

# Saint Pius X

## Catholic Church and School

Thirteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

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

June 28, 2026

Dear Faithful Parishioners,

Have you ever accepted an invitation to go somewhere that you really didn't want to go, but ended up having a good time? Perhaps it was an invitation to a party, or a dinner, or a church event that you thought would be boring, but you found that you really enjoyed yourself and made a few new friends besides. Or maybe you were encouraged to try a new activity that initially you were apprehensive of, but it turned out to be a new obsession. Life can often be filled with opportunities that we turned down because we weren't interested, or because we were reluctant to give it a go. By the same token, life can also be replete with experiences where at first we may have been apprehensive, but because we took a risk, we ended up discovering a new passion. If we never try, we may lose out on something incredible!

Early in my priesthood, I went on a choir tour with the Cathedral youth choir to Colorado. A portion of the trip included skiing at Winter Park. I knew nothing of skiing, but the majority of the group was going to take lessons and hit the slopes, so I joined them, albeit with a bit of hesitation. I wasn't sure that I would be able to get the hang of it, and the thought of barreling down the mountain caused me no little anxiety.

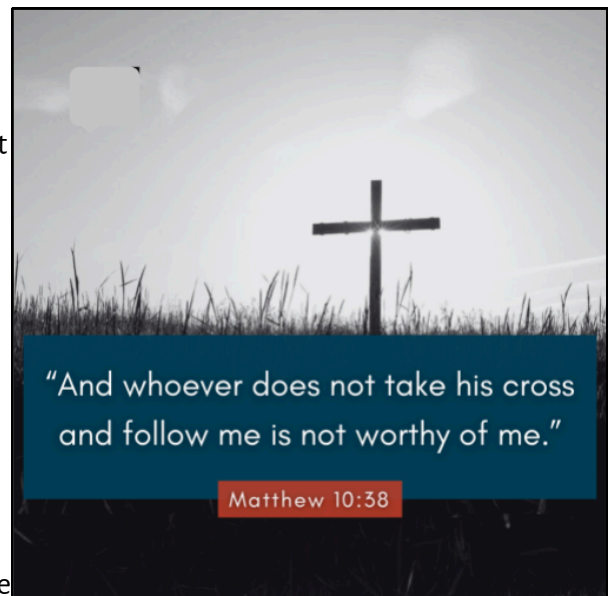
In any event, I braved the skiing lessons and took to the slopes. Once I got through some of the basics, I began to think that I might actually be able to ski. I still had a bit of trepidation about plowing into a tree or skiing off a cliff never to be found again, but I just forged ahead and gave it a try. I have to say that the first day was tiring, because I lost my balance a number of times and trying to get up from multiple falls proved to be exhausting. By the time the afternoon came, I resolved I would never go skiing again. It was just too much hard work.

However, once the late afternoon sun started to cast shadows through the trees, I doubled down. Someone took me under their wing and taught me a few techniques that changed everything. Something clicked and suddenly, I was zooming down the slopes with incredible facility and the whole experience became exhilarating. I was hooked! The commitment to the effort, despite trips after that. Now I count skiing as one of the most incredible things I have ever done. All it took was for me to commit, and to pay my dues by falling a few times.

There are so many experiences in life that we are reluctant to engage in, but once we commit to them, blessings come on the other side. It's all about being faithful and resolving to embrace whatever God has in store for us in the moment.

What we find in the gospel is a challenge to discipleship. A disciple is a learner. A disciple is someone who is willing to trust and to be open to what the Lord wants to teach us through any given experience.

Jesus' words are a bit intimidating. He says, "Whoever loves the father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves the son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." These are strong words. Jesus isn't telling us



## Who's Who

### Pastor

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Fr. Kurian Joseph

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that we should forsake our father or mother or son or daughter. What he is saying is that we must love him first and foremost and give our loyalty to him prior to anyone else. He is deserving of our love over and above all other loves.

He also holds up another huge challenge, which is to take up our cross and follow after him. The prospect of taking up a cross is not always the most attractive thing. On one hand, it sounds noble and good. We like challenges, and we like the idea of facing the hard things of life as a test of the resiliency of the human spirit. On the other hand, when we are in the thick of our crosses, they don't look as attractive as they did at first. For example, the idea of tackling an adventurous mountain climb sounds thrilling. The notion of facing such a challenge and proving ourselves by overcoming odds seems exciting. Yet, when we actually find ourselves cold, exhausted, and freezing from the wind and the elements, it loses its luster.

