

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

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

April 19, 2026

Dear Friends,

It is far too easy for us to reduce things to the realm of politics. Certainly this is what many people did when the pope advocated for peace in recent days. Lots of people took sides and pointed fingers at those at the other end of the political spectrum. It is very easy to fall into the trap of gauging everything according to political beliefs. However, the pope was appealing to a more transcendent exercise by proclaiming the need for peace. Naturally, peace is something we all want, and ideally, should be the priority even for those who live their lives according to the rule of violence.

The temptation to politicize everything and to view things from a limited earthly perspective is always a danger. Much the same thing happened in the time of Jesus. Some of the Jewish zealots, for instance, viewed faith from the perspective of the political. They were looking for a great military and political leader who would establish an earthly reign, which would usher in an era of peace and vanquish all enemies to Judaism. Could it be that this was the expectation that was the heart of the disappointment and disillusionment the two disciples felt on the road to Emmaus?

As those two disciples were walking along discussing the events surrounding Jesus' death, they mentioned that they were hoping Jesus "would be the one to redeem Israel." Were they looking for Jesus to be the worldly leader who would conquer and establish a new kingdom? It makes sense that they were bewildered by his death because they had high hopes that Jesus would be this kind of leader. His death was not at all what they expected. All their hopes were dashed when he was hung upon the cross.

Then Jesus appeared to them, although they didn't recognize him. He walked along with them and allowed them to "unload", in a manner of speech. He listened to them and allowed them to express their perceptions of the events, and then proceeded to enlighten them about the true nature of his death. He educated them about how his death was the fulfillment of the scriptures. He enabled them to understand that his passion, death and resurrection was a solution that transcended military might and politics. He came to transform the heart, which is more fundamental than any other remedy.

We are told that the hearts of those two disciples burned inside as he spoke to them along the way. What they were experiencing was an inner transformation as they began to understand with clarity. When they arrived at their destination, they were so taken by this fellow traveler that they invited him to stay with them. Notice that he allowed them to invite him in. He didn't force himself on them. They reclined for the breaking of the bread and suddenly, they recognized that they had been with Jesus during the entire journey!

It is so very important for us to realize that Jesus didn't come to establish a particular political structure that would bring peace, even though we may be tempted to believe as such. Jesus came to do something more transcendent. He came to change hearts. He came to call us to righteousness and holiness even in the face of persecution and upheaval. He suffered, died, and rose again so that we might not place our trust in earthly power that fades, but rather trust in that which is eternal. Ultimately, his purpose was to call us to recognize him and put our faith in him.

This does not exempt us from being engaged in the political process. It does not preclude us from voting our consciences. But we must ultimately see that God's divine plan supersedes all these things, and we must ultimately put our faith in Him.

The other thing that the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus teaches us is that we must be informed



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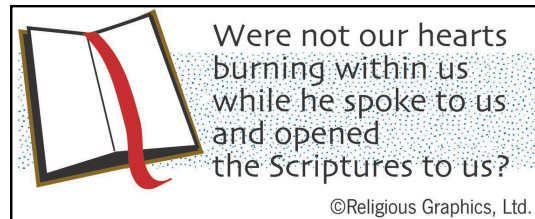
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and educated with regard to our faith. Ignorance does not make us more faithful. An understanding of the mysteries of God ignites the fire of love and makes our hearts burn for him. Along with prayer, it enables us to increase in faith and establishes a more firm foundation. Finally, we come to recognize Jesus in the Breaking of Bread. It is at the Eucharistic table that we are formed into a unified body, and we see Jesus more clearly. Let's never alienate ourselves from the Sunday celebration. It is in the Eucharist that we have life!

God bless!



Congratulations to the New Confirmandi

We joyfully celebrate those who were confirmed this past Wednesday, April 15th, by Bishop Mario A. Aviles, C.O. Through the Sacrament of Confirmation, they received the fullness of the Holy Spirit, empowering them to live their faith with courage, love and devotion. May this sacred moment inspire them to walk ever closer with Christ, guided by his grace, and may the Church continue to be a source of strength, hope and community in their lives. The parish community celebrates with them and keeps them in prayer.

Isabel Renee Alatorre

Alejandra Alvarado

Ella Kai Fritz

Lahla Rae Hagedorn

Joshua Christian Juarez

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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 Hidalgo and Terri Salas for your prayers for vocations this past week. William and Rita Rodriguez will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Ricardo and Alamar Verastiqui will be taking the Traveling Crucifix April 26 - May 3, 2026.



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 Served Today

Coffee and Donuts will be served today, Sunday, in the Parish Hall following the 8AM and 10AM masses and continuing until 11:45. Please join us before or after morning mass for fellowship and a sweet treat! Special thanks to the Catholic Daughters for their assistance.

Catholic Daughters Monthly Meeting

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #2460 Angels of Mary are having their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. It will be in CC#1 starting at 6PM with refreshments. All women of the parish 18 and over are welcome to 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 19th

8:00AM – Coffee and Donuts served after all Morning Masses – PH

1:30PM – Baptism – CH

Tuesday, April 21st

6:00PM – Catholic Daughters – CC#2

Wednesday April 22nd

6:00PM – Religious Ed – CC#1&2

Thursday, April 23rd

6:00PM – PTO – Cafe

7:00PM – Confessions & Adoration – CH

Friday, April 24th

8:00AM – Spring Market Setup – PH

Saturday, April 25th

8:00AM – Spring Market – PH

2:00PM – Wedding – 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

Bulletin deadline for next week

Wednesday by noon.

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.

Celebrating Our Graduates!

