

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

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

March 15, 2026

Dear Friends,

I remember clearly when I began to see not so clearly. I was celebrating Mass at St. Gertrude in Kingsville where I was pastor at the time, and I realized that it was difficult for me to read the prayers in the Missal that the altar server was holding for me. I was able to read the words, but I found myself struggling to focus. Then an unpleasant and inevitable fact struck me... I needed glasses! Announcement

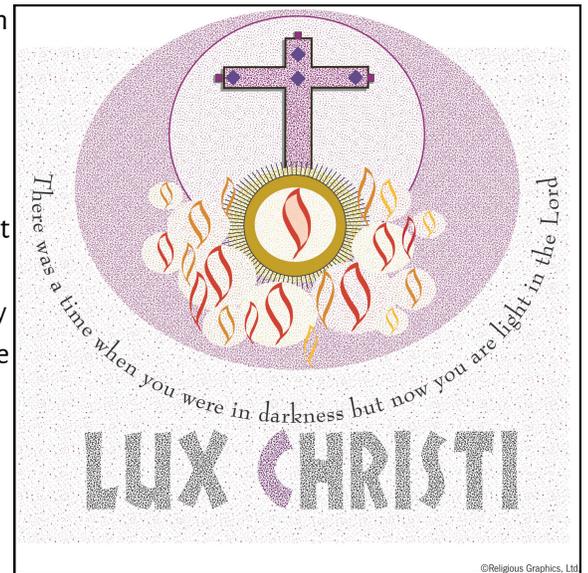
I had traversed 40 years of my life with perfect vision. In fact, there were times when I could read road signs at great distances, and those riding with me expressed amazement that I was able to see so far away. Dare I say that I was almost proud of that fact? When others had already succumbed to the use of glasses because of declining vision, I was still gloating over the fact that I didn't need them. When that fateful day arrived, however, everything changed. I realized I was getting older, and my sight was deteriorating. I was not thrilled with the idea of having to wear glasses.

Unfortunately, there wasn't much I could do about it. I did, however, stave off regular glasses for a few more years. I learned that my issue was primarily related to reading. I resorted to buying “cheaters” for several years until I once again began to notice that my distance vision was not as clear as it used to be. It became clear to me that my ability to distinguish the detail in things like tree leaves and shingles on roofs was no longer possible. I finally acquiesced to the condition that I was in and made an appointment with an optometrist.

When I put on that first pair of spectacles, I was astonished at how clear things were. I couldn't believe what I had been missing. In some way, it was like I was seeing the world anew. I was rediscovering the beauty of the world in all of its detail.

Sight is an incredible thing. It is something we often take for granted, but it is a marvel that we have this amazing ability which enables us to do incredible things. We depend upon our sight for everything. Having an artistic inclination, I can't imagine what it would be like to not be able to notice the colors and the nuances of the world around me. Think of what the blind man in the gospel must have experienced having lived a lifetime unable to see and then suddenly having light flood into his life in a matter of seconds through his encounter with Jesus. The most significant thing in this story is not the fact that the man received a cure for his blindness. Rather, what is more important is that he was given interior sight, which we call the gift of faith. What happened on a natural level gave way to a supernatural gift. He received his physical sight, but was given the capacity to see with his heart. He moves from amazement at seeing the world for the first time to seeing that Jesus is God. His exclamation at the end of the gospel this weekend says it all, “I do believe, Lord”. We are told then that the healed man worshipped Jesus.

God designed us so that we can only see if we have light. Our magnificent eyes adjust to allow more or less light depending upon the condition. In complete darkness, we see nothing. Similarly, our ability to see through the eyes of faith is dependent upon the light of Christ that we allow into our hearts. Christ's light shines, but if we are steeped in sin, darkness envelops us. Lent helps us to open the aperture of our hearts through prayer, penance, and almsgiving so that we can allow Christ's light to cast out darkness. When we allow Christ's light to enter into



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our hearts through faith, we rejoice at being able to see things from a new perspective. We begin to see the world in its true nature, and we see Christ who enlightens us. It changes everything. Fortunately, we don't have to walk in darkness. Jesus is the one who illuminates our lives.

Let us rejoice in him!



The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Gene and Celeste Guernsey for your prayers for vocations this past week. Jason and Hester Rodriguez will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Leo and Nicole Ruiz will be taking the Traveling Crucifix March 22 - 29, 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 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 truly need your support to make Vacation Bible School a wonderful experience for our parish children. Please consider sharing your time and talents. For additional information please email Mary Maldonado at mmaldonado@stpiusxcc.org.

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

Blessing During Holy Communion

During the Communion procession, it is common for people to come forward with their arms crossed over their chest to receive a blessing when they are unable to receive the Eucharist. There are many reasons why this may be the case. Such individuals are welcome to continue this practice of reverence and devotion in the hope that soon they will be able to partake of the Most Holy Sacrament.

We would like to make everyone aware of a change in practice to conform with the recommendation of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Since only ordained ministers may impart a blessing, those unable to receive communion may approach a priest or a deacon to receive a blessing. Since Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs) are commissioned to assist with the distribution of the Eucharist, but are not ordained ministers, they are not able to give blessings in the same way that a priest or deacon does. Therefore, we want you to be aware that EMHCs will not be imparting a formal blessing. Instead, if you happen to approach an EMHC, he or she may gracefully extend their arm toward you as a gesture of solidarity and prayer with you. Thank you for your understanding of this change and know that the Lord holds you in his loving embrace.

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 Served This Sunday

Stay for a Sweet! Coffee and Donuts will be served today, Sunday, the 15th, in the Parish Hall after 10am Mass. Please join us for fellowship and a sweet treat!



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!

