

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

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

March 22, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we move closer to Holy Week, the Word of God for this 5th Sunday leads us into one of the deepest promises of our faith: God brings life out of death. The prophet Ezekiel proclaims, "I will open your graves and raise you from them..." A prophetic promise of national and spiritual resurrection. This promise of new life reaches its fullness in the Gospel vision of the raising of Lazarus where Jesus Christ stands before the tomb and cries out, "Lazarus, come out!" A man who was dead for four days walks out alive. This is not just a miracle of the past, it is a revelation of who Jesus is: the Lord of life, the conqueror of death, and the giver of new beginnings.

We may wonder what does the "tomb" look like in our life? The story of Lazarus is also our story. Sometimes we are alive physically, but spiritually we are inside a tomb: a tomb of sin that binds us. A tomb of discouragement or hopelessness. A tomb of resentment or unforgiveness. A tomb of routine without faith. Like Lazarus, we may feel stuck, powerless, and unable to come out on our own. Yet Jesus stands before our "tombs" today and calls each of us by name, "Come out!"

How do we respond to this call? First of all, believe that change is possible. Martha initially doubts, "Lord, by now there will be a stench." But Jesus invites her and us to trust beyond human limits. No situation in your life is beyond God's power. Secondly, roll away the stone. Before raising Lazarus, Jesus says, "Take away the stone." God asks for our cooperation. The "stone" could be pride, fear, laziness, or refusal to forgive. What is the stone blocking your new life? Thirdly, hear His voice personally. Jesus does not shout randomly. He calls Lazarus by name. In prayer, Scripture, and the Sacraments, Christ speaks directly to you. Listen attentively this week. Fourthly, come out of what binds you. Lazarus comes out, but still wrapped in burial cloths. Jesus then says, "Untie him and let him go." Even after responding to God, we may need ongoing healing. Seek confession, spiritual guidance, and supportive community. Fifthly, become a witness of life. The raising of Lazarus led many to believe in Jesus. Your transformation can become a testimony that brings others closer to God.

Let's have a Lenten examination for the week. Ask yourself honestly: What "tomb" am I living in? What "stone" do I need to remove? Am I ready to hear Jesus say, "Come out"? Dear friends, Lent is a journey from death to life. The voice that called Lazarus out of the grave is the same voice calling you today. Do not remain in the tomb. Step out... into the light... into freedom... into new life. For in Jesus Christ, even death is not the end, it is the beginning of resurrection.

God bless you all,

Fr. Kurian Joseph



Who's Who

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The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Jason and Hester Rodriguez for your prayers for vocations this past week. Leo and Nicole Ruiz will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Sharon Morrison will be taking the Traveling Crucifix March 29 - April 5, 2026.



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.

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

March 19-22

June 18-21

September 17-20

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

Women

April 23-26

July 30-August 2

October 15-18

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.

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 22nd

1:30PM – Baptisms – CH

Monday, March 23rd

12:00PM – Lenten Penance Service – CH

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

Wednesday, March 25th

6:00PM – Religious Ed – CC1&2

6:00PM – Rehearsal – CH

Thursday, March 26th

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

Friday, March 27th

9:00AM – Lego Competition – CC1 & CC2

6:30PM – Stations of the Cross – CH

7:00PM – Catholic Daughters Soup Supper – PH



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.

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.

Parish Workday - Saturday, March 28th

All hands on deck to help decorate the church for Palm Sunday! We need lots of men & women, especially strong young men, to help prepare the church for Palm Sunday. We will be hanging red backdrops, hanging banners, setting up palms, installing 3 outdoor crosses, etc. Please join us for the workday on Saturday, March 28th at 8:45 am.

Easter Flower Offering

As we prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter, you are warmly invited to help beautify our church with flowers for the season. Those who receive monthly contribution envelopes will find a special envelope for the Easter Flower Offering included in your packet. If you do not receive envelopes by mail, Easter Flower Offering envelopes are available for your convenience at the church doors. If you would like to contribute in honor or in memory of a loved one, please return your donation to the church by **Monday, March 30th at noon** so that the donors' names may be included in our Easter bulletin. Thank you for helping make our celebration of Easter even more beautiful.

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.

Catholic Daughters Lenten Soup Supper

The Catholic Daughters of America #2460, Angels of Mary will be hosting a Lenten Soup Supper on Friday, March 27, 2026 at 7 pm at the parish hall. We will serve Soup, bread and salad. Come for the Stations of the Cross before we start Holy Week and stay for fellowship and soup. This is a great way to immerse ourselves in both prayer and fasting. You could also just come for soup. We hope to see you there.



