

# Saint Pius X

## Catholic Church and School

Dear Friends,

As you read this, the weather is probably quite cold outside. For several days now, the meteorologists and news anchors have been broadcasting warnings about a historic winter storm that is supposed to be gripping 40 states and affecting 200 million people. I reckon that by the time you read this, it probably isn't as bad for us in South Texas as they were originally predicting, but no doubt, it is still cold.

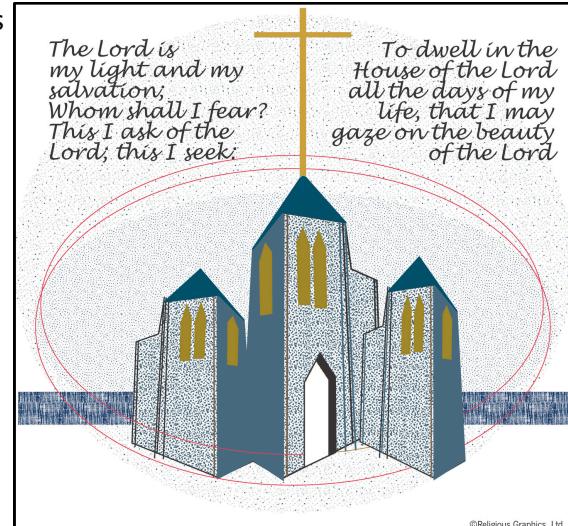
I stopped by the grocery store to pick up a couple of items and discovered that what people had told me is true. The store shelves have been cleared out. It is a bit odd to see shelves that are typically loaded with meat or bread have been picked clean, as if vultures had swooped down. It always bemuses me how everyone goes into panic mode in the face of a storm. It is almost as if everyone is preparing for the apocalypse. I suppose there is something good in that, especially if the storm were to limit our mobility. We have learned a lot of lessons about preparedness throughout the years. Too many times tragedy occurs when people don't heed the warnings. It is better to be safe than sorry. Even if the weather isn't so bad, it is good to make provision for what could happen. In any event, I am praying that things aren't as bad as predicted, and that everyone stays warm.

There is something very humbling about inclement weather. It reminds us of the fact that, fundamentally, we are not in control. As much as we have harnessed various aspects of life, there are still aspects of our lives that are beyond our reach. In some ways, storms are the great leveler. They make us realize that we can all be affected when things in life get upended. We stand as one human family who rely upon one another and who need one another. We look around at all the things going on in Minneapolis, Chicago, Washington, D.C. and even locally, and it is evident that we are a fractured society. A sense of cooperation has virtually disappeared. Everyone picks sides without really giving thoughtful deliberation to the problems that exist. We are extremely divided.

The second reading is a beautiful reading that comes from St. Paul. He urges the Christian community in Corinth to not allow any divisions among themselves. The Corinthians had allowed chaos to creep into their ranks. Present in the community were rivalries and dissension. He clarifies that these are eroding their unity. They were attaching themselves to specific leaders in opposition to other leaders. Paul is emphatic in saying that he preached only one gospel, and that gospel was supposed to unite them.

We need to start listening to each other and putting on the mind and heart of Christ. We still may have divergent opinions, but we nevertheless respect each other and strive to understand each other. Amazingly, we do this all the time. We don't typically divorce our friends because of their political persuasions. True, some people have allowed politics and other strongly held beliefs to interfere with their friendships, but by and large, we often talk to people daily who may not have the same beliefs.

In the gospel, Jesus gathers his disciples and calls them into a relationship with him. Jesus is the binding



## Who's Who

### Pastor

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

### Parochial Vicar

Fr. Kurian Joseph

### Permanent Deacons

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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

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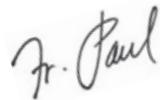
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force that keeps us together. He spoke, they listened, and they responded. He called them together to build a community of faith. In this union, they were called to act charitably toward one another and to make every effort to live in unanimity.

We need to be patient of the shortcomings of one another and be a support to one another. That doesn't mean that we ignore the truth or the teachings of the Church. We are supposed to help each other grow. We have the same purpose, which is to glorify God. Let's go and do it!



## Invitation to Bishop Mario Avilés Installation Mass and Vespers

Everyone is invited to attend the upcoming Solemn Vespers and Mass of Installation, where Bishop Avilés will be installed as the ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Corpus Christi.

Solemn Vespers will be on Tuesday, January 27th at 6:30PM and the Mass of Installation will be Wednesday, January 28th at 2:00PM. Both will be at Most Precious Blood Church in Corpus Christi. A large crowd is expected, so to accommodate as many attendees as possible, we suggest that those who wish to attend in person should plan to arrive early as parking spaces and seating are expected to fill up quickly.

