

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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

September 27, 2026

Dear Friends,

There was hardly an inch of space separating the mass of people seated in the pews of Corpus Christi Cathedral. I could hear the creaking of the wood of the pews as people adjusted themselves in their seats. The side aisles were packed with standing bodies, making room for each other as they tried to stake their claim to the best vantage point. Latecomers were spilling into the foyer. I was a mere child of about 8 or 10 years old as I stood with my family along the left aisle near the back of what seemed to me to be a cavernous church. I knew that we were there to see someone famous and important. I had watched a few of his TV shows with my parents, but I was a bit too young to understand the full content of what he talked about.

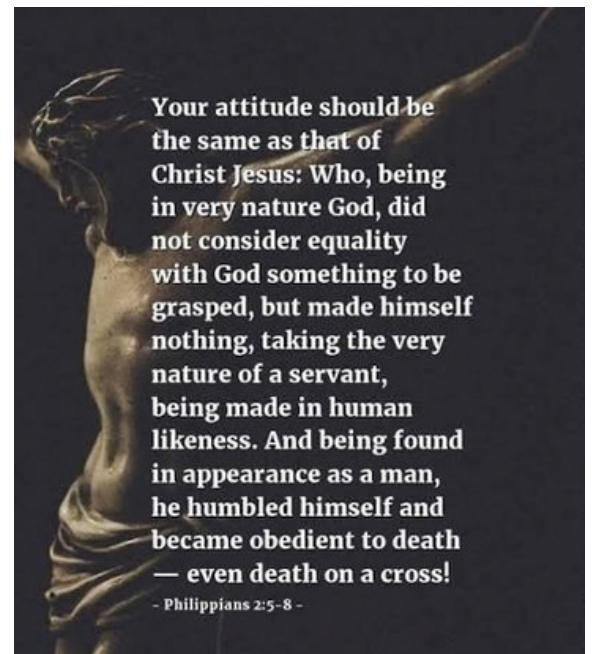
I remember listening attentively to the tall, silver-haired Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen up in the high pulpit of the Cathedral. He had a strong voice of conviction. He had a dramatic flare, and what he said was powerful and moving. That is the extent of my memory of the event. The Archbishop had come to Corpus Christi, and he drew a large crowd.

This past week, Archbishop Sheen was beatified and proclaimed Blessed Fulton J. Sheen at a Mass in St. Louis, Missouri. It was a long anticipated event. It seems that his evangelization efforts had an impact on a great number of people over the decades. Even though I was too young to comprehend the content of his message at my youthful age, I rediscovered him while I was in the seminary. I came across a couple of books containing excerpts of his writings, and I read them with great interest. He had a way of breaking the gospels down in a very practical and understandable way. I found the depth of his presentations on a diversity of topics very edifying and cogent.

Throughout the years, I have used bits and pieces of his writings in my homilies. I've taken some of his writings to prayer and found his topics to be relevant to our own day and time. Watching the beatification ceremony this past Thursday caused me to search out some of his old TV episodes from the 1960s. He was a household name and was very popular with both Catholics and non-Catholics alike. It is said that his weekly series resulted in a great deal of converts.

Archbishop Sheen responded readily to the will of God in his ministry. He dedicated himself wholeheartedly to the proclamation of the Gospel. He persevered through great opposition and personal sacrifice. Nevertheless, he gave witness to the power of Christ, joyfully witnessing to him without reserve.

The gospel this weekend offers us a challenge. Most of us have heard the gospel proclaimed to us, and many of us listen. Yet, there are times when we say "yes" to God in response, but we fail to follow through with doing the will of the Father. It is like those times when we told our parents we would do a chore or two at home, but then failed to follow through. Our human condition is such that we find our wills to be weak and our resolve to be lacking. We tell God we love him, but we do things that go contrary to God's will.



