

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

March 29, 2026

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

Dear Parish Family,

After weeks of walking the road of Lent, we now find ourselves at the goal of our journey. Today marks the beginning of Holy Week and it appropriately begins with the triumphal entry of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem. Traditionally, this event has been portrayed in the Holy Land with a procession down the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem, retracing the path that Jesus took as he prepared to undergo his passion. Sadly, this year the procession in Jerusalem has been cancelled due to security concerns resulting from war. Restrictions will likely impact the rest of the Holy Week and Easter celebrations in the Holy Land as well. Despite the impact on the celebrations in the land where Jesus walked, we, and most of the people throughout the world, continue to engage in the rituals of this season as usual.

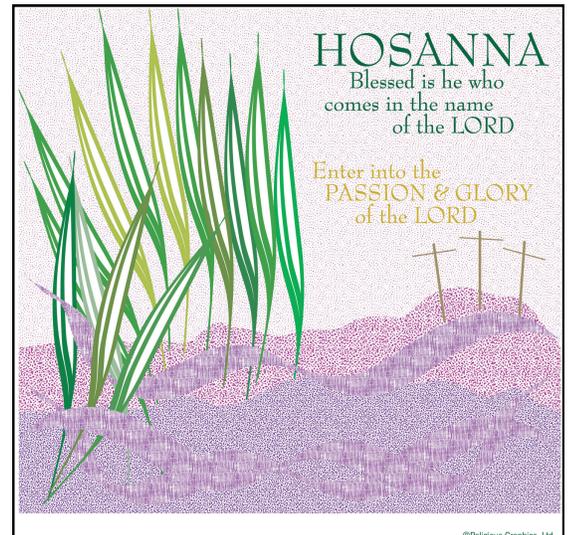
Since Ash Wednesday, we have been meditating on the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We have been engaged in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. A good number of you have been making the effort to come to daily Mass, including the early 6:30am Mass during weekdays. The lines for confessions have been long, numbers at penance services have been exceptional, and we have collected a significant amount of food for the food pantry. Many of the faithful have also been returning to the faith after having drifted away for a time.

This season bears much fruit in the lives and hearts of the faithful. It is always inspiring to see people take this season to heart. Even if many aren't totally faithful to their intended Lenten practices, they are nevertheless persevering. We people can often be fickle. We intend to carry out some form of penance during this time, but we often falter. That is a part of human nature. We have great designs, but we don't always follow through as we wish.

It was no different during the time of Jesus. All we have to do is look at the dual aspects of our Palm Sunday liturgy to see this. This is the only time during the year that we have two gospels. The first is at the beginning of Mass when we bless the palms. That particular gospel recounts Jesus' entry into the city. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, people were acclaiming him as their king and as a sign of respect, they waved palm branches and laid their cloaks down before him.

Just as quickly as they heralded Jesus while he entered the city, they found themselves turning away. The second gospel, the reading of the Passion, shows us that it didn't take long for Jesus to be apprehended and interrogated before the Sanhedrin. Not much long after that, he found himself standing before Pontius Pilate and paraded in front of a hateful crowd who called for his death.

During this sacred time, we enter deeply into the mystery of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. Through the liturgies, we experience the full gamut of emotions as we attend to the heart-wrenching condemnation of Jesus. We reflect upon the tenderness of Mary Magdalene as she anoints and dries the feet of Jesus. We are moved as Jesus washes the feet of his disciples, and we are shocked by the great tragedy of Jesus' death on the cross.



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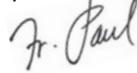
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Finally, everything gives way to joy as the news of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead is proclaimed at Easter! As we enter into this most sacred of all weeks, we can't help but see ourselves in the events that transpire. We have rejected the Lord. We have placed him upon the cross by our sins. We have risen with him as we are freed from our sinfulness through the sacrament of confession.

I encourage you to sincerely enter into the spirit of this drama that unfolds. If you have never been to the Sacred Triduum (the Masses of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter), I strongly encourage you to make this top of your list. There is nothing more fulfilling than walking the road with Jesus and seeking to conform yourself to him. Go to confession on Monday at the penance service. Renew your heart. Let everything give way to Easter joy!



