

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

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

March 08, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue our Lenten journey, the readings of the Third Sunday of Lent invite us to reflect on a powerful theme: human thirst and God’s living water. In the Book of Exodus and the Gospel of John, we encounter two moments that reveal both the weakness of the human heart and the generosity of God. In the desert, the people of Israel cry out in desperation for water. Their thirst is real and urgent. Yet their suffering quickly turns into complaint and doubt: “Is the Lord in our midst or not?” Their physical thirst exposes a deeper spiritual struggle, the temptation to question God’s presence when life becomes difficult. Still, God responds with mercy. Through Moses, He brings water from the rock, reminding His people that even in their doubts, He remains faithful.

Centuries later, another scene unfolds at a well in Samaria. In the Gospel, Jesus meets a Samaritan woman who has come to draw water in the heat of the day. Her life carries burdens, disappointments, and perhaps shame. Yet in this ordinary moment, she encounters Christ, who offers her something greater than the water in the well, the “living water” that satisfies the deepest thirst of the human soul.

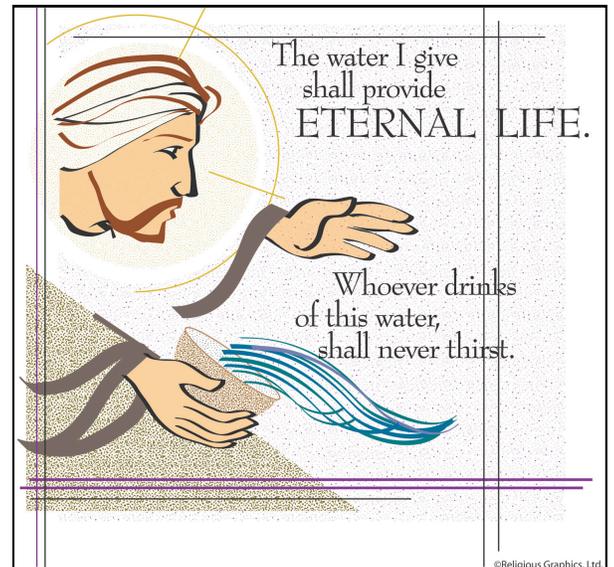
The woman begins the conversation focused on ordinary water, but gradually she discovers that Jesus is speaking about the life of grace that only God can give. When she recognizes Him as the Messiah, everything changes. She leaves her water jar behind and runs to tell the people of her town about Him. Her thirst leads to an encounter, and that encounter leads to mission. This movement from thirst to mission beautifully reflects the meaning of Lent for us today.

Like the Israelites in the desert, we sometimes find ourselves spiritually dry. We may feel overwhelmed by worries, discouraged by failures, or distracted by the many concerns of daily life. Lent invites us to recognize this thirst within us. It is a time to return to the Lord and allow Him to renew us with His grace. Through the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we come again to the well where Christ waits for us. In prayer, we open our hearts to hear His voice. In fasting, we recognize that material things cannot fully satisfy us. In almsgiving, we allow the love of Christ to flow through us to others.

The Samaritan woman shows us what happens when we truly encounter the Lord. She does not keep the experience to herself. Transformed by grace, she becomes a witness who brings others to Christ. Her story reminds us that every authentic encounter with Jesus leads outward in love and service. As we continue this sacred season, let us ask ourselves: What am I truly thirsty for? And where am I seeking to satisfy that thirst?

May this Lent be a time when we come honestly before the Lord with our needs, our doubts, and our hopes. And may the living water of Christ renew our hearts so that, like the Samaritan woman, we too may become joyful witnesses who lead others to the Lord. May God bless you and your families during this holy season.

In Christ, *Fr Kurian Joseph MST*



Who's Who

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The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Simon and Christina Purnell for your prayers for vocations this past week. Gene and Celeste Guernsey will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Jason and Hester Rodriguez will be taking the Traveling Crucifix March 15 - 22, 2026.



Lenten Series: The Human Humility

This Lent, deepen your spiritual journey through a three-part adult series on The Litany of Human Humility, inspired by the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola and his Daily Examen prayer.

Join us on Wednesdays, March 4, 18 and 25, from 6:00-7:00PM in the Parish Hall. Together, we will explore humility as a path to greater freedom, gratitude, and closeness with God through reflection, guided prayer, and discussion rooted in the Ignatian tradition.

Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible School

We are excited to begin preparations for our upcoming Vacation Bible School. In order to make this a joyful, faith-filled, and successful experience for our children, we need volunteers to help us.

There are many ways to serve, assisting with small groups, crafts, music, games, decorating, registration and more. Whether you have helped before or this is your first time volunteering, we would love to have you join us.

We will be holding an information meeting on Sunday, March 8, at 4:00PM in CC#1. This meeting will cover volunteer roles, schedules, and important details to help you prepare.

