

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

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

November 16, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

What are the things you do to get ready? Your answer to this question will likely depend on what it is you are getting ready for. If you are getting ready to go out to a formal dinner, for instance, you would likely prepare by getting your hair done, going shopping for the perfect outfit, washing up, putting on nice clothes and accessories, and making sure you look good in the mirror. If you are going on vacation, you probably prepare by spending days or weeks tying up loose ends at work, arranging for someone to take care of the family pets, pulling out the luggage, and packing and making sure the bills are paid. Or, if you are studying for an exam, you probably review your notes, meet with a study group, and possibly take a pre-exam. The process of readiness can look different in whatever circumstance we find ourselves in. What about getting ready for our ultimate destiny?

As another liturgical year draws to a close, the scriptures direct us toward the end of time and lead us to consider how prepared we are for eternal life. Jesus paints a kind of somber, foreboding image of the last things in the gospel this weekend. There is speak of wars, insurrections, and natural disasters in the words he says. He makes his disciples aware that there will be destruction and dissension everywhere. The disciples themselves will have to endure tensions, persecutions, and opposition from all quarters. Despite all of this, he offers encouragement by informing them that not a hair on their head will be destroyed, and that they will encounter his help, which will enable them to persevere.

There is a familiar ring in the things Jesus describes that sound similar to the times we live in. It is not hard for us to believe that things are falling apart and that Jesus' words are coming true in our own day and age. The killing and oppression of Christians in various parts of the world, as well as the revolt against Christian principles, makes it seem as if the end times are unfolding before us. The disagreements that exist even within the Church are similarly distressing. Is this all a signal that the world will end soon? That is not for us to know.

One thing that is clear is that our state of readiness to meet the Lord depends upon our response to the call to the life of holiness. Every day is an opportunity to evaluate how prepared we are. We don't want to be living in fear and trepidation, but we also don't want to be neglectful of our spiritual progress. That is why the Church gives us this period before we start another liturgical year, so we can refocus again on what is most important.

The degree to which we are ready for anything in our lives results in how much peace we are in. If I've done my due diligence to prepare for vacation, then I am more likely to enjoy my vacation free from worry. If I have prepared well for a night out, I will feel confident and self-assured so that I can enjoy the time with my friends. If I have given adequate study for an exam, it is more likely that I will be less anxious and more clear-headed. Likewise, if I am as ready as I can be for my eternal destiny, I can be at peace and reasonably free from anxiety.

What do we need to do to ready ourselves for Christ's coming? The answer is multifaceted. As with anything that relates to our soul, the first thing we need to do is pray. Prayer is divine communication with God. The habit of prayer forges a deep and intimate connection with God our Father. A regular life of prayer creates a habit of communication with God that solidifies that relationship. The more we pray, the more we want to pray. The closer we draw to God in prayer, the closer we want to be with God.



Who's Who

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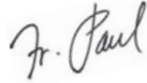
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The second thing we need is to keep our spiritual lives in step with our Christian calling. A regular confession goes a long way toward preparing us for eternal life. The cleansing of our soul enables us to receive God's grace and makes us more receptive to do his will and keeps us tuned up spiritually.

Another way that we can be ready for what awaits us is to put our faith into action by doing the corporal works of mercy and giving alms. The more we give of ourselves, the more we live selflessly.

These and so many other things make it possible for us to live without anxiety and fear. In the face of trial or distress, we can find peace and confidence to face whatever comes, knowing that Christ is accompanying us. They all enable us to be messengers of hope and bearers of light in troubled times.



In Loving Memory

We remember and pray for our beloved parishioners Ronald Reumuth, Jose Guadalupe Martinez, and Maurice Jorge Martinez, who have entered eternal life and whose funeral rites have been celebrated over the last week. May God's loving presence bring comfort to their families and friends and may the souls of the faithful, departed through the mercy of God, rest forever in His peace. Amen

Honoring Bob Batterson: a Beloved Parishioner & WWII Hero

Our parish family is proud to share that Captain Robert E. "Bob" Batterson, a longtime member of St. Pius X and a decorated World War II Her and Pearl Harbor survivor, was honored with a United States Post Office named in his memory. This special recognition celebrates not only his service to our nation, but also his lifelong example of faith, humility, and dedication to community.