Holy Week Schedule

Monday – March 30th

6:30PM: Penance Service

Tuesday – March 31st

10:00AM: Chrism Mass at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church

Holy Thursday - April 2nd

No Morning Mass

8:15AM - Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

6:30PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:00PM - 12:00 Midnight - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

11:45 PM- Night Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

Good Friday - April 3rd

No Morning Mass

8:15AM - Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

9:00AM - 10:00AM - Confessions

12:00 noon – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

6:30PM - Dramatic Live Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday - April 4th

NOTE: There will be no 5:30 pm Mass

8:15AM - Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

4:00PM - 5:00PM - Confessions

7:30PM - Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 5th

Masses: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00 noon & 5:30PM

11:00 AM – Children's Easter Egg Hunt

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

Chrism Mass

Chrism Mass will be held on Tuesday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m. at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, Pro Cathedral. Bishop Mario Alberto Avilés, C.O., will consecrate the Holy Oils used for sacraments throughout the year. These include the Oil of Chrism, Oil of the Sick, and Oil of Catechumens. Also, the priests of the Diocese of Corpus Christi will be in attendance and renew their vows of ordination. All the faithful of the Diocese are invited to participate in this beautiful Liturgy during the holiest season of the year.

Live Dramatic Stations of the Cross

Join us this Friday at 6:30pm for Live Dramatic Stations of the Cross in the Youth Center. The stations are a long tradition which has its basis in the ancient Church when people made pilgrimages to the holy sites where Jesus lived, proclaimed the Good News, and gained our salvation. Over time, people began to trace the steps of Jesus on the road to Calvary within their own churches. Join us in keeping this tradition alive.

Parish Office Easter Hours

Please be advised that the Parish Office will be closed in observance of the Easter holiday on the following dates:

- Holy Thursday, April 2nd
- Good Friday, April 3rd
- Easter Monday, April 6th

Normal operations will resume on Tuesday, April 7th at 9:00 AM.

Parish Decorating Workday

We need lots of volunteers to come help decorate and clean the church for Easter! Come out to our workday on Saturday morning, April 4th, at 8:30AM in the church. See you there!

Religious Education Stations of the Cross

Religious Education will be hosting the Stations of the Cross this Wednesday following the 5:30 Mass. All are invited to attend and join in prayerful reflection as we journey through Christ's Passion. We hope you can join us.

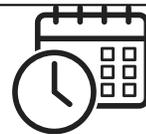
ST. PIUS X YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Monday, March 30th

6:30PM – Lenten Penance Service – CH

Wednesday, April 1st

6:00PM – Religious Ed Stations of the Cross – CH

7:00PM – Alhambras – Rec

Thursday, April 2nd – HOLY THURSDAY

8:15AM – Morning Prayer – CH

7:00PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper – CH

Friday, April 3rd – GOOD FRIDAY

8:15AM – Morning Prayer – CH

12:00PM – Good Friday of the Lord's Passion - CH

6:30PM – Dramatic Stations of the Cross – YC

Saturday, April 4th – HOLY SATURDAY

8:15AM – Morning Prayer – CH

8:30AM – Parish Decorating Workday in Church

4:00PM – Confessions – CH

7:30PM – Easter Vigil Mass – CH

Sunday, April 5th – HAPPY EASTER

11:00AM – Children's Easter Egg Hunt

The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Leo and Nicole Ruiz for your prayers for vocations this past week. Sharon Morrison will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Martin and Katy Gonzalez will be taking the Traveling Crucifix April 5 - 12, 2026.



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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Bulletin deadline for Easter Sunday
Monday, March 30th by noon.

Penance Services - Prepare Your Hearts for Easter

St. Pius X will have one more Lenten penance service to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. We will have several priests available for confession. The penance service will be held on **Monday, March 30th at 6:30PM** in the church.

Keep Watch With Us on Holy Thursday

It is an ancient and beautiful tradition for the faithful to keep watch with the Lord by spending time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday evening following the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

We invite you and your family to spend time in prayer at the church after Mass until midnight. This sacred time allows us to accompany the Lord in His hour of prayer and prepare our hearts for the solemn days that follow.

We encourage you to come at the time listed below according to the first letter of your last name, unless your schedule requires you to come at another time.

Let us come together in quiet prayer and devotion as we keep watch with the Lord.

A – F 9:00 - 10:00PM

G – M 10:00 – 11:00PM

N – S 11:00 - Midnight

T – Z 8:00 – 9:00PM

Invite Family and/or Friends to Church

Holy Week is a meaningful time to draw closer to God and to one another. As followers of Christ, we are called to make disciples and share His love with those around us.

We encourage you to reach out to family, friends, neighbors, or anyone who may not have a church home. Consider offering a personal invitation, perhaps even a ride to join you for worship during this sacred season.

If you know someone who has been away from the church for a while, invite them to take a step of faith and return. You never know how the Lord may be working in their life. Sometimes, a simple, personal invitation is exactly what someone needs. Let us come together this Holy Week in faith, hope and love.

