

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

Dear Friends,

I sat on the porch looking out through the screen as the sun filtered down through the trees and glistened on the shrubs. The rays of light were just bringing warmth to the brisk morning air. It was nice to have a little sunshine after a cloudy start to our retreat. I enjoyed this moment of relaxation as I observed this glimpse of God's glory following a breakfast of scrambled eggs, fruit, and toast. With a second cup of coffee in hand, I soaked in the nature around me. Birds were flitting about from tree to tree, and an occasional stream of brother priests walked by conversing and grabbing a bit of morning exercise. This was the second day of our annual priest retreat.

This has been a much needed break for me personally. As a priest, I know well that we have to be forced to stop and break from the routine. It is all too easy to feel the need to take care of the work that mounts up daily. Not much is different for those of you who have to deal with the daily grind. Most of us feel a bit guilty if we aren't doing something. It is ingrained in our social construction. The feeling of responsibility is always acting upon us saying to us that we must work.

It is good to retreat. Even our Lord, who constantly faced the barrage of people looking for him, understood the need to go apart for a little while for rest. At various times during his 3-year ministry, he took his disciples aside so that they could rest awhile. We need renewal. We all know this. Unfortunately, we don't always understand what kind of renewal or rest we need. All too often, we choose to rest by lounging around, watching TV, or mindlessly scrolling through social media. In and of themselves, these aren't necessarily bad, but sometimes these things make us feel worse, and we need to address a deeper need. Often, we elect to participate in functions that don't really afford us the opportunity to reclaim our peace of mind and heart.

While it is good to be a part of friendly gatherings or wind down a bit with a good movie, we also need to break free from these things to cultivate what brings rest to our restless hearts.

Many people would think that priests exhibit good spiritual habits, and that we are always praying. Few think that we need renewal. However, we are susceptible to the same challenges as everyone else. We can get caught up in work. We can constantly respond to the many demands that are placed upon us and forget that we too need to reclaim moments of spiritual renewal so that we can act in accord with the call to which we have received.

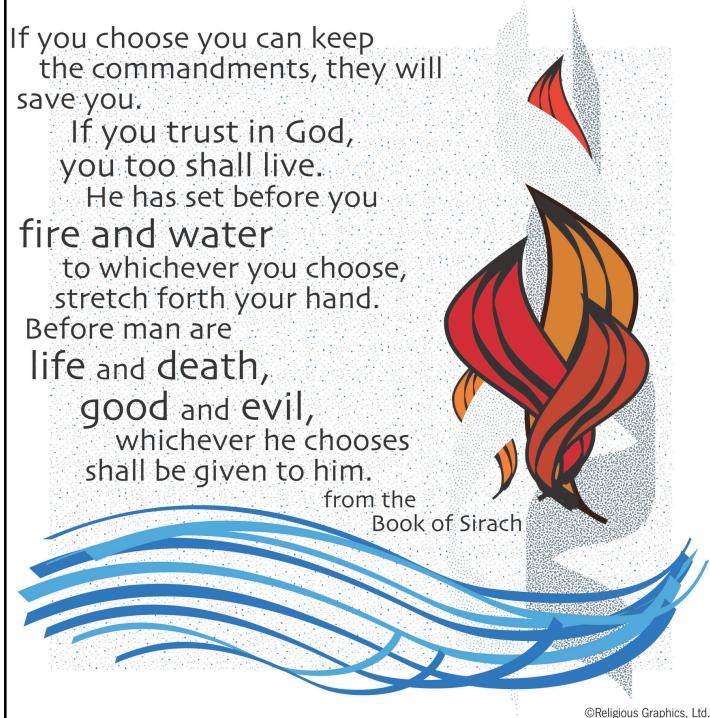
To choose moments of retreat is to choose life. The Book of Sirach in the readings today tells us: "Before man are life and death, good and evil whichever he chooses shall be given him." There are so many options that are placed before us each day. At any given moment, we have the choice to select life or death, good or

If you choose you can keep
the commandments, they will
save you.

If you trust in God,
you too shall live.
He has set before you
fire and water

to whichever you choose,
stretch forth your hand.
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life and death,
good and evil,
whichever he chooses
shall be given to him.

from the
Book of Sirach



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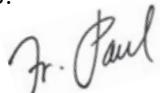
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evil. What we need is to pray for prudence so that we can select wisely. It is good to be spontaneous, but it is also good to be selective about what we do. If we choose rashly, we can end up sapping ourselves of the life-giving spirit.

