

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

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

May 24, 2026

Dear Friends,

A couple of decades ago, I accompanied a fellow priest who is a classmate of mine on a pilgrimage he organized to Lourdes, France. The final destination was a couple of nights in Paris. When we arrived, my classmate felt it would be a good idea to take a night tour of the so-called “City of Light”. We talked to the concierge at the hotel to see if he could charter a bus for our group to do this nighttime tour. The concierge graciously managed to book a charter for us. Because this excursion was so sudden, we didn’t have the opportunity to hire a guide who could point out the various landmarks and features of the city, so the hotel concierge instructed the bus driver to point to the highlights of the city as we rode. Mind you, the driver of the bus did not speak English. My classmate had me sit down in the front seat to interpret what the bus driver was saying. Just so you know, I do not speak French, so I had no clue as to how I was going to interpret anything!

The excursion got underway and very quickly the driver of the bus indicated a point of interest and called out the name. To be honest, it sounded to me like he had slurred some S’s and H’s together with a few vowels mixed in. I had no clue what he said, so I just told the group over the microphone in imitation of the driver, “He said that the building on the right was “Shvrshu.” Obviously I was speaking gobbledygook, but everyone broke out laughing! They all understood the quandary I was in. I am not sure the driver figured out why there was so much laughter. I wasn’t at all trying to make fun of him, but was just making light of a challenging situation.

Interestingly, after that I started listening more carefully. The driver pointed out several other sights and as I more keenly attended to what he was saying, I started to understand the names of the sights. My knowledge of Spanish helped me to pick up on the French words. We passed by the Arc de Triomphe, drove down the Champs-Élysées, spied the Eiffel Tower, the Cathedral of Notre Dame, and I even understood when he pointed out the location where Marie Antoinette was guillotined. I have to say that I was astonished at how much I was able to pick up. It wasn’t easy, but I nevertheless managed to understand. Was it the Holy Spirit? Perhaps to a certain extent. God gave each of us natural abilities that the Holy Spirit uses to accomplish certain tasks.

Today is the Solemnity of Pentecost. Not only is it the end of the Easter Season, it is a day of great joy. It marks the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the birth of the Church’s mission to proclaim the gospel. This is one of the most significant days in the church calendar because Pentecost was what gave impulse to the spread of the Faith.

Suddenly, the apostles who had been hiding away, burst out of the confines of the room in which they were gathering and started to boldly proclaim Jesus Christ risen from the dead. The Holy Spirit had poured forth upon them, and they began to preach. Those who had the privilege of listening to them each heard them in their own language. The disciples had no clue how to speak in foreign languages, but by a special movement of the Holy Spirit, they were able to be understood. This moment must have been even more remarkable than my simple little “miracle” described above.

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek word Pentēkostē, which means “fiftieth”. We have reached the 50th day after Easter. Pentecost was a Jewish tradition that initially was a harvest feast. Later it was linked to the covenant at Sinai. For Christians, the feast of Pentecost has a deeper meaning in which the New Covenant is no longer written on stone tablets at Mt. Sinai, but is placed in the hearts of those who believe.

In my Parisian story above, a language barrier was broken down as I began to listen carefully to the driver of the bus. The Holy Spirit unifies. It breaks barriers that separate people and cultures. In this way, the Spirit undoes what was



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done at the Tower of Babel. Babel was the occasion when human pride led to division. People no longer spoke the same language and went off in different directions because they could no longer understand each other. The Holy Spirit that came down at Pentecost overcomes boundaries. It eliminates pride and brings together.

We live in a world today that is incredibly polarized. The divisions are radical. We have allowed opinions about things that have closed the door to dialogue. Only the Holy Spirit can overcome such divisions. We can either be entrenched and avoid listening to the opposite side, or we can pray for understanding. Only once we begin to see that Christ calls every person and has endowed us with uniqueness can we see that God desires us to be one. This doesn't mean that we water down the truth. Instead, it means that if we listen to each other attentively, we can discover the truth together. Let's strive to love one another as Christ loves us. Let us pray to the Holy Spirit to unite us as one. Blessings!

The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Larry and Denise Hyde for your prayers for vocations this past week. Richard and Theresa Arizmendi will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Cheryl Martinez will be taking the Traveling Crucifix May 31 - June 7, 2026.



Scholarship Recipients Announced

We are pleased to congratulate the recipients of the Emil & Marie Habeeb and the Christopher Janosek Scholarships: Bryan Rodriguez, Juliana Purnell, Jonah Dulin, Katelyn Shull, Jessa Smith, Caden Pena and Abbey Sachanowicz. We are proud of their hard work, dedication, and achievements, and we pray that God continues to guide them as they pursue their educational goals.