Who's Who

Pastor

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

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Deacon Salvador (Sal) Alvarado

Deacon Loni Lugo

Deacon Mark Arnold

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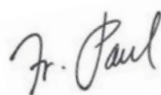
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There are those who say "no" to the Lord, but prompted by their conscience, they change their minds and respond to the call of God. In the gospel this weekend, Jesus tells us that "tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." That is a big indictment to those of us who claim to follow Christ, but who nevertheless live in such a way that is contrary to what we profess.

The Lord is extending to us a challenge to turn our lives around. He urges us to say "yes" to him and mean it. We cannot coast into heaven by simply believing the Lord is good and compassionate. We need to make our actions count. Let's spend ourselves doing good and giving witness to Christ with our lives. Archbishop Sheen never tired of doing the will of God. Let's do the same.

God bless,



Blessing of the Pets

Bring your beloved pets for a special Blessing of the Pets in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi on Sunday, October 4th at 4:00PM at the church entrance on St. Pius Drive. Saint Francis is remembered for his profound love of God and all creation. He recognized every creature as a gift from the Creator and encouraged us to care for and give thanks for the beauty of God's creation. All pets are welcome!

Welcome to Our Parish Family

We joyfully welcome Adam and Monique and their daughter, Evelyn, as well as Paul and Kate Andrews to our parish family. We are grateful to have you as part of our parish family. May you feel at home among us as we grow together in faith, fellowship, and love.

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 the Hutzler family for your prayers for vocations this past week. Michelle Paris will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Michele Gonzalez will be taking the Traveling Crucifix October 4 - 11, 2026.



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.

Blood Drive

St. Pius X will host an upcoming Blood Drive on Sunday, October 25. We invite all eligible parishioners and friends to consider giving the gift of life and helping us reach our goal of 12 units of blood. As a special thank you, each donor will receive a donor T- Shirt and a P.F. Chang's coupon.

Interested individuals can click this link <https://bit.ly/4qaolUp> or call the Blood Center at 361-855-4943 to schedule an appointment. Welcome walk-ins.

Altar Server Training

Have you ever thought about becoming an altar server? It's not too late. You are always welcome to join us in this important ministry. Training for St. Pius X School students is currently in progress. Additional training, more than likely on Saturday mornings, will be offered in the next few weeks for parish children and youth who have not yet received altar server training. Please watch the bulletin for the upcoming training date and details.



Parish Happenings

Wednesday, September 30th

7:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

7:00PM – Alhambra's – REC

Thursday, October 1st

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

Friday, October 2nd

10:30AM – Funeral Mass – 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

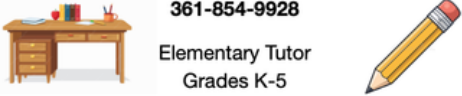
Take advantage of our platform to maximize your visibility and connect with potential customers while contributing to the ongoing mission of our parish. Advertising proceeds directly fund church programs and outreach incentives. If you wish to place an advertisement in the parish's weekly bulletin, please 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.

Thank You to Our PTO

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful PTO for hosting the delicious waffle breakfast last Sunday. We are so grateful for all the time and effort you put into making the morning such a wonderful gathering for our parish and school community. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare, serve, and clean up, and to all who came out to enjoy breakfast and fellowship. We truly appreciate our PTO and all that you do for our community.

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.

Free Flu Shots

Physicians Premier is offering free flu shots Oct 12th – October 23rd 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Simply bring the required flyer/form to receive your FREE Flu Shot, no insurance needed. A flyer is located in the back of the church or the Parish Office that lists the participating locations.

SHE - A Women's Catholic Formation Program

All women are invited to join us for She Shall Be Called Woman - SHE, a Catholic women's formation program. Through Scripture, prayer, reflection, and spiritual growth we will explore the beauty, dignity, and vocation of womanhood and deepen our understanding of God's plan for our lives. The program will include nine sessions this fall and nine sessions in the spring, with opportunities for prayer, video presentations, and small-group discussion. Sessions begin Monday, October 5th at 6:30PM in the Youth Center. No matter your state in life, come join us as we grow together in faith, friendship, and a deeper relationship with Christ. Registration is now open by using the QR Code or you can pick up an application in the back of the church. All women are welcome, hope to see you there.



