

# Saint Pius X

## Catholic Church and School

Solemnity of the Most Holy

Body and Blood of Christ

The Feast of Corpus Christi

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

June 7, 2026

Dear Friends,

Blessings to all of you on this great Solemnity of Corpus Christi! I never tire of mentioning that this is a very special day for us as citizens of the City of Corpus Christi and also as faithful who live in the Diocese of Corpus Christi. I can't think of anything more unique than to live in a city and diocese that are named after the Eucharist, which is the source and summit of our Faith!

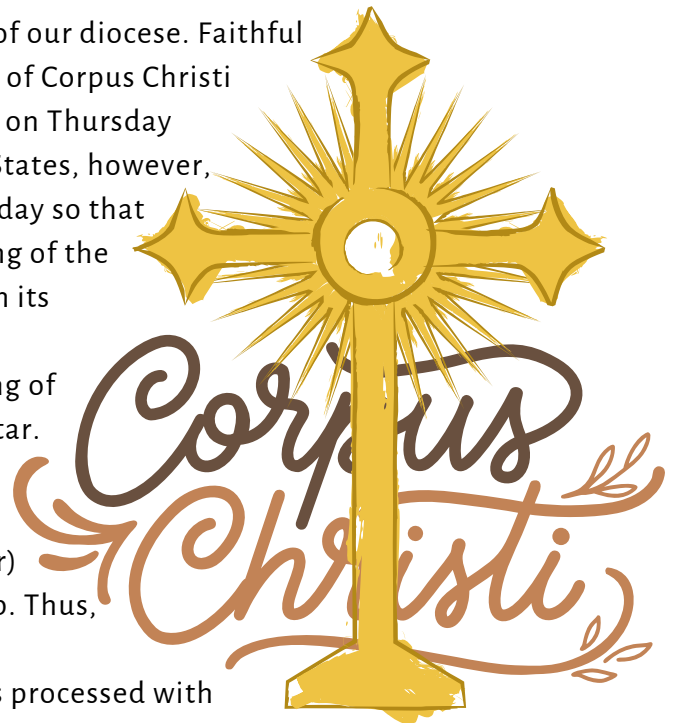
All too often, I think we take our name for granted. In fact, it has become a little too common to say "Corpus" to refer to our city. While it is understandable that abbreviating the name is a little easier, it somehow doesn't seem to do justice to the fact that our city is named after a sublime mystery. By now, virtually everyone knows that "Corpus Christi" means "Body of Christ". It is especially appropriate and fitting, particularly for us as Catholics, to use the full name to accentuate the dignity that is befitting of the Eucharist, and the fact that our city is named after it.

This past Thursday was a significant moment in the life of our diocese. Faithful people from around the diocese gathered for the reopening of Corpus Christi Cathedral. Universally, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi falls on Thursday after the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. In the United States, however, Corpus Christi is transferred to the Sunday after Trinity Sunday so that the majority of the faithful may participate. At the reopening of the Cathedral on Thursday, however, we celebrated the Feast on its traditional day.

It was a beautiful celebration, highlighted by the blessing of all the liturgical fixtures and the consecration of the new altar. The altar is consecrated so that it might be set aside solely for the purpose of worship and the Sacrifice of the Mass. Sacred Chrism is poured over the Mensa (the top of the altar) and spread over the entire surface by the hand of the bishop. Thus, the altar is consecrated for its sacred purpose.

Following the celebration of the Eucharist, Bishop Avilés processed with the Eucharist through the downtown streets, leading 400-500 people along the way. One moving moment was when Bishop Avilés stopped outside the County Jail and blessed prisoners as they were standing at their windows staring down and waving at the crowds below with the Eucharist. The procession continued back to the Cathedral where benediction took place.

As we meditate on the profound mystery of the Eucharist this weekend, perhaps it would be a good idea to have a refresher on this mystery. St. Gaudentius of Brescia (d. 410 A.D.) describes the Eucharist in this way: "This sacrifice is our sustenance on life's journey, by it we are nourished and supported along the road of life until we depart from this world and make our way to the Lord." He also says, "All priests throughout the churches of the world must celebrate these mysteries until Christ comes again from heaven." This is spiritual food for our journey to the eternal banquet in heaven.



## Who's Who

### Pastor

Very Rev. Paul A. Hesse, V.G.

### Parochial Vicar

Fr. Kurian Joseph

### Permanent Deacons

Deacon Salvador (Sal) Alvarado

Deacon Loni Lugo

Deacon Mark Arnold

### Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper

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Mary Maldonado

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Brandon Lutz

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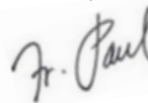
St. Gaudentius also uses another image. He describes the bread that is made by gathering together from the many grains of wheat in the flour and mixing it with water and baking it with fire. He states the members of the faithful make up one body of Christ "which is brought to maturity by the fire of the Holy Spirit."

