evangelist in Lateran". It is more commonly known simply as St. John Lateran. Apart from being named after Jesus our Savior, it is dedicated to the two Johns I mentioned above.

It is one of the most revered churches in the world because it was consecrated in the year 324. This was not long after Emperor Constantine issued a proclamation permitting Christians to worship freely and without threat of persecution. It is one of the most ancient churches and was one of the first places Christians could worship in their newfound freedom. Imagine how exciting it must have been for those early Christians to be able to come out of hiding and worship freely and without fear.

The word Lateran comes from the Lateran Hill upon which it stands. The land was given to the emperor by the Laterani family who had a palace on that hill. Emperor Constantine had a church built upon this hill. This stood as the center of Christendom throughout the early centuries until the middle ages. The palace that exists next to the basilica was the residence of the popes throughout that time. You can imagine centuries of saints, church officials, and faithful passing through the halls where the Church's official business took place.

It wasn't until the middle ages when the pope moved to Avignon, France that the Cathedral fell into disuse. When the pope finally returned to Rome after decades, they gravitated toward St. Peter's Basilica and that became their residence when the palace was built there.

St. John Lateran is still considered to be the Mother Church of the world because it is the Cathedral of Rome. As the bishop of Rome, it is the Pope's Cathedral. It is called a Cathedral because it houses the chair of the Bishop of Rome.

Who's Who

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Very Rev. Paul A. Hesse, V.G.

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Fr. Kurian Joseph

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Deacon Loni Lugo

Deacon Mark Arnold

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Director of Religious Education & Adult Faith Formation

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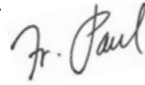
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From this chair, which represents the teaching and spiritual authority of the pope, the Holy Father preaches and teaches – handing on the Faith in its richness.

Whenever we celebrate the dedication of a church, as we do with the Lateran Basilica, we are honoring the place where the People of God worship. It is significant precisely because of the fact that it is where the People of God encounter Jesus Christ and are formed into a community of believers. The church is intended to lead us to heaven. Its beauty elevates our spirit and draws us into the life of Christ. We, the believers, are the temple of God, as St. Paul instructs, but the church is significant because we come here to enter into worship of God through the Eucharist. Therefore, our churches reflect the reverence that we hold in our hearts, and it accentuates the holiness of God that dwells within us.

As we celebrate the dedication of the Lateran Basilica today, let us cherish this house of prayer, this place of worship. We bring ourselves together as temples of the Living God to gather in this temple to worship Him as a people aflame with love for Him.



God + Me Parish Retreat

Take a break from the busyness of life and join us for a day of prayer, fellowship, and renewal! We invite all adults to participate in the upcoming Parish Sponsored Day Retreat, a time set apart for prayer, renewal, reflection and fellowship. The event provides an excellent opportunity to pause from daily routines and focus on spiritual renewal in a supportive community environment. Everyone is welcome! Feel free to bring a friend! Participants will enjoy Early Bird breakfast and lunch.

Date: November 15, 2025

Time: 9:00AM – 3:00PM

Where: Msgr. Shirley Youth Center

RSVP: Please call the parish office at 361.993.4053 to reserve your spot

Let's retreat together and return refreshed and renewed in Christ.

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 Phil and Elida Benavides for your prayers for vocations this past week. Frank and Vickee Soliz will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Mary Alice Gonzalez will be taking the Crucifix November 16 - 23, 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@stpiusxcc.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.

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.



Parish Happenings

Saturday, Nov 8th

8:00AM – Fall Market – PH

Monday, Nov 10th

12:00PM – School Veterans Day Program

Practice – PH

7:00PM – Boy Scouts – Cafe

Tuesday, Nov 11th – VETERANS DAY

8:00AM – School Veterans Day Program – PH

1:00PM – Sultanas – Rec

Wednesday, Nov 12th

6:00PM – Religious Ed – CC#1 & CC#2

Thursday, Nov 13th

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

Saturday, Nov 15th

8:00AM – Parish Sponsored Day Retreat – YC

1:00PM – Memorial Mass – CH

Sunday, Nov 16th

1:30PM – Baptism – 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.



