

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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

October 4, 2026

Dear Good People of God,

This week has been a week of nostalgia. What happened over the past several days is that I ran across a few individuals that I hadn't seen for a while. It is nice to have these encounters because they remind me of special moments and special people that had a part in my life.

The first person I ran into was at a wedding I was doing at the Cathedral last weekend. It was a gentleman who is now sporting just a little bit of gray hair on both sides of his head. It made me feel a bit old because I confess that I didn't recognize him at first. He is now grown up. He introduced himself as one of my former altar servers when I was pastor in Odem. As I looked at his face, I could see some of the familiar features I had seen more than 26 years prior. He is now a very dignified man who is married and has children. He had a big smile and was obviously happy to see the pastor for whom he had served so long ago. I was edified by how successful he had evidently become.

I then came across another gentleman who was also one of my altar servers many years ago. I didn't actually see him in person, but I noticed his name on a contract I was signing for the repair of an A/C on one of our buildings. Since Deacon Mark had been working on securing the contract for me, I related to him that I recognized the name. The next day, Deacon Mark came back with a picture of the man. I was amazed at how grown up he is now and how obviously he was successful in his trade. He wasn't the scrawny little fellow that I had remembered back in the day.

Toward the end of this week, I presided at a funeral of someone whose family I had known back in high school. When I arrived at the funeral home, I was greeted by several faces I had not seen in decades. It was nice to be able to catch up with those folks and to hear how they were doing. If you were to ask me back then, I would never have thought that I would be celebrating a funeral of their father or friend.

These nostalgic moments not only remind us of the passage of time, but they also speak to a reality that is true for all of us. When we are young, we do not have the ability to foresee what our lives will be down the road. Life takes so many twists and turns, and we grow through the many experiences we have throughout our journey. In the case of the first two individuals who were my former altar servers, it was obvious that they had come a long way. They were as excited to see me as I was them. I thought about what a blessing it was to be able to play some role

in their lives and to see how they have blossomed. With regard to the folks at the funeral, it was fascinating to reconnect and reflect on days gone by. What a mystery it was to be able to play some part in bridging the gap from those days of yesteryear and this moment of grieving.

We never fully know how something we do or say will affect people. In the gospel this weekend, we see that Jesus uses the parable of a landowner and a vineyard. The landowner prepares the vineyard and supplies it with everything needed for its care and then entrusts his vineyard to be cared for by tenants. Unfortunately, the tenants wanted the vineyard for themselves. They were entrusted with the care of something by the landowner, but they failed to produce.

When we look at our lives, we need to ask ourselves the question: "Have I born fruit with what God has given me?" The vineyard represents Israel and the Chosen People of God. The tenants represent the religious elders who had not fulfilled the task they were given to care for the vineyard. Jesus told this parable to expose how the chief priests had neglected and abused the responsibility that they had been given to produce people faithful to God. Instead, they put to death those whom God sent to call them to righteousness. They had squandered the gifts God had given them and had focused only on their own self-interest.



Who's Who

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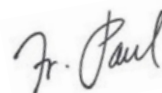
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School Website

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How well do we use the time we have? Are we working hard to be a virtuous person so that we can be an example for our children, our friends, our co-workers? Have we developed the good habits to live every day to edify the people around us? Can we look back and say that we have had a positive impact in leading our families to God or showing God's goodness to our acquaintances by our example? Let's be diligent about being good stewards of all the gifts and responsibilities that God has given us. Let's produce good fruit!



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!

White Mass for Healthcare Professionals

All healthcare professionals and support staff are invited to an evening of prayer and appreciation as we honor all who serve in the field and ask God's grace and strength upon those who continue Christ's healing ministry through their care and service to others.

The White Mass will take place on Thursday, October 29 at 6:00PM at the Corpus Christi Cathedral, 505 North Upper Broadway. Immediately following Mass, there will be dinner at El Camino Restaurant and a talk on Ethics for Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit presented by Sean Hutzler, M.D., FACEP, FAAEM. No RSVP is required.

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

The Traveling Crucifix

Thank you to Michelle Paris for your prayers for vocations this past week. Michele Gonzalez will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Sean and Thelma Higgins will be taking the Traveling Crucifix October 11 - 18, 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.

Acts of Charity

The Acts of Charity Ministry will meet Tuesday, October 13, 6PM-7PM in CC#1. All parishioners are invited to join us as we plan for our ministry of Monthly Outreach donations to the needy in our community and plan for the Thanksgiving food gift basket preparation and distribution. We will update members on our ongoing service with the bereavement lunches, St. Rose of Lima quilting ministry and food donations. We'd love to have you with us.



