

# Saint Pius X

## Catholic Church and School

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

December 25, 2025

Dear Beloved Parishioners:

Merry Christmas to all!! I'm sure most of you feel the same way that I do about this time of year. The sights, the sounds, the food, and the spirit of giving all make Christmas the most wonderful day of the year. Much of our sentiments about Christmas are tied to the memories of our childhood. The joy of receiving gifts and the excitement of gathering with family and friends leave lasting marks on our souls. Of course, it isn't all about gifts and food. Something else leaves a more profound imprint upon us - the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

While all of the other aspects of Christmas contribute to the overall joy of the season, the inescapable fact of the Word becoming flesh gives this day its true meaning. We have all heard the saying: "Jesus is the reason for the season". We have also heard the slogan "Keep Christ in Christmas!" Both of these quotes attempt to remind us not to become so absorbed by the consumeristic aspects of the season that we forget its real purpose. In reality, we can never divorce Jesus from the season. He IS the reason we celebrate Christmas, and in the end, the joy of this season can only be because of Jesus.

Sure, we often give gifts and light up our festivities at other times of year. We do this with birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, and such. All of those are significant moments by which we mark important moments in a significant way. Nothing matches Christmas, though. The birth of Christ warms our hearts and draws us up into the mystery of God in a way that is supremely special. All we have to do is hear the first words of a hymn like "O Holy Night" and it is enough to bring tears to our eyes and reverberations to our hearts. It

communicates the mystery of our salvation and the great humility of God who saw fit to be born in human flesh in a stable in a way that is beyond expression. One look into the eyes of Jesus in our nativity sets is enough to evoke sentiments that our hearts can't experience otherwise.

The whole Christmas story is about love. It is about the love of God who fulfills his promises. In age upon age, God revealed to us through the prophets that he would save us. This is fulfilled in the incarnation of our savior who would eventually die for our sins and rise from the dead.

This mystery is so pivotal that all time began to be recorded in a different way. When Christ was born, time began to be measured by his coming. We call it Anno Domini or "A.D". This means "The year of the Lord". When Christ was born, we recognized that our existence was so impacted by his birth that every moment was counted in reference to Him. Our whole universe was transformed by his arrival.

This year we celebrate 2,025 years of dwelling in the light of our Lord. Indeed, his arrival did bring light to a world darkened by sin. His dawning brought hope to humanity, and it is his light that governs all things. There is absolutely nothing that can overcome the light of Christ. Evil no longer has reign. In Christ, darkness flees. The lighting of our homes and our trees represents his light coming into the world. Driving around at night over the course of these last few weeks we see so many homes beautifully adorned with Christmas



## 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

### Music Minister

Michael Mullins

### 5:30pm Mass Band Leader

Mick Boudreau

### School Principal

Beth Hinojosa

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Ernie Pena, Jose Vasquez,

Yolanda Villarreal

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### Parish Website

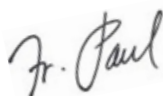
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### School Website

www.stpiusxschoolcc.org

lights. The glow of the light dispels the darkness, and the beauty of the bright colors represents how Christ has illuminated our hearts.

As we continue to celebrate the birth of Christ, let us truly rejoice. As the words of the hymn "O Holy Night" tell us, the world long lay in "sin and error pining till he appeared and the soul felt its worth". The Incarnation of Jesus is a story of hope. It is a reminder that God sees the infinite worth of each and every one of our souls. He saw fit to take on flesh so that he might save us and give us a share in his divine life. Jesus truly is the reason for the season. This day would not be as special without him. He has brought us a "new and glorious morn"! So let us bend down to our knees and adore Christ the Lord! On behalf of the priests and staff of St. Pius X, Merry Christmas to you and Happy New Year!



### Flower Donation

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

## New Year's Schedule

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

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

New Year's Eve Mass: December 31<sup>st</sup> 4:30PM

New Year's Day Masses: Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00AM & 11:00AM

### 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

## Parish Office Closure for Holidays

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

## The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Estela Phillips for your prayers for vocations this past week. Leo and Nicole Ruiz will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Nilza Gonzalez will be taking the Crucifix January 4 - 11, 2026.



