

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

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

April 12, 2026

Dear Friends,

Although I was pretty busy over the last couple of weeks, I had the opportunity to catch occasional glimpses of the news reports about the historic Artemis II moonshot. I watched replays of the launch, and then looked at those incredible photos of the earth, set with the moon in the foreground. I saw the solar eclipse from the perspective of the astronauts and the various views of the far side of the moon. I also watched clips of the descent of the spacecraft and its splashdown. All of it spurred memories from my childhood of the moon landings.

I was a mere 6-year-old when the first lunar landing occurred. Even so, I have some distinct images emblazoned on my mind of Apollo 11 and that historic moment. I was in the first grade at St. Pius X School when the Apollo 13 mission went awry, and I distinctly remember that all of us children prayed in communion with the whole world for the safe return of the astronauts. I remember the anxiety of those days and the joy when they finally returned to earth. The subsequent Apollo missions gave us incredible views of the surface of the moon, and we all marveled that mankind was able to break through the barriers of earth and set foot on our beloved satellite.

Those were incredible days that sparked fascination in me as a young child. Looking at the latest space adventure, I have not heard of any doubts that our astronauts accomplished this feat. It always struck me as odd, and outside of reality, that there were conspiracy theories that said we never really landed on the moon back in the late 60s and early 70s. Such theories claim that the lunar landings were all staged in a studio. I even remember a movie to that effect. I find it strange that anyone would even doubt that we were able to accomplish such a feat. I suppose there is always a strain in our humanity that is suspicious and easily susceptible to such claims. After all, there are so many other aspects of our lives that create doubt within us.

This weekend presents us with one of the greatest doubters of all time. His name is St. Thomas. He is so notorious that whenever someone suspects the veracity of anything, we call him or her a doubting Thomas. Thomas the Apostle famously doubted that Jesus had risen from the dead. He said, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” Can we blame him? If I had heard that someone I knew had been raised from the dead, I probably would have doubted too. Whoever heard of such a thing? Never had anyone come back from the dead!

Thomas often gets a bad rap for doubting the Lord’s resurrection. After all, he had no doubt witnessed Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. So why would he have so much trouble believing that Jesus was indeed alive? I can’t criticize him, because I might have felt the same way.

Most of us rely so much on validation of evidence to believe things. I think this is becoming more and more true in these days of fabricating reality. AI has changed and damaged our perception of things. Many things circulate in social media that people regard as true until someone points out the falsity of the report. I have to confess that I have had to point out on numerous occasions that what people post on social media is actually not true. Many people post things to match their ideology without doing the research to see if it is actually true.

So, we live in a time where the lines of reality are blurred because of erroneous propaganda. By the same token, this has probably been true in virtually every age.

In this age of a proliferation of manipulated images and reports, it is important to look for the truth. In the case of



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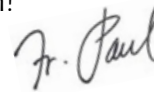
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Jesus, we can see the testimony of those who gave their lives to profess the truth in the reality of Jesus' resurrection. The apostles and martyrs would not have done what they did had it not been that they were convinced of the reality that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thomas has actually done a great deal for us because of his doubt. He doubted, but he received proof when Jesus appeared again and asked Thomas to touch the nail prints in his hands and the wound in his side. When Thomas did so, he believed and exclaimed, "My Lord and My God!"

His doubt and subsequent belief gives us permission to give ascent to the reality of the resurrection even though we often doubt. We see that Thomas became so convinced in the reality that Jesus rose from the dead that he travelled great distances to proclaim this very fact. He brought the gospel to the South of India, in the area where Fr. Joseph is from, and Christianity took root there because of his witness.

Let us truly believe. When the Eucharist is celebrated, we are called to believe that the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. Be strengthened in faith and believe in the reality that Jesus is indeed risen. He is with us in the Eucharist. We encounter him and we are fed by him. He offers us his very life for the good of our souls. This is more wonderful than even the journey to the moon!



CRS Rice Bowls

As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl to the parish office or donate online at crsricebowl.org/give. Thank You! Together, we changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl.

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 Martin and Katy Gonzalez for your prayers for vocations this past week. Hidalgo and Terri Salas will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. William and Rita Rodriguez will be taking the Traveling Crucifix April 19 - 26, 2026.