ST. PIUS X  **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 15th

11:00AM – Coffee and Donuts After 10:00AM
Mass – PH

1:30PM – Baptisms – CH

Monday, March 16th

11:00AM – Funeral Mass – CH

5:00PM – Catholic Daughters – CC#1

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

Tuesday, March 17th – HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

5:00PM – Men's Club Meeting – PH

Wednesday, March 18th

6:00PM – Religious Ed – CC#1&2

6:00PM – Rehearsal – CH

Thursday, March 19th

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

Friday, March 20th

6:30PM – Stations of the Cross – CH

8:00PM – Chopin Concert – CH

Saturday, March 21st

2:00PM – Quince – 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/stpiusxc

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!

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.

Welcome New Members

Let's warmly welcome Norman Trevino, and Joe and Patricia Lerma to our parish family! We are excited to have you and look forward to growing in faith together. May God bless you on this new journey with us!

Penance Services - Prepare Your Hearts for Easter

St. Pius X will have two Lenten penance services to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. We will have several priests available for confession. The penance services will be held on Monday, March 23rd at 12:00 noon and again on Monday, March 30th at 6:30PM. Both will be in the church.

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

We invite you to join us in the Lenten devotion of Stations of the Cross. Come walk with Christ as we reflect on His journey to the Cross through prayer and meditation.

Fridays at 6:30PM

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

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.

Step Into Fellowship at the Men's Club

Looking for a place to connect, share a laugh, and enjoy good company? The Men's Club invites all men of the parish, 18 and older, to join us on Tuesday, March 17 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall for dinner and a meeting to follow.

Whether you've been with us for years or are stopping by for the first time, this is a chance to meet new friends, catch up with familiar faces, and be part of a welcoming community. Bring your ideas, your stories, or just yourself. There is a place for everyone at the table. We can't wait to see you there!



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School News

Students and staff are enjoying a much deserved week of Spring Break. We hope everyone is safe, healthy, and refreshed for a busy last few months of the school year.

God bless,

Mrs. Beth Hinojosa

Servant & Principal



ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

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Contact the School for more information about the Scholarship Endowment Fund.

St. Pius X Catholic School
Spring Market
April 25th
10AM - 3PM
5620 Gollihar - Parish Hall

~Spring vibes and Market finds~
clothes, home decor, accessories, baked goods and so much more.
Come Out & Shop Local

Have a blessed week!

Journey to Damascus

Journey to Damascus (JTD) is a 3-day Christian weekend for those who want to deepen their relationship with God, strengthen their faith, and experience true Christian brother/sisterhood. It is open to all denominations and centers on renewal through prayer, reflection, and community. JTD is for those seeking a stronger foundation in Christ and deeper unity with other believers. It is for those who:

- want to grow spiritually,
- need time away from distractions to reconnect with God,
- value community, faith, and encouragement.

The weekend is full physically, emotionally, and spiritually, so pilgrims should set aside outside responsibilities and come ready to be present.

The upcoming 2026 Weekend Schedule is:

Men	Women
March 19-22	April 23-26
June 18-21	July 30-August 2
September 17-20	October 15-18



Weekends are held at the OLCC Campus on Lantana and the Weekend Fees are \$225.00 (assistance is available for those with need). More information can be found at www.journeytodamascus.org or you may contact Bud Colwell @ 361-779-1971 or Michelle Ochoa @ 361-400-5473

Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 14th

5:30PM † Alejandro Salinas by Family

Sunday, March 15th

8:00AM Barbara West Andrews 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

Monday, March 16th

6:30AM Abel Anthony Martinez by Family

8:15AM Woodrow Maxwell by Greg & Lynn Gallagher

Tuesday, March 17th

6:30AM † Mary Pat & Albert T. Slavik by James & John Kelly

8:15AM † Gerald Higdon by Kirt Higdon

Wednesday, March 18th

6:30AM † Sharon & Tally Smart by James Kelly

8:15AM † Julian Galloway by Family

† Mary, John & James Kelly by KKH

† Epifano Hinojosa by St. Pius X School

Myra Gonzalez' Health by Christie Clark

5:30PM † Ronald Mikulik by Mikulik Family

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

† Anna Van Dijck by James Kelly

† Karel Soudan by James Kelly

† James W. Sr. & Helen B. Kelly by James & John Kelly

† Felix Van Hoof by James Kelly

Thursday, March 19th

6:30AM James W. Kelly III by James Kelly

8:15AM † Oscar & Gladys Phillips by Phillips Family

Friday, March 20th

6:30AM John Kelly by James Kelly

8:15AM † Elida Guzman by Phillips Family

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

Saturday, March 21st

8:15AM Liliane Van Hoof by James Kelly

5:30PM † Bienvenido Panaligan by Ciena M. Smith

Sunday, March 22nd

8:00AM † Angela Mangahas by Ciena M. Mangahas

10:00AM † Grace Sienna McFarland by Clark Family

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

5:30PM † Manuel Cirlos, Sr. by Mary Vasquez

Financial Report for 3/8/2026

Sunday Collection	\$	19,417.00
Sunday Online	\$	8,214.00
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Easter Flower Donation	\$	340.00
Filipino Santo Nino	\$	409.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$	28,420.00

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	473.00
AOC Bereavement Ministry	\$	1,000.00
Christopher Janosek Schol. Fund	\$	25.00
Emil & Marie Habeeb Schol. Fund	\$	25.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$	70.00
Other Contributions	\$	1,593.00
Total Contributions	\$	30,013.00

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Becky Aikens, 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, Ruben & Bertha Martinez, David & Rick McCabe, Jack McCord, Andra Megivern, John Miller, Oralia Mir, 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.

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