

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

**Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

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

July 12, 2026

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

There is an oil painting in the priests' chapel at the rectory of the cathedral that is an incredible copy of the famous painting called “Christ Crucified” by Diego Velasquez. The original is perhaps the most famous religious painting in Spain and is displayed in the Prado Museum in Madrid. I first set eyes upon this excellent copy at the cathedral when I entered the seminary program and lived at the Cathedral for a year. There was something about the image that served as a moving meditation for me as I was beginning those first months of formation in preparation for my vocation as a priest.

Msgr. Shirley was in charge of corralling 16 of us young men and preparing us for the transition to the major seminary program. At night prayer, and at various other hours of the day, Msgr. Shirley would gather us into that chapel to recite the Liturgy of the Hours. That image on the wall before us always focused us on the sacrificial role to which we were being called: offering our lives in service of the gospel. I remember contemplating this beautiful work of art and felt something stir within my heart, and I developed a deep love for Christ and what he did for our salvation.

Fast-forward a few years into my priesthood. I had the opportunity to travel to Madrid and see the original painting in the Prado. I was even more mesmerized as I gazed upon the beautiful but simple image of Christ hanging on the cross after he had surrendered his spirit to the Father. The body of Jesus on the cross, softly illuminated by a divine light of holiness, contrasted with the deep, dark background amazed me and once again inspired me. It is merely a painting, but I somehow feel that God has used that image to touch my heart.

There were hundreds, upon hundreds of people who stopped momentarily and looked at the image and then moved on. Some stopped and admired the image for its artistic value. I, however, savored all the brush strokes, the use of light and darkness, and all the detail of the masterful work. More importantly, I contemplated the more supernatural feeling that was stirring in my soul. What was it that caused me to perhaps appreciate the painting more than many of the people who strolled by? I suspect that it was the grace of God working within me that caused me to respond the way I did. I ended up buying a beautiful print of this piece of art, which I now have hanging in my room in the rectory. Over the years, I have paused occasionally and meditated upon the image, even today.

When it comes to the Word of God, we all respond in various ways, according to the receptivity of our souls. Like the painting of Christ Crucified in the Prado elicited various responses from museum-goers in Spain, different people react to the Word of God according to the condition of their hearts. Some people might take offense at the Scriptures because they feel as though the scriptures accuse the sinful tendencies of



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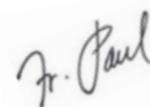
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their lives. The Word of God falls upon their stony hearts, and they immediately reject its message because they don't like the prick of their conscience. Some people may listen to the Word of God and be inspired in some way, but due to a lack of spiritual foundation, they quickly get distracted by other things and the inspiration fades quickly. Others may feel moved by the message of the gospel, but worldly allurements squelch the voice of God, and these rob them of whatever value they may find in it. Still others allow the Word of God to seep into their soul, and it takes root, and it grows and prompts them to seek more nourishment in a way that the gospel transforms their whole lives.

The gospel really hits home for us in this contemporary society. So many things easily interfere with the possibility of the Gospel taking root in our lives. With the relative ease of our lifestyles, we can often be shallow and lazy, and therefore, we do not allow the message of the gospel to really affect us. Social media, and many other diversions, can distract us and deprive us of the time we could give to deepening our relationship with the Lord through prayer and scripture. A persistent habit of sin can make our hearts stony so that we repel the grace that could transform our lives in a significant way. The gospel today invites us to see that each of these circumstances does not have to be permanent. If we open our minds and our hearts and persevere through diligence, the Word of God can flower in our lives and enrich our hearts in ways we could never imagine!



With Sympathy

We commend Martha (Mickey) E. Hardigree to the loving mercy of God and extend our sincere condolences to her family and friends. Mickey passed away on July 8, 2026. Please remember in your prayers Mickey and all who mourn her passing. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

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

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 or you may contact Bud Colwell @ 361-779-1971 or Michelle Ochoa 361-400-5473

Altar Server Ministry

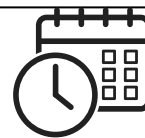
Boys and girls who have received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion are invited to consider becoming altar servers. Being an altar server is a special way to serve Jesus, help our priest, and take part more closely in the celebration of the Holy Mass. It is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith, learn about the Mass, and serve the parish community. If you feel called to this ministry, please complete a registration form, which can be found at the back of the church. We are currently working on scheduling training sessions and will provide more information in the bulletin as details become available. We look forward to welcoming new altar servers to this important ministry of service at Holy Mass.