Parish Happenings

Wednesday, October 7th

7:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

12:00PM – Men's Club – PH

4:00PM – RE Rosary – PH

Thursday, October 8th

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

Friday, October 9th

8:00AM – Men's Club – PH & CC#2

Saturday, October 10th

8:00AM – Men's Club – PH & CC#2

10AM – Funeral – CH

Sunday, October 11th

8:00AM – Men's Club BBQ – 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/stpiusxco

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

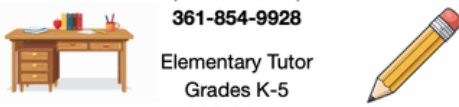
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All Subjects

Spanish Tutoring
(All ages - All levels)



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October Acts of Charity Project

Acts of Charity will be collecting donations for the Mother Theresa Shelter and Timons Ministries. Their greatest need is men's and women's undergarments, new and packaged in sizes S-M-L. They also need hygiene items including hand soap, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo and razors. Donations can be placed in the bin in the back of the church or dropped off at the parish office. The September collection for the Pregnancy Center was very successful. We thank you for your continued generosity and for helping support mothers, infants and young children in 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,

Today we celebrate the Feast of St. Jerome, who reminds us that to know the Sacred Scriptures is to know Jesus. How blessed we are that our faith gives us the opportunity to hear and reflect on Scripture at our daily Mass. What a gift it is to allow Jesus to speak to our hearts and guide us in our daily lives.

Scripture is not simply something from the past. It is alive, and it speaks to us right where we are today. It can offer guidance and direction for whatever we may be facing.

At our school Mass today, Father Paul asked the students if they knew how to play "Simon Says." Of course, they all knew exactly what he was talking about! He connected the game to today's Gospel from Luke 9:57-62, in which Jesus calls us to follow Him.

It made me think: When Jesus says, "Follow Me," are we listening? Do we follow Him, or do we sometimes respond, "I have something more important to do first"?

Following Jesus is not always easy. Sometimes His invitation asks us to step outside of our comfort zone, make a difficult choice, forgive someone, serve others, or simply trust Him when we do not know what comes next.

Maybe we can learn something from our children when they play "Simon Says." They listen carefully, and when Simon says, they follow!

May we, too, become better listeners to the voice of Jesus. May we open our hearts to His Word, recognize His voice, and be willing to follow wherever He leads us.

In His name, *Mrs. Beth Hinojosa*
Servant & Principal



Important Dates

10/4 Animal Blessings @ 4

10/9 Fairy Tale Parade Pre-K

FALL BREAK 10/12-10/16

10/21 Outdoor Classroom Project Starts!

10/23 Halloween Carnival

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!

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL		TICKET OFFERING \$5.00	
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Mass Intentions



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

Monday, October 5th

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

Tuesday, October 6th

8:15AM † Matthew & Mark Irvin by Family

Wednesday, October 7th

8:15AM † Lowell & Alice Didear
† Sandra Sykora by Randy & Jeraldine Sykora
Cathy Harrel by Beth Hinojosa
† Julian Galloway by Family
† Ron Reumuth & Deceased Family Members by Family
Vivian Shelander by Helen Shelander
† Jins Areepackal by St. Pius 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 † Joey O'Brian by Jackie & Phyllis
† Graciela María Alvarado by Marcela Guion
† Manuel "Meme" Guerra by Family & Friends
† 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 8th

8:15AM † Pete A. Balli by Jeanie Balli

Friday, October 9th

8:15AM † Mary Goodwin Kelly by KKH
5:30PM † Jim & Georgia Stillwell by Manuel & Lucy Ramirez

Saturday, October 10th

5:30PM † For the People of St. Pius X

Sunday, October 11th

8:00AM † Jose Zuniga by Family
10:00AM † Dee Samperi by Mary Fodor
12:00PM † John Alaniz by Norma Alaniz
5:30PM † Randy Havel by De Havel



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Financial Report for 9/27/2026

Sunday Collection	\$	11,697.02
Sunday Online	\$	5,503.00
GOF (Other)	\$	60.00
Memorial Fund	\$	50.00
Special Donation	\$	1,000.00
Sunday Flower Donation	\$	10.00
Other Contributions	\$	207.85
Total Operating Revenue	\$	18,527.87

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	665.00
Catholic University Collection	\$	10.00
Disaster Relief Collection	\$	55.00
Emil & Marie Habeeb Schol. Fund	\$	80.00
Other Contributions	\$	810.00
Total Contributions	\$	19,337.87

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Becky Aikens, John Albertini, Ernie Albornoz, 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.