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

Bereavement Reception Ministry Volunteers Needed

The St. Pius X Bereavement Reception Ministry is seeking adult men and women volunteers to assist with receptions following funeral services. Duties include serving catered food and beverages and helping with cleanup. No food preparation is required. Volunteer times are flexible, with most receptions held on weekdays from late morning to midday and occasional Saturdays. Service time is usually about four hours per reception. This is a beautiful way to serve our parish and support families during times of loss. Please call the parish office if you are interested or have questions, 361-993-4053.

Journey to Damascus (JTD)

JTD is for those seeking a stronger foundation in Christ and deeper unity with other believers. This 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. The upcoming 2026 Weekend Schedule is:

Men's: June 18-21 or September 17-20

Women's: July 30-August 2 or October 15-18

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

Father's Day Novena Enrollment

Honor your father, living or deceased, by enrolling him in our Father's Day Novena Masses. Enrollment envelopes are available at the entrances of the church. You may also use the envelopes included in your monthly mailing or enroll them online at our "Give" tab. Completed envelopes may be placed in the collection basket along with your regular offering, or you can bring them by the Parish Office. Join us in remembering and praying for fathers and father figures who have blessed our lives.

Feast of Corpus Christi

Sunday, June 7, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as the Feast of Corpus Christi. The Feast of Corpus Christi emphasizes the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist - his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It reminds us of the great gift Christ gives us in the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith, nourishing us with Christ's presence and uniting us as one Body in Him. For those of us who live in Corpus Christi, this celebration is especially meaningful, as our city bears the name "Body of Christ." All parishioners are encouraged to participate prayerfully in the celebration of the Mass and Eucharistic devotion. May this feast inspire us to grow in reverence, gratitude, and love for our Eucharistic Lord and to live our faith through worship, service and charity.

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, May 25th – Memorial Day

Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, May 26th

6:00PM – PTO Meeting – Cafe

Thursday, May 28th

11:00AM – Pre-K Awards Ceremony - CH

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

Friday, May 29th

2:00PM – Memorial Mass – CH

2:00PM – Reception – CH

Saturday, May 30th

10:00AM – Funeral Mass – CH

11:00AM – Funeral Reception – 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

The deadline for submitting bulletin announcements is **Wednesday at 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.

Faith, Fellowship and Film: The Chosen Movie Series

Join us this summer for Wednesday Church Nights! We'll be watching *The Chosen Movie Series* followed by a discussion.

When: Wednesday, 6:00PM-7:30PM, June – July

Where: Parish Hall

Snacks: Popcorn provided, bring your own drink

Registration: Call the Parish Office with your name and phone number to sign up.

See the story, feel the faith, share the moment!

Youth Ministry Looking for Volunteers

Youth Ministry is gearing up for a fun, welcoming, and engaging summer, and we need your help! We are looking for adult volunteers (18+) to assist with our Tuesday & Thursday summer recreation program (1–3 PM) for youth ages 11–18. No special experience is needed, just a willingness to show up, connect, and support our teens. Volunteers will need to complete a Safe Environment training through the diocese. Ways to Serve:

- Help lead or assist with games and activities
- Supervise and build positive relationships with youth
- Donate snacks or supplies

Even helping once or twice this summer makes a meaningful impact!

We are also actively building our Youth Ministry Team for the upcoming school year, and we invite anyone feeling called to serve to get involved. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Brandon Lutz in the youth ministry office.

Thank You!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated to the Emil & Marie Habeeb and Christopher Janosek Scholarships. Your generosity and support help provide opportunities and encouragement to deserving students as they continue their education. You are always welcome to begin donating for next year. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and commitment to our parish and community

Acts of Charity

The Acts of Charity ministry is collecting for the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary in Lamar, Texas. 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.

First Friday Healing Mass

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at Mass Friday, June 3rd, at 5:30PM. As is always the case, anyone may attend these Masses. However, only people who meet certain conditions should come forward for the Anointing of the Sick: a person who is elderly or whose life is in danger because of serious illness, may be anointed. Likewise, when a person is about to undergo surgery where there is danger, may receive anointing. A chronic condition or non-life-threatening illness does not necessarily meet these criteria unless their life is continuously in danger. As with any Sacrament, those who receive the sacrament of anointing must be properly disposed unless they go to confession first or are not in a state of sin. This preserves the true nature of the Sacrament of Anointing. Again, anyone is welcome to attend the Mass.