Prayers for Confirmation Candidates

Please pray for the candidates who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation here at St. Pius X. As they prepare to be strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we ask our parish community to support them through prayer and encouragement. May the Lord guide them, deepen their faith, and fill them with His grace as they take this important step in their spiritual journey. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Apply Now: Christopher Janosek and Emil & Marie Habeeb Scholarships

We are excited to announce that applications for the Christopher Janosek and Emil & Marie Habeeb Scholarships are now open! All graduating high school seniors are invited to apply. Applications can be found in the back of the church and on our parish website. Don't wait, submit your application and take the next step toward your goals!

Honor Your Mothers This Mother's Day

This Mother's Day join us in celebrating mothers, both living and deceased, through our Novena of Masses. Nine Masses will be offered to remember and bless the special women in our lives. Cards and envelopes are available at the church entrances. You may also use mailed envelopes or submit your intention online at spxcc.org

Coffee and Donuts Next Sunday

Mark your calendar! Coffee and donuts will be served next Sunday, April 19th, in the Parish Hall after the 8AM Mass until 11:45. Please 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



Sunday, April 12th

3:00PM – Divine Mercy Novena & Holy Hour – CH
Divine Mercy Reception After Novena and Holy Hour – PH

Tuesday, April 14th

6:30PM – Men's Club – PH
6:00PM – Acts of Charity – CC#1

Wednesday April 15th

5:00PM – Confirmation – PH
6:00PM – Confirmation – CH
6:00PM – Religious Ed – CC#1&2

Thursday, April 16th

6:00PM – PTO – Cafe
7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

Saturday, April 18th

10:00AM – Baptism – CH
1:00PM – Rosary, Funeral Mass – CH

Sunday, April 19th

8:00AM – Coffee and Donuts served after all Morning Masses – PH
1:30PM – Baptism – 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.



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Keep up on all the latest on our Facebook page. Go to our link at facebook.com/stpiusxcc

Bulletin deadline for next week
Wednesday by noon.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour, Chaplet and Reception

The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will take place at 3:00PM on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th. Then the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #2460 Angels of Mary invite everyone to a reception following the Divine Mercy Holy Hour. We invite everyone to come for food and fellowship.

Men's Club Meeting

The Men's Club will meet in the Parish Hall on April 14th at 7:00PM. All men ages 18 and older are invited to come and be part of a great evening together. A meal will be served at 6:30PM, so come hungry and ready to enjoy good food, friendship, fellowship, and plenty of laughter. It's a wonderful way to stay connected, find out what's happening in the parish and be part of something meaningful. If you're interested in helping or just want to spend time with a great group of men, we would love to see you there!

Acts of Charity Meeting

The Acts of Charity monthly meeting will be this Tuesday, April 14th from 6-7PM in CC#1. All parishioners are invited to learn about and participate in the ministries of Bereavement Lunch service, Monthly Donation Outreach, Financial Assistance, St. Rose of Lima Quilting, Emergency Food Donation and Home Visitation.

Advertise in the Parish Bulletin

Local businesses 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 week.

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

Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible School


We are excited to begin preparations for our upcoming Vacation Bible School. 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. We would love to have you come join us. For more information please email Mary Maldonado at mmaldonado@stpiusxcc.org.

Blood Drive, Give the Gift of Life


St. Pius X will host a blood drive on Sunday, April 26th from 9:00AM – 1:30PM. Donate blood and receive a long sleeve fishing themed shirt and a Longhorn Steakhouse coupon. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are available. Please consider giving the gift of life.

Welcome New Members

We warmly welcome Gabriel & Elizabeth Valdez, Phillip & Edna Monroe, Priscilla Salinas and Anabelle Zambrana to our parish community. We are truly blessed to have you join us and become part of our church family.



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School News



Blue Jay Families,

What a beautiful Easter week we have had together. We began with the Liturgy of the Light, and I want to thank Mrs. Cathy Harrel and Mrs. Bridget May for always providing such meaningful spiritual moments for our students and staff. Our teachers and staff returned to work to a fun surprise as well, thanks to our PTO, which sponsored \$150 worth of gift cards that were won by finding Jesus figures hidden around campus to celebrate the Easter season. It was a joy watching our staff race around searching for hidden treasures. A special thank you to all the parents who covered staff shifts so everyone could join in the fun.

With IOWA testing beginning next week, our Wake Up Wednesdays have concluded. Please take time to carefully read the note sent home explaining the IOWA test and how you can support your child's success. Students in grades 1-5 will be testing over the next two weeks.

This week, third grade enjoyed a field trip to the aquarium, an experience that will hopefully leave a lasting impression and might even spark an interest in becoming a marine biologist one day. Thank you to all the parents who helped with this endeavor.

