

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

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

January 11, 2026

Dear Friends,

Today, we draw to a close the season of Christmas with this feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The infancy narratives are behind us and we now see Jesus as an adult, coming out of his 40 day experience in the desert. Having spent this time in fasting and prayer in order to prepare himself for the beginning of his ministry, Jesus now appears at the Jordan River where John is baptizing. To initiate his ministry, Jesus enters the water and presents himself to John for baptism.

Obviously, Jesus has no need for a baptism of repentance because he is sinless. Nevertheless, Jesus wants to set an example for us and through his baptism, he is once again going to reveal himself much like he did to the Magi who visited him in his infancy. The gospel writer tells us that when Jesus came up from the water, "the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him." A voice from the heavens proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

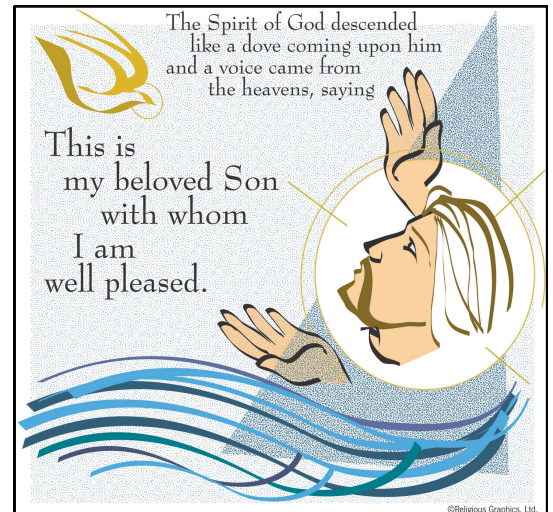
There is something very beautiful about this scene. Jesus identifies himself with us in our human condition. Though he is sinless, he takes upon himself the burden of our sins. Through baptism, Jesus is going to make us all new again. Baptism is going to be the means by which he undoes in us what was done by our first parents' disobedience. Through our baptism, we share in the gift of redemption gained for us by Christ's passion, death, and resurrection.

There is a point in the gospel of John where Jesus has a conversation with Nicodemus in the dark of night. Jesus tells him that unless he is born again, he cannot have a share in the kingdom of God. Confused by Jesus' words, Nicodemus asks how it can be possible to be born again. Understandably, he can't comprehend how such a rebirth could take place since our birth into this world takes place through our coming forth from our mother's womb. The birth Jesus is talking about is a different kind of birth - a birth through water and the Spirit. This new birth will not take place by a physical birth, but rather a spiritual one.

What Jesus is referring to is the birth that comes through the Sacrament of Baptism. In baptism, the baptismal font is the womb of Mother Church. When we are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we are spiritually reborn. Original Sin is washed away and we are incorporated into the family of the Church - God's family.

You may notice that when Jesus had died on the cross, a soldier pierced his side with a lance. The scriptures tell us that immediately, blood and water poured forth from the wound on his side. The Fathers of the Church recognized this as the fount of the Sacraments. The blood that was poured out for us represents the Eucharist. We partake of Christ's body and blood, which nourishes us and sustains us. The Fathers saw the water as the font of the Sacrament of Baptism. In baptism, we are born again and cleansed from sin.

The Church states that Baptism is the doorway to all the Sacraments. This new birth initiates us into the life of the Church and directs us to the Eucharist where we find the strength to persevere in the life of faith we



Who's Who

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have been given in Jesus.

Baptism is vital because without baptism, we do not possess the life of grace that comes in Jesus Christ. That is why the Church is adamant that parents baptize their children as expeditiously as possible. We want our children to thrive in the life of grace and to be strengthened by Christ to live the gospel. We should never deprive them of what is necessary for salvation. For those of us who are baptized, let us renew our baptismal commitment every time we come to Church. One of the first things we do as we enter is we dip our finger into the holy water and sign ourselves with the sign of the cross. Every time we do this, we renew our baptism and reaffirm the presence of God dwelling within us. Be sure to thank God for the gift of faith you have been given in baptism and let his life flourish within you.

Fr. Paul



Sinulog - Novena to the Santo Nino de Cebu

The Filipino Catholic Community of Corpus Christi will be celebrating a Novena to Santo Nino de Cebu starting Thursday, January 8th at 7:00PM and continuing through January 17th. Novena will culminate in the celebration of the Fiesta in honor of Santo Nino on Saturday evening, January 17th at 7:00PM with Bishop Mulvey presiding.

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

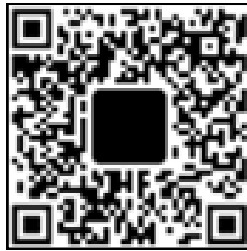
The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Nilza Gonzalez for your prayers for vocations this past week. Dennis and Karen Farias will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Dorothy Lickteig will be taking the Crucifix January 18 - 25, 2026.



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.

Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Day and will reopen on Tuesday, January 20th at 9:00AM.

Coffee and Donuts Will Be Served Next Sunday!

Mark your calendar! Coffee and donuts will be served next Sunday, January 18th in the Parish Hall after the 10:00AM Mass. Please join us for fellowship and a sweet treat!

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.

