

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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

September 20, 2026

Dear Friends,

Most of us have had those moments when we've thought that we have been treated unfairly, or that we've felt an injustice has been done to us. Perhaps it happened when someone got a promotion we thought should have been ours, or when someone was getting paid more for the same amount of work we have been doing. It is not just the big things that rile us up. Sometimes it can be something small, like when a person receives a gift that we perceive is better than ours, or we don't receive the same amount of food on our plate that someone else has gotten. There's no shortage of situations where we feel like we have been treated unfairly or where there is something that seems inequitable. Sometimes, it does not even have to be directly related to us. We are just quick to jump to conclusions or even to judge.

The gospel passage today is one that jumps out and grabs our attention precisely because it seems to address those kinds of situations that we are all too familiar with. It tells the parable of an owner who agrees to give a just wage, and the workers agree to that just wage. When the day ends, the owner gives all the workers the same daily wage, even though some worked much longer hours than others. This draws an angry response from some of the day laborers. From the perspective of the land owner, he is merely going beyond what justice dictates. He gives the same amount to all the workers, even those who worked only a short time. The owner's generosity angers those who worked the whole day. They are operating out of a very narrow perspective of justice. If you work more, you get more. This isn't necessarily a pleasing thing to our sentiments, especially if we are expending a lot of energy working diligently.



This isn't a parable about economic or political policies. Nor is it a parable about fair wages. It is rather a parable about the Kingdom of God. Jesus is telling us that the Kingdom is marked by both justice AND generosity. The kingdom that Jesus was coming to inaugurate is the kind of kingdom that turns our worldly values upside down. So what was Jesus trying to teach us?

In the ancient world, there was no shortage of day laborers, and they typically came to the landowners seeking work. In this parable, Jesus speaks of something very unusual. The landowner went out himself to seek laborers, and he seems to accept anyone willing to work. He appears to be more attuned to the laborers' needs than his own profitability. He understands that these workers were probably intent on working because if they didn't, they and their families would go without food. Being aware of this, the landowner exhibits great generosity. If he had only given those who worked shorter periods what they justly deserved, they would have gone home hungry and without enough to provide for everyone in the family. So it turns out that this parable is not so much about justice as it is about mercy.

Who's Who

Pastor

Very Rev. Paul A. Hesse, V.G.

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Fr. Kurian Joseph

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Deacon Loni Lugo

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Director of Youth Ministry

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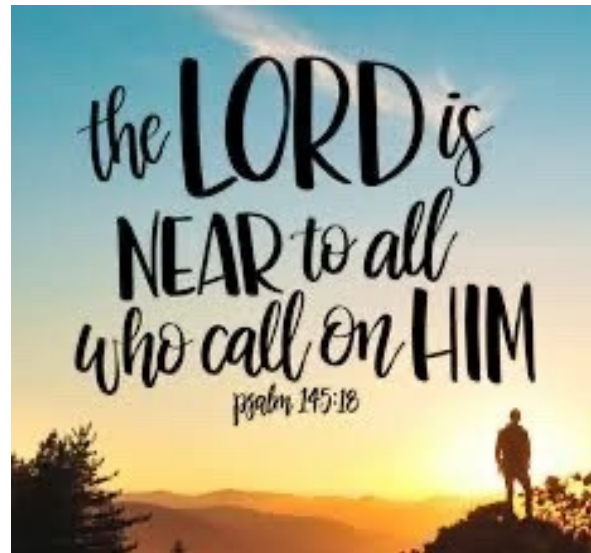
School Website

www.stpiusxschoolcc.org

Looking at another perspective on this parable, it has another context. In the gospel, we see that its author, Matthew, is speaking to Jewish listeners who logically believed that since they were God's Chosen People, they were the ones who had labored since ancient times according to the laws of God. Now Jesus was expanding the concept of who the Chosen people are. The gentiles were coming to faith in Jesus, and in that sense were latecomers. The parable speaks to God's mercy in embracing all who come to the truth and accept him in faith, no matter when.

What the Lord wants is the hearts of both those who have long loved him, and those who more recently have come to believe in him. The Lord is merciful. We are all called to labor in the vineyard of the Lord and to do our part to serve him. By the same token, we trust that the Lord will be far more merciful to us than we deserve. God bless.

Fr. Paul



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

September Acts of Charity Project

During the month of September, Acts of Charity will collect donations for the Pregnancy Center. They are in need of diapers in sizes 3-5, along with new socks, bibs, and infant and toddler food. Donations can be placed in the bin at the back of the church or dropped off at the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity and for helping provide support to mothers, infants, and young children in our community.

The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Richard and Theresa Arizmendi for your prayers for vocations this past week. The Hutzler family will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Michelle Paris will be taking the Traveling Crucifix September 27 - October 4, 2026.