We have officially posted two teacher assistant positions for the upcoming school year: one for Pre-K and one for Kindergarten, as Ms. Evelyn has decided to retire. We will deeply miss Ms. Evelyn, who has served our school and students faithfully for 15 years. We have also posted a front receptionist position and, of course, our 6th-grade teacher position.

Please keep me in your prayers as I travel this weekend to Notre Dame for a retreat with our Superintendent and our new 4th-grade teacher for next school year. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Education from Boston College and is currently pursuing graduate studies through the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program at the University of Notre Dame, with a background in education, athletics, and leadership development.

The ACE program is a prestigious two-year service and graduate initiative at Notre Dame, focused on strengthening Catholic schools across the country by forming highly effective educators, spiritual leaders, and committed community members. We are truly privileged to have been selected to participate in this program and look forward to collaborating closely with Notre Dame and the ACE community.

In closing, I like to think we can all see Jesus in the everyday life of our school, just as Father Paul spoke about today after the Gospel of Luke's story on the road to Emmaus. Let us take a moment to reflect on how Jesus is walking with us on our daily journey, right here, right now, at St. Pius X Catholic School.

Mrs. Beth Hinojosa

God bless,
Servant & Principal

GRIMALDI'S
CONCRETE BRICK OVEN PIZZERIA

SPIRIT NIGHT

Friday, April 24th, 11AM-11PM

Grimaldi's Pizzeria
5488 S. Padre Island Ste.1202, Corpus Christi, TX 78411

benefitting

15% of proceeds go to the organization!
Mention 'St. Pius X Catholic School'

*For by phone or online ordering, mention or use code 'SPIRIT' at checkout.

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!

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GOLF CLASSIC

BENEFITING ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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APRIL 27, 2026
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TEAM & INDIVIDUAL PRIZES

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Mass Intentions



Saturday, April 11th

5:30PM † Alfredo García, Jr., by Rosie García

Sunday, April 12th DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8:00AM † Ann Skrobarczyk by Al & Adelle Hesse

10:00AM For the People of St. Pius X

12:00PM † Alvino & Stella Campos by Family

5:30PM † Josephine Russell by De Havel

Monday, April 13th

8:15AM † Daniel Serrato by Deliea Serrato

Tuesday, April 14th

8:15AM † Else Hesse by Al & Adelle Hesse

Wednesday, April 15th

8:15AM † Napoleon M. Madali by Naida Hrdlicka

† Christopher Janosek by John, Debra & Brian

† Jeanne Kunkel by Paul, Linda & Family

† Mary, John & James Kelly by KKH

† Julian Galloway by Family

† Jim, Georgia Stillwell by Manuel & Lucy Ramirez

† Jose Zuniga by Family

5:30PM † Ronald Mikulik by Mikulik Family

† Maury Jarrell by Wyanette Jarrell

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

† Robert & Ninfa King by Estela Phillips

Janie Casanova by Mark Garcia

Thursday, April 16th

8:15AM † Monica Tann by Family

Friday, April 17th

8:15AM † Alejandro Salinas by Family

5:30PM † Ana Guerra by Dolores Saenz

Saturday, April 18th

5:30PM † Larry E. Lippencott, Sr. by Gladys

Sunday, April 19th

8:00AM † Mary, John & James Kelly by KKH

10:00AM † Buck & Jay Shaw by Frances Shaw

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

5:30PM † Randy Havel by De Havel

Financial Report for 4/5/2026

Sunday Collection	\$	21,250.75
Sunday Online	\$	7,868.00
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Easter Flower Donation	\$	1,096.00
Holy Thursday	\$	63.00
Vietnamese Community Easter	\$	2,500.00
Other Donations	\$	76.50
Total Operating Revenue	\$	32,894.25

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	510.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$	75.00
Christopher Janosek Schol.	\$	80.00
Holy Land Good Friday	\$	1,039.00
Retired Diocesan Priests	\$	25.00
Other Contributions	\$	1,729.00
Total Contributions	\$	34,623.25

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 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, Jack Schuett, Steve Schuster, Liz Sefcik, Anita Shirley, Alma Silva, Peter Siracusa, Rodney Sirius, Denise Sosa-Villagran, Mary Ann Starkey, Della Swoboda, Randy Sykora, Brandee Torres, Ernie Trevino, Sarah Urbanovsky, 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.

My LORD and my GOD!

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