

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

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

November 23, 2025

Dear Friends,

Today, I would like to reflect on a couple of significant themes. The first is the theme of this weekend's celebration – Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe. The second theme is related to what we will be celebrating in a few days – Thanksgiving. It seems to me that both have a correlation to each other.

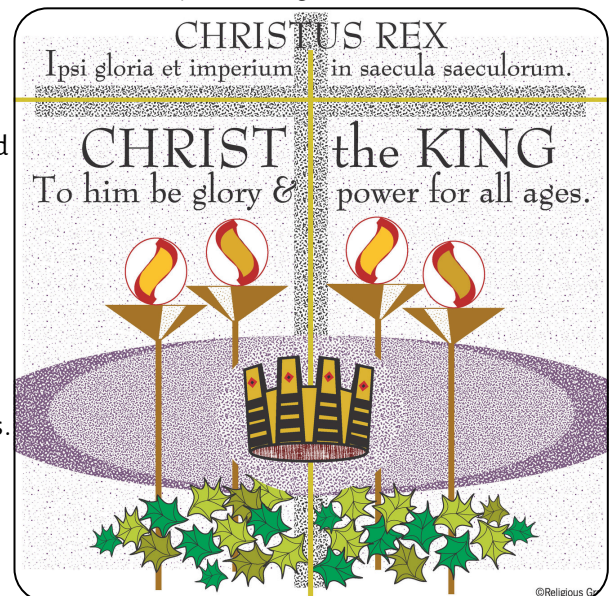
As we draw the liturgical year to a close with this celebration of Christ the King, we round out what we have been reflecting on for days. The readings for the past few weeks have drawn our attention to the last things and the ultimate orientation of our lives, which is to be found worthy of the heavenly reward. Recent readings have highlighted the need for us to be prepared and to not squander the time we have been given on this earth. The emphasis these weeks has been on making good use of our lives and living purposefully while here on earth, so that we may dwell eternally in heaven.

The only way for us to live a purposeful life is to not live for ourselves, but to live for Christ. This is the only way to find meaning in life. Anything else will leave us wanting. When we lose sight of Christ, we lose everything. The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, reminds us that there is only one King in our lives. So often, we get wrapped up in ourselves and our own creature comforts. The danger of a consumeristic society is that we become too comfortable with our own comfort. More often than not, this leads to us focusing less attention on the good of our soul, and more attention on the good of our body. When we indulge in all the carnal pleasures, we obscure that which belongs to the higher order - the salvation of our soul. Our spiritual self takes a back seat to the satisfaction of our baser desires. Christ then is no longer king of our lives. Instead of serving him, we serve ourselves.

Serving ourselves leads to alienation from others. Before we know it, we have become lonely and devoid of any meaningful relationships. The soul becomes hungry for something more. It craves communion. It yearns for God.

This past week, some news reports revealed that there were 52 students kidnapped or taken from a Catholic School in Nigeria. There has been an increasing persecution and oppression of Christians there. Those who perpetrate these offenses against the rights and dignity of the Christian people are attempting to eliminate what they perceive as a threat to their ability to maintain power. Christianity promotes freedom and respect, which is a threat to those who desire power. So, those in power work to rid themselves of the threat. What those in power don't see is that their actions only serve to ignite the flame of faith in people and embolden them to greater fidelity to their beliefs. Persecution does not discourage Christian belief. Rather, it sparks a realization that bodily safety is not as important as those principles that lie within. Those persecuted cling more readily to Christ and allow him greater reign over their lives. They do not fear death or bodily harm because Christ already has sovereignty over their hearts. Notice how the killing of someone who stands firm in faith ignites courage in others to give witness. This is what is happening in Nigeria. Rather than diminishing the faithful, the Church is growing there.