We truly need your support to make Vacation Bible School a wonderful experience for our parish children. Please consider sharing your time and talents. We look forward to seeing you there! For any additional information please email Mary Maldonado at mmaldonado@stpiusxcc.org.

Live Dramatic Stations of the Cross

Mark your calendars for Good Friday as our youth present a powerful, live dramatic Stations of the Cross! This moving portrayal will take place in the Youth Center. Don't miss this opportunity to experience the journey of Christ in a truly impactful way. Save the date, more details to come!

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

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.

Coffee and Donuts

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



Welcome New Members

Let's warmly welcome David and Janie Davila to our parish family! We are excited to have both of you and look forward to growing in faith together. May God bless you on this new journey with us!

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, March 8th

4:00PM – VBS Meeting – CC#1

Monday, March 9th

7:00PM – Walking with Purpose Bible Study – YC

Tuesday, March 10th

1:00PM – Sultanas – CC#1

6:00PM – AOC – CC#2

Thursday, March 12th

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

Friday, March 13th

6:30PM – Stations of the Cross – CH

Sunday, March 15th

11:00AM – Coffee and Donuts After 10:00AM
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.

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!

A Lenten Invitation: Pray, Fast, Give

During this sacred season of Lent, we are invited to slow down and reflect more deeply on our relationship with God, our neighbors, and our common home. Through the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we open our hearts to conversion and solidarity with those in need. Our parish will once again participate in Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl, a Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. Through Rice Bowl, families are encouraged to pray, learn about global communities in need, fast in solidarity, and sacrificially support life-saving programs around the world. Pick up Rice Bowls in the vestibule of the church, pray and fast with intention, and return your donations at the end of Lent to support families around the world. To learn more, visit csrricebowl.org. Let us journey together this Lent, growing closer to the Lord and one another.

Support Our Parish Scholarship Funds

Our parish is proud to offer the Christopher Janosek and Emil & Marie Habeeb Scholarships each year to support deserving students as they pursue higher education.

These scholarships reflect our commitment to encouraging academic achievement, faithful discipleship, and active involvement in parish life.

As educational expenses continue to rise, these scholarships make a meaningful difference for our families. They not only provide financial assistance but also affirm our parish's commitment to investing in the future of our youth.

We invite you to prayerfully consider donating to help support and sustain our two parish scholarship funds. Your contribution, no matter the size, helps invest in the future of our youth and strengthens our parish community.

Donations may be placed in the collection basket in a clearly marked envelope, mailed to the parish office (please note "Scholarship Fund" in the memo) or you may use the parish online giving platform. Thank you for your continued generosity and for supporting the youth of our parish with your prayers and financial gifts.

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.

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. We hope you will join us for this meaningful Lenten tradition Friday at 6:30PM.

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.

Acts of Charity Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Acts of Charity is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, from 6:00 – 7:00PM in CC#1. All parishioners are invited to attend to learn more about and join the ministry's work in the following areas:

Bereavement Receptions
Monthly Outreach Programs to Local Charities
St. Rose of Lima Quilting
Donations to Food Pantries
The Giving Tree Ministries

Your participation is welcome, and we hope to see you there!



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School News



Blue Jay Families,

This week, our second-grade students will celebrate their First Reconciliation, a significant milestone as they prepare for their First Holy Communion in early May. Lent is the perfect time for them to encounter this beautiful sacrament of healing and mercy.

I had the privilege of sitting down with several students to talk about their preparation for Reconciliation and asked them what the Examination of Conscience means to them. I was truly impressed by the depth and sincerity of their responses. Mrs. Thomas and the rest of our teachers have done a wonderful job preparing them for this sacrament.

The students shared thoughtful insights about the Ten Commandments and how they reflect on each one to examine their hearts. Some of the older students spoke about the importance of putting God first, even before friends, and how praying the Rosary is a meaningful way to make time for God each day. One student expressed gratitude for attending a Catholic school, sharing that he rarely hears the Lord's name used in vain here. A few children did share their sadness about missing Sunday Mass, explaining that it's often because their parents don't take them, a reminder of how deeply they're listening and learning.

Many students talked about their desire to honor their parents and other adults and to always tell the truth, even when it's hard. I was struck by their honesty and their eagerness to share what's on their hearts as they prepare for this special moment. Even students in the older grades, who have gone to confession many times, spoke with a wisdom that gave me pause.

In these conversations, I was reminded once again of what a blessing it is to be part of such a wonderful school and parish community. We truly are the Body of Christ here at St. Pius X, and I could feel that grace shining through our students as they prepare for this important day.

God Bless,
Mrs. Beth Hinojosa
Servant & Principal



Let's Start a Girl Scout Troop at St. Pius!