Parish Happenings



Saturday, January 10th

7:00PM – Santo Nino Novena – CH

Sunday, January 11th

7:00PM – Santo Nino Novena – PH

Monday, January 12th

7:00PM – Santo Nino Novena – CH

Tuesday, January 13th

6:00PM – Acts of Charity – CC#2

7:00PM – Santo Nino Novena – CH

Wednesday, January 14th

6:00PM – Religious Ed – CC#1&2

7:00PM – Santo Nino Novena – CH

Thursday, January 15th

7:00PM – Confessions/Adorations – YC

7:00PM – Santo Nino Novena – CH

Friday, January 16th

8:00AM – Filipino Comm. Decorating Church – CH

7:00PM – Santo Nino Novena – CH

Saturday, January 17th

8:00AM – Filipino Comm. Setup Hall – PH

7:00PM – Santo Nino Novena – CH

Sunday, January 18th

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

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 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

Financial Report for 1/4/2026

Sunday Collection	\$	10,463.00
Sunday Online	\$	7,664.00
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Solemnity of Mary Jan. 1, 2026	\$	1,975.00
Other Donations	\$	112.40
Total Operating Revenue	\$	20,254.40

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	500.00
Christopher Janosek Schol. Fund	\$	80.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$	200.00
Fr. Joseph's Sister-in-Law Fund	\$	100.00
Other Contributions	\$	880.00
Total Contributions	\$	21,134.40

End of Year 2025 Financial Report

Sunday Collection	\$	4,285.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	10.00
Special Donations	\$	4,000.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$	8,295.00

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	20.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$	80.00
Other Contributions	\$	100.00
Total Contributions	\$	8,395.00

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.



Medical Information can be hard to understand!

Need help interpreting your medical information?

Complimentary Consult available
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 Blue Jay Families,

Welcome back to school, and Happy New Year! January is a vibrant and important month in Catholic education, and we are grateful for the many blessings that enrich our community.

First, we extend our sincere thanks to all the parents who contributed to the success of our La Posada celebration. It was a joy to participate and witness the meaningful collaboration between our school, parish, and youth group in honoring the birth of our Lord. Bringing this story to life for our students was a cherished experience for all.

We are excited to invite you to our January Spirit Night at the Ice Rays game on January 24th. Our students will have the honor of leading the pledge and singing the National Anthem, and our Cheer team will perform. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community while supporting our school. 50% of the proceeds will come right back to the school. Additional details can be found on our Facebook page or in the Blue Jay Bulletin linked below.

A reminder, we will be doing our Smart Family Pledge drawing for the Tin Can Phones soon. Thank you to everyone who is committing to delay giving your child a phone until high school.

Please stay informed about all upcoming National Catholic Schools Week events by reviewing the Blue Jay Bulletin. We especially invite you to our Open Houses on January 25, 2026, following each Mass. Our fifth-grade students will serve as ambassadors, showcasing our school, and we welcome parent volunteers throughout the day. If you are available to assist after the Masses, please notify me or the PTO.

Lastly, we are seeking donations of one Christmas tree or two large matching wreaths to enhance our school environment for the next Christmas season. If you have a gently used tree or wreaths you would like to donate, please email a photo for consideration. We are hoping to place two complementary wreaths in the front office on either side of the recently installed TV.

Thank you for your continued partnership in making St. Pius X a nurturing and faith-filled community.

- Blue Jay Bulletin: <https://app.smore.com/n/cm3hd>
- Ice Rays Spirit Night Details: <https://www.goicerays.com/tickets/group-tickets/st-pius/>

God Bless,

Mrs. Beth Hinojosa
Servant & Principal



ST. PIUS X NIGHT

Saturday, January 24th
7:05pm

Performances by:
1st & 2nd Grade
National Anthem
3rd, 4th, 5th Grade
God Bless America
and Cheer
During the Game

\$10
scan QR code
to purchase >>



Order Deadline:
Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 10pm
Pick Up Tickets @ Will Call Day of Game

50% of proceeds go to the school!

NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS!

ST. PIUS X ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

20 in '26

Alumni Recognition

NOMINATIONS

SUBMIT A NOMINATION AT:
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/QWXVWYTFPMTZVN5I9](https://forms.gle/QWXVWYTFPMTZVN5I9)

DEADLINE TO NOMINATE: FEB. 28, 2026



Have a blessed week!

Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 10th

5:30PM † Bob Shirley by Family

Sunday, January 11th

8:00AM † Lowell Didear

10:00AM † Daniel R. Chesney by Carol Duque

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

5:30PM Jason & Melissa Havel by De Havel

Monday, January 12th

8:15AM † Neri Maldonado by Family

Tuesday, January 13th

8:15AM † Gumeinda Salinas by Family

Wednesday, January 14th

8:15AM † Christopher Janosek by John, Debra & Brian

† Richard & Lydia McCabe by Rick McCabe

† Mary, John & James Kelly by KKH

† Julian Galloway by Family

5:30PM † David Scherzer by Family

† Francisco Sáenz by Dolores Sáenz

† Donna Tindall by Speed Family

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

† Gilbert Schanen Sr. by Nancy Schanen

† Gilbert Schanen Jr. by Nancy Schanen

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

Thursday, January 15th

8:15AM Joseph Tarin by Maldonado Family

Friday, January 16th

8:15AM † Larry Ramos by Oscar Ramos

5:30PM † John A. Sheldon by Mary Vasquez

Saturday, January 17th

5:30PM † Buck & Jay Shaw by Frances Shaw

Sunday, January 18th

8:00AM † Leslie Batte by Reumuth Family

10:00AM † Eddie Cruz by Judy Cruz

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

5:30PM Yolie Villarreal & De Havel

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, 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 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.

*The Spirit
of God
came upon him*



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