For those who cannot attend in person, both events will be livestreamed on the Diocese of Corpus Christi's Facebook and YouTube pages, as well as on CCCN, the Corpus Christi Catholic Network app. Details and links can be found at [diocesecc.org/installation](http://diocesecc.org/installation).

### 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 Dorothy Lickteig and Kathy Baish for your prayers for vocations this past week. Mark and Barbara Kaul will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Tom and Alpha Patterson will be taking the Crucifix February 1 - 8, 2026.



## 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.

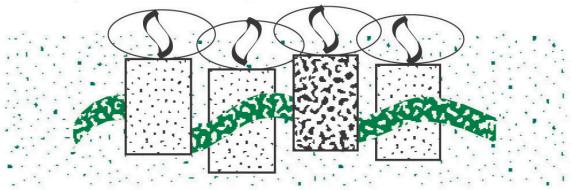
## Welcome New Members

We are delighted to welcome Francisco and Veronica Soliz. Please join us in extending a warm greeting and making them feel at home as we grow together in faith, fellowship and service.

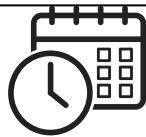
## Blood Drive Results

St. Pius X Catholic Church set a target to collect 12 units of blood and successfully gathered 6 units. This is the equivalent of 18 lives saved as each whole blood donation can save up to three lives. Thank you to all who contributed.

*In a land overshadowed by death  
a great light has arisen*



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## Parish Happenings

### Saturday, January 24th

8:00AM – Set up for Book Fair – PH  
2:00PM – OCIA – YC

### Sunday, January 25th

8:00AM – Set-up for Book Fair – PH

### Monday, January 26th

8:00AM – Book Fair – PH

### Tuesday, January 27th

8:00AM – Book Fair – PH

6:00PM – Acts of Charity – CC#2

### Wednesday, January 28th

8:00AM – Book Fair – PH

6:00PM – Religious Ed – CC#1&2

### Thursday, January 29th

8:00AM – Book Fair – PH

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

### Friday, January 30th

8:00AM – Book Fair – PH

### Saturday, January 31st

9:00AM – Tear Down Book Fair – PH

2:00PM – 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](http://facebook.com/stpiusxcc)

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

## Adult Confirmation Class

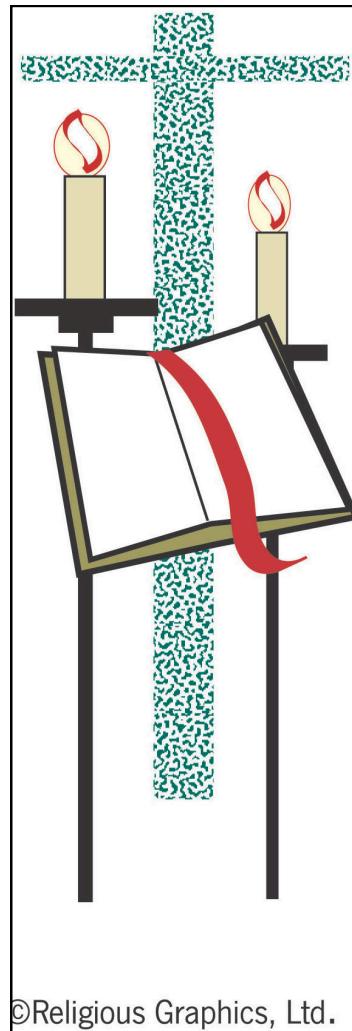
Are you an adult who has been Baptized and received First Holy Communion but has not yet been Confirmed? Are you seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Deepen your relationship with Christ and the Church through our Adult Confirmation Preparation Program.

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@stpiusxcc.com](mailto:mmaldonado@stpiusxcc.com)

## Quilts For the Infirmed

The St. Rose of Lima Comforters is a ministry that sews lap quilts to comfort anyone who is suffering from chronic or long term illnesses. The quilts represent the prayers of the community wrapping them in prayer for healing and comfort. Just reach out to the parish office at 361-993-4053. There is no charge for the quilts.



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## 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.

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# School News

Blue Jay Families,

What an exciting week ahead as we celebrate National Catholic Schools Week (NCSW)! This annual celebration allows us to highlight the value of a Catholic education, one that nurtures faith, fosters academic excellence, and builds a supportive, Christ-centered community. Each event this week is designed to celebrate these gifts and share them with you. Here's a look at our upcoming events:



- Sunday, Jan 25th: Open House following all Masses. We look forward to welcoming prospective families to St. Pius X.
- Monday, Jan 26th: Celebration Walk & Pep Rally (weather permitting). Join us for special guests, the TOMS Coffee truck, and mascots from across Corpus Christi, including our own Joey the Blue Jay!
- Midweek: We will celebrate Mass together and view the Installation Mass for Bishop Mario Aviles.
- End of Week: Talent Show and Spelling Bee.

