

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

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

December 14, 2025

Dear Friends,

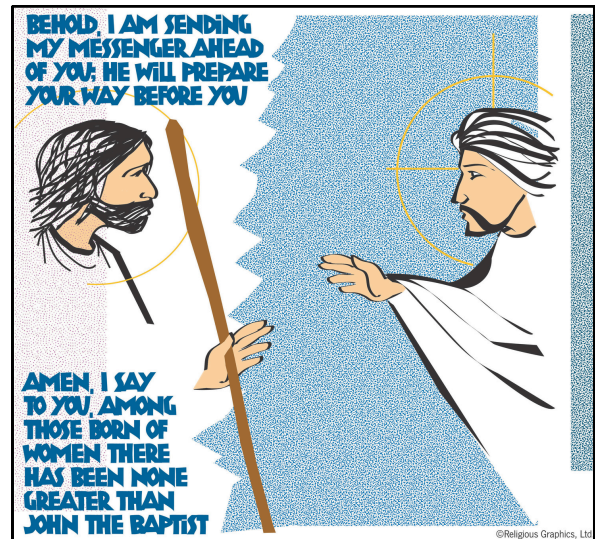
"Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete". This brief statement is an exhortation given to us in the entrance antiphon (Introit) of this weekend's Mass. This Latin phrase is translated, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice". The first word gives us the name for this weekend's Mass - Gaudete Sunday. On this particular weekend, the Third Sunday of Advent, we are asked to rejoice. The rejoicing that we are asked to do is not a feeling, so much as an attitude of hope. We may not always feel like being joyful, but we can embrace an attitude of hope that raises our spirit to confidence in the things of God.

Is there anything to rejoice about? With all the consternation about how things are going around the world, with all the economic and personal woes we may face, with the drought facing our community, and the increasing loneliness and alienation we feel despite becoming more interconnected technologically, there still is so much to be joyful about.

The rose color we wear today communicates what this day is about. The violet color during the rest of Advent represents penance, but the lighter rose color today tells us of the nearness of the Lord. It communicates expectation and hope. Christmas is coming! But it also signals the nearness of the Lord when he will come at the end of time. His coming will be something to truly be joyful about. He will renew all things and bring everything to himself. He will remove all tears from our eyes. So, this Sunday of rejoicing causes us to look forward to that day just as much as we look forward to the celebration of Christ's birth.

If we take note of little things, we can see that there is much to be joyful about. Waking up in the morning reveals to us that God has blessed us with another day of life. The breath that we inhale lets us know that God has sustained us with the air we breathe and invigorates us with life. The fact that we have food is another blessing that causes us to rejoice. We rejoice in our children, our pets, our homes, and our families. We can rejoice in our health, our friends, our ability to do things with our own hands, and our ability to create. Joy can be found in a flower, or a walk in God's creation. It can come in a swim or a hobby. It comes most especially in completing actions that draw us closer to God, like prayer, scripture reading, or acts of charity. It comes in doing all things for the Kingdom of God.

As we draw near to the celebration of Christ's birth, let us rejoice. This season, filled with hymns that announce the birth of the Lord, causes our fears and tribulations to dissolve. The sentiments of this sacred time, along with the love we have in our hearts for others, and more importantly, the love we have developed for Christ in his vulnerability, is a foretaste of heaven. Let's be intentional about rejoicing in the Lord. Let's examine our lives and say a prayer of thanks to God for all the joys that come our way, even the joys that may be hidden behind the sorrows of life. I encourage you to join us for all the Christmas celebrations this year. The schedule of Masses for Christmas and the New Year is on the next page.



Fr. Paul

Who's Who

Pastor

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

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Kurian Joseph

Permanent Deacons

Deacon Salvador (Sal) Alvarado

Deacon Loni Lugo

Deacon Mark Arnold

Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper

Director of Religious Education & Adult Faith Formation

Mary Maldonado

Director of Youth Ministry

Brandon Lutz

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Michael Mullins

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School Website

www.stpiusxschoolcc.org

Christmas & New Year's Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24th

Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm

Christmas, December 25th

Christmas Eve Music Program: 11:15 pm

Christmas Midnight Mass: 12:00 am

Christmas Day Masses: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Note: No Evening Mass on Christmas Day

New Year's Masses for Mary, the Mother of God

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

New Year's Eve Mass: December 31st: 5:30 pm

New Year's Day Masses: Jan. 1st: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

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.

Welcome New Parishioner

We are pleased to welcome Monique LeBlanc to our parish family. Please know that we look forward to sharing in worship and fellowship with you.

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 Bob and Gracie Martin for your prayers for vocations this past week. The Hutzler family will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Estela Phillips will be taking the Crucifix December 21 - 28, 2025.



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!

Calling All Carolers

We are putting together a joyful group of carolers to visit local nursing homes this holiday season, and we need our voices to help spread Christmas cheer!

If you enjoy singing or simply bringing smiles to others, please consider joining us. All ages are welcome, and no special musical experience is needed. Just bring your holiday spirit!

DATES: To be scheduled.

LOCATIONS: Local nursing homes in our community.

WHAT TO EXPECT: A warm, meaningful time with lots of smiles and plenty of fun!

HOW TO SIGN UP: If you are interested, please text your name and information to Martin Gonzalez at 361.215.1136.