When I first took on the challenge of learning to ski, I did so reluctantly and very nearly gave up. But I persevered and discovered the outcome was glorious. God has good things in store for us if we accept his challenge. We just need to show up. God will do the rest. The Christian journey of discipleship is in many ways a long slog. We fall, we get up, we start over, we persevere, and we keep moving forward. We take our hits, but we don't give up. We embrace the cross, and we set our eyes on the reward. In the end, we will discover that it was all worthwhile. Sometimes we may be reluctant, but if we commit to it, we will discover that our hesitation was unfounded. The end result of our commitment is far better than we thought it could ever be. God bless,



### Parish Office Closed

In observance of Independence Day, the parish office will be closed on Friday, July 3. We will reopen on Monday, July 6 at 9:00AM. We wish all our parishioners a safe and blessed July 4th celebration.

### 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: September 17-20

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

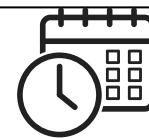
Weekends are held at the OLCC Campus on Lantana and the Weekend Fees are \$225.00 (assistance is available for those with need). More information can be found at [www.journeytodamascus.org](http://www.journeytodamascus.org) or you may contact Bud Colwell @ 361-779-1971 or Michelle Ochoa 361-400-5473

## A Call to Serve at the Altar

God may be calling you to come closer to the altar in the coming weeks. We will soon be sharing an exciting opportunity for our young parishioners to serve in a special way during the Holy Mass. Stay tuned for more information about becoming an altar server and discovering the privilege and joy of serving at the Lord's altar.

## Stewardship Thought - Time, Talent and Treasure

Summer often brings new opportunities to serve. Consider volunteering in one of our parish ministries. Whether you can offer an hour a month or several hours a week, your gifts help build up our parish family.



## Parish Happenings

### Sunday, June 28th

8:00AM – Coffee & Doughnuts served after all morning Masses – PH

1:30pm – Baptisms – CH

### Wednesday, July 1st

6:00PM – Church Night Movie Night – YC

7:00PM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

7:00PM – Alhambra's – Rec

### Thursday, July 2nd

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

**Friday, July 3rd – OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY**

**Saturday, July 4th – HAPPY 4TH OF JULY**



## 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.**

## Summer Faith Challenge

Don't take a Vacation from Your Faith!

As summer begins, we encourage every parishioner to remain faithful to Sunday Mass, daily prayer, and acts of charity. When traveling, check **Masstimes.org** to find churches near you where you can attend Mass. Also, consider setting a summer spiritual goal to read a Gospel, pray the Rosary weekly, or spend time in Eucharistic Adoration. As always, don't forget to support St. Pius X financially. Online giving helps assure us that we will have a consistent income during the summer months. Remember, parish expenses never take a vacation!

## Wednesday Movie Night!

*What happens when human resources run out? Jesus demonstrates that God's provision is always more than enough.* Join us Wednesday night as we continue our journey through Season 1 of *The Chosen* with Episode 5, "The Wedding Gift". At a joyful celebration in Cana, an unexpected crisis threatens to overshadow the festivities. As family and friends gather, Jesus is faced with a moment that will reveal His glory in a remarkable way. Witness the compassion, power, and love of Jesus as He performs a miracle that changes everything. This inspiring episode beautifully portrays faith, obedience, and the beginning of ministry that would transform the world.

**Join us for Episode 5 of The Chosen this Wednesday, July 1st 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!*

## Coffee and Donuts Will Be Served Today

Stay for a Sweet! Coffee and Donuts will be served today, Sunday, the 28th, in the Parish Hall after 8am Mass. Please join us for fellowship and a sweet treat!



Dear Parishioners,

We are overflowing with gratitude for the overwhelming support we received for this year's annual rummage sale. Your generous donations, time, and enthusiasm made this event a huge success.

A big thank you to the St. Pius X staff, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to prepare for this big event. From organizing the setup to ensuring everything ran smoothly, we truly appreciate your hard work.

We want to extend a special thank you to our incredible co-chairs, Peggy Didear and Michele Stovall, whose leadership and vision spearheaded this entire undertaking. We also want to thank Sara Villarreal, Theresa Arizmendi, and Joan Wanek for their unwavering dedication and help throughout the entire event. We are so blessed by your commitment to our community!

Because of everyone's generosity, we profited approximately \$8,400!

These funds will go directly toward replacing the classroom countertops and sinks that have faithfully served our students since 1966. We are especially grateful to an anonymous donor who has graciously covered a large portion of this renovation cost. We cannot thank you enough for your incredible kindness.

We also want to thank the Men's Club for packing up and dropping off the leftover items. This is always a tedious task, and they were so kind to help us ensure our event was wrapped up this year.

With the remaining proceeds, we are also looking forward to helping cover the cost of our new Science and Math curriculum this year, ensuring our students have the very best tools and resources for their education.

Thank you again for your generosity, time, and prayers.

You are truly the heart of our St. Pius X community!

God bless you all,

Mrs. Beth Hinojosa

Servant & Principal



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## 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.

