

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

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

February 1, 2026

Dear Friends,

I was sitting in a chair in front of the first pew. Before me were 20 or so bishops from across the state and beyond. The soaring hymn "Praise Him, Jerusalem" was resounding as the presider of the installation, Archbishop Joe Vasquez of Galveston-Houston, kissed the altar. Joy filled the air as the ceremony began.

This past Wednesday was a historic day for our diocese. Bishop Mario Alberto Avilés, C.O. was installed as the 9th bishop of Corpus Christi. The Mass of installation marks another chapter for our beautiful diocese named after the Body of Christ. We are grateful to Bishop Michael Mulvey for having shepherded the diocese for the last 15 years. His guidance and pastoral care have left a profound impact upon the faithful in this area. Now we enter a new season in the life of this part of the Lord's vineyard.

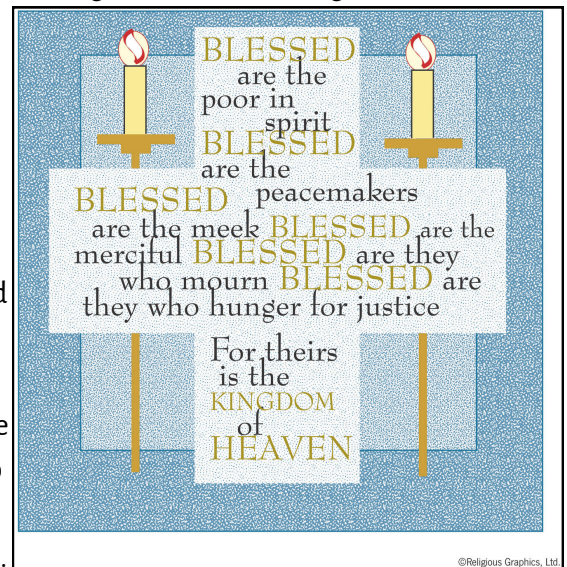
Apart from the prelates gathered, there were approximately 130 priests from the Brownsville diocese, as well as our own diocese, who concelebrated the Mass. Many deacons, religious, ecclesial organizations, and lay people also gathered, along with Bishop Mario's family from Mexico. The universal character of the Church was on full display that day. It was evident that this wasn't just a celebration of our local church, but of the entire Church in communion with the Eternal Word, Jesus Christ, and our loving Father, in communion with the Holy Spirit.

These moments, much like the moment a priest is ordained and consecrated to God for service of our Lord Jesus Christ, highlight that Jesus did not choose the perfect or the most eloquent, or of the most exalted status to proclaim the gospel message. Rather, he chose and continues to choose imperfect human instruments to do extraordinary things. By the grace of God, the gospel disseminates far and wide through those who are called to share the Good News.

It is truly a mystery how human beings, though simple and frail, can plant the seeds of faith in a way that supernatural grace can come to bear in the lives of people. It is a great mystery that God accomplishes his will through simple instruments. We congratulate Bishop Mario and pray that, as he embarks upon his role as shepherd, he will be guided by the Spirit, and that his ministry will be fruitful among the faithful.

The gospel this weekend presents us with one of the most famous scenes of Our Lord's ministry. Jesus ascends the mountain and crowds of people are gathered to listen to him preach. The mountain is always a significant place within the scriptural context. It is always a place of encounter with God. On a mountain, God spoke to Moses and gave him the Law. Now, Jesus is taking the place of Moses as the giver of the new law of love.

In this particular instance, Jesus proclaims the Beatitudes. Beatitude means blessing. He relays to his followers that true blessing does not consist in what the world typically thinks of blessing. True blessedness is found in what the world sees as weakness. Jesus begins with what is perhaps the most important of the beatitudes - poverty of spirit. To be poor of spirit does not mean being deficient in spirit. Rather, it means abandonment of self and our own independence and laying ourselves completely in God. Only then can we be



Who's Who

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

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meek and humble. Only through poverty of spirit can we recognize that good feelings are not the whole of life. Only when we are poor in spirit can we then see our brothers and sisters in need and thirst for righteousness and justice for others. Only in poverty of spirit and detachment from the world can we be merciful and compassionate toward those who have not. Only then can we be peacemakers and pure of heart. When we are pure of heart, our motives will detach from our selfish desires. Let us pray that we may exercise these attitudes in our lives, and let us pray that our new shepherd, Bishop Aviles, will be given the grace to do the same. God bless!

Fr. Paul

Blessing of the Throats

In honor of St. Blaise, patron of those who have diseases and illnesses of the throat, it is tradition to bless throats on or around his feast day, which is this Tuesday. In keeping with this tradition, we invite you to come forward after the end of any of the Masses this next weekend, February 7th & 8th, to have your throats blessed.

Welcome New Members

We joyfully welcome Jacqueline Lopp and Nathan Kirschenbaum as new members of our parish family and look forward to getting to know them as we grow together in faith.



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 Mark and Barbara Kaul for your prayers for vocations this past week. Tom and Alpha Patterson will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Andre and Kyla Ponton will be taking the Crucifix February 8 - 15, 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.

May They Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Aurea Poulsen, Cynthia Kosarek McLaren and Nancy Jo Woods, whose funeral rites took place this past week. May their souls rest in the loving care of God, and may perpetual light shine upon them. Please also keep their families in your prayers.

YOUTH MINISTRY

COME BE PART OF OUR PARISH YOUTH COMMUNITY!

Life Teen High School Ministry meets Sundays, 6:30PM-8:30PM

Edge Middle School Ministry meets Wednesdays, 6:30PM-8:00PM

Games, friends, faith and fun. Grow in your relationship with Christ and with each other. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend!

