

# Saint Pius X

## Catholic Church and School

Seventeenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

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

July 26, 2026

Dear Parish Family,

Have you ever noticed that when you are looking for something, you often find it in a place that you least expected? Along the same line, have you ever searched for something important and turned the house upside down, only to find it exactly where you first expected it to be? That's the way it often is with many of life's pursuits.

With my busy schedule, I often find myself setting things down in a rush after returning from a meeting at the chancery or finishing an appointment here at the parish. I move on to the next obligation or rush off to offer Mass. In the process, I sometimes lose track of things. When I need to get back to some of those items I ask, "now where did I put those papers?"

When I first moved to the rectory here at the parish, I found myself living out of boxes in the guest room for several days while my bedroom was being prepared for me. Msgr. Shirley had arranged for a painter to repaint the pastor's quarters, but it still wasn't quite ready. I didn't want to unpack all my boxes only to have to repack them again once my room was finished. So I managed with only those items I really needed. Nevertheless, I found myself rummaging through stacks of boxes to find things I had packed away during the transferral process. The first quest was for toiletries. I didn't want to begin my time here leaving people with the impression that I don't practice good hygiene, so I immediately set myself upon the task of looking for basic things like shampoo, toothpaste, soap, and the like. Fortunately, I had kept these things together, so my mission was accomplished rather quickly.

The next few days precipitated other hunts. There were books and other resources that had to be located. There were letters and correspondence that had to be found. To my amazement, I always seemed to open the right box and find precisely what I was searching for without much effort.

There was, however, one day that I needed to find a particular document in a file that I thought I had placed in a convenient location. It was a rather important file that needed to be dealt with quickly and, for once, I found myself stumped. I dug through several boxes and couldn't seem to find what I was looking for. I knew I had brought it along with me, but for the life of me, I couldn't find it. I took to rummaging through most of my boxes several times before I went back to the first box I had searched. Lo and behold, I found it buried in the original box I had searched through!

The Scriptures today speak of the kingdom of heaven being analogous to a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and then proceeds to sell all his possessions to obtain it. The gospel also likens the kingdom of heaven to a merchant's search for fine pearls. The merchant sells everything in order to buy this



## 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

### Director of Religious Education & Adult Faith Formation

Mary Maldonado

### Director of Youth Ministry

Brandon Lutz

### Music Minister

Michael Mullins

### 5:30pm Mass Band Leader

### School Principal

Beth Hinojosa

361.992.1343

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Ernie Pena, Jose Vasquez,

Yolanda Villarreal

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### Parish Website

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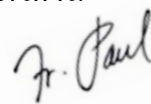
### School Website

www.stpiusxschoolcc.org

pearl of great price.

So often, we don't realize the true treasure we have right under our very noses. We wander to and fro through life looking for something to make us happy. We rummage through all sorts of experiences in life, hoping to find what our hearts really want. Sometimes we can become frantic in our search. Many times we look in all the wrong places. Then a chance moment of silence, or a difficult struggle leads us to realize where our true treasure is. It's not something we need to climb the highest heights or go to the farthest limits of the earth to find. It is right in our heart. Our true treasure is a relationship with the Lord. We should be willing to do whatever it takes to have him in our life. Nothing matches the value of his love.

The Lord is the "pearl of great price". Let's do everything in our power to possess that pearl - because that pearl is worth it!



### 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*

## Altar Server Ministry

Have you been thinking about becoming an altar server? There's still time to join this wonderful ministry! Registration forms are available at the back of the church. Simply pick one up, complete it, and return it to the parish office, place it in the collection basket, or give it to one of the ushers or Deacons after Mass. Please return it as soon as possible. If you've already completed your form, thank you! We are currently preparing a training schedule for our new altar servers and will be in touch soon with a meeting and training dates. We look forward to welcoming you to this important ministry.

## We're Glad You're Here

We extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to the newest members of St. Pius X family. Please join us in welcoming: Alexis Rodriguez, Paul Nguyen and son Mylo; Samuel and Leeza Morales and their children, Roman and Natalie; and Dr. Paul Heath, his wife Mallory and their son, Paul. We are grateful that God has led you to our parish and pray that you will find friendship, encouragement, and many opportunities to grow in faith as part of our church family. Welcome!

## The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Jonathan and Michelle Rodriguez for your prayers for vocations this past week. Mick and Betty Boudreau will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Bert and Beth Ramos will be taking the Traveling Crucifix August 2 - 9, 2026.



## This Week's Family Challenge

This week set aside a few minutes to gather as a family and have each person share one blessing they received this week and one way they experienced God's love. Choose one act of generosity to do together. Visit someone who is lonely, donate to someone in need, or spend extra time praying for someone who might need encouragement. Let your love become a treasure that points others to Christ. When traveling, check **Masstimes.org** for churches near you. As always, do not forget to support St. Pius X financially through online giving that helps assure that we will have a consistent income during this summer months.

## Stewardship Thought

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that the Kingdom of God is the greatest treasure we can ever possess. Good stewards recognize that everything we have is a gift from God and joyfully place Him first in their lives. When we treasure Christ above all else, we naturally share our time, talents, and resources in grateful service to God and to one another.



## Parish Happenings

### Wednesday, July 29th

6:00PM – Church Night Movie Night – YC

7:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

### Thursday, July 30th

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

### Saturday, Aug 1st

1:30PM – Baptism – CH

### Sunday, Aug 2nd

1:30PM – Baptism – CH

### 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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## 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](https://facebook.com/stpiusxc)

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

## Mass Intentions



### 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

### Monday, July 27th

8:15AM † Christina Dalrymple by Mr. & Mr. Lawrence Hyde

### Tuesday, July 28th

8:15AM Marty Maldonado

### Wednesday, July 29th

8:15AM † Lionel DeCoud by Reumuth Family

† Patricia Baish Gore by Family

† Julian Galloway by Family

† Vivian Shelander by Helen Shelander

† Charlie Davidson, Jr. by Deacon Loni Lugo

† Jim & Georgia Stillwell by Manuel & Lucy Ramirez

† Luis A. Lopez by Delica Serrato

For the church's ministries that they be conciliatory  
stewards by Rick McCabe

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 † Gilbert Schanen, Jr. by Nancy Schanen

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

† 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

† Benito & Emilia by Estela Phillips

† Frances Branning by Beck Urbanovsky

† 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 30th

8:15AM Wayne Schoen by Mr. & Mrs. Rainey

### Friday, July 31st

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

5:30PM † Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

### Saturday, Aug 1st – FIRST SATURDAY

8:15AM † Penny Pacheco by Randy & Jeraldine Sykora

5:30PM † Mario Lopez by Pearl Lopez

### Sunday, Aug 2nd

8:00AM † Jose Zuniga by Family

10:00AM † Kimberly Hofstede by Bob & Judy Buchanan

12:00PM † Stella Campos by Family

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

## Financial Report for 7/19/2026

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|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Sunday Collection              | \$        | 9,497.99         |
| Sunday Online                  | \$        | 5,472.00         |
| GOF (Other)                    | \$        | 80.00            |
| Challenge - Youth Building     | \$        | 30.00            |
| Other Contributions            | \$        | 79.55            |
| <b>Total Operating Revenue</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>15,159.54</b> |

### Other Contributions:

|                                      |           |                  |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| AOC                                  | \$        | 618.00           |
| Solidarity Fund for Church in Africa | \$        | 195.00           |
| <b>Other Contributions</b>           | <b>\$</b> | <b>813.00</b>    |
| <b>Total Contributions</b>           | <b>\$</b> | <b>15,972.54</b> |

### 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.

## 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. 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.