

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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

July 19, 2026

Dear Parish Family,

Why did God create mosquitos? Have you ever asked that question? It's a great mystery.

Imagine that you are out in the country watching the golden sun settling upon the horizon. Its glorious beams weave in and out through the clouds as they reflect hues of orange, yellow, red, and purple against the backdrop of the deep blue sky. You can't help but revel in the ecstasy of such a beautiful show of nature.

Suddenly, this glorious vision of great beauty is interrupted by a prick of stinging pain on your hand. You swat at your hand and then you hear the telltale high-pitched buzz in your ear, forcing you to wave your hands and arms about your head. Before you know it, you are swarmed by pesky little mosquitoes flying all around, and you start to prance around flicking your arms while trying to absorb the majestic scene you had been fixed on. Before you know it, you give up and flee for shelter. As you run, you start to cough and hack because Saharan dust has invaded your lungs - another thing to ruin the moment.

What started out as a glorious moment of awe turns into a cacophony of buzzing and flailing arms with gagging sounds from laborious breathing. Such is the condition of our lives. A moment of immense beauty is marred by discomfort. A glorious moment is ruined by being held captive by blood-sucking creatures and particulates in the air that constrict the ability to breathe. The blessing of rain sometimes comes with destructive flooding.

We live in a world of wild contrasts. It is a magnificent world, but it is also fraught with evil. Promising ventures end up having a caveat. A good morning run suddenly is marred by joint pains. A great day on the beach results in sunburn. A favorite sports team wins, but then loses.

The gospel this weekend presents us with the problem of good and evil coexisting with one another. The gospel does not provide us with an answer as to why evil exists alongside good, but it does offer us a view as to how to deal with it.

Continuing to utilize the rural imagery of sowing seed, Jesus tells us a parable about a man who goes out to sow good seed in his field. Someone evil then comes at night and sows weeds through the wheat. The crops grow and the weeds along with it. Rather than pulling up the weeds, the farmer allows the weeds to grow alongside the wheat. Otherwise, pulling up the weeds might also pull up the good crop.

There's no shortage of evil in our world. When we turn on the TV, we see so many malicious and awful people doing senseless things to others. We see corruption, fraud, immorality, insensitivity, ridiculousness, and any number of other evils. But we also see incredible good. We see rescue workers risking their lives to save people from the rubble of an earthquake. We see neighbors helping each other out during flooding. Others leave outrageously generous tips for a struggling waiter. Parishioners overwhelmingly donate to a charitable cause. Family members make amazing sacrifices to take care of a dying loved one.

At the beginning of this reflection, I asked the question: "Why did God create mosquitos?" We don't know.



Who's Who

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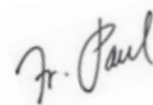
Parish Website

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However, we have to believe there was a purpose in it. We could also ask the perennial question: "Why does God allow evil to exist in the world?" We don't really know. Somehow, though, it serves God's purpose. We could ask God to remove all evil in the world, but the Master permits evil to exist alongside good so that somehow it can make us better people. Perhaps evil is connected to our own growth in holiness. It demands a response from good people to even greater heroic acts of good. In the end, it makes the good that we do much more glorious! Next time you find yourself confronting any kind of evil in your life, remember that it is an opportunity for you to step up to the plate with a more firm resolve to do good, so that it opens the door to a life where we are finally free from evil! God bless!



Want to Become Catholic? Interested in Learning More About Catholicism?

If you are an adult interested in becoming Catholic or want to learn more about our Faith, we are beginning inquiry sessions for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.). Join us after any of the Masses this weekend at the door leading from the church to the office. We will be happy to meet you and answer any questions you may have. Also, anyone who is already Catholic, but needs to complete their Sacraments of First Communion and/or Confirmation are also welcome!

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

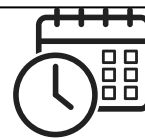
Weekends are held at the OLCC Campus on Lantana and the Weekend Fees are \$225.00 (assistance is available for those with need). More information can be found at www.journeytodamascus.org or you may contact Bud Colwell @ 361-779-1971 or Michelle Ochoa 361-400-5473

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.

Stay for a Sweet Treat

Coffee and Donuts Will be served today, July 19th, in the Parish Hall beginning after the 8AM Mass. Please join us for fellowship and a sweet treat!



