

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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

August 16, 2026

Dear friends,

The Gospel passage of the 20th ordinary Sunday, Mt 15:21-28 gives us the unforgettable image of a mother who refuses to give up on her child. The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus because her daughter is suffering: "Lord, help me." She is not asking anything for herself. Her entire heart is focused on her child. She experiences silence, difficulty, and even words that seem to discourage her. Yet she remains at the feet of Jesus. Her love for her daughter gives her courage to persevere. Her suffering becomes a prayer, and her prayer becomes an expression of faith. Finally, Jesus says to her: "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." Her daughter is healed.

The Canaanite woman reminds us of something every parent understands: a mother or father can carry a burden for a child that they would never carry for themselves. A parent may lose sleep, sacrifice comfort, shed tears, and continue hoping when everything seems hopeless. The suffering of a child becomes the suffering of the parent. Her story is therefore not simply about a miracle. It is about the transforming power of a parent's love when that love is placed in the hands of God.

The Church gives us another powerful example on Aug 14 in the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe. His life shows us that Christian love is not merely an emotion; it is a decision to give oneself for another. At Auschwitz, when the Nazis selected ten prisoners to die of starvation in retaliation for an escape, one of the condemned men cried out that he had a wife and children.

Maximilian Kolbe stepped forward and offered to take his place. He was not the man's biological father. Yet his action reveals something profoundly fatherly: he saw another person's suffering and chose to carry it himself. Kolbe entered the death chamber with the other prisoners, offering his life in love. Even there, he continued to encourage and pray with his companions. His final witness was the Gospel lived without compromise: love that remains faithful even when love is costly. The Canaanite woman teaches us the faith of a mother who refuses to abandon her suffering child. St. Maximilian Kolbe teaches us the love of a fatherly heart willing to sacrifice himself for another. Together they give us a beautiful model for Christian families.

What does this mean for us? Our world desperately needs this kind of love. Children need parents who will not give up on them. Parents need to remember that their children need more than material success—they need prayer, faith, presence, guidance, forgiveness, and an example of Christian living. Perhaps there is a child in your family who has drifted away from the Church. Perhaps there is a son or daughter facing a difficult struggle. Perhaps there is someone in your family whose life has become a source of worry and tears. Do not stop praying. Bring that person to Jesus again and again, just as the Canaanite woman brought her daughter to the Lord. And perhaps there is someone in our family who needs us to sacrifice our time, our comfort, our pride, or even our plans for their sake. Let us learn from St. Maximilian Kolbe that real love does



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not ask first, "What will I get?" but "What can I give?"

This is the faith we Catholics are called to live. Faith is not only coming to Mass when everything is going well. It is remaining with Christ when life becomes difficult. Faith is praying when heaven seems silent. Faith is loving, when love becomes costly. Faith is carrying one another when someone is too weak to walk alone. The Canaanite woman would not leave Jesus. St. Maximilian Kolbe would not abandon a condemned man. May we also become people who do not give up on God, on our families, or on one another.

Let us especially pray for every mother and father who carries a hidden burden for a child. May the Lord strengthen their hearts. May He give them the perseverance of the Canaanite woman and the self-giving love of St. Maximilian Kolbe. And may our homes become places where children can discover what Christian faith truly means—not merely through words, but through parents who pray, forgive, sacrifice, persevere, and love. The prayer of the Canaanite woman can become the prayer of every Christian family: "Lord, help me." And may our answer to every person entrusted to us be the answer of Christ: "Your faith has saved you."

With prayers and blessings for all our families,

Fr. Kurian Joseph

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.). We are happy to 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 welcome as well!

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

Welcome to Our Parish Family

We are delighted to welcome Zach and Allison Corcoran and their children Eliza, Zane, Hazel, Louiza and Zander into our parish family!

Please join us in giving Nicholas and Gabriella and their son Mateo a heartfelt welcome. We are so glad they are here and look forward to sharing in faith, fellowship, and community with them.

We also warmly welcome Bobby and Sarah Garza and their son Abel, into our church family. We are grateful to have each of these families with us and pray that they feel loved, welcomed, and at home among us.

The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Dennis and Karen Farias for your prayers for vocations this past week. Richard and Elizabeth Ebertowski will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Gary and Kathy Clark will be taking the Traveling Crucifix August 23 - 30, 2026.



Celebrate the Feast of Our Patron, St. Pius X! RSVP to the Parish Office

On **Friday, August 21st** our parish family will joyfully celebrate the **Feast of St. Pius X**, the beloved patron of our church. St. Pius X, known as the “Pope of the Eucharist,” had a deep love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and encouraged all Catholics, especially children to receive Holy Communion frequently and with great devotion. His motto “**To Restore All Things in Christ,**” continues to inspire us to live our faith with humility, holiness, and love.

