

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

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

November 30, 2025

Dear Friends,

I hope you all have had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend! Now that we have sufficiently stuffed ourselves with turkey and all the trimmings, we turn our attention to other celebrations to come. All of the fall colors, the pumpkin decor, and the harvest themes give way to evergreens, sparkle lights and tinsel. Once again, Advent is upon us! This means that we begin another liturgical cycle retracing God's plan of salvation with the coming of the Messiah. The Season of Advent carries with it an anticipatory note as it calls us to look forward with hope as we await the celebration of the birth of the Savior. What specifically is this season asking of us?

Perhaps more than any other season, this period leading up to Christmas evokes very deep sentiments. We can't help but feel a certain tenderness as we contemplate the coming of the Christ-child. The warmth of the season reminds us that we are not machines who just do meaningless tasks all day long. Instead, we realize there is deeper meaning to life and we find fulfillment not so much in what we produce, but in how we love. The love of God who saw fit to send us his only Son reminds us of our value.

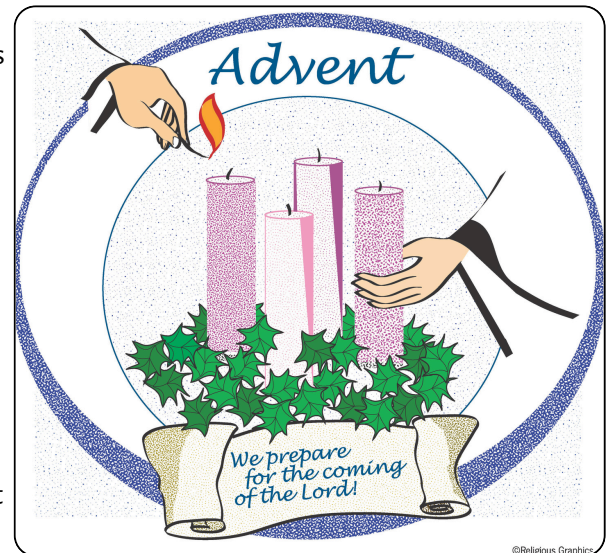
We have been given a soul that animates and governs our corporality. Our soul knows and understands what it means to do good, to empathize with others, and to forgive. Most importantly, our soul knows what it means to love and to be loved. The baby Jesus expresses the love of God for us in a way that surpasses all our expectations. His presence among us communicates to us in a concrete form what our soul cannot grasp otherwise – the love and existence of a God that we cannot see.

This season beckons us to yearn for God again and to contemplate the mystery of the coming of Christ. It challenges us to seek higher virtues and challenges us to greater perfection so that we might be filled with greater hope. Advent leads us to long for Christ's coming, not just at Christmas, but at the end of time. Advent is a time to prepare our hearts and to make ready the way of the Lord so that we can experience his love more deeply. The season inclines us to be less self-indulgent and more austere in our approach to daily living so that we can rid ourselves of those things that interfere with our ability to see from a supernatural perspective the presence of God in our midst.

Advent inspires us to be better individuals. It challenges us to not be ruled by passions and requires that we root out whatever closes us off to Christ. This can be hard to do when there are so many things vying for our attention leading up to the holidays. The numerous activities, the gift buying, and the strain of tying up the loose ends of work related items can make it seemingly impossible to focus on our spiritual good. However, it is important that we take time to be more reflective and deliberate about our spiritual well-being. Moments of silence and contemplation can bring focus to everything else we do, and it puts us in touch with that part of our soul where Christ resides.

Let's try to make good use of this Advent journey. As the light of the advent wreath increases each week, let's pray that the light of faith increases in us through this time of prayer and contemplation. The things that faith requires are sometimes difficult. In the end, though, the requirements of faith forge us into a greater likeness to God.

In the second reading today, St. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, calls us out of the delusion that often exists in our lives. He says, "Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light." He then instructs his readers to live a more noble life. He challenges us to "...conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness,



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not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh."

As we begin this Advent season then, let's make a concerted effort to conform ourselves to Christ. Let us strive to open ourselves to the grace of God that leads us to a virtuous life. By allowing ourselves to be raised up to a supernatural level, we will find fulfillment and hearts ready to welcome the Savior!