Stewardship Thought

God blesses each of us in unique ways so that we can be a blessing to others. Every act of generosity, whether through our time, abilities, prayers, or financial gifts, helps share Christ's love and strengthens our faith community. Thank you for your faithful stewardship and for making a difference through your generosity.

Adoration and Confession in the Parish Hall

Make note that Adoration and Confessions will be in the Parish Hall this week, Thursday, July 16th at 7:00PM.



Parish Happenings

Wednesday, July 15th

6:00PM – Church Night Movie Night – YC

7:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

Thursday, July 16th

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – PH

7:00PM – Filipino Priest Concert – CH

Sunday, July 19th

10:00AM – Coffee and Donuts Served After Morning Masses – PH

1:30PM – Baptisms – CH

Coffee and Donuts Next Sunday!

Mark your calendar! Coffee and Donuts will be served next Sunday, July 19th, in the Parish Hall beginning after 8AM mass. Please join us for fellowship and a sweet treat!



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

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

This Week's Family Challenge

Read Matthew 13:1-9 together and discuss ways to make our hearts more open to Jesus. Do one hidden act of kindness for someone. Share one meal together without phones and thank God together for His blessings.

When traveling, check **Masstimes.org** for churches near you. As always, do not forget to support St. Pius X financially. Online giving helps assure that we will have a consistent income during the summer months. Remember, parish expenses never take a vacation!

Wednesday Movie Night!

Jesus is calling. Have you ever wondered what it would take to say "yes" to Jesus' invitation to follow Him? Are we open to recognizing His call in our own lives?

Join us for movie night as we continue watching *The Chosen Season 1, Episode 7, "Invitations"*. This episode focuses on Jesus calling His disciples and inviting them into a life of faith, trust, and mission. As we witness the beginnings of this community of followers, we are reminded that Jesus continues to call each of us by name and invites us to a deeper relationship with Him.

Join us for Episode 7 of The Chosen this Wednesday, July 15th in the Youth Center

When: Wednesdays, 6:00PM-7:30PM

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.
Come, watch, reflect and share!

Homebound Ministry Meeting

The Homebound Ministry will meet on Wednesday, July 22nd at 5:30PM in the Parish Hall. A light meal will be served. All members of the Homebound Ministry are encouraged to attend as we gather for fellowship, prayer, and discussion of this important ministry. This meeting will provide an opportunity to meet our new Homebound Ministers, share updates, strengthen our outreach, and continue serving our homebound parishioners with compassion and care. Your presence and commitment are greatly appreciated, and we look forward to seeing everyone as we continue this meaningful work together.

Meet the Men's Club

The Men's Club is a fellowship of Catholic men dedicated to serving God, our parish, and our community through faith, service, and friendship. Members work together to support parish events, volunteer for service projects, and strengthen the life of our parish while growing in their own faith. Whether helping with parish fundraisers, maintaining parish grounds and facilities, supporting special events, or lending a hand wherever needed, the Men's Club plays an important role in serving our church family. Beyond service, the club offers opportunities for fellowship, spiritual growth, and building lasting friendship with other men who share a commitment to Christ and His Church. All men of the parish, 18 and older, are invited to become part of this vibrant ministry. No special skill is required, just a willing heart and desire to serve.

The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Rosie Garcia for your prayers for vocations this past week. Tony and Martha Arnolds will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Jonathan and Michelle Rodriguez will be taking the Traveling Crucifix July 19 - 26, 2026.



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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.

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 Sunday bulletin.

Who Will You Invite This Summer?