Food Handlers Course

Mark your calendars! A Food Handlers Class will be held on Wednesday, September 23, at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall. Come learn food safety tips and guidelines from our local Health Department. For any questions, please contact Randy Sykora at 361-960-3220. We hope to see you there!

Cost: \$12:00 Cash Only

Men's Club Annual BBQ Fundraiser

Sunday, October 11th **Parish Hall** **11AM-2PM**

\$15 per plate including BBQ brisket and sausage, potato salad, pinto beans, bread, BBQ sauce, and a peppermint!

Tickets will be sold by Men's Club members after each Mass. We appreciate your support of our ministry and the opportunities it creates for service and fellowship.

St Pius X School Student Council will be selling desserts, and the PTO will be selling raffle tickets for the Halloween Carnival on Oct 23rd.



Parish Happenings

Sunday, September 20th

8:00AM – Waffle Breakfast by PTO 9:30AM –
11:00AM – PH

1:30PM – Baptisms – CH

Wednesday, September 23rd

7:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

6:00PM – Food Handler Course – PH

Thursday, September 24th

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH



ANNUAL BARBECUE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

MSGR ADAMS PARISH HALL

INCLUDES:

BBQ BRISKET & SAUSAGE,
POTATO SALAD & BEANS,
BREAD, BBQ SAUCE, PEPPERMINT
\$15.00/PLATE

DINE IN OR CARRY OUT

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.**

Youth Ministry

In Youth Ministry, our mission is to guide middle school and high school youth closer to Christ through prayer, learning, fellowship, and fun, helping them encounter Christ's love in a way that transforms their hearts, shapes their words and actions, and inspires them to share that love with the world.

Life Teen/ Confirmation

Grades 9-12

Sundays @ 6:30pm

Edge

Grades 6-8

Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

Advertise in the Parish Bulletin

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.

TUTORING

By Mrs. G
(Retired Teacher)
361-854-9928

Elementary Tutor
Grades K-5
All Subjects

Spanish Tutoring
(All ages - All levels)



Please support our bulletin sponsor.



Altar Server Recognition Ceremony

The 2026 Altar Server Recognition Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, September 27 at Corpus Christi Cathedral at 2:00PM. There will not be a Mass, so be sure to attend Mass prior to the ceremony. The ceremony will begin with Vespers, which will be followed by the Recognition Awards.

The Chosen Live in Corpus Christi

The Chosen Interfaith Celebration Join the Coastal Bend Food Bank on Saturday, October 10, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Whataburger Field, 734 E. Port Ave., Corpus Christi, TX 78401. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Enjoy an afternoon of community and inspiration featuring cast members from The Chosen. Admission is free! While food donations are not required, non-perishable food items are greatly appreciated to help fill local food pantries and provide meals to Coastal Bend neighbors facing hunger. Food collection barrels will be available at the event. Consider hosting a food drive with your family, workplace, or community group and bring your collection with you! Learn more at coastalbendfoodbank.org.

Waffle Extravaganza!

Sunday, September 20

9:30AM – 11:00AM

The PTO is cooking up a special treat for our Parish Family, WAFFLES!

A very special **THANK YOU** to the **PTO** for this wonderful and generous gift to our Parish! What a beautiful way to bring our parish family together. Everyone is welcome!

ST. PIUS X
CATHOLIC SCHOOL & PARISH

**WAFFLE
BREAKFAST**



Come enjoy a delicious waffle breakfast
with your St. Pius X family!

Sunday, September 20
9:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Parish Hall

FREE • ALL ARE WELCOME

A special thank you to our parishioners
for your continued support of our school.

HOSTED BY THE PTO

School News



Volleyball season is officially underway! Our athletes have already competed in their first few games, and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, teamwork, and sportsmanship on the court. While we did not come away with a win in our opening games, our students remained positive, had a great time, and gained experience that will help them continue to grow throughout the season.

A shout-out to our Blue Jay Cheerleaders and to Mrs. Galloway, who put on a fabulous performance and brought so much energy and school spirit to our games! We are grateful for the support they provide to our athletes and our school community.

Our next game will be against St. Anthony at St. Anthony's on 9/22. We are truly grateful for the opportunity to participate in parochial sports and to provide our students with these experiences of teamwork, competition, and community.

I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to Mike Urbanosky and Johnathan Rodriguez for generously taking time out of their busy schedules to update and organize our AV room. This is the space we use each morning to stream our Morning Announcements on our school YouTube channel. They simplified the process, improved the functionality of the room, and helped create a much cleaner and more organized space for our students. We greatly appreciate their time!

We are proud to share that our St. Pius X students are demonstrating strong achievement in Mathematics and Reading! Based on our Fall 2026-2027 assessment data, our overall school Math and Reading performance is at the 67th percentile nationally.