This week we start Lent. It is a time to take stock once again before we enter into the wilderness of penance and renewal. What will we choose? Will we choose life? Or death? Good? Or evil? Lent is a time of retreat that urges us to do a little evaluation and examination of our lives. It beckons us to really look within at our interior motivations and our proclivity toward sin. Lent calls us to strip away those temptations and habits that cause death in our soul. It is a time of renewal so that we can once again turn to the Lord and find that he is the only one that gives life. Why? Because Jesus is life! If we use this Lent well, we will hear his voice. He will renew us. All he asks is that we come away for a little while during this Lenten season to listen once again and to discover the riches he has in store for us.



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 18TH

Please join us for Mass with the distribution of ashes.

6:30AM, 8:15AM, 12Noon and 6:00PM

Ashes will only be distributed at Mass.

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 Andre and Kyla Ponton for your prayers for vocations this past week. Sean and Thelma Higgins will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Michael and Miranda Coffin will be taking the Crucifix February 22 - March 1, 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.

Lenten Guidelines for Fasting and Abstinence

Lent is observed as a period of penance intended to encourage individuals to move beyond personal interests and listen to the voice of God in our lives. During Lent, Catholics who are age 18 – 59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting entails consuming one full meal and two smaller snacks; the combined portions of the snacks should not exceed that of a single meal. Catholics aged 14 and older must also refrain from eating meat on Fridays throughout Lent. Meat, for this purpose, includes red meat and poultry, while fish and vegetables are permitted.

Stations of the Cross

Please join us as we begin our Lenten devotion of Stations of the Cross. Come and walk with Christ on His journey to the Cross through prayer and reflection.

STARTING: This Friday at 7:00PM

We hope you will join us for this meaningful Lenten tradition.

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

Sunday, February 15th

10:00AM – Coffee and Donuts – PH

1:30PM – Baptisms – CH

Monday, February 16th

5:00PM – Catholic Daughters – CC#1

7:00PM – Walking with Purpose – YC

Tuesday, February 17th

5:00PM – Men's Club Meeting – PH

Wednesday, February 18th

6:00PM – Religious Ed – CC#1&2

Thursday, February 19th

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

Friday, February 20th

7:00PM – Stations of the Cross – CH

Saturday, February 21st

3:00PM – Set-up Vietnamese Celebration – PH

Sunday, February 22nd

Vietnamese Celebration All Day – PH

1:30PM – Baptisms – CH



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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.



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This week's deadline for submitting bulletin announcements is

Wednesday by noon.

6:30AM Weekday Masses During Lent

For many years now, St. Pius X has observed the tradition of a 6:30AM Mass on weekdays during the Lenten Season. Once again, we will be continuing this tradition and invite you to join us in this fruitful and enriching practice. We will also be having Masses on the Saturdays of Lent at 8:15AM.

Men's Club Meeting

Join us for the Men's Club meeting on Tuesday, February 17th in the Parish Hall. Come enjoy an evening of fellowship and dinner beginning at 6:30PM, followed by our business meeting at 7:00PM. All men of the parish 18 and older are welcome! This time allows us to connect, build friendships, and be part of something bigger as we grow together in faith and service. We hope to see you there!

Bible Study is Back!

Get ready for an exciting six-week journey through Colossians with our new Walking with Purpose Bible study, Rooted and Radiant! We kick off things on Monday, February 16th from 7:00PM to 8:30PM in the Youth Center. Come grow deeper in your faith, be strengthened in Christ, and enjoy great discussion and fellowship.

Registration forms are available at the back of the church. Please return them to the parish office.

Sign up soon and don't miss this chance to be Rooted in truth and Radiant in faith. You can order the book Rooted and Radiant on the Walking with Purpose website. Come and join us for a great Bible study experience!

Easter Egg Hunt Candy Drive

Easter is hopping closer, and we need your help! We're collecting candy and plastic eggs for the children's Easter celebration. Please be sure all donations are individually wrapped, so they're egg hunt ready and can be placed straight into the eggs. Thank you for your generosity and for always helping us make holidays extra sweet, festive and fun for our kids. We truly appreciate you and all you do to make Easter special!

Acts of Charity 40 Cans for Lent

As we journey through the season of Lent, we are invited to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. One way to live out this call is by supporting our 40 Cans for Lent food drive. We are collecting shelf-stable food items to be donated to the Coastal Bend Food Bank. Needed items include canned vegetables, canned meats and peanut butter. The Food Bank cannot accept expired or open items.

Donation bins will be available in the foyer at the back of the church on February 16th.

Thank you for your generosity and for sharing Christ's love with those in need during this holy season. Your kindness is deeply appreciated.

Coffee and Donuts This Sunday!

Mark your calendar! Coffee and donuts will be served this Sunday, February 15th in the Parish Hall after the 10:00AM Mass. Please join us for fellowship and a sweet treat!