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 Frank and Vickie Soliz for your prayers for vocations this past week. Mary Alice Gonzalez will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Jenny Sehy will be taking the Crucifix November 23 - 30, 2025.



Adult Confirmation Classes

Are you an adult who has been Baptized and received First Holy Communion but has not yet been confirmed? Are you seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Deepen your relationship with Christ and the Church through our Adult Confirmation Preparation Program. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith, receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and fully participate in the life of the Church. Classes will begin in January with Confirmation in March. Registration is now open at O.C.I.A. Registration. For more information, contact Mary Maldonado at 361.993.4053 or mmaldonado@stpiusxcc.org

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 15th

8:00AM – Parish Sponsored Day Retreat –YC

10:00AM – Baptisms – CH

1:00PM – Funeral Mass – CH

Sunday, Nov 16th

10:00AM – Donuts and Coffee after Mass – PH

1:30PM – Baptisms – CH

Monday, Nov 17th

10:00AM – Funeral Mass

6:00PM – Catholic Daughters – CC#1

7:00PM – Boy Scouts – Cafe

Tuesday, Nov 18th

5:00PM – Men's Club Meeting – PH

Wednesday, Nov 19th

6:00PM – Religious Ed – CC#1 & CC#2

Thursday, Nov 20th

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

Sunday, Nov 23rd

1:00PM – Alhambras & Sultan's Luncheon – 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

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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.

Bulletin Deadline for Thanksgiving

All announcements for the November 30th bulletin must be submitted by 12:00 Noon on Monday, 24 November. Please send your information to the parish office or parishoffice@stpiousxcc.org by the deadline to ensure it's included in the bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation!

Men's 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"

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Join us in giving thanks to God for His many blessings! **Thanksgiving Day Mass** will be celebrated on Thursday, November 27 at **10:00AM**. Please note: There will be **no 8:15AM Mass** and **no Eucharistic Adoration on Thanksgiving Day**.

Parish Thanksgiving Holiday Office Hours

The parish offices will be **closed beginning Wednesday, November 26th and reopen on Monday, December 1st**.

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!

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.





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School News



Blue Jay Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to focus on the essential importance of our Catholic schools and the profound impact they have on our world today.

Recently, I had the privilege of listening to a webinar hosted by the University of Dallas titled, "The Catholic School Teacher," featuring Father Peter Stravinskis. His presentation centered on two critical components that merit our careful contemplation: 1. Why Catholic Schools? and 2. What kind of teachers do we want in our schools?

We firmly believe that parents are the primary educators of their children. Our Catholic schools serve as a vital and positive reinforcement, working in partnership with the home to share and uphold our shared values. Where parents plant the seeds of faith, our schools provide the constant nourishment necessary for that faith to fully blossom.

This mission defines our teachers' vocation. They are called to teach as Jesus did, allowing Christ to enter their lives completely and constantly pursuing their spiritual and professional formation. They must be witnesses of a strong, shared faith, united by the ultimate goal: to make saints of all our students.

The historical perspective on Catholic education is fascinating. As I was recently reminded in this webinar, Pope Pius XI had a powerful opinion on the necessity of Catholic schools, asserting that removing religion from the classroom does not create a "neutral" education. Rather, it inadvertently trains the student to live as if God does not matter or does not exist. It is a powerful reminder that, at one time, it was even stipulated in Canon Law that all Catholic families were obliged to ensure their children received a Catholic education. Wow!