We all must live for Christ. We need to recognize that he is indeed our King. When we see that Christ is King of our lives, we begin to see that all things are owed to him. This is where the theme of Thanksgiving comes into play. If Christ is our King, then we see that our King looks after our needs and has gifted us with everything we have. It is only right



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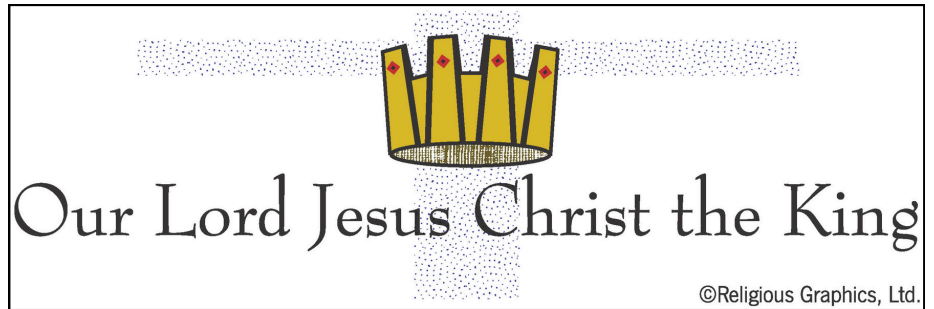
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that we show our appreciation for what Christ has done for us.

This is the time of year when we all come together as families and friends to take stock of the blessings we have. It is a time to be thankful for our faith and for the abundance of God's gifts. We come together to be reminded of the fact that Christ is truly our King and therefore we pause to profess once again that he is our benefactor and our Lord.

Fr. Paul



Thanksgiving Message

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we pause to thank God for the many blessings He has given us. In a world marked by uncertainty, we find our true peace and hope in Christ, who teaches us that gratitude opens our hearts to His presence. May this time remind us to give thanks not only for the gifts we can see, but also the quiet graces that shape our lives daily: faith, family, friendship, and the loving care of our parish community. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, let us remember those in need, praying that our expressions of gratitude may move us to acts of charity and compassion. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and peaceful Thanksgiving.

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 Mary Alice Gonzalez for your prayers for vocations this past week. Jenny Sehy will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Tony and Martha Arnolds will be taking the Crucifix November 30 - December 7, 2025.



Olive Wood Sale Next Weekend

Handcrafted and beautiful! A selection of religious items from the Holy Land will be available for purchase after all Masses on the weekend of November 29th. These items make wonderful gifts, and your purchase directly supports the Holy Land artisans and their families who depend on this work for their livelihood. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Advertise in the Parish Bulletin

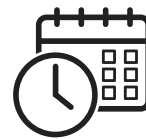
Local businesses, organizations, and individuals are invited to advertise in our weekly parish bulletin. Advertising here ensures your message reaches a wide and diverse audience. Take advantage of our platform to maximize your visibility and connect with potential customers while contributing to the 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.

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.

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 3rd, we will commence scheduling ONLY these specific Masses. All other Mass Intentions may be arranged starting in December.



Parish Happenings

Sunday, November 23rd

1:00PM – Alhambras & Sultanas Luncheon – PH

Monday, November 24th

7:00PM – Boy Scouts – Cafe

Wednesday, November 26th

1:00PM – Rome Reception – YC

Thursday, November 27th

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Friday, November 28th

7:00PM – Chopin Concert – CH

Saturday, November 29th

5:30PM – Olive wood for Sale after Mass – CH

Sunday, November 30th

8:00AM – Olive wood sales after All Masses – CH

8:00AM – PTO – 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.

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@stpiusxccc.org by the deadline to ensure it's included in the bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation!

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**.

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.

Parish Office Hours for Thanksgiving

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

St. Pius X Catholic School
DINE TO DONATE

Join Us for a Community Smoothie Event!
On Saturday, December 6th, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., we will donate
15% of every smoothie sold to the St Pius X Catholic School.
Come enjoy a delicious smoothie while supporting a great cause!

We look forward to seeing you there!



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School News



Dear Blue Jay Families,

I want to share an update on our recent events and upcoming opportunities for our community.