## Epiphany Banquet for Volunteers

We are always grateful to all of the many people who give of their time to serve in the various parish ministries. To show our appreciation, we would like to invite all who are involved in a liturgical ministry, or any of the parish organizations from Acts of Charity to the Men's Club, to join us for a banquet in your honor at the Feast of the Epiphany on January 3rd at 6:30PM. Please RSVP by going to our website home page at [spxcc.org](http://spxcc.org), or email us at [parishoffice@stpiusxcc.org](mailto:parishoffice@stpiusxcc.org) so that we can prepare the appropriate amount of food. Your spouse or one guest may accompany you.

## Silver and Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass Celebration

Those blessed with celebrating 25 or 50 years of Sacramental Marriage are invited to attend a special Silver & Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass. It will take place at 9:30AM on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at the Corpus Christi Cathedral. Deadline for registering is January 30, 2026.

Those who register before the deadline will receive a certificate recognizing their Silver or Golden Anniversary. To register go to:

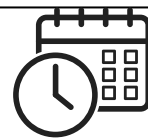
<https://diocesecc.org/anniversarymassregistration> or scan the QR code with your phone.



## Corpus Christi Catholic Network App

Take faith with you wherever you go with the Corpus Christi Catholic Network (CCCN) app.

This free app features original local Catholic programming, live events when they happen, and Mass every Sunday in English and Spanish for those who cannot attend in person. New video content will premiere every Tuesday at 6:00PM and will continue weekly on the same day and at the same time. Download the CCCN app by visiting: <https://diocesecc.org/cccn>



## Parish Happenings

**Wednesday, December 24th – CHRISTMAS EVE**

*Parish Office Closed*

7:00PM – Filipino Mass – CH

**Thursday, December 25th – MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

*Parish Office Closed*

**Friday, December 26th**

*Parish Office Closed*

**Saturday, December 27th**

*Parish Office Closed*

**Sunday, December 28th – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

*Parish Office Closed*

**Monday, December 29th**

*Parish Office Closed*

11:00PM – Funeral – CH

12:00PM – Reception – PH

**Tuesday, December 30th**

*Parish Office Closed*

**Wednesday, December 31st – NEW YEAR'S EVE**

*Parish Office Closed*

**Thursday, January 1st – MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

*Parish Office Closed*

**Friday, January 2nd – FIRST FRIDAY**

*Parish Office Closed*

**Saturday, January 3rd – FIRST SATURDAY**

*Parish Office Closed*

**Sunday, January 4th – FEAST OF EPIPHANY**

### 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](https://facebook.com/stpiusxcc)

This week's deadline for submitting bulletin announcements is  
**Monday by noon.**

## 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@stpiusxccc.com](mailto:mmaldonado@stpiusxccc.com)



## 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.

## Acts of Charity Thank You!

The Christmas Giving Trees were a huge success, thanks to the outpouring of generosity by St. Pius X parishioners! The Acts of Charity team thank everyone who donated athletic shoes or toys. The receiving charities expressed many thanks for sharing the true Christmas spirit with their clients. 102 toys were provided to West Side Helping Hand, 85 pairs of athletic shoes were provided to Mother Teresa Shelter, and 150 pairs of athletic shoes were provided to Timon's Ministries. A Blessed Christmas to all!

## January Acts of Charity

In January the Acts of Charity is collecting items for the Corpus Christi Hope House/Gabriel Project. Corpus Christi Hope House provides 24/7 support and services to families and pregnant women. They are in need of toddler socks, sizes 12 mos. - 4T, diapers sizes 4-7, wipes/diaper rash cream/ointment, sippy cups, baby shampoo/baby wash/baby lotion, new or gently used clean clothing for boys and girls, bibs/burping pads, crib and PacknPlay sheets, baby nursery kits/nail clipper sets, and baby fans for stroller and car seats. Items may be placed in the designated Acts of Charity bin at the back of the church or at the parish office. Your generous donations will greatly assist these families as they care for their young children.