Parish Happenings



Saturday, January 31st

ALL DAY – Tear Down Book Fair – PH

2:00PM – Baptisms – CH

Tuesday, February 3rd

6:00PM – Acts of Charity – CC#2

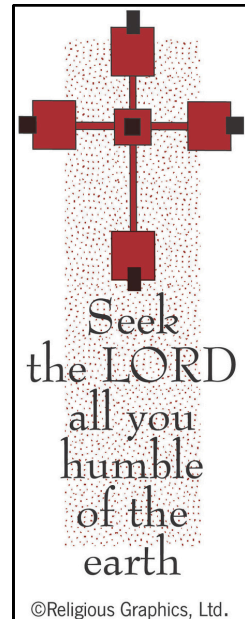
Wednesday, February 4th

6:00PM – Religious Ed – CC#1&2

Thursday, February 5th

ALL DAY – Culture Fair – PH

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – 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@stpiusxcc.com

Quilts For the Infirm

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.

Light Your Candles

This Monday, February 2nd, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which is traditionally referred to as Candlemas. It is a time when the Church blesses candles for the year. We will have the blessing of candles at the 8:15 morning Mass on that day and invite you to attend Mass and bring any candles from home that you wish to be blessed.

Contribution Statements For Taxes

Statements are being mailed out for 2025 contributions for tax reporting. If you do not receive a copy, please contact us either by email at parishoffice@stpiusxcc.org or call us by phone.



Neighborly Love

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School News



Dear Blue Jay Families,

This National Catholic Schools Week has been a wonderful celebration of our Blue Jay community. It has been inspiring to see our students, staff, and families come together to honor the unique spirit and values of Catholic education.

We extend our sincere gratitude to John Paul II Academy and Incarnate Word Academy for joining us at Monday's Pep Rally. Your participation is a cherished part of this annual tradition and greatly enriches the event for us all.

We were also deeply honored today, as Mrs. Stovall and I accompanied two of our fifth-grade students to Most Precious Blood Church for the installation of the Most Reverend Mario Aviles as the ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Corpus Christi. Witnessing this sacred moment was a privilege for the four of us. The rest of the school community was able to witness the historic event in their classrooms via YouTube.

We are pleased to announce that the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for our new scoreboard will be on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 3:45PM. You are cordially invited to attend this dedication, followed immediately by our first basketball game of the season against our sister school, St. Patrick's.

Please also note that our Community TEFA Night will be held on the same evening at 6:00 p.m. in one of our classrooms. All are welcome to attend for assistance in completing your TEFA application, with support from our St. Pius X office staff. We are here to guide and support you through the entire process.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for making our school such an extraordinary place to learn and grow.

God bless,

Mrs. Beth Hinojosa

Servant & Principal

NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS!

ST. PIUS X ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

20 in '26

Alumni Recognition

NOMINATIONS

SUBMIT A NOMINATION
ONLINE!





DEADLINE TO NOMINATE:
FEB. 28, 2026




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-ATHON 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-ATHON KICKOFF, HELPING PROMOTE A LOVE OF READING ACROSS OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

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



Mass Intentions



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

Monday, February 2nd

8:15AM † J.E. Reumuth by Reumuth Family

Tuesday, February 3rd

8:15AM † Charlie Gross by Chuck Gross

Wednesday, February 4th

8:15AM † Deceased Members of the Didear & Darilek Families

† Lowell & Alice Didear

† Ronny Fritz by Peggy & Family

† Christopher Janosek by John, Debra & Brian

† Dionel Johnny Garza Spiritual Well-Being by Parents

† Mary, John & James Kelly by KKH

Michelle Stovall by Beth Hinojosa

Grace Pena by Beth Hinojosa

† Julian Galloway by Family

5:30PM † Alfredo García, Jr. by Rosie García

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

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, February 5th

8:15AM For All Priests Worldwide by Anonymous

Friday, February 6th – FIRST FRIDAY

8:15AM † Ernest & Lupe Villarreal by Rick McCabe

5:30PM † Deacon George Phillips by Phillips Family

† Amy Gallagher by Greg & Lynn Gallagher

† Elida Guzman by George Phillips Family

† George Zertuche, Jr. by Diana Garza & Family

† Barbara Mikulik by Wallace & Randy Mikulik

Saturday, February 7th – FIRST SATURDAY

8:15AM Jason & Missy Havel by De Havel

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

Sunday, February 8th

8:00AM † John Alaniz by Norma Alaniz

10:00AM † Buck & Jay Shaw by Frances Shaw

12:00PM † Sydney Maxwell by Greg & Lynn Gallagher

5:30PM † Gilbert Schanen, Sr. by Nancy Schanen

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 Sirius, 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.

Financial Report for 1/25/2026

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| Sunday Collection | \$ | 8,861.96 |
| Sunday Online | \$ | 6,066.00 |
| Ash Wednesday | \$ | 5.00 |
| Bulletin Ad | \$ | 100.00 |
| GOF (Other) | \$ | 40.00 |
| Easter Flower Donation | \$ | 25.00 |
| Flower Donation | \$ | 60.00 |
| Special Donations | \$ | 20,000.00 |
| Other Contributions | \$ | 147.00 |
| Total Operating Revenue | \$ | 35,304.96 |

Other Contributions:

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| AOC | \$ | 218.00 |
| Church in Latin America | \$ | 215.00 |
| Other Contributions | \$ | 433.00 |
| Total Contributions | \$ | 35,737.96 |

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

John Albertini, Ernie Alborno, 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

Have a blessed week!