December Rosary

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas invites all parishioners and friends to join us for our December Rosary on Saturday, December 13 at 10:00AM in the church parking lot. This month's theme is "Keeping Christ in Christmas". As we enter the Advent season, we will reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and pray for Christ to remain at the center of our hearts and homes. All are invited to join us in prayer, fellowship and devotion to Our Blessed Mother. Please remember to bring a lawn chair. We look forward to seeing you.

Advent Begins This Weekend

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent. As we light the first candle of the Advent wreath, we begin a journey of hope-filled preparation as we await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We invite all parishioners to enter this sacred season with prayerful hearts. Throughout Advent, our parish will offer opportunities for reconciliation, reflection, and service. May this beautiful season draw us closer to Christ and fill our homes with His peace.



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 Jenny Sehy for your prayers for vocations this past week. Tony and Martha Arnolds will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Bob and Gracie Martin will be taking the Crucifix December 7 - 14, 2025.



November Acts of Charity Success

Mother Teresa Shelter, Timon's Ministries and the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission thank you for your kindness and generous donation of outerwear for the homeless in November. Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to our Warm Outerwear Clothing Drive. Because of your kindness, many individuals and families in need will have warm coats to keep them warm this season. Your compassion made this clothing drive a true success. We are grateful for your continued support and for living out Christ's love through your generosity.

Acts of Charity Christmas Giving Trees

This Christmas season, our Acts of Charity Giving Trees will support two important causes in our community.

1. Tennis Shoes for Mother Teresa Shelter and Timon's Ministries - We are collecting new tennis shoes for the local shelter clients.

2. Toys for children of the West Side Helping Hands Program, an educational and recreational youth center serving PreK - 12th grade students from low-income families. Help us bring joy to children in need by donating new toys.

How to Participate:

1. Take an ornament from either of the Giving Trees.
2. Purchase the item listed on the back of the ornament.
3. Return the item **unwrapped** with the ornament attached by **December 16th**.
4. Place the item under one of the trees or deliver it to the parish office.

Each ornament represents an individual in need who will be pleased to receive your gift, so it's important to return every gift with the attached ornament by **December 16**.

Thank you for helping us share warmth, dignity, and joy with our community this Christmas season!

Parish Office Closed December 8th

Please note that the parish office will be closed on **Monday, December 8th in observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**. Regular office hours will resume the following day.

Parish Happenings



Saturday, November 29th

5:30PM - Olive Wood for Sale after Mass - CH

Sunday, November 30th - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00AM - Olive Wood for Sale after All Masses - CH

8:00AM - PTO School - PH

Monday, December 1st

8:00AM - PTO School - PH

7:00PM - Boy Scouts - Café

Tuesday, December 2nd

8:00AM - PTO School - PH

Wednesday, December 3rd

8:00AM - PTO School - PH

6:00PM - Religious Ed - CC#1 & CC#2

Thursday, December 4th

8:00AM - PTO School - PH

6:00PM - PTO - Café

7:00PM - Confessions/Adoration - CH

Friday, December 5th

8:00AM - PTO School - PH

5:00PM - Advent by Candlelight Preparations - PH

5:30PM - Healing Mass - CH

7:00PM - Santo Nino Mass - CH

Saturday, December 6th

8:00PM - Advent by Candlelight - 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**.

With Gratitude to Jason's Deli

Our parish community extends its sincere appreciation to Jason's Deli for providing the Thanksgiving meal shared by our parish family. Your kindness and hospitality not only provided nourishment, but also fostered a spirit of fellowship and joy during this special celebration. We are truly grateful for your partnership and for the blessing you have been to our parish family. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity.

Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming

We joyfully celebrate the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming for several participants in our OCIA at the 10:00AM Mass this weekend.

Please keep the following individuals in your prayers as they begin or continue their faith journey:

Catechumens:

Peter Jones
Nathan Kirschenbaun
Norma Rangel
Paul Rodriguez
Caitlin Uvalle
Julian Barrera
Layla Rodríguez

Full Communion:

Angelina Domengeaux
Lee Galloway
Kirk George III
Brian Letterman

Completing Sacraments:

Jinnifer González
Rebekka Juárez

Advent Penance Services - Prepare the Way of the Lord

In this holy season of waiting and hope, we invite everyone to participate in our parish Advent Penance Services. Whether it has been months or many years since your last confession, please know you are warmly welcomed. Several priests will join us to offer confessions. Come and experience the peace that only Christ can give. Let us welcome Christ with renewed hearts by receiving the gift of God's mercy.