Parish Happenings

Sunday, July 19th

8:00AM – Coffee and Donuts Served After Morning Masses – PH

1:30PM – Baptisms – CH

Tuesday, July 21st

6:30PM – Men's Club Meeting – PH

Wednesday, July 22nd

6:00PM – Church Night Movie Night – YC

7:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

Thursday, July 23rd

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

Saturday, July 25th

2:00PM – Wedding Anniversary Mass – 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

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

This Week's Family Challenge

This week, gather as a family and talk about ways you can be a "good seed" in the world. Choose an act of kindness to do together, write an encouraging note, pray for someone in need, or do a hidden act of service for a neighbor or friend. Even small acts of goodness help God's Kingdom to grow.

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!

What keeps me from bringing my whole life to Jesus?

Where is Christ inviting me to trust Him more deeply?

Join us this Wednesday night for the powerful *Season 1 finale of The Chosen*, "I AM HE." In this moving episode, Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well reveals His mercy, compassion, and love for every person. As His followers begin to understand who He truly is, they are invited to step forward in faith and trust His mission.

Join us for Episode 8 of The Chosen this Wednesday, July 22nd 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.

Men's Club Meeting Tuesday

The Men's club invites all men of the parish, ages 18 and older, to join us Tuesday evening in the Parish Hall. Start the evening with a great dinner and good conversation at 6:30PM followed by our meeting at 7:00PM. No special skills, no experience, no pressure. Just bring yourself and an appetite. Come see what the Men's Club all is about. We hope to see you there.

The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Tony and Martha Arnolds for your prayers for vocations this past week.

Jonathan and Michelle Rodriguez will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Mick and Betty Boudreau will be taking the Traveling Crucifix July 26 - August 2, 2026.



Share the Gift of Faith

This summer let's be intentional about sharing the joy of the Gospel. Pray for someone, reach out with love, and invite them to celebrate our faith together. You never know how God may work through one simple invitation.

Stewardship Thought

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that God is patient and merciful, allowing the wheat to grow alongside the weeds until the harvest. Good stewards trust God's timing and strive each day to bear the good fruit of faith through generous hearts, faithful service, and lives rooted in Christ.

TUTORING

By Mrs. G

(Retired Teacher)

361-854-9928

Elementary Tutor

Grades K-5

All Subjects

Spanish Tutoring

(All ages - All levels)



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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.

Looking for Something Awesome to Do This Summer?

Looking for a fun place to hang out this summer? Come join us at the Youth Center every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 – 3:00PM for games, activities, laughter and time with friends! This Summer Rec Time is open to all incoming 6th graders through graduating seniors. Come as you are, bring a friend, and get ready for a great time with plenty of fun, surprises, and opportunities to connect. For more information 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.*

PRAYER TO ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, PATRON SAINT OF PEACE

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord.

You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries.

In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ.

Amen.

Mass Intentions



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

Monday, July 20th

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

Tuesday, July 21st

8:15AM Juanita Ybarra by Family

Wednesday, July 22nd

8:15AM † Cecilia Mikulik by Wallace & Randy Mikulik

† Luisa Lopez by Delica Serrato

† Mark F. Higdon by Family

† Kolby Lee Perez by Rick McCabe

† Manuel & Maria Andres Gonzales, Sr., by Family

† Aurelia, Amador & Martha Flores by Gonzales Family

† Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Mary Vasquez

† Grant Pope Leo XIV Wisdom, Mercy & Reconciliation by Rick McCabe

† Julian Galloway by Family

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

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 † Ronald Mikulik by Mikulik Family

† Gilbert Schanen, Sr. by Nancy Schanen

† 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 23rd

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

Friday, July 24th

8:15AM † Clairene Higdon

5:30PM Mary & J.R. Jones 50th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, July 25th

5:30PM † John Harold Kelly by KKH

Sunday, July 26th

8:00AM † Anita Vallejo by Anita Suarez

10:00AM For the People of St. Pius X

12:00PM † John Boyd by Lucy Boyd

5:30PM David Russell by De Havel

Financial Report for 7/12/2026

Sunday Collection	\$	13,404.75
Sunday Online	\$	5,570.00
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Other Contributions	\$	181.45
Total Operating Revenue	\$	19,196.20

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	278.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$	25.00
Christopher Janosek Schol. Fund	\$	50.00
Peter's Pence	\$	20.00
Retired Diocesan Priests	\$	25.00
Solidarity Fund for Church in Africa	\$	10.00
Other Contributions	\$	408.00
Total Contributions	\$	19,604.20

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, Alfred Hesse, 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.