Summer is a great time to invite someone to join us for Mass. Think of a family member, friend, neighbor, or coworker who might enjoy celebrating with our faith community. A simple invitation can open a door to a warm welcome and a deeper connection with God. Who will you invite this summer?

Don't Let Your Summer Be Boring - Join Youth Ministry

Looking for something fun to do this summer? Come be part of our Youth Ministry! It's a great place to meet new friends, grow in faith, have fun, and make memories that will last long after summer ends. Throughout the summer, we'll have exciting activities, games, service opportunities, faith-filled discussions, social events, and more. Whether you are new to the parish or have been here a while, there's a place for you!

Youth Ministry is more than just events. It's a community where you can be yourself, build lasting friendships, discover your gifts, and grow closer to Christ alongside other teens your age. Bring a friend and come see what it's all about! For upcoming meetings and events, contact blutz@stpiusxcc.org We can't wait to see you this summer!

Coastal Bend Blood Center Blood Drive

Help save lives by donating blood on Sunday, August 23rd from 9:00AM to 1:30PM at St. Pius X Catholic Parish. Our goal is to collect 12 units of blood. Every donation can make a difference for patients in need throughout the Coastal Bend. As a thank you, donors will receive a free T-shirt and a P.F. Chang's coupon while supplies last.

Interested individuals can visit <https://bit.ly/4ebHNfp> or call the Blood Center at 361-855

-4943 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are always welcome. *Thank you for your generosity and for helping give the gift of life.*

Welcome New Members

Please join us in warmly welcoming our newest parishioners, Jonic and Abby Mecija, and Randall Mikulik. We are blessed to have you as part of the St. Pius X Parish family. May God bless you abundantly as we grow together in faith, worship, and fellowship.

Mass Intentions



Saturday, July 11th

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

Sunday, July 12th

8:00AM † Bill & Tomo Koch by Cherly Kershaw

10:00AM † Salvador Mendez by Carlos Gomez

12:00PM † Alvino & Stella Campos by Family

5:30PM † Donna Tindall by Speed Family

Monday, July 13th

8:15AM † Robert Skrobarczyk by Al & Adelle Hesse

Tuesday, July 14th

8:15AM † Cathryn Belhasen by Benesh Family

Wednesday, July 15th

8:15AM † Deceased Members of the Didear & Darilek Family

† Maudine Prunty by Reumuth Family

† Mary L. Chesney by Carol Duque

† Henry Villarreal by Wife

† Mary, John, James P., & Margaret Kelly by KKH

† Julian Galloway by Family

† Ron Reumuth & Deceased Family Members by Family

† Frances Branning by SPX School

James W. Kelly III by James Kelly

John Kelly by James Kelly

Liliane Van Hoof by James Kelly

† Anna Van Dijk by James Kelly

† Karel Soudan by James Kelly

5:30PM † Norma Rivera by Gloria Cruz

† David N. Scherzer by Family

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

† Brenda Del Rio by Estela Phillips

Benito Silva III Health by Christie Clark

† 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 16th

8:15AM † Billy Kassner by Family

Friday, July 17th

8:15AM † Elsie Samperi by Mary Fodor

5:30PM † Mary Ann Cirlos by Mary Vasquez

Saturday, July 18th

5:30PM † Adelfa Mesa Torres by Husband & Family

Sunday, July 19th

8:00AM † Duane Read by Cheryl Johnson

10:00AM † Nancy Moser by Mary Fodor

12:00PM † Virginia Saenz by Dolores Saenz

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

Financial Report for 7/5/2026

Sunday Collection	\$	10,050.00
Sunday Online	\$	12,878.00
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Filipino Santo Nino Mass	\$	378.00
Other Contributions	\$	50.30
Total Operating Revenue	\$	23,396.30

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	544.00
Catholic Home Mission Appeal	\$	20.00
Christopher Janosek Schol. Fund	\$	80.00
Peter's Pence	\$	50.00
Solidarity Fund for Church in Africa	\$	25.00
Other Contributions	\$	719.00
Total Contributions	\$	24,115.30

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, 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 Sirus, 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.