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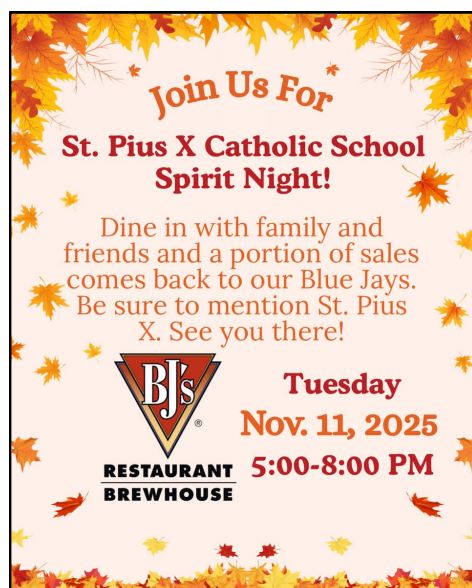
Keep up on all the latest on our Facebook page. Go to our link at facebook.com/stpiusxcc

This week's deadline for submitting bulletin announcements is

Wednesday by 2PM.

Annual Thanksgiving Feast

If you're not preparing a meal this year or will be spending Thanksgiving alone, we cordially invite you to attend our Annual Thanksgiving Meal, a cherished tradition in our church community. This is a special time for fellowship, food, and giving thanks with our church family. Our goal is for everyone to feel welcomed, valued and connected. We'll have a delicious Thanksgiving feast with turkey, stuffing, and the comforting sides, prepared with care. Whether you're new to the area, don't have family nearby, or simply want to share the holiday with others, this event is for YOU! Please contact the parish office at 361.993.4053 for your reservation.



Mens Club Meeting November 18th

All men of the parish (18 years and older) are cordially invited to attend the next Men's Club meeting. Join us for an evening of fellowship, faith, and service as we seek to grow together as Christian men dedicated to our families, our parish, and our community. The evening will include prayer, discussion of upcoming service projects, and a meal. New members are especially welcome – come and see how you can get involved and make a difference through faith and fraternity. The meeting will be held November 18th from 6:00PM to 8:00PM in the Parish Hall. "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" Proverbs 27:17"

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.

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.



School News



Dear Blue Jay Families,

The past few weeks have been very busy at St. Pius X, filled with meaningful celebrations, important visits, and community traditions.

Last week, we observed Red Ribbon Week. Students enjoyed themed dress-up days, a CCPD parade, and a pep rally. These activities powerfully reinforced the message of healthy living. Thank you for your partnership in making it such a success.

We were also delighted to continue the beloved tradition of "The Great Pumpkin's" visit. This long-standing custom, which has brought joy to generations of St. Pius X students, was a special treat for all.

We were honored to welcome our Superintendent, Dr. Hammel, to campus on Monday, November 3rd. During her visit, some of the topics that were covered were our school's mission, strategic goals, student performance, operational vitality, and the implementation of Education Savings Accounts (ESAs). Dr. Hammel was highly complimentary of our campus and our students, and we look forward to our continued collaboration in advancing our Catholic school's mission.

To ensure our community is well informed, I will be hosting "Coffee and Conversations" every Thursday from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. in the teachers' lounge. This is an open forum for all parents and guardians to learn more about Education Savings Accounts and other topics. This is an opportunity to have your questions addressed.

Our celebrations for All Saints Day were a wonderful success. It was inspiring to see so many students participate by dressing as their favorite saints. A special thank you to Father Paul for his engaging and knowledgeable interactions with the students about the lives of the saints.

This week we observed Vocations Week, focusing on helping students discern how the Lord may be calling them to serve. We were grateful to host Sister Jessica from Schoenstatt, who spoke beautifully about religious life and provided each student with a rosary. We encourage you to visit the Schoenstatt in Rockport if you have the opportunity.

