

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

Twenty-eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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

October 11, 2026

Dear Friends,

Have you ever noticed how hard it is to be good? We work at it every day, but human frailty keeps knocking at our door. We are sinners, and though we often are capable of doing much good, we find ourselves falling short in any number of ways. Calling ourselves Christian is one thing. Living and acting as a Christian is quite another! It might be easy to accept the free gift of God's grace and profess that we want to be followers of Christ, but in our personal lives, we may show few signs of actually being Christian.

A perfect example might be what we do while driving. We call ourselves Christian, but how many times have we found ourselves getting irate at other drivers who are poking along or cutting us off? What's the first reaction we have when we encounter a bad driver? Do we succumb to the temptation to graphically demonstrate to that driver our displeasure through an obscene gesture or a nasty glance? Or do we speed up and return the aggression by cutting them off?

If this sounds familiar, you can imagine how hard it might be for us priests and nuns to maintain our composure in similar circumstances! We all have the same struggles, but we always have to be very much aware of how we conduct ourselves in public, otherwise we might bring scandal to others or reflect badly on the Church. I've often wondered how people would react if they realized they were honking their horns and making obscene gestures to a priest! I'm sure the apologies would start flowing profusely during such an incident. You never know who is watching. You just never know what will befall you if you lose control.

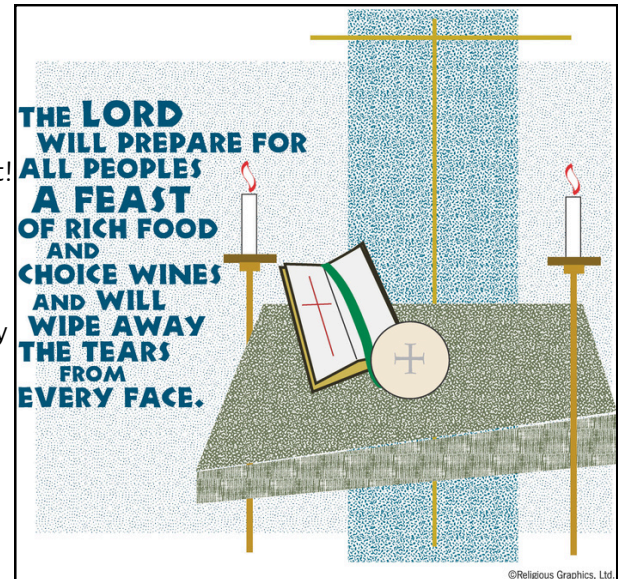
If you think about it, this care for one's conduct should not just apply to priests and sisters. It applies to anyone who calls him or herself a Christian! As followers of Christ, we are always on public display. People see what we say and do. So, what we do out in "the world" reflects on what we profess to be as Christians.

The challenge that we always face as Christians is to put on the garment of Christ. No matter where we go and what we do, we are called to wear "the clothes" of Christ's goodness and love. There is a need to always be vigilant in this regard, because people are watching us. If people out on the highways and byways of our lives see us behaving in an unseemly fashion or acting like brutes, and then happen to see us coming to church on Sundays, they are going to see incongruence and hypocrisy. I don't know how many times I have had someone convey to me how disturbed they were by the behavior of someone whom they see coming to church on a regular basis.

The parable in the Gospel today highlights the need to not only accept the invitation of Christ to share in his banquet, but also to come properly clothed. In the parable, there were many who were invited to the banquet by the king, but many refused to come. So the king broadened the invitation. Among those who did accept, there was one who was not properly dressed in the wedding garment. That one was thrown out.

Each day, we have to work at selecting the proper garment to wear. The garments we are called to wear are the garments of humility, charity, generosity, and love. We have to put on the garments of patience, gentleness, forbearance, chastity, and understanding. All of these, and many more, are the clothes of Christ. How do we obtain these clothes? We obtain them through practice and prayer. Self-awareness is a start. Remind yourself daily to "put on Christ," as St. Paul says so eloquently. Don't lose heart if you are not always successful. Pick up and change your clothes again!

God bless! *Fr. Paul*



Who's Who

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

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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.

In Memoriam

Our parish community extends its prayerful sympathy to the families and loved ones of Dr. Roberto Mejia, Juan Guajardo Livas, Gloria Ann Valadez, and Carolyn Sue Pedrotti, who were laid to rest this week. May our loving God receive them into the joy of His heavenly Kingdom, and may He grant comfort and strength to all who mourn their passing.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

The Catholic Church celebrates October as the Month of the Holy Rosary. We are invited to draw closer to Jesus through the prayerful intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Rosary is a beautiful way to reflect on the life, death, and Resurrection of Christ while asking Mary to lead us closer to her son. Let us make time each day to pray the Rosary for our families, our parish community, our Church, and peace throughout the world.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

The Pope's Prayer Intention for October

Is for the mental health ministry. Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of people with mental illnesses.