## July, the Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

During the month of July, the Church invites us to reflect in a special way on the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ that was poured out for our salvation. The Blood of Christ is a sign of His infinite love and mercy, bringing healing, redemption and new life to all who believe. As we journey through July, let us give thanks for the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross and turn to Him in prayer. May we seek His mercy, live in charity, and remain grateful for the gift of our salvation.



## In Loving Memory

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pedro R. Pena, Sr., who passed away on June 11, 2026. We commend Pedro to the loving mercy of God and ask our parish family to keep his family and loved ones in your prayers.

## The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Thomas and Ana Cook for your prayers for vocations this past week. Rick and Angie Quiroz will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Rosie Garcia will be taking the Traveling Crucifix July 5 - 12, 2026.



## 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.

## Happy Independence Day

As we celebrate Independence Day, we give thanks as our nation marks its 250th birthday. We express our gratitude for the providential care of Almighty God throughout the course of our history and for the many blessings of freedom we continue to enjoy. We honor all who have sacrificed for our liberty, especially those who serve in the military and those in public service. Let us pray for our country that it may grow in peace, justice and unity. As Christians, we recognize that true freedom is found in conforming ourselves to Jesus Christ, who calls us to live in truth, love and service to one another. May this celebration renew our gratefulness to God and inspire us to be faithful citizens and disciples. May God bless our families, our parish, our community, and the United States of America.



# Mass Intentions



## Saturday, June 27th

5:30PM Father's Day Novena

## Sunday, June 28th

8:00AM Father's Day Novena

10:00AM † Carolina L. Gonzales by Gonzales Family

12:00PM Elsie Samperi by Mary Fodor

5:30PM Alan Benesh by Benesh Family

## Monday, June 29th

8:15AM Father's Day Novena

## Tuesday, June 30th

8:15AM Frank Baish by Family

## Wednesday, July 1st

8:15AM † Lowell & Alice Didear

† Ron Reumuth & Deceased Family Members by Family

† Julian Galloway by Family

† Anne Boyd by Mark & Barbara Kaul

For All Souls by Rick McCabe

† Frances Branning by St. Pius X School

St. Pius X & Cathedral Choir Members Living & Deceased by Rick McCabe

† Michael J. Lyon by Anna Maria Lyon

† Giancone Family by Anna Maria Lyon

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 † Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

† Deacon George Phillips by Family

† Benino & Emilia Garcia by Estela Phillips

† Mary, John & James P. Kelly by KKH

In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony by Mary Vasquez

† Brenda Del Rio 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, July 2nd

8:15AM † Neva L. Reumuth by Family

## Friday, July 3rd – FIRST FRIDAY

8:15AM † Jim & George Stillwell by Manuel & Lucy Ramirez

† Bill Yeager by Cheryl Brown

For Peace in the World

† Mucio Alvarado, Sr. & Dionicia Alvarado by Gonzales Family

† Clairene Higdon by Kirt Higdon

5:30PM † Deacon George Phillips by Estela Phillips

† Alfredo Garcia, Jr. By Rosie Garcia

† Barbara Mikulik by Wallace & Randy Mikulik

† Gilbert Schanen, Sr., by Nancy Schanen

† Gilbert Schanen, Jr., by Nancy Schanen

† Don Shirley by Family

† Rose Macias by Mark & Barbara Kaul

† María Graciela Alvarado by Marcela Guion

## Saturday, July 4th – FIRST SATURDAY

8:15AM Spiritual well-being for Dionel Johnny by Parents

5:30PM † Jay Francis by Jackie & Phyllis Benesh

## Sunday, July 5th

8:00AM † Bill Hennings by Joan Hennings

10:00AM † Vernon Krause by Judy & Bob Buchanan

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

5:30PM † Jose Zuniga by Family

## Financial Report for 6/21/2026

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$	<b>7,709.00</b>
<b>Sunday Online</b>	\$	<b>6,319.00</b>
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Challenge - Youth Building	\$	30.00
Memorial Fund	\$	220.00
Special Bequest	\$	500.00
Sunday Flower Donation	\$	50.00
Other Contributions	\$	115.10
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>14,983.10</b>
<b>Other Contributions:</b>		
AOC	\$	1,023.00
Retired Diocesan Priests	\$	60.00
<b>Other Contributions</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,083.00</b>
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16,066.10</b>

## 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, Carmen S. Barrera, Ann Marie Bazan, Georgie Benton, Bernice Berry, Lucy Boyd, 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, 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, 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, Wayne Schoen, Jack Schuett, Steve Schuster, Liz Sefcik, Anita Shirley, Alma Silva, Peter Siracusa, Rodney Sirius, Denise Sosa-Villagran, Mary Ann Starkey, Anne Suarez, 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.