We are looking to start a brand new Girl Scout Troop out of your campus and it all starts with parent volunteers! Join us for our Virtual Parent Information Meeting to get started on all of the adventures and friendships she can make in Girl Scouts!

Parent Information Meeting
Monday, March 2
5:30PM-6:30PM on Zoom

Scan the QR Code to RSVP for the Zoom Meeting or for more information!

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Have a blessed week!

Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 7th – FIRST SATURDAY

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

Sunday, March 8th

8:00AM David Russell by De Havel

10:00AM † Vernon Krause by Bob & Judy Buchanan

12:00PM † Alvino & Stella Campos by Family

5:30PM † Elida Guzman by Phillips Family

Monday, March 9th

6:30AM † Felix Van Hoof by James Kelly

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

Tuesday, March 10th

6:30AM † Anna Van Dijck by James Kelly

8:15AM † Dorothy Janosek by Scott Janosek Family

Wednesday, March 11th

6:30AM † Karel Soudan by James Kelly

8:15AM † Frank Baish by Family

† Mary, John & James Kelly by KKH

† Julian Galloway by Family

† Ron Reumuth & Deceased Members of the Reumuth Family

† Bill & Tomo Koch by Cherly Kershaw

Brandon Shelander's Special Intention by Helen Shelander

5:30PM † Maury Jarrell by Wyanette Jarrell

† Gilbert Schanen Sr. by Nancy Schanen

† 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

James W. Kelly III by James Kelly

Thursday, March 12th

6:30AM For All the Priests Worldwide by Anonymous

8:15AM † Josephine Sheldon by Mary Vasquez

Friday, March 13th

6:30AM Liliane Van Hoof by James Kelly

8:15AM † Rolando Longoria by Mary Longoria

† Elena Rendon by Jeanie Balli

5:30PM † Deacon George Phillips by Phillips Family

Saturday, March 14th

8:15AM John Kelly by James Kelly

5:30PM † Alejandro Salinas by Family

Sunday, March 15th

8:00AM Barbara West by Reumuth Family

10:00AM † David Case by Mary Fodor

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

5:30PM † Deacon George Phillips by Phillips Family

Financial Report for 3/1/2026

Sunday Collection	\$	11,929.46
Sunday Online	\$	8,915.00
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Easter Flower Donation	\$	271.00
Other Donations	\$	202.35
Total Operating Revenue	\$	21,357.81

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	478.00
AOC Bereavement Ministry	\$	450.00
Christopher Janosek Schol. Fund	\$	80.00
Emil & Marie Habeeb Schol. Fund	\$	80.00
Other Contributions	\$	1,088.00
Total Contributions	\$	22,445.81

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

John Albertini, Ernie Albornoz, Luis Alvarado, Danilyn Arevalo, Sugar Arras, Abby Arredondo, Missy O'Rourke Atkinson, 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, Rose Marie Cortinas, Carole Cotter, Natalie & Elaine Elwood, Frances Leal Emry, Dale Flannagan, Guadalupe Flores, Bobby Floyd, Debbie Fuqua, Berta Garcia, Dakota Garcia, Juanita Gaytan, Deborah Giese, Joe Gomez, George Gongora, Hilario Gonzales, Sr., Beatriz Gonzalez, Linda Goulet, Ana Guzman, Monte Hall, Janice Hass, Roger Heitzmann, Jr., Shain Hennig, Shelley Hinojosa, Graham Hughes, Mark Hyde, Carl Jacobi, Joseph Jude, Desiree Kund, Jeanne Kunkel, James Lawrence, Annette Ledesma, Arlene Leep, Sharon Lewis, Gladys Lippincott, Kenny Lopez, Larry Ludka, Bill Lyman, Tom Malone, Mary Louise Mandujano, Christopher & Linda Manka, Norma Marshall, Samuel Marsillo, Abel Anthony Martinez, Bertha Martinez, David & Rick McCabe, Jack McCord, Andra Megivern, John Miller, John Morgan, Sam Morris, Sterling Murphy, JG Musser, Sandra Nicolas, Jason Olog, Scott Olson, Ozzie Osborne, Linda Park, Joyce Pouncy, Joe Prejean, Derrel Puckett, Irma Ramirez, Tino Ramos, John Rank, Michelle Richter, Alexis M. Rodriguez, JoAnn Rosales, Jean & Hedy Rosenast, David Russell, Dolores Saenz, Dora Salazar, Kimberly Salch, Sandra Salinas, Janie San Miguel, Rick Sanders, Adam Saylor, David G. Scherzer, Mellissa 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, Helen Witzsche, Wilson Woolley, Mary Bell Yankee, Carole Zanetti, Joe Zepeda, Belinda Garza Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.

Lord,
by your cross
you have saved
the world



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