Bishop Mario A. Avilés, C.O. is hosting a fun celebration for all graduates on Sunday, April 26 from 11:30AM to 2:30PM. There is no cost to attend. It will be a gathering filled with food, games, music, and more. Students will have an opportunity to meet fellow graduates and learn more about Catholic Groups, including the Newman Center, to help them continue their faith journey after graduation. RSVP by April 20th. Spots are limited.

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.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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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.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Catechist Summer Formation Courses

Formation courses for Levels I, II and III are being offered in our diocese this summer.

- Level I, serving 3-6 year olds, will be held July 16-19 and 23-26, 2026. Formation leader is Mary Ellen Galvan.
- Level II, serving 6-9 year olds, will be held June 25-28 and July 9-12, 2026. Formation leader is Cathy Harrel.
- Level III, serving 9-12 year olds, will be held July 16-19 and 22-26, 2026. Formation leaders are Sandra McCutcheon and Cathy Harrel.

Courses will be held at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church. For more information contact Site Coordinator Cathy Harrel by phone (361) 960-5737 or by email jharrel1@att.net

Men's Club Meeting

The Men's Club will meet in the Parish Hall on April 21st at 7:00PM. All men of the parish, ages 18 and older, are invited to come and be a part of something meaningful that allows us to stay connected and know what is happening around the parish. A meal will be served beforehand at 6:30PM, so come hungry and ready to enjoy good food, friendship, fellowship, and plenty of laughter.

APRIL 15

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School News



Dear Blue Jay Families,

Today's Gospel reminds us that God gave us His only Son so that we might be saved and have eternal life. It is heartbreaking to see Jesus die so that we may live, yet it is deeply moving, especially as we celebrated Julian Galloway's birthday today.

Losing our 10-year-old student Julian last December was difficult for all of us. We felt it was important to honor him alongside his family here at school, surrounded by his friends. Immediately after Mass today, our students gathered in the prayer garden. We listened to a prayer, sang "Happy Birthday" to Julian with his family present, and placed a photo of him in our library, where he will always remain. At lunch, his parents, Lee and Monica, shared cupcakes with all the students. It was a beautiful example of love.

April and May continue to be very busy months as we approach the end of the school year. Please stay connected through group chats, emails, and social media so you don't miss any updates. There's a lot going on, and I want to make sure you're included.

Here are a few important upcoming events to mark on your calendar:

- 4/24 - Grimaldi's Spirit Night
- 4/25 - Spring Market
- 4/27 - Golf Classic
- 5/3 - School Mass
- 5/3 - First Holy Communion (2nd Grade)
- 5/4-5/8 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/5 - Sports Banquet
- 5/12 - Hooks Spirit Night
- 5/15 - Field Day / STREAM FAIR / Art Show (No Aftercare)
- 6/1 - Pre-K & Kinder Round-Up Day (10:00-10:30 a.m.)

Thank you for your continued support and love for our Blue Jay community.

God bless, *Mrs. Beth Hinojosa*

Servant & Principal

GRIMALDI'S
COAL BRICK-OVEN PIZZERIA

SPIRIT NIGHT

Friday, April 24th, 11AM-11PM

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

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15% of proceeds go to the organization!
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JOIN OUR SPX FAMILY

We are looking for passionate, dedicated individuals to join our school community. Be part of something meaningful—where community, faith, and student success come together.

NOW HIRING

Receptionist
(2) Teacher Aides
6th Grade Teacher

APPLY HERE

More Information:
www.stpiusxschoolcc.org

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

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SPIRIT NIGHT

AT THE BALLPARK
TUESDAY 12 MAY 2026
GATES OPEN AT 5:35 PM

CHEER TEAM ARRIVE BY: 5:45- 6:00 PM PERFORMANCE: 6:15 PM	NATIONAL ANTHEM SINGERS ARRIVE BY: 6:00- 6:15 PM ANTHEM BEGINS: 6:30 PM
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SCAN TO PURCHASE TICKETS

DISCOUNTED TICKETS
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Have a blessed week!

Mass Intentions



Saturday, April 18th

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

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

Monday, April 20th

8:15AM † Mark M. Stump by Naida Hrdlicka

Tuesday, April 21st

8:15AM Dolores Serrato by Deliea Serrato

Wednesday, April 22nd

8:15AM Sheree Perkins by Beth Hinojosa
Suzanne Roberts by Beth Hinojosa
Monica Tarin by Family

† Julian Galloway by Family

† Christina Dalrymple by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Hyde

† Gilbert Schanen, Jr. by Nancy Schanen

5:30PM † Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

† Deacon George Phillips by Family

† Oscar & Gladys Phillips by Family

† David N. Scherzer by Family

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

Thursday, April 23rd

8:15AM † Bill & Tomo Koch by Cherly Kershaw

Friday, April 24th

8:15AM † Agnes B. Fox by Jeraldine Sykora

5:30PM † Elida Guzman by Joe Guzman

Saturday, April 25th

5:30PM † Paul Koenig by Karen & Harley Day

Sunday, April 26th

8:00AM † John Boyd by Lucy Boyd

10:00AM † Jack Fodor by Mary Fodor

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

5:30PM † Jim & Georgia Stillwell by Manuel & Lucy Ramirez

Financial Report for 4/12/2026

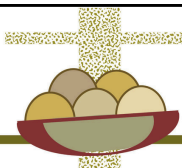
Sunday Collection	\$	13,341.65
Sunday Online	\$	7,231.00
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Filipino Santo Nino Mass	\$	363.00
Other Donations	\$	88.50
Total Operating Revenue	\$	21,064.15

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	253.00
Christopher Janosek Schol.	\$	50.00
Holy Land Good Friday	\$	393.00
Other Contributions	\$	696.00
Total Contributions	\$	21,760.15

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, Oralía 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, Jaime 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.



They knew him
in the Breaking of the Bread

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