This daily commitment often involves a significant sacrifice for many families, raising the critical question: What about those who cannot afford the tuition? We are working toward a future where Catholic education is accessible to all. I am encouraged by the imminent implementation of state and federal programs designed to lower this financial barrier:

- **Texas Education Savings Accounts (ESAs):** The new Education Savings Accounts (like the TEFA program) are a monumental step. I pray that as our legislators see the high demand for this kind of educational choice, the program will eventually be opened universally, as it is in other states, allowing all families the eventual access to these critical funds.
- **Federal Tax Credit:** The recently passed Federal Tax Credit will further assist in making tuition more affordable by encouraging donations to scholarship-granting organizations.

We are closer than ever to ensuring Catholic education is available to every child who desires it, providing them the opportunity to live their faith fully throughout the school day.

I personally witness daily the enrichment and blessings our Catholic schools pour into our families. The "why" of Catholic education is best demonstrated by the faith lived out by our students. This year, our 5th-grade students sent prayer cards to individuals needing support—an act of Corporal Mercy taught by Mrs. Stovall and extended to hundreds of students over the years. In this week's bulletin, you will find a heartfelt letter from a man who was compelled to write back after receiving one of these cards. This profound moment of connection, compassion, and living faith is our "why." This is why our Catholic Schools are essential. I hope you enjoy that letter as much as I did.

Finally, as we approach the Christmas season, please do not forget the incredible sacrifice of our dedicated teachers. They are the heart and soul of our mission. Our teachers make approximately 40% less than their public school counterparts. They are here at St. Pius X not for the salary, but because they love our school, they love our students, and they are committed to our shared mission. We are blessed to have them. Please consider making a donation to our Winter Fund to bless them this Christmas and acknowledge their commitment.

God bless,

Mrs. Beth Hinojosa
Servant & Principal



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 15th

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

Sunday, Nov 16th

8:00AM † Elizabeth Landesman by Reumuth Family

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

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

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

Monday, Nov 17th

8:15AM † Capt. USN (RET) Frank Kolda by Martha Kolda

Tuesday, Nov 18th

8:15AM † Gilbert Schanen Jr. by Nancy Schanen

Wednesday, Nov 19th

8:15AM Julian Galloway's Health by Family

Priscilla Guerrero by Beth Hinojosa

† Christina Dalrymple by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Hyde

Joseph Jude by Mom

† Mr. Reumuth by Phyllis Benesh

† Felix Matula by Al & Adelle Hesse

† Mary, John & James P. Kelly by KKH

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

Liliane Van Hoof by James Kelly

John Kelly by James Kelly

James W. Kelly III by James Kelly

† Sharon & Tally Smart by James Kelly

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

5:30PM Special Intentions by Mary Vasquez

† Gilbert Schanen Jr. by Nancy Schanen

† David N. Scherzer by Family

† Alfredo Garcia Jr. by Rosie Garcia

† Anita & George Sr. Zertuche by Diana Garza & Family

† Teresa Anorga by Tamez Family

† Nacaris Rodriguez by Schoenstatt Mother's Brach

† Karel Soudan by James Kelly

† Anna Van Dijck by James Kelly

† Felix Van Hoof by James Kelly

† Ronald "Ron" Mikulik

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

Thursday, Nov 20th

8:15AM † Martha Conwell by Kelly E. Leaning

Friday, Nov 21st

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

5:30PM † John Buckner by Helen & RC Allen

Saturday, Nov 22nd

5:30PM † Chris Janosek by John, Debra & Brian

Sunday, November 23rd

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

10:00AM Members of Sultanas & Alhambras

12:00PM † Alvino & Stella Campos by Family

5:30PM † Martin Hinojosa by Leal & Bazan Family

Financial Report for 11/09/2025

Sunday Collection	\$	15,108.16
Sunday Online	\$	8,343.00
Filipino Santo Nino Mass	\$	298.00
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Other Donations	\$	82.05
Total Operating Revenue	\$	23,871.21

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	347.00
Archdiocese for Military Services	\$	30.00
Christopher Janosek Schol.	\$	50.00
Memorial Fund	\$	40.00
Total Other Contributions	\$	467.00
Total Contributions	\$	24,338.21

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 & 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 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 Sirius, 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.

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