Throughout the week, we also encourage you to:

- Join your child for lunch on their designated day.
- Visit our Book Fair.

We are truly blessed by the support of our community. We were recently blessed by a Blue Jay family who paid for a videographer to create a marketing piece for our school. It showcases our staff, parents, and students, and was beautifully done. It was a beautiful experience, and we are grateful for this blessing. We are also blessed to have a very supportive EAC. One of our EAC members has sponsored our school and covered the cost to have our school advertised in all the church bulletins that do not have schools connected to them. These initiatives help spread the word about our wonderful school. If you haven't already, please follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see more of our story. Let's have a fantastic week celebrating our vibrant school community!

St. Pius X, pray for us.

God bless,  
Beth Hinajosa

Servant & Principal

NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS!

ST. PIUS X ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

20 in '26

Alumni Recognition

NOMINATIONS

SUBMIT A NOMINATION AT:  
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/  
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DEADLINE TO NOMINATE: FEB. 28, 2026

The logo for St. Pius X Catholic School, featuring a circular design with the school name and a small emblem.

**BOOK DONATIONS**

ST. PIUS X PTO IS NOW ACCEPTING GENTLY USED CHILDREN'S BOOKS FOR STUDENTS IN PRE-K (AGE 3) THROUGH 6TH GRADE TO SUPPORT OUR READ-A-THON KICKOFF BOOK SWAP.

**HOW TO DONATE:**  
PLEASE DROP OFF BOOKS IN THE DESIGNATED DONATION BINS LOCATED BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR PARISH OFFICE.

**WHY DONATE?**  
ALL DONATED BOOKS WILL BE SHARED FREE OF CHARGE WITH STUDENTS WHO ATTEND THE READ-A-THON KICKOFF, HELPING PROMOTE A LOVE OF READING ACROSS OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LITERACY AT ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL!

Have a blessed week!

## Mass Intentions



### Saturday, January 24th

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

### Sunday, January 25th

8:00AM Wilson W. Wooley's Health by Joan Hennings  
 10:00AM † Jack Fodor by Mary Fodor  
 12:00PM † Alvino Campos by Family  
 5:30PM David McCabe by Rick McCabe

### Monday, January 26th

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

### Tuesday, January 27th

8:15AM † Mary Catherine Elias by Kathleen Baish

### Wednesday, January 28th

8:15AM † Ray Whitmire by Family  
 † Edward & Mary Louise De La Garza by Rick McCabe  
 † Mary, John & James Kelly by KKH  
 † Julian Galloway by Family  
 5:30PM † Alfredo García, Jr. by Rosie García  
 † Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell  
 † George Phillips by Phillips Family  
 † Oscar & Gladys Phillips by Phillips Family  
 † Elida Guzman by Phillips Family  
 † Petra Guzman by Maria Skidmore  
 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 29th

8:15AM † Willie May Shirley by Family

### Friday, January 30th

8:15AM † Toby Tarin  
 5:30PM For All Priests Worldwide by Anonymous

### Saturday, January 31st

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

### Sunday, February 1st

8:00AM † Richard & Lydia McCabe by Rick McCabe  
 10:00AM † Dorothy Krause by Bob & Judy Buchanan  
 12:00PM † Alvino & Stella Campos by Family  
 5:30PM † Jim & Georgia Stillwell by Manuel & Lucy Ramirez

### Financial Report for 1/18/2026

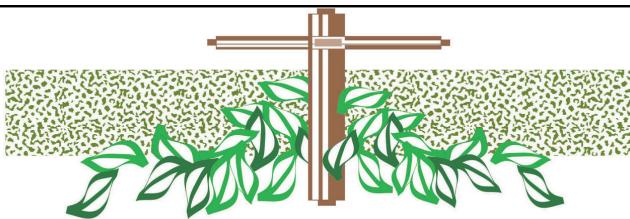
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$	<b>10,754.52</b>
<b>Sunday Online</b>	\$	<b>5,033.00</b>
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Filipino Santo Nino de Cebu	\$	6,829.00
Challenge - Youth Building	\$	30.00
Memorial Fund	\$	20.00
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	\$	<b>22,706.52</b>

### Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	870.00
<b>Other Contributions</b>	\$	<b>870.00</b>
<b>Total Contributions</b>	\$	<b>23,576.52</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, George Gongora, 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, JG Musser, 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.



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