School News



Blue Jay Families,

What are your God-given talents? God gave us all gifts and wants us to use them for good to glorify him. Monday was the Feast day of St. Mathew. He was very skilled in reading and writing, which was very uncommon in the time of Jesus. He used these skills to preach the gospel to so many people. This week we also celebrated the feast of one of my favorite saints, Padre Pio. He used his gifts to heal people, read the hearts of others to help them during confessions, and give so many people spiritual guidance, just to mention a few. Both of these saints served others and led souls to Christ. They were beautiful examples for us to follow. May we strive to devote ourselves to Christ as they did and help each other get to Heaven.

Here are a few important dates coming up.

- 9/28 EAC Meeting
- 10/1 Volleyball Game - St. Elizabeth @ SPX
- 10/2 Noon Dismissal
- 10/4 Animal Blessings @ 4
- 10/6 Volleyball Game JP II @ SPX
- 10/7 Global Living Rosary @ OLCC
- 10/9 Fairy Tale Parade Pre-K
- FALL BREAK 10/12-10/16
- 10/21 Outdoor Classroom Project Starts!
- 10/23 Halloween Carnival

God Bless,

Mrs. Hinojosa

Servant & Principal



Get Your Halloween Carnival Raffle Tickets!

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!

Name Phone Student Name/Grade		ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL 41ST ANNUAL HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL · OCTOBER 23, 2026		TICKET OFFERING \$5.00
				\$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 NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN · DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 30TH
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL 361.992.1343 737 St. Pius Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78412				

Mass Intentions



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

Monday, September 28th

8:15AM † Olivia Cardona by De Havel

Tuesday, September 29th

8:15AM † Mary Goodwin Kelly by KKH

Wednesday, September 30th

8:15AM † John Kyle Janosek by Family

Evelyn Freeman by Beth Hinojosa

Ivonne Goulet by Beth Hinojosa

† Julian Galloway by Family

† Robert Mejia by Jean Inman

† Manuel "Meme" Guerra by Family & Friends

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 † Dr. Sergio Avalos by Marla Rodríguez

† 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, October 1st

8:15AM Claude Allen Jr., by Gladys Lippincott

Friday, October 2nd – FIRST FRIDAY

8:15AM † Deceased Members of the Swilling Family by Reumuth Family

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

† Ron Reumuth & Deceased Family Members by Family

5:30PM † Deacon George Phillips by Estela Phillips

† Barbara Mikulik by Wallace & Randy Mikulik

Saturday, October 3rd – FIRST SATURDAY

8:15AM † Clairene Higdon by Kirt Higdon

5:30PM † For the People of St. Pius X

Sunday, October 4th

8:00AM † Richard Martinez by Johnny & Yolanda Villarreal

10:00AM † Rick Mulinix by Al & Adelle Hesse

12:00PM Spiritual Well-being for Dionel Johnny Garza by Parents

5:30PM † Johnny Richard Fernandez by Fernandez Family

In Loving Memory of Dr. Roberto Mejia

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Roberto Mejia, whose funeral services will be held here at St. Pius X on October 3rd.

Rosary: 10:30AM

Funeral Mass: 11:00AM

Reception: Parish Hall immediately following the Funeral Mass.

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Financial Report for 9/20/2026

Sunday Collection	\$	17,539.51
Sunday Online	\$	8,529.00
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Challenge - Youth Building	\$	30.00
Memorial Fund	\$	20.00
Sunday Flower Donation	\$	50.00
Other Contributions	\$	150.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$	26,358.51

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	1,353.00
Catholic University Collection	\$	25.00
Disaster Relief Collection	\$	485.00
St. Pius X School Endowment Fund	\$	25.00
Other Contributions	\$	1,888.00
Total Contributions	\$	28,246.51

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, Ryan Dewbre, 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 Vasquez, Joe Vela, Helen Witzsche, Wilson Woolley, Mary Bell Yankee, Carole Zanetti, Janie Zeller, Joe Zepeda, Belinda Garza Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.