

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

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

May 3, 2026

Dear friends,

In today's world, many people have houses but not homes, contacts but not community, information but not truth and activity but not peace. We live in a time of increasing hatred, loneliness, anxiety, division and spiritual confusion. Many hearts are restless. Families struggle to remain united. Young people search for identity. The elderly often feel forgotten. Even we faithful can feel uncertain and doubtful in a rapidly changing world. In this situation, the Word of God for the 5th Sunday of Easter speaks with power and tenderness that church emphasizes preferential options for the poor, church is a living house, and the world can find meaningful direction only in Jesus Christ. Let's ponder over the above topics on the basis of the readings of the day.

The first reading from Acts 6:1-7 teaches how to serve in difficult times. The early Church faces complaints and division because some widows are neglected. Instead of ignoring the problem, the Apostles act wisely and appoint reputable men to care for them. This is a timely lesson. Our parishes today also face challenges like fewer volunteers, busy schedules, misunderstandings, generational gaps and the needs of the poor and lonely. The answer is not discouragement, but shared responsibility. Every member can serve because the Church is a Living House. In the second reading, 1Peter 2:4-9, St. Peter calls believers to the living stone Jesus Christ and His mystical body, the church, and exhorts the faithful to build themselves into a spiritual house. The Church is not just a building we enter once a week. It is a living family made of people transformed by grace. Every baptized person has a place: children with their innocence, youth with their energy, adults with their responsibility, and the elderly with their wisdom. No one is useless in God's house.

Through the Gospel passage Jesus invites everyone, especially the confused and the worried world searching for direction, to Himself to find meaning and direction. Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled... In my Father's house there are many dwelling places... I am the way, the truth, and the life (Jn 14:1-12.)" Christ begins not with commands, but with comfort. He knows the fears of His disciples, and He knows ours too. He assures us that life is not meaningless, history is not random, and death is not the end. There is a home prepared for those who trust Him. Today many voices claim to show the way: technology promises solutions, wealth promises security, popularity promises worth, pleasure promises happiness, and leaders claim they are right. Yet many remain empty. Jesus does not merely show a way; He says, "I am the Way." He does not simply teach truth; He is the Truth. He does not merely improve life; He is the Life. When society loses its moral compass, Christ remains the sure path.

Therefore, this is an invitation for us to become more and more a spiritual edifice where the lonely find friendship, where children learn faith, where youth discover purpose, where the poor receive dignity, where families are strengthened, and where Christ is encountered in Word and Sacrament. The Church grows not



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only through programs, but through prayerful and generous hearts. Let us make some introspection and answer them sincerely with a heart ready to make changes. Is my home built on Christ or only on comfort? Do I help to make the parish a welcoming family? Where am I seeking happiness apart from Jesus? How can I serve one person this week? May Lord Jesus in a troubled world be our peace, in a confused world be our truth, in a divided world make us one family, and may we build our parish family into a living house of faith, hope, and love. Wishing you all a happy Sunday and God's abundant blessings.

Fr. Kurian Joseph

School Rummage Sale is Coming

Our parish school will once again be hosting an upcoming rummage sale. Proceeds from the sale will go toward replacing the school's original laminate countertops, which have faithfully served our students since 1966.

We will be accepting donations for the sale: Friday, June 12; Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, June 15-17. Please do not send in books or clothing; shoes are welcomed. Your contributions will help make this event a success.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support—we hope to see you there. You may contact Michele Stovall at 361-992-1343.

The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Ricardo and Alamar Verastiqui for your prayers for vocations this past week. Franny Davis will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Kathleen Baish will be taking the Traveling Crucifix May 10 - 17, 2026.



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

Volunteers Needed

The St. Pius X Bereavement Reception Ministry is in need of additional volunteers. Any adult, male or female, is welcome and needed. We serve receptions held after funeral services. The food is catered, so you do not prepare the food. You only serve the food, beverages and desserts and clean up after the reception. We contact you if help is needed. You can serve when you are able to do so and decline when you cannot. The time commitment is about 4 hours when you do serve. We need to expand our pool of helpers. Most receptions are in the late morning to mid-day. Most are weekdays but some are on a Saturday. It's a wonderful way to serve the parish and be a blessing to a family, as well as to yourself, by spending time with fellow parishioners in ministry. Please call the parish office at 361-993-4053 if you have interest or have questions about serving.

Thank you from the Coastal Bend Blood Center

The most recent blood drive hosted by St. Pius Catholic Church had a goal of collecting 12 units, but 14 units of blood were collected! This is the equivalent of 42 lives saved (remember, each whole blood donation can save up to three lives). Thank you for hosting a blood drive with the Coastal Bend Blood Center and saving lives in our community.

Bring Comfort and Christ's Presence to the Homebound

Looking for a meaningful way to serve? Join our Homebound Eucharistic Ministry and bring the joy of the Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to attend Mass due to illness, age, or disability. No special experience needed, just a willing heart.

- Share the gift of the Eucharist with those in need.
- Offer prayer, presence, and connection to our parish community.
- Flexible scheduling based on your availability.
- Training and guidance are provided.
- Safe Environment Certification (SE) is required.

If you feel called to this meaningful outreach or would like more information, please contact Deacon Lugo at deaconlugo@stpiusxcc.org or contact the parish office.

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, May 3rd

1:30PM – Religious Ed Prep – PH

2:00PM – First Holy Communion Mass – CH

Tuesday, May 5th

12:00PM – Cheer & Sports Banquet – PH

Wednesday, May 6th

7:00PM – Alhambras – REC

Thursday, May 7th

6:00PM – PTO – Cafe

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

Friday, May 8th

7:30PM – TAMUCC Student Rehearsal – CH

Saturday, May 9th

7:30PM – TAMUCC Student Recital – CH

Sunday, May 10th – HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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.