Office Closed for Memorial Day

The parish office will be closed Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, May 26, at 9:00AM.



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School News



Dear Blue Jay Families,

Last week, we had the pleasure of celebrating our students through a variety of engaging events. On Friday, we hosted our annual Field Day, during which students from all grade levels participated in outdoor games and team-building activities. Students were grouped across grade levels and enjoyed everything from tug-of-war to potato sack races. As a special surprise, we concluded the outdoor activities with a class foam party. Following the fun, students shared a picnic lunch with family members.

Later that day, students returned for our STREAM Fair, where they showcased impressive STREAM projects completed in class and participated in hands-on activities. The evening concluded with an ART show, in which students earned 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards across grade levels. We extend our sincere gratitude to artist Dianna Bluntzer, an SPX alumna, for serving as our judge. I want to thank Coach G, our Art teacher, Mrs. Coburn, and all the volunteers for their hard work with these events.

Looking ahead to next week, we are excited for our annual Move Up Day and all of our Awards Ceremonies. We take great pride in celebrating our students and their hard work. Wishing everyone a restful Memorial Day weekend. God bless,

Mrs. Beth Hinojosa
Servant & Principal

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Mass Intentions



Saturday, May 23rd

5:30PM † Msgr. Richard Shirley by Jackie & Phyllis Benesh

Sunday, May 24th

8:00AM For the People of St. Pius X

10:00AM † Gloria Gomez by Carlos Gomez

12:00PM † Alvino & Stella Campos by Family

5:30PM † Alene Koenig by Karen & Harly Day

Monday, May 25th

8:15AM † Christabel Jeanne Camacho by Family

Tuesday, May 26th

8:15AM † Bea Maldonado by Family

Wednesday, May 27th

8:15AM Jacob Maldonado by Family

† Bill West by Reumuth Family

† Don Shirley by Family

† Daniel G. Serrato by Deliea Serrato

† John Boyd by Lucy Boyd

† Mary, John & James P. Kelly by KKH

† Julian Galloway 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

5:30PM † Msgr. Richard Shirley by Family

† Frances Thompson by Jackie & Phyllis Benesh

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

† Deacon George Phillips by Phillips Family

† 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 28th

8:15AM † Marilyn Matula by Al & Adelle Hesse

Friday, May 29th

8:15AM † Alfred Hesse, Sr. by Al & Adelle Hesse

5:30PM † Oscar & Gladys Phillips & Elida Guzman by Phillips Family

Saturday, May 30th

5:30PM † Juan & Sara Zuniga by Family

Sunday, May 31st

8:00AM † Eulogio Costante by Family

10:00AM † Mary, John & James P. Kelly by KKH

12:00PM † Arturo Flores by Laura Flores

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

Financial Report for 5/17/2026

Sunday Collection	\$	12,031.70
Sunday Online	\$	6,153.00
Challenge - Youth Building	\$	30.00
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$	18,254.70
Other Contributions:		
AOC	\$	665.00
Catholic Communications Camp.	\$	49.00
Retired Diocesan Priests	\$	1,304.00
Other Contributions	\$	2,018.00
Total Contributions	\$	20,272.70

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Becky Aikens, John Albertini, Ernie Alborno, 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, Ruben Martinez, David & Rick McCabe, Jack McCord, Andra Megivern, John Miller, Oralia Mir, Fred & Vickie Mitchell, John Morgan, Sam Morris, Sterling Murphy, JG Musser, Sandra Nicolas, Jason Olog, Scott Olson, Ozzie Osborne, Linda Park, Tom Patterson, Joyce Pouncy, Joe Prejean, Derrel Puckett, Irma Ramirez, Tino Ramos, John Rank, Michelle Richter, Alexis M. Rodriguez, Petra Rodriguez, JoAnn Rosales, Jean & Hedy Rosenast, David Russell, Button Ruzicka, Dolores Saenz, Dora Salazar, Kimberly Salch, Sandra Salinas, Janie San Miguel, Rick Sanders, Arnold Santos, Adam Saylor, David G. 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, 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.

Invite Someone to Church!

In keeping with the theme of Pentecost, we are all called to share the love of Christ and invite others to church. We encourage you to invite your friends and family to worship with us. A simple invitation can bring encouragement, healing, and hope to someone who may need it.

If you know someone who has been away from the church, consider inviting them back. You never know how God may work through your invitation.