PENANCE SERVICE TIMES

December 17, 2025: 12:00 noon

December 22, 2025: 6:30 pm

Olive Wood Sale This Weekend

Handcrafted and beautiful! A selection of religious items from the Holy Land will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend. 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.

Holy Day of Obligation - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We joyfully celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Monday, December 8th. Remember our call to honor the Blessed Mother on this special day of grace.

Please note that there will be No Vigil Mass.

Mass times on the Holy Day are as follows:

6:30AM

8:15AM

12:00PM (noon)

6:00PM

May the intercession of the Immaculate Virgin draw us even closer to her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena and Breakfast

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Court #2460 Angels of Mary cordially

invite all parishioners to join in a Novena in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe to be prayed December

3-11 after the 8:15AM Mass. The

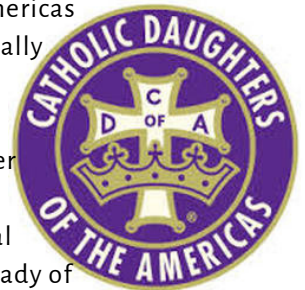
Novena will be offered as spiritual

preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of

Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas. All are welcome to participate in this special time of prayer and

devotion.

In celebration of the feast day, the Catholic Daughter Court #2460 invites all parishioners to an Our Lady of Guadalupe breakfast on Thursday, December 12 immediately following the 8:15AM Mass in the parish hall.



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School News

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!



Mrs. Beth Hinojosa
Servant & Principal

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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Have a blessed week!

Mass Intentions



Saturday, November 29th

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

Sunday, November 30th – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Monday, December 1st

8:15AM † John Buckner by Helen & RC Allen

Tuesday, December 2nd

8:15AM For the Intercession and Protection of Our Lady, St. Joseph & St. Michael for CC by Rick McCabe

Wednesday, December 3rd

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

Alexus Rodriguez by Beth Hinojosa

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

5:30PM † Joseph Cavalier by Georgia Carr

† Claude Allen by Gladys Lippincott

† Paralee Zieger by Georgia Carr

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

† 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

† Sharon & Tally Smart by James Kelly

Customers, Workmates, Friends & Neighbors, Living & Deceased

Members of St. Pius X Choir by Rick McCabe

Thursday, December 4th

8:15AM Dionel Johnny Garcia Spiritual Well-being by Parents

Friday, December 5th – FIRST FRIDAY

8:15AM † Adelea M. Torres by Husband Rodolfo

† Alfredo Garcia, Jr. by Rosie Garcia

† Jody Broll by YDR

† Nacaria Rodriguez by Schoenstatt Mother's Branch

5:30PM † Deacon George Phillips by Estela

† Anita Vallejo by Family

† Manuel Cirlos by Mary Vasquez

† John Buckner by Joan Hennings & Family

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

† Larry Lippincott by Gladys Lippincott

† Eladio Castaneda by Wife & Family

† Anna Guerra by Family

Saturday, December 6th – FIRST SATURDAY

8:15AM † Barbara Mikulik by Wallace & Randy Mikulik

5:30PM † Gussie Lee Brocato by Monica Layton

Sunday, December 7th

8:00AM † Ana Guerra & Rosario Adame, Joel Guerra by Delores Saenz

10:00AM † Joe Penne by Sara Villarreal

12:00PM For the People of St. Pius X

5:30PM † Olivia Cardona by De Havel

Financial Report for 11/23/2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,769.00
Sunday Online	\$ 4,459.00
GOF (Other)	\$ 40.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 95.00
Sunday Flower Donation	\$ 50.00
Other Donations	\$ 189.65
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 13,602.65

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$ 503.00
Human Development	\$ 230.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 25.00
Total Other Contributions	\$ 758.00
Total Contributions	\$ 14,360.65

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 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.