## Mass Intentions



### Wednesday, December 24th – CHRISTMAS EVE

- 8:15AM    † Julian Galloway by Family  
            † Jeanne Kunkel by Paul, Linda & Family  
            † Tillie E. Rincon by Jeanie Balli  
            † Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell  
            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  
            † Anna Van Dijck by James Kelly  
            † James W. Sr. & Helen B. Kelly by James & John Kelly  
            † Felix Van Hoof by James Kelly  
            † Karel Soudan by James Kelly  
            † Gilbert Schanen Jr. by Nance Schanen  
            † John Boyd, Max & Dora Almendarez, John Sr., & Helen Boyd by Lucy Boyd  
            † Ronald "Ron" Mikulik by Mikulik Family  
            † Larry E. Lippincott Sr. by Gladys Lippincott  
4:30PM    † Randy Havel, Doak & Josephine Russell & Olivia Cardona by De Havel

### Thursday, December 25th – CHRISTMAS DAY

- 12:00AM    For the People of St. Pius X  
9:00AM    † Christopher Janosek by John, Debra & Brian  
11:00AM    † Alfredo Garcia, Jr. by Rosie Garcia



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# Mass Intentions

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## Friday, December 26th

8:15AM † John Boyd by Lucy Boyd

## Saturday, December 27th

5:30PM † Joseph W. (Buck) Shaw by Joyce Fergus

## Sunday, December 28th

8:00AM Joseph & Petronilla Volk by Sue Hess

10:00AM David Case by Mary Fordor

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

5:30PM Mary G. Kelly by KKH

## Monday, December 29th

8:15AM † Mary, John & James P. Kelly by KKH

## Tuesday, December 30th

8:15AM Bella Havel by De Havel

## Wednesday, December 31st – SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, NEW'S YEAR EVE

8:15AM † Julian Galloway by Family

† Joyce Shirley by Family

† Ann Skrobarczyk by Al & Adelle Hesse

Joseph Jude by Mom

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

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

† Sharon & Tally Smart by James Kelly

James W. Kelly III by James Kelly

John Kelly by James Kelly

5:30PM † Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

† Anna Van Dijck by James Kelly

† Felix Van Hoof by James Kelly

† Karel Soudan by James Kelly

## Thursday, January 1st – NEW YEAR'S DAY

9:00AM † Randy Havel, Doak & Josephine Russell by De Havel

11:00AM † Deceased Members of Anorga & Tamez Family by Family

## Friday, January 2nd FIRST FRIDAY

8:15AM † Lowell & Alice Didear

† Deceased Members of Didear, & Darilek Family

† Gilbert Schanen Jr. by Nance Schanen

† Ronald Reumuth & Deceased Reumuth Family Members by Family

5:30PM † Deacon George Phillips by Estela Phillips

† Richardo Saenz by Dolores Saenz

† Frances Thrash by Diana Garza & Family

† Barbara Mikulik by Wallace & Randy Mikulik

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

† Teresa Anorga by Tamez Family

† Julian Galloway by Benesh Family

James W. Kelly III by James Kelly

John Kelly by James Kelly

Liliane Van Hoof by James Kelly

† Anna Van Dijck by James Kelly

† Karel Soudan by James Kelly

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

† Sharon & Tally Smart by James Kelly

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

† Felix Van Hoof by James Kelly

## Saturday, January 3rd FIRST SATURDAY

8:00AM † Daniel Serrato, Jr.

5:30PM Bella Havel by De Havel

## Sunday, January 4th

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

10:00AM † Alicia Martinez by Family

12:00PM † Gumecinda Salinas by Family

5:30PM † Alene Koenig by Harly & Karen Day

## Financial Report for 12/21/2025

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 11,562.57</b>
<b>Sunday Online</b>	<b>\$ 8,535.00</b>
GOF (Other)	\$ 40.00
Youth Building Challenge	\$ 30.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 1,604.00
Sunday Flower Donation	\$ 50.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 450.00
Filipino Simbang Gabi	\$ 4,243.00
Other Donations	\$ 291.81
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 26,806.38</b>

## Other Contributions:

AOC	\$ 998.00
Campaign for Human Develop.	\$ 10.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 5.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 150.00
Military Services	\$ 10.00
<b>Other Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 1,173.00</b>
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 27,979.38</b>

## 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.