Parish Happenings



Saturday, December 13th

2:00PM - Funeral - CH

Sunday, December 14th - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Monday, December 15th

1:00PM - Catholic Daughters - CC#1

7:00PM - Boy Scouts - Café

Tuesday, December 16th

5:00PM - Men's Club Meeting - PH

Wednesday, December 17th

5:00PM - PTO - CH

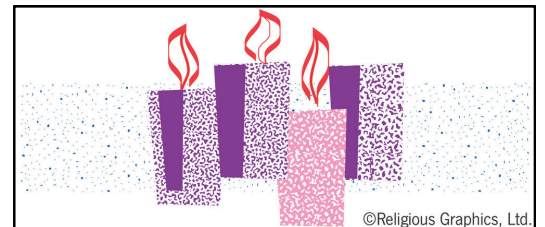
6:00PM - Religious Ed Posada - PH & YC

Thursday, December 18th

7:00PM - Confessions/Adoration - CH

Sunday, December 21st

1:30PM - Baptisms - 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.



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.**

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

Adult Confirmation Class

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.

Parish Office Closure for Christmas

Please note that the parish office will be closed from 12:00PM (noon) Tuesday, December 23rd to January 4th for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. Regular office hours will resume on January 5, 2026, at 9:00AM.

Flower Donation

The December candle room flowers are provided by the generosity of Carlos Gomez. We appreciate his thoughtful contribution.

Men's Club Meeting

All men of the parish are invited to join us for the next Men's Club meeting on December 16th at 5:00PM in the Parish Hall. Come for fellowship, prayer, and discussion as we work together to strengthen our faith and support the needs of our parish community. New members are always welcome.

Get in on the Christmas Spirit - Help Us Decorate for Christmas!

Nothing gets us into the Christmas spirit better than decorating! Help the parish prepare for Christmas by coming to our TWO decorating days:

Saturday, December 20th at 8:30AM

1. Installing the manger
2. Fluffing Christmas trees
3. Cleaning and vacuuming

Wednesday, December 24th at 9:00AM (Christmas Eve)

1. Remove Advent decor
2. Hanging wreaths
3. Setting out poinsettias
4. Changing altar linens
5. Decorating outside portico & doors
6. Cleaning & vacuuming

Come join us in preparing for a beautiful Christmas liturgy. Bring your whole family! There is nothing like knowing you have contributed to the parish celebration!

Rejoice! The Lord is near.

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to navigate your medical questions & options.

Coleen Madigan M.D., F.A.C.P. Board Certified Internist
Call 361-877-7270
Leave your name and phone number for a return call.

School News



Dear Parishioners,

It has been a blessing for all of us this week at school. Our students filled the church with the spirit of the season, performing beautifully in a Christmas program. Each class had a special song that they performed, celebrating the birth of Christ. Another special highlight was our fifth-grade class's moving portrayal of the story of Juan Diego and the Apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Witnessing our students share in these traditions is a profound joy and truly prepares our hearts for the journey of Advent.

This season invites us to reflect on the Holy Family's example. As we prepare our own hearts and homes, let us remember the faithful trust of Mary and the steadfast devotion of Joseph. Their journey was marked by humility, obedience, and hope and inspires us to make room for Christ in our own lives.

In this spirit, we invite you to our community Posada on Wednesday, December 17th, at 6:00PM. This cherished tradition is a wonderful opportunity to come together in fellowship and prayer, welcoming the Holy Family into our midst.

As we approach the midpoint of the school year, we are also reaching out to replenish some supplies that support our dedicated staff. Donations for the teachers' lounge would be greatly appreciated, including:

- White copy paper
- Bottled water and assorted drinks (canned sodas, teas, etc.)
- Individually wrapped snacks (granola bars, trail mix, and other healthy options)

Your generosity helps sustain our wonderful teachers and staff. Thank you for your continued partnership and for helping make our school such a nurturing community.

Wishing you a blessed and peaceful Advent season,
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, December 13th

5:30PM Frances G. Thrash by Diana G. Garza

Sunday, December 14th

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

10:00AM † Delpha G. Lugo by Deacon Loni Lugo & Family

12:00PM † Alvino & Stella Campos by Family

5:30PM † RC Allen by Marion Heldenfels

Monday, December 15th

8:15AM † James P. Kelly by KKH

Tuesday, December 16th

8:15AM † Emil Krejci by Chuck Gross

Wednesday, December 17th

8:15AM Julian Galloway's Health by Family
Joseph Jude by Mom

† John Gross by Chuck Gross

† Barbara Hesse Rico by Al & Adelle Hesse

† John Boyd by John & Della Swoboda

† Alfredo Garcia, Jr. by Rosie Garcia

† Jeanne Kunkel by Paul, Linda & Family

† 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

James W. Kelly III by James Kelly

5:30PM † Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

John Kelly by James Kelly

† Anna Van Dijck by James Kelly

† Felix Van Hoof by James Kelly

† Karel Soudan by James Kelly

Thursday, December 18th

8:15AM † Delpha G. Lugo by Deacon Loni Lugo

Friday, December 19th

8:15AM † Christina Dalrymple by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Hyde

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

Saturday, December 20th

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

Sunday, December 21st

8:00AM † Paul Jordan by Reumuth Family

10:00AM † Susanne O'Connell by Judy & Bob Buchanen

12:00PM † John Buckner by Helen & RC Allen

5:30PM † Roman & Luisa Arevalo by Family

Financial Report for 12/07/2025

Sunday Collection	\$	16,645.00
Sunday Online	\$	10,333.00
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	795.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$	27,813.00

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	735.00
Christopher Janosek Schol. Fund	\$	80.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$	40.00
Total Other Contributions	\$	855.00
Total Contributions	\$	28,668.00

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, Delfina McHugh, 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 Underbrink, 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.

Make your
hearts firm because
the coming of the LORD
is at hand.

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