Please join us at the **5:30PM Mass** as we give thanks for the gift of our patron saint and ask for his intercession for our parish and our families. Following Mass, everyone is invited to gather in the parish hall for food and celebration. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a parish family, welcome new friends, and celebrate the faith that unites us. We hope you and your family will join us as we honor St. Pius X. **PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO RSVP OR GO TO spxcc.org AND RSVP ON OUR HOME PAGE.**

A Heartfelt Thank You

St. Paul the Apostle Works of Mercy Food Pantry would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the St. Pius X Acts of Charity for their generous donation last month. Your kindness and support are a blessing to our food pantry and to the families and individuals we serve. We are truly grateful for your support and for helping us make a difference in the lives of others.



Parish Happenings

Sunday, Aug 16th

1:30PM – Baptisms – CH

Tuesday, Aug 18th

6:30PM – Men’s Club Meeting – PH

Wednesday, Aug 19th

7:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

Thursday, Aug 20th

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

Friday, Aug 21st – ST. PIUS X FEAST DAY

5:30PM – St. Pius X Feast Day Mass – CH

6:30PM – St. Pius X Feast Day Celebration – PH

Saturday, Aug 22nd

12:00PM – Funeral Reception – PH



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/stpiusxcc

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

Called to Serve

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to serve at the altar? There is a special place waiting for you! We invite all boys and girls who have received their First Holy Communion to prayerfully consider becoming an altar server. Whether you are interested in serving for the first time or would like to return after some time away, we would love to have you join us! Training will be provided, and no previous experience is necessary. Please complete the registration form located at the back of the church. Be sure to watch the bulletin for information about upcoming training dates and times.

Coffee and Donuts Will Be Served Today!

Stay for a sweet treat! Coffee and Donuts will be served today, Sunday, August 16th, in the Parish Hall after the 8:00AM Mass. Please join us for fellowship and a sweet treat!



CCD Classes to Start Soon

Religious Education (CCD) for all students in elementary school and those students needing sacraments will start on Wednesday, September 16th from 6-7PM.. An informational parent meeting will be on Wednesday, September 9th at 6PM in the school cafeteria. Registration is available online at the parish website, or you can pick up a paper registration form in the back of the church or from the church office. For more information or questions contact Mary Maldonado at mmaldonado@stpiusxcc.org or 361-993-4053.

The Chosen Live in Corpus Christi

On Saturday, October 10th, several actors from the show "The Chosen" will be in Corpus Christi for an interfaith celebration. It will be held at Whataburger Field on Saturday, October 10th. This will be an experience full of inspiration, community and service featuring cast members from "The Chosen." This is a free event that helps support the Coastal Bend Food Bank. Bring a donation of non-perishable food items to the event. You can get free tickets now by going to www.diocesecc.org.

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, and 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.

Men's Club Meeting

Come enjoy a great evening of food, fellowship, and good conversation at our Men's Club gathering Tuesday, August 18th at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall. Come hungry and bring a friend! We'll share a meal and then gather for our monthly meeting. Whether you're a regular or have never attended before, we'd love to have you join us! Come meet other men from our parish and be part of this brotherhood.

Pray for Earthquake Victims in Columbia

Please join us in prayer for all those affected by the devastating earthquake in Columbia. We especially remember those who have lost loved ones, those who are injured or displaced, their families, the first responders and all who are suffering. May God bring comfort, healing, and strength to all those suffering. If you and your family would like to offer special support, please consider donating to Catholic Relief Services, which is working with local Church partners to provide emergency assistance and care to those affected. To donate, please scan the QR code below. Let us entrust the people of Colombia to the loving care of Our Lady of Chiquinquirá, Patroness of Columbia.



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All Subjects

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(All ages - All levels)



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School News



Dear Blue Jay Families,

It is a true blessing to welcome everyone back to campus. The energy and joy that fill our school community are phenomenal, and it is wonderful to see our students' smiling faces once again.

I would like to share an initiative that I will gradually introduce during our morning announcements. Throughout the year, we will be exploring the Virtues and discussing their meanings, offering practical examples of how they can be lived out, and recognizing these qualities when observed in our students. It is my hope that these reflections will spark meaningful conversations at home, whether around the dinner table or during everyday moments with your children. The more we come to understand and embody the Virtues, the closer we draw to God.

I will close with a prayer from St. Thomas Aquinas by Kevin Vost, Psy.D.:

O God,

All-powerful and all-knowing, without beginning and without end,

You who are the source, the sustainer, and the rewarder of all virtues,

Grant that I may abide on the firm ground of faith, be sheltered by an impregnable shield of hope, and be adorned in the bridal garment of charity...

Plant in me, Lord, all the virtues, that I might be devout in divine matters, discerning in human affairs...

Order me inwardly through a good life, that I might do what is right and what will be meritorious for me and a good example for others...

Amen.