On a personal note, following our teachers' discussions on married life as a vocation, my husband and I were humbled to renew our marital vows in front of our school community during Mass, commemorating our 20th anniversary. It was a deeply memorable moment for us, and we thank all who shared it with us.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for being a vital part of our vibrant school community.

God bless,

Mrs. Hinojosa
Servant & Principal

Have a blessed week!



St. Pius X Catholic School Winter Fund 2025

As we approach the Christmas season, we are reminded of the incredible dedication of our St. Pius X teachers and staff. This is a perfect time to express our profound gratitude for their unwavering commitment to our students and our mission.

We are thrilled to announce that an anonymous donor has pledged to match all gifts to our Winter Fund, dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000. This means your generosity will have twice the impact in showing our educators how much they are valued.

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!



Mass Intentions



Saturday, Nov 8th

5:30PM † All Souls Novena

Sunday, Nov 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

Monday, Nov 10th

8:15AM † All Souls Novena

Tuesday, Nov 11th – VETERANS DAY

8:15AM † Clara Werland by Villarreal Family

Wednesday, Nov 12th

8:15AM † Julian Galloway's Health by Family
Randy Sykora for Good Health by Gladys Lippencott

† Soledad P. Madali by Naida M. Hrdlicka

† Juliet Ordner Johnson by Randy & Sandra Ordner

† Pat & Patrick DeGregorio by Family

Becky Urbanovsky by Beth Hinojosa

Joseph Jude By Mom

† Kathryn Halpin by Rhydian, Joseph, Jeannie

† Melinda Tucker

† Mary, John & James P. Kelly by KKH

† Sharon & Tally Smart by James Kelly

† Alfredo Garcia, Jr. by Rosie Garcia

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

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

5:30PM † Martha Southerwood by Mary Glorfield

† Paralee Zieger by Georgia Carr

† Joseph Cavalier by Georgia Carr

† Trey Turner by Gladys Lippencott

† Laura Escobar by Cindy & Fred Rodríguez

† Karel Soudan by James Kelly

† Anna Van Dijck by James Kelly

† Felix Van Hoof 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, Nov 13th

8:15AM † Felipe Gonzales by Melva Ramos

Friday, Nov 14th

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

5:30PM † Gilbert Schanen Sr. by Nancy Schanen

Saturday, Nov 15th

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

Sunday, November 16th

8:00AM † Elizabeth Landesman by Reumuth Family

10:00AM † Capt. USN (RET) Frank Kolda by Jean Fox

12:00PM † Janelle Barrard by Randy & Jeraldine Sykora

5:30PM † Jessica "Joy" Phillips by Family

Financial Report for 11/02/2025

Sunday Collection	\$	10,830.25
Sunday Online	\$	6,685.00
All Saints Day	\$	470.00
Bulletin Ads	\$	75.00
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Other Donations	\$	77.18
Total Operating Revenue	\$	18,177.43

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	420.00
Archdiocese for Military Services	\$	430.00
Christopher Janosek Schol.	\$	80.00
Total Other Contributions	\$	930.00
Total Contributions	\$	19,107.43

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, 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 & Jerilyn 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 Rosenast, David Russell, Button Ruzicka, Dolores Saenz, Dora Salazar, Kimberly Salch, Sandra Salinas, Janie San Miguel, Rick Sanders, Adam Saylor, Nancy Schanen, David G. Scherzer, Mellissa Scherzer, Jack Schuett, Steve Schuster, Liz Sefcik, Anita Shirley, Alma Silva, Peter Siracusa, Rodney Sirus, Sandy Sosa, Denise Sosa-Villagran, Mary Ann Starkey, Randy Sykora, Brandee Torres, Ernie Trevino, Jessica Undebrink, Mary Vasquez, Joan Vedder, Joan Whitmire, Helen Witzsche, Wilson Woolley, Mary Bell Yankee, Carole Zanetti, Joe Zepeda, Belinda Garza Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.

My house shall be a house of prayer

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