Catholic Daughters Monthly Meeting

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Angels of Mary Court 2460 will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, February 16th in CC#1. A social gathering will begin at 6:00PM followed by a business meeting from 6:30 – 7:30PM. All women of the parish 18 and older are cordially invited to attend. Recently, members had the pleasure of helping prepare and serve at the reception for the new bishop.



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School News

Dear Blue Jay Families,

We are excited to share that our students have officially kicked off our annual Read-a-thon week! Throughout the week, St. Pius X is buzzing with reading activities around the clock. Guest readers are visiting classrooms each day, and students have planned a variety of engaging literacy events. We look forward to celebrating our top readers with special rewards.



Please note that school will not be in session on Monday, February 16, 2026. Our faculty and staff will be attending a spiritual retreat led by Father James Kelleher at OLCC. We are deeply grateful to our PTO for generously funding this retreat. It will be a meaningful opportunity for renewal and reflection.

As a friendly reminder, spring break is quickly approaching. School will be closed from March 9 through March 13, 2026. We hope this time provides rest and rejuvenation for all our families.

We are also thrilled to announce that this year's Golf Classic will be held at Oso Golf Course on April 27th. Stay tuned for additional details on our official Golf Facebook page: St. Pius X Annual Golf Classic. With limited team slots available, we anticipate selling out quickly. For more information, please visit our school website.

In Wednesday's first reading, we reflect on King Solomon's great wisdom. Coincidentally, I am currently reading "Praying the Scriptures for Your Children" by Jodie Berndt. In Chapter 5, Berndt explores how we, as parents, can pray for wisdom and discernment for our children. Like Solomon, when we ask the Lord for wisdom, we open the door to countless other blessings. Solomon's request for a discerning heart was met with abundant grace, which is a beautiful reminder of God's generosity. Berndt encourages us that praying for our children in this way helps them see life through God's eyes and fosters a lifelong intimacy with Christ. What a profound gift we can offer simply through prayer.

I leave you with this prayer, shared by Berndt as a model for parents:

"Fill (child's name) with the knowledge of your will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that they may live a life worthy of you, Lord, and please you in every way—bearing fruit and growing in knowledge of you."

--Colossians 1:9-10

God bless,

Mrs. Beth Hinojosa
Servant & Principal

Have a blessed week!

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Alumni Recognition

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Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 14th – HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

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

Sunday, February 15th

8:00AM † John A. Janosek by Family
 10:00AM † Willie Mae Shirley by Family
 12:00PM Virginia Constante by Christi Clark
 5:30PM Jovita Reyes by Delfina Hughes

Monday, February 16th

8:15AM † Neva Reumuth by Reumuth Family
 Elizabeth Landesman by Reumuth Family

Tuesday, February 17th

8:15AM † Martha Romero by Johnny & Yolanda Villarreal

Wednesday, February 18th – ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30AM † Antonio Garcia Clark by Christie Clark
 8:15AM † Augusta Gross by Chuck Gross
 † Mark F. Higdon by Family
 † Julian Galloway by Family
 † Christina Dalrymple by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Hyde
 † Ron Reumuth by Reumuth Family
 † Deceased Members of the Reumuth Family by Family
 † Ernie & Lupe Villarreal by Rick McCabe
 12:00PM † Maricela Garcia by Garcia Family
 6:00PM † Ronald Mikulik by Mikulik Family
 † Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell
 George Phillips by Phillips Family
 † Oscar & Gladys Phillips by Phillips 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

Thursday, February 19th

6:30AM † Mary, John & James Kelly by KKH

8:15AM † Mary Osborne by Osborne Family

Friday, February 20th

6:30AM Jose Solis' Health
 8:15AM † Christopher Janosek by Family
 5:30PM † David Scherzer by Family

Saturday, February 21st

8:15AM Sandra Le by Family
 5:30PM Jose Solis and Family

Sunday, February 22nd

8:00AM Missy Havel's Intentions
 10:00AM † Evelyn Mansheim by Family
 12:00PM † Beatriz Ortiz by Family
 5:30PM For the People of St. Pius X

Welcome New Members

We are excited to welcome three new members into our church family! Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Mary Margaret Bily, Josefa Chavez, and Michael Jalifi. We look forward to walking this spiritual path with them, and we are excited to grow together as a community in Christ.

Financial Report for 2/8/2026

Sunday Collection	\$	15,577.01
Sunday Online	\$	8,193.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	30.00
Filipino Santo Nino	\$	305.00
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$	24,145.01

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	643.00
Church in Latin America	\$	20.00
Retirement for Religious	\$	10.00
Other Contributions	\$	673.00
Total Contributions	\$	24,818.01

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, 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, 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.