First, we are delighted to report that the Halloween Carnival was a tremendous success. While we are finalizing the accounting, we are projecting a preliminary profit of approximately \$45,000. We extend our deepest gratitude to every volunteer, donor, and participant whose support made this achievement possible.

We have several wonderful upcoming events to continue building our community spirit:

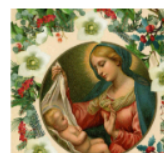
- Family Movie Night: Please join our fabulous PTO for an evening of snacks and laughter at a family movie night on 11/21/25.
- Smoothie King Fundraiser: Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 12th, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Visit the Smoothie King locations on McArdele or Saratoga, and 15% of sales will be generously donated to St. Pius X.
- Community Posada: You are invited to a Posada on Sunday, December 17th, at 6:00 PM. The procession will begin at the church and conclude with a potluck dinner in the Youth Center. We welcome all to contribute a dish or dessert. Children are encouraged to participate by dressing as angels, shepherds, or Nativity animals.

Additionally, thanks to one of our moms here at the school, we are excited to announce the return of our Rosary Group for mothers, which will resume meeting every Friday after the Thanksgiving break. The group will gather in the Youth Center at approximately 8:05 AM, following morning drop-off. This is a beautiful opportunity for mothers to come together in prayerful support of one another. Finally, keep an eye out for a Catholic Schools commercial during the A&M and UT game! You might just spot some familiar uniforms.

It is a blessing to witness the vibrant faith and community here at St. Pius X. We are truly doing great things together.

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another." - Hebrews 10:23-25

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!



Have a blessed week!

Mass Intentions



Saturday, November 22nd

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

Sunday, November 23rd

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

10:00AM Members of Sultana's & Alhambra's

12:00PM † Alvino & Stella Campos by Family

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

Monday, November 24th

8:15AM † John A. Sheldon by Mary Vasquez

Tuesday, November 25th

8:15AM † Bruce A. Balli by Jeanie Balli

Wednesday, November 26th

8:15AM Julian Galloway's Health by Family

† Lowell & Alice Didear

Joseph Jude by Mom

† Deceased Members of the Didear Family

† Deceased Members of the Darilek Family

† John Boyd by Lucy Boyd

† Dr. Humberto Garcia by Garcia Family

Edna Escobar by Beth Hinojosa

† David N. Scherzer by Family

† John Buckner by Joan Hennings & Family

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

† Anna Van Dijk by James Kelly

† Felix Van Hoof by James Kelly

† Karel Soudan by James Kelly

† Alfredo Garcia Jr. by Rosie Garcia

† Ronald Reumuth by Rick McCabe

5:30PM † Elida Guzman by Randy & Jeraldine Sykora

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

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

† 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, November 27th – HAPPY THANKSGIVING

10:00AM † Manuel E. Rendon by Jeanie Balli

Friday, November 28th

8:15AM † Eugene R. Hrdlicka by Naida M. Hrdlicka

5:30PM † Mary, John & James P. Kelly by KKH

Saturday, November 29th

5:30PM † John J. McHugh & Julio Reyes by Delfina McHugh

Sunday, November 30th

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

10:00AM † Joseph Duane Hooker by Judy & Bob Buchanan

12:00PM † Joseph W. (Buck) Shaw by Joyce Fergus

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

Financial Report for 11/16/2025

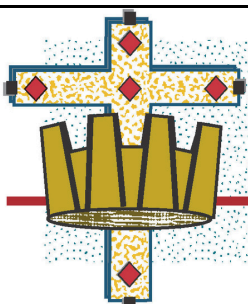
Sunday Collection	\$	12,197.93
Sunday Online	\$	5,910.00
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
All Saints Day	\$	50.00
All Souls Day	\$	50.00
Flower Donation	\$	200.00
Youth Building - Challenge	\$	30.00
Other Donations	\$	91.05
Total Operating Revenue	\$	18,568.98

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	300.00
Respect Life	\$	13.00
Total Other Contributions	\$	313.00
Total Contributions	\$	18,881.98

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 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, Melissa 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.



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return in glory!

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