These results are a reflection of the dedication of our teachers and the hard work of our students. They also demonstrate our continued commitment to academic excellence and helping every Blue Jay grow and reach his or her God-given potential.

Because this is our beginning-of-year assessment, these results provide us with an important baseline. We will conduct middle-of-year and end-of-year assessments to monitor student growth and measure our progress throughout the school year.

Finally, we will be conducting a Lockdown Drill sometime next week. Our goal in discussing and practicing safety drills is to ensure that our students and staff know what to do should an emergency arise. These drills are an important part of creating a safe and prepared school environment, while helping our students feel secure and confident in knowing that the adults around them are prepared to keep them safe.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Pius X Catholic School and for all that you do to help our Blue Jays learn, grow, and thrive.

God Bless,

Mrs. Hinojosa

Servant & Principal

Get Your Halloween Carnival Raffle

Tickets!

Name _____		Phone _____		Student Name/Grade _____													
 ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL 41ST ANNUAL HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL · OCTOBER 23, 2026 <table><tr><td>\$3,000</td><td>Visa Gift Card</td></tr><tr><td>\$1,000</td><td>Visa Gift Card</td></tr><tr><td>\$500</td><td>Visa Gift Card</td></tr><tr><td>\$350</td><td>Visa Gift Card</td></tr><tr><td>\$250</td><td>Visa Gift Card</td></tr><tr><td>\$100</td><td>Visa Gift Card</td></tr></table> TICKET OFFERING \$5.00 PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE  NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN - DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 30TH TICKET SPONSOR:  ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL 361.992.1343 737 St. Pius Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78412 361-985-1111						\$3,000	Visa Gift Card	\$1,000	Visa Gift Card	\$500	Visa Gift Card	\$350	Visa Gift Card	\$250	Visa Gift Card	\$100	Visa Gift Card
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Support St. Pius X Catholic School and our upcoming Halloween Carnival for just \$5 a ticket! Tickets will be available after every Mass, or scan the QR code to purchase online. Don't miss your chance to win some great prizes while supporting our school! You do not need to be present to win. The drawing will be held October 30!

Mass Intentions



Saturday, September 19th

5:30PM † Jose Zuniga by Family

Sunday, September 20th

8:00AM For the People of St. Pius X

10:00AM † Carlene Read by Cheryl Johnson

12:00PM † Jose, Juan, Sara Zuniga by Family

5:30PM † Doak Russell by De Havel

Monday, September 21st

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

Tuesday, September 22nd

8:15AM Henry P. Salinas by Family

Wednesday, September 23rd

8:15AM † Pamela Reumuth & Family by Rick McCabe

† Henry P. Salinas by Family

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

John Oelschlegel by Beth Hinojosa

De Havel by Beth Hinojosa

† Julian Galloway by Family

† Jins Areeplackal by St. Pius X Parishioner

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

† David N. Scherzer by Family

† John Boyd by Lucy Boyd

† Osvaldo, Isaura Oliveira by Family

† 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, September 24th

8:15AM † Patricia Janosek by Family

Friday, September 25th

8:15AM † Carmelita M. Tungpalan by Naida Hrdlicka

5:30PM † Gilbert Schanen Sr. by Nancy Schanen

Saturday, September 26th

5:30PM † For the People of St. Pius X

Sunday, September 27th

8:00AM † Oscar & Gladys Phillips by Phillips Family

10:00AM † Julio Reyes by Delfina McHugh

12:00PM † Deacon Mark Arnold & Deacon Loni Lugo by Yoli & De

5:30PM † Gilbert Schanen Jr. by Nancy Schanen

Financial Report for 9/13/2026

Sunday Collection	\$	10,280.15
Sunday Online	\$	4,680.00
GOF (Other)	\$	60.00
Memorial Fund	\$	23.00
Other Contributions	\$	136.55
Total Operating Revenue	\$	15,179.70

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	293.00
Catholic University Collection	\$	190.00
Christopher Janosek Schol. Fund	\$	50.00
Other Contributions	\$	533.00
Total Contributions	\$	15,712.70

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, Bobby Floyd, Debbie Fuqua, Berta Garcia, Dakota Garcia, Juanita Gaytan, Deborah Giese, Sally Ann Gilbreath, Joe Gomez, George Gongora, Hilario Gonzales, Sr., Beatriz Gonzalez, Linda Goulet, Ana Guzman, Monte Hall, Janice Hass, Roger Heitzmann, Jr., Shain Hennig, Kirt Higdon, Shelley Hinojosa, Graham Hughes, Mark Hyde, Carl Jacobi, Joseph Jude, Cherl & Jeff Kratz, 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, Madaline Martinez, 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, Matthew Rainey, Geneva Ramirez, 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, Vivian Shelander, 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