Easter Sunday Children's Egg Hunt

All children 10 years and under are invited to join us for a fun Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday sponsored by the Youth Ministry Program. The hunt will begin after the 10:00AM Mass at approximately 11:00AM. Bring your baskets and come celebrate the joy of Easter with us. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

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.



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School News



Dear Blue Jay Families,

As we come near the end of the season of Lent and approach Holy Week, our students have been engaged in meaningful spiritual preparation. This past Monday, Father Paul, Father Joseph, and several visiting priests offered a penance service, providing students with the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. It is always a blessing to witness the peace on their faces afterward. They almost bounce with a lightness about them.

In a similar spirit of renewal, we recently held a campus clean-up day. While our group was small in number, their efforts were mighty, and our campus looks wonderful as a result. Thank you to everyone who contributed to helping our school shine.

Our students are also deepening their understanding of the faith through a Seder meal, which is being offered to all classes as part of our Atrium program.

Looking ahead to the next school year, we will have a 6th-grade teaching position available. I will be attending the TAMUCC Education Fair next week in hopes of finding a dedicated educator to join our team. Please keep the interview team and me in your prayers as we seek the right candidate for this important role.

In encouraging news, we have been averaging two to three new student tours per week. This is a wonderful testament to the strength of our school community. Our new Enrollment Specialist, Norma Salinas, has been working diligently to welcome wonderful new families for the upcoming year.

If you have not yet completed enrollment for the next school year, we kindly ask that you do so as soon as possible. We are beginning to order textbooks, and having an accurate enrollment count is essential to ensuring we have the necessary materials ready for the first day of school.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

God bless you always,

Mrs. Beth Hinojosa
Servant & Principal



Have a blessed week!

Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 28th

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

Monday, March 30th

6:30AM John Kelly by James Kelly

8:15AM † Lucille Maxwell by Greg & Lynn Gallagher

Tuesday, March 31st

6:30AM † Karel Soudan by James Kelly

8:15AM † Janelle Ballard by Randy & Jeraldine Sykora

Wednesday, April 1st

6:30AM † James W. Sr & Helen B. Kelly by James & John Kelly

8:15AM † Lowell & Alice Didear

† Deceased Members of the Didear & Darilek Families

† John Boyd by Lucy Boyd

† Laura & Alicia Ramos by Oscar Ramos

Spiritual Well Being of Dionel Johnny Garza by Parents

† Mary, John & James Kelly by KKH

† Julian Galloway by Family

5:30PM † Deacon George Phillips by Estela Phillips

† Barbara Mikulik by Wallace & Randy Mikulik

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

Liliane Van Hoof by James Kelly

† Felix Van Hoof by James Kelly

† Anna Van Dijck by James Kelly

† Sharon & Tally Smart by James Kelly

† Mary Pat & Albert T. Slavik by James & John Kelly

Thursday, April 2nd – HOLY THURSDAY

8:15AM MORNING PRAYER

7:00PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Friday, April 3rd – GOOD FRIDAY

8:15AM MORNING PRAYER

12:00PM GOOD FRIDAY OF LORD'S PASSION

6:30PM DRAMATIC STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, April 4th – HOLY SATURDAY

8:15AM MORNING PRAYER

7:30PM For the People of St. Pius X

Sunday, April 5th - EASTER

8:00AM † Daniel Serrato, Jr. by Deliea Serrato

10:00AM † Deacon George Phillips by Estela Phillips

12:00PM † Caroline Gonzales by Gonzales Family

5:30PM † Randy Havel, Doak & Josephine Russell by De Havel

Financial Report for 3/22/2026

Sunday Collection	\$	8,527.07
Sunday Online	\$	5,306.09
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Youth Building Challenge	\$	30.00
Easter Flower Donation	\$	740.00
Sunday Flower Donation	\$	60.00
Other Donations	\$	151.55
Total Operating Revenue	\$	14,854.71

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	363.00
Catholic Communication	\$	10.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$	5.00
Holy Land Good Friday	\$	5.00
Other Contributions	\$	383.00
Total Contributions	\$	15,237.71

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Becky Aikens, John Albertini, Ernie Albornoz, Bob, Kathy, & Tony Almendarez, Luis Alvarado, Danilyn Arevalo, Sugar Arras, Abby Arredondo, Missy O'Rourke Atkinson, Tamra Bacon, Manuel C. Balbin, Ann Marie Bazan, Georgie Benton, Bernice Berry, Lucy Boyd, 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, Martin 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, Della Swoboda, 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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