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School News



Blue Jay Families,

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful and wonderful Spring Break. It was so good to see everyone return refreshed and ready to finish the second half of this semester strong. We were all greeted on our chilly Monday morning by Tom's

Coffee Truck, which was the perfect way to jumpstart our week. Seeing our students arrive with hot chocolates in hand was a fun reminder of the simple joys that make our community so special.

It was a busy and productive first week back. We want to make sure you are aware of some important opportunities:

- Tuition Assistance: There are two weeks left to apply for TEFA funds! We also have our Cycle I Tuition Assistance available. We encourage all families who are struggling with monthly tuition to apply. Catholic education is a gift we believe should be accessible to every family.
- PTO Nominations: Our call for PTO nominations is open until this Friday. Please take a moment to nominate someone for our open positions. Our PTO is a vital organization that supports our school in countless ways, and we are so grateful for their partnership.

We are also thrilled to share some exciting news from our latest EAC meeting on March 16th. The meeting was very fruitful, and I am happy to announce our new board members: Mike Quinn as our new EAC Chair, Daniel Cisneros as EAC Vice Chair, and Laura Mikulik as our new Secretary. Please join me in welcoming them and thanking them for their commitment to our school.

In between these meetings and projects, the heart of our mission has been on full display. I recently had the privilege of being "shadowed" for the day by two of our students, who served as principal and assistant principal for the day—a prize from our Read-a-thon fundraiser. As always, I cherish these moments of connection with our students. I see that same spirit of growth and joy in our basketball season, where our students are winning some, losing some, but most importantly, learning and growing together as a team. I am so proud of them.

Speaking of growth, we have wonderful news about our future! Praise be to God, we are currently at 96% registration and paid for next year's enrollment. To reach our goal, we need just about 10 more students to register, and I am confident we will get there!

Finally, mark your calendars for some upcoming fun:

- Spirit Night: Thursday, March 26th, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Peter Piper Pizza on Saratoga. We hope to see the whole Blue Jay flock there!
- STREAM Stars Event: On March 27th, we will be hosting schools from around the diocese for our STREAM Stars competition. We can't wait to show off what makes our Catholic school students so special. Be on the lookout for social media posts!

With a budget due to the Superintendent this Friday, a campus to beautify, and students to celebrate, it would be easy to feel overwhelmed. But today's reading offered a beautiful reminder: God will never forget us, and He is merciful.

As we move through this busy season, let's hold onto that truth. All the planning, the painting, the cheering, and the praying we do is woven together by a God who is always with us. He is present in the hot chocolate on a cold morning, in the hands that plant flowers on a Saturday, in the laughter at a Spirit Night, and in the bright eyes of a student principal for a day. It is in this flurry of activity that we see His mercy and grace at work, binding us together as one family, one community, under His watchful care. Thank you for being a part of this beautiful story.

God bless always,

Mrs. Beth Hinojosa

Servant & Principal

Have a blessed week!



Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 21st

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

Monday, March 23rd

6:30AM For Those Suffering from Addiction by Rick McCabe

8:15AM For Those Suffering from Addiction by Rick McCabe

Tuesday, March 24th

6:30AM † Anna Van Dijck by James Kelly

8:15AM † Ethel Butte by Reumuth Family

Wednesday, March 25th

6:30AM † Jane K & Florence Parra by Mark & Laura Kaul

8:15AM † Julian Galloway by Family

† Mary, John & James Kelly by KKH

† Ron Reumuth & Deceased Family Members

† Epifanio Hinojosa by St Pius X School
Mass of Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother
by Mary Vasquez

† Carl T. & Carmen E. Anasco by Elisa Anasco

5:30PM † Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

George Gongora by Paul Tisdale

Liliane Van Hoof by James Kelly

† Felix Van Hoof by James Kelly

Thursday, March 26th

6:30AM Abel Anthony Martinez by Family

8:15AM † Sharon & Tally Smart by James Kelly

Friday, March 27th

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

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

5:30PM † David Scherzer by Family

Saturday, March 28th

8:15AM † Ninfa King by Estela Phillips & Family

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

Sunday, March 29th

8:00AM † Jose Luis Suarez by Anita Suarez

10:00AM † Maxwell Horne by KKH

12:00PM James W. Kelly III by James Kelly

5:30PM † Roman & Luisa Arevalo by Family

Financial Report for 3/15/2026

Sunday Collection	\$	12,834.71
Sunday Online	\$	5,930.00
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Easter Flower Donation	\$	685.00
Other Donations	\$	155.15
Total Operating Revenue	\$	19,644.86

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	1,080.00
Black & Indian Collection	\$	320.00
Christopher Janosek Schol. Fund	\$	50.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$	863.00
Holy Land Good Friday	\$	20.00
Retired Priests Collection	\$	50.00
Other Contributions	\$	2,383.00
Total Contributions	\$	22,027.86

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, Pearl 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, LindaPark, 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.

I am the
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and the **LIFE**

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