Follow us on Facebook

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.

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.

Bishop's Stewardship Appeal

This weekend we will be conducting the annual Bishop's Stewardship Appeal. The pledges and money collected go to support various ministries throughout the diocese, including Campus Ministry Programs, Catholic Schools, Evangelization and Catechesis, Family Life, Retired Priest support, and Vocations, among others. We pray that you will be generous to this appeal which impacts many people throughout the diocese.

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

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.

Acts of Charity

The Acts of Charity ministry is collecting for the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary in Lamar, Texas who are celebrating their 100th Jubilee this year. The Schoenstatt Retreat Center is in need of toilet paper, paper towels, toilet bowl cleaner, hand soap pumps, napkins, paper plates, plastic cutlery, non dairy creamer, ground coffee, pinesol, fabuloso, HEB or WalMart gift cards. Please place your donations in the designated bin in the back of the church or at the parish office. Please bring gift cards to the office. We value your continued participation and support as we continue to serve our community together.

Welcome New Member

We are pleased to welcome Michael Carlisle into our parish community. May God bless him as he joins us in worship, service and fellowship. Please join us in extending a heartfelt welcome to Michael.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Children are invited to come and experience a joyful week filled with faith, fun activities, music, and new friendships June 15-19. We are still looking for volunteers to help bring this special week to life. Whether you can give a little time or a lot, your help will make a meaningful difference. Registration forms are available at the back of the church, the parish office and spxcc.org. For additional information please email Mary Maldonado at mmaldonado@stpiusxccc.org or call her at 361-993-4053. We encourage families to register early.

School News



Blue Jay Families,

We successfully held our 23rd Annual Golf Classic, and what a beautiful day it was at the Oso Golf course, nothing short of perfection. God's masterpiece was on full display. There was rich green grass, a gentle breeze, and creatures all around, from turtles and birds to all kinds of butterflies. Players had a wonderful time, and both volunteers and players enjoyed great food and each other's company. A huge thank you to all our sponsors; without you, this event wouldn't have been possible. Be sure to visit our school Facebook page and golf page to see photos and sponsor shout-outs from this year's event. If you couldn't make it, we hope you'll join us next year. We had a fantastic turnout with 21 teams. Mark your calendars for next year's Golf Classic. It will be held on Friday, April 30th! We'll announce the total profit sometime in the next week or two, after the raffle and silent auction close.

This past Wednesday we hosted our graduating seniors and Blue Jay Alumni. They joined us for Mass, breakfast in the Blue Jay Cafe, and one final "graduation walk" in our prayer garden. It was such a blessing to see our past students. My favorite moment came when I took them into the atrium. All 24 of them sat in a circle on the carpet and sang "Temple of the Lord," a song they learned in Early Childhood. It made my heart swell. It was one of those moments when you just know God has placed you exactly where you belong. That, my Blue Jay Family, is everything.

I want to close with something Father shared from St. Catherine of Siena in his homily: "What you love transforms you into what you become."

My prayer for you and your children is that you love Jesus, always and forever. May we all become like Jesus, just as St. Catherine of Siena did. St. Catherine of Siena, pray for us.

Mrs. Beth Hinojosa
Servant & Principal

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More Information:
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Golf Classic Facebook Page



School Facebook Page

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

SCAN TO PURCHASE TICKETS

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Have a blessed week!

Mass Intentions



Saturday, May 2nd

5:30PM † Melanie Pena by Romie Arevalo

Sunday, May 3rd

8:00AM † Marites Galipot by Ciena M. Smith

10:00AM † Gilbert Schanen, Sr., by Nancy Schanen

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

5:30PM † Jill Kovar by Jackie & Phyllis Benesh

Monday, May 4th

8:15AM † Shauna Lachelier by Family

Tuesday, May 5th

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

Wednesday, May 6th

8:15AM † Lowell & Alice Didear

† Deceased Members of the Didear & Darilek Families

Rebecca Gilpin by Beth Hinojosa

Spiritual Well-being for Dionel Johnny Garza by Parents

† Julian Galloway by Family

† Ron Reumuth & Deceased Family Members by Family

† Jim & Georgia Stillwell by Manuel & Lucy Ramierz

Tim Casanova Health by Garcia Family

Randy Sykora by St. Pius X School

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

5:30PM † Bob Shirley by Family

† Claude Allen, Sr. by Gladys Lippincott

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

† Robert & Ninfa King by Estela Phillips

Special Intention to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Mary Vasquez

† 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, May 7th

8:15AM † John, Mary & James P. Kelly by KKH

Friday, May 8th

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

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

Saturday, May 9th

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

Sunday, May 10th

8:00AM † Eulugio Costante by Family

10:00AM Mother's Day Novena

12:00PM Mary Louise Mandujano by Johnny & Yolanda

5:30PM † Josephine M. Russell & Olivia Cardona by De Havel

Financial Report for 4/26/2026

Sunday Collection	\$	16,908.75
Sunday Online	\$	6,334.00
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Memorial Fund	\$	20.00
Sunday Flower Donation	\$	60.00
Other Donations	\$	30.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$	23,392.75

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	535.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$	610.00
Emil & Marie Habeeb Schol. Fund	\$	80.00
Retired Diocesan Priests	\$	100.00
Other Contributions	\$	1,325.00
Total Contributions	\$	24,717.75

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, Timoteo Casanova, III, 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, 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, Button Ruzicka, 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.

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