St. Justin Martyr, during the first century of the Church, states "We do not consume the eucharistic bread and wine as if it were ordinary food and drink, for we have been taught that as Jesus Christ our Savior became a man of flesh and blood by the power of the Word of God, so also the food that our flesh and blood assimilates for its nourishment becomes the flesh and blood of the incarnate Jesus by the power of his own words contained in the prayer of thanksgiving."

We can see through Justin's words that the early church (the church of the first century) believed in the profound reality that the Eucharist wasn't merely a symbolic presence of Christ, but a real and true presence of Christ. Thus, for two millennia, there has been a consistent teaching about the Eucharist - that it is Christ truly and substantially present. Therefore, we must have utmost reverence when participating at Mass, and even more so when receiving the Eucharist.

To emphasize this reverence, when receiving the Eucharist, the faithful are asked to bow prior to receiving Communion. When the priest says, "The Body of Christ", our response is a confident "Amen". All too often, people barely even respond. Also, when receiving on the hand, be sure to make an altar with the hand. Place the dominant hand underneath, so that you can use that hand to place it in your mouth. By no means should we "take" the host from the priest. Communion is an act of "receiving" our Savior. Even better is to receive the Eucharist on the tongue after saying, "Amen." Whatever we do, it isn't appropriate to walk away and put the Eucharist in your mouth while walking back to your pew. Step aside, place the host in your mouth, then make your way back to your seat in the pews.

These simple gestures help reinforce the great reverence that should be afforded the Eucharist. Happy Solemnity of Corpus Christi!



### 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

## 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. If you feel called to this meaningful outreach or would like more information, please contact Deacon Lugo at [deaconlugo@stpiusxccc.org](mailto:deaconlugo@stpiusxccc.org) or contact the parish office.

## 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. JTD is for those seeking a

stronger foundation in Christ and deeper unity with other believers. It is for those who:

- want to grow spiritually,
- need time away from distractions to reconnect with God,
- value community, faith, and encouragement.

The weekend is full physically, emotionally, and spiritually, so pilgrims should set aside outside responsibilities and come ready to be present

The upcoming 2026 Weekend Schedule is:

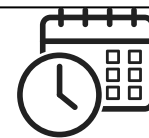
Men's: June 18-21 or September 17-20

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](http://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.



## Parish Happenings

**Wednesday, June 10th**

6:00PM – Church Movie Night – PH

**Thursday, June 11th**

7:00PM – Confessions & Adoration – CH

**Saturday, June 13th**

11:00AM – Baptisms – 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/stpiusxccc](https://facebook.com/stpiusxccc)

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.

## Wednesday Movie Night!

### A Question That Could Change Everything

*What if one question had the power to change the course of your life?*

Join us Wednesday night for Episode 2 of The Chosen. As new faces are introduced and lives begin to intertwine, the search for hope and meaning becomes impossible to ignore.

Come discover what happens when faith, doubt, and hope collide. You may find yourself asking the question: Would I answer the call?

Join us for Episode 2 of The Chosen this Wednesday, June 10th in the YOUTH CENTER.

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

**Where:** Youth Center

**Snacks:** Popcorn provided, bring your own drink

**Who:** Everyone is welcome, bring a friend

**Registration:** Call the Parish Office or just show up.  
*See the story, feel the faith, share the moment!*

## Invite Someone to Church

We are all called to share the love of Christ and invite others into fellowship. 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.

## Thank You from the Schoenstatt Sisters

The Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary would like to express their sincere gratitude for the generous donations provided by the parishioners. Your kindness and support are deeply appreciated. Additionally, the sisters have extended an invitation to all parishioners to visit their Schoenstatt Retreat Center in Lamar, Tx.

## 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.

We will be accepting donations on Friday, June 12 and Monday - Wednesday, June 15-17. Please do not send in books or clothing, but shoes are welcomed. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. We hope to see you there. Contact Michele Stovall at 361-992-1343.

## Holy Hour of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

This Thursday, July 11th, our parish will join the bishops of the United States and Catholics around the nation in consecrating the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We will have a special Holy Hour and Prayer of Consecration to the Sacred Heart at 7:00PM that day. We urge you to come and pray with us in conjunction with the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States.



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## Welcome to Our Parish Family

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Joseph and Cecilia (Cissy) Janosek, and Izzak and Lucy Bruce as the newest members of St. Pius X Catholic Parish. May their journey of faith be filled with joy, fellowship, and the blessings. Please join us in extending a warm St. Pius X welcome to our newest parishioners!

## Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Prayer Cards

As our nation prepares to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, Catholics are invited to reflect on the blessings of our country and to pray for its future. On Friday, June 12th, as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we unite ourselves with Catholics throughout the nation in entrusting our lives, our families, our parish, and our country to the loving Heart of Christ. In a time when our nation stands at an important milestone, we seek guidance, healing, and peace that can only come from Him. Through the Prayer of Consecration to the Sacred Heart, we place our trust in the Lord and ask Him to bless America with wisdom, unity, justice and faith. A beautiful prayer card containing the prayer will be distributed by the ushers. We encourage you to take it home and pray it regularly as we prepare for the celebration of our nation's 250th anniversary. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus reign in our hearts, homes, parish and nation.

## 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.

## Feast of Corpus Christi

Today, 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.

## Monthly Rosary Rally

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #2460, Angels of Mary, will have their monthly Rosary Rally on Saturday, June 13th at 10AM. June is the month dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Let us place our families, our nation and our parish into the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We will be praying in the parking lot. Please bring a hat, chair, and a friend!



## The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Cheryl Martinez for your prayers for vocations this past week. Peter and Alma Jones will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Luis and Kathy Constante will be taking the Traveling Crucifix June 14 - 21, 2026.



# Mass Intentions



## Saturday, June 6th – FIRST SATURDAY

8:15AM † Albert Kassner by Family  
 5:30PM For the People of St. Pius X

## Sunday, June 7th – THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

8:00AM † Bill Hennings by Joan Hennings  
 10:00AM † John Boyd & Max Almendarez by Lucy Boyd  
 12:00PM † Alvino & Stella Campos by Family  
 5:30PM † Jose Zuniga by Family

## Monday, June 8th

8:15AM † James Patrick Kelly by KKH

## Tuesday, June 9th

8:15AM † San Juanita Serrato by Deliea Serrato

## Wednesday, June 10th

8:15AM † Deceased Members of the Didear & Darilek Family  
 † Julian Galloway by Family  
 † Ron Reumuth & Deceased Family Members by Family  
 † Raymond Sykora by St. Pius X School  
 † Bill Yeager by Cheryl Brown  
 For the Incarcerated by Rick McCabe  
 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 † Gilbert Schanen Sr. by Nancy Schanen  
 † Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell  
 † Deacon George Phillips by Phillips Family  
 † John Woods by Cheryl Brown  
 † Faustino & Ruby Torres by Estela Phillips  
 † 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, June 11th

8:15AM † Anne Murray by Reumuth Family

## Friday, June 12th

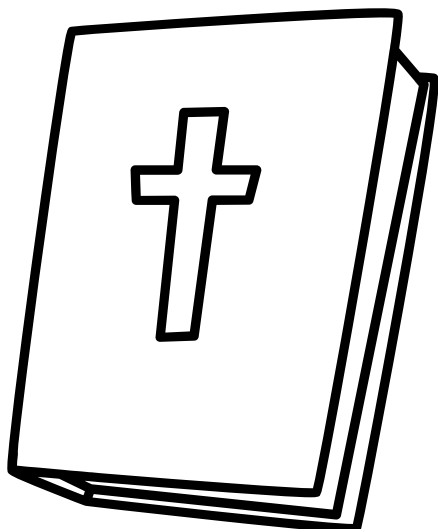
8:15AM † Alfredo Garcia Jr. by Rosie Garcia  
 5:30PM † Elida Guzman by Joe Guzman

## Saturday, June 13th

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

## Sunday, June 14th

8:00AM † Wayne Irvin by Family  
 10:00AM † Johnathan Palacios by Carlos Gomez  
 12:00PM † Rosa Linda Fernandez by Family  
 5:30PM † Mary, John & James P. Kelly by KKH



## Financial Report for 5/31/2026

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$	<b>9,254.64</b>
<b>Sunday Online</b>	\$	<b>6,045.00</b>
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Kenedy Foudation Matching Grant	\$	1,500.00
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	\$	<b>16,839.64</b>

## Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	484.00
Christopher Janosek Schol. Fund	\$	25.00
Emil & Marie Habeeb Schol. Fund	\$	1,080.00
Peter's Pence	\$	20.00
Retired Diocesan Priests	\$	120.00
<b>Other Contributions</b>	\$	<b>1,729.00</b>
<b>Total Contributions</b>	\$	<b>18,568.64</b>

## Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Becky Aikens, Norma Alaniz, 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, Carmen S. Barrera, 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, 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, Oralía 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, Frances Quinn, 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 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.