Please also mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

- August 20 - Open House @ 6:00PM (parents only)
- August 21 - Feast of St. Pius X Mass @ 5:30PM, followed by dinner in the Parish Hall
- September 12 - St. Pius X Alumni Celebration @ 9:30AM in the Church

Thank you for your continued partnership in the faith formation and growth of our students.

God bless,

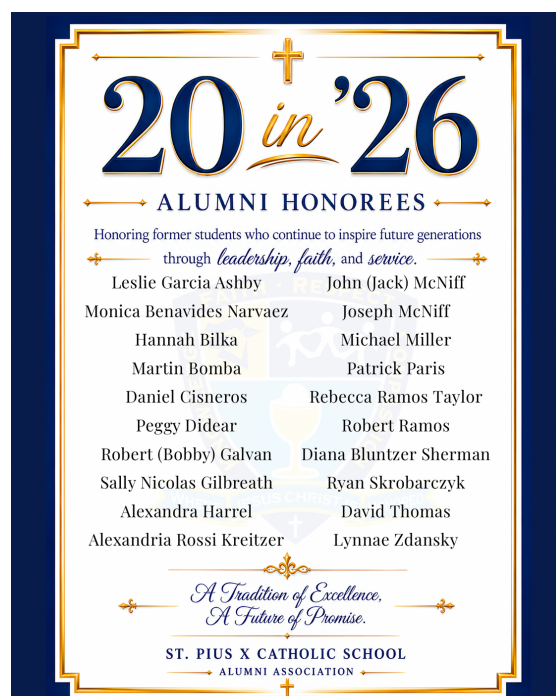
Mrs. Hinojosa

Servant & Principal

Youth Ministry is Back

Our Youth Ministry programs are excited to welcome our middle school and high school youth back for another year of faith, fellowship, fun, and growing closer to Christ. Our high school ministry, Life Teen, as well as confirmation prep starts this Sunday, August 16, at 6:30PM, and our middle school ministry Edge starts this coming Wednesday, August 19, at 6:30PM. Both will meet in the Msgr Richard Shirley Youth Center.

Register online at our website and follow us on Instagram @stpiusxccm



Mass Intentions



Saturday, August 15th

5:30PM † Román & Luisa Arévalo by Family

Sunday, August 16th

8:00AM † Christopher Janosek by Family

10:00AM † Leonel Duque by Carol Duque

12:00PM † Charles Brocato by Monica Layton

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

Monday, August 17th

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

Tuesday, August 18th

8:15AM † Mary Ann Cirlos by Mary Vasquez

Wednesday, August 19th

8:15AM † Wayne Irvin by Family

† Rolando Longoria by Mary Longoria

Fr. Kurian Joseph by Beth Hinojosa

† Julian Galloway by Family

† Christina Dalrymple by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Hyde

† Miguel Rangel by Gonzales Family

† Daniel Bustamante by Gonzales Family

† Joseph Mercado, Lorena M. Kolasinski by Alicia Mercado

† James Rivera by Margie Rivera

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 † Alfredo Garcia, Fausta Gomez by Rosie Garcia

† Ronald Mikulik

† 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

Thursday, August 20th

8:15AM † Danielle Boyles by Ciena M. Smith

Friday, August 21st

8:15AM † Victor Matula by Al & Adelle Hesse

5:30PM † David N. Scherzer by Family

Saturday, August 22nd

5:30PM † Felix Matula by Al & Adelle Hesse

Sunday, August 23rd

8:00AM † Martha Romeo by John & Yolanda

10:00AM Michael Maldonado by Family

12:00PM Mark & Christie Garcia by Family

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

Financial Report for 8/9/2026

Sunday Collection	\$	11,859.77
Sunday Online	\$	9,104.00
Assum. of the Blessed Virgin Mary	\$	50.00
Filipino 1 st Friday Mass	\$	376.00
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Memorial Fund	\$	75.00
Other Contributions	\$	742.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$	22,246.77

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	838.00
Christopher Janosek Schol. Fund	\$	50.00
Other Contributions	\$	888.00
Total Contributions	\$	23,134.77

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Becky Aikens, John Albertini, Ernie Alborno, Bob, Kathy, & Tony Almendarez, Luis Alvarado, Danilyn Arevalo, Richard Arizmendi, 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, Kirt Higdon, 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, Pamela Muller, David Mundell, Sterling Murphy, JG Musser, Sandra Nicolas, Jason Olog, Scott Olson, Ozzie Osborne, Linda Park, Tom Patterson, Carolyn Pedrotti, 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, Larry D. Turner, 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.

Pray for the Deceased

We ask our parish community to remember in prayer Gloria Swantner, Alfonso "Blackie" Alfredo Sosa, Mark Robert Awe, and Edelmira Lopez, whose funerals took place over the past couple of weeks. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.