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 Michele Gonzalez for your prayers for vocations this past week. Sean and Thelma Higgins will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Walter and Dolores Taylor will be taking the Traveling Crucifix October 18 - 25, 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 Ministry Training

Interested in becoming an Altar Server? We would love for you to join us! We recently sent out a survey to find the best training dates and times for our families. We are reviewing the responses now and will share the training schedule soon. Stay tuned!

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

Sunday, October 11th

8:00AM – Men's Club BBQ – PH

10:00AM – OCIA – CC#1 & CC#2

Tuesday, October 13th

6:00PM – Acts of Charity – CC#1

Wednesday, October 14th

7:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

Thursday, October 15th

6:00PM – Catholic Daughters – CC#1

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

Saturday, October 17th

11:00AM – Wedding – CH

3:00PM – Wedding – CH

Sunday, October 18th

10:00AM – Coffee and Donuts Served After Morning Masses – PH

10:00AM – OCIA – CC#1 & CC#2

1:30PM – Baptisms – CH



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.**

Prayer for Peace

Pope Leo shared the following prayer for the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi. Through his intercession, we ask for harmony among nations and protection for all affected by conflict.

PRAYER TO ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, PATRON SAINT OF PEACE

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord.

You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries.

In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ.

Amen.

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.

Theology on Tap

The fall edition of Theology on Tap is set for Tuesday, October 27th at Sal's Bronx Pizza from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. We welcome all young adults 21 and up! Enjoy pizza and salad bar, along with cash bar for the evening. Fr. Charles Silvas will be our guest speaker. To register, contact Mariah at ycacctx@gmail.com

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.

Coffee and Donuts Next Sunday

Mark your calendar! Coffee and donuts will be served next Sunday, October 18th, in the Parish Hall beginning after the 8:00AM Mass. Please join us for fellowship and a sweet treat! Thanks to the Catholic Daughters for serving.



Congratulations to Our Altar Servers

A couple of Sundays ago, approximately 250 altar servers from across the Diocese were recognized. We are especially proud of our 11 St. Pius X altar servers who received recognition for their faithful service. Congratulations to David Michael Hinojosa and Briana Rodriguez for being named Outstanding Servers for our Parish, also to Bryan Rodriguez for 10 years of service and Emily and Briana Rodriguez for receiving plaques for 15-years of service. We are proud of their accomplishments and faithful example. Many thanks to the parents and families, priests, deacons, and teachers for the encouragement, guidance, and support.

Please Keep Our Youth in Your Prayers

October 16th – 18th, our youth and their leaders will attend a retreat at the Spiritual Renewal Center in Victoria, Tx. Please keep them, their leaders, and all involved in your prayers.

We pray that this retreat will be a meaningful and grace filled experience for each of our young people, that they may grow closer to Christ, deepen their faith, and open their hearts to God's love and guidance. Please join us in praying that they have a safe, blessed, and fruitful retreat, and that this special time together may bring lasting spiritual renewal to each of them.

School News



Blue Jay Families,

I wanted to take a moment to share a beautiful experience from this week as we gathered at Our Lady of Corpus Christi for a Global Living Rosary in celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

It was truly a blessing to see a packed house, with so many of our Catholic schools represented as we came together to honor Our Blessed Mother. Father James Kelleher, SOLT, led us in an evening of Eucharistic Adoration and worship alongside Father Brady, SOLT.

Words cannot fully express the joy and gratitude I felt witnessing our Catholic community come together as one Body of Christ. Hearing students, parents, and families of all ages praying the Rosary together was a beautiful reminder of the strength and beauty of our faith community. It truly filled my heart with joy.

As we continue to honor Our Lady, let us also continue to remember her call to pray for peace each day and to place our families, our school, and our world in the hands of her Son.

Our Blue Jay Family will now take a much-needed week to enjoy Fall Break. Please keep our teachers, staff, students, and their families in your prayers as they take this time to rest, recharge, and enjoy precious time together.

May God bless each of you, and may Our Lady of the Rosary continue to guide and protect our Blue Jay Family.

In His name,

Mrs. Beth Hinojosa

Servant & Principal



St. Pius X Catholic School Winter Fund 2026

As we approach the Christmas season, we are reminded of the incredible dedication of our St. Pius X teachers and staff. This is a perfect time to express our profound gratitude for their unwavering commitment to our students and our mission.

We are thrilled to announce that an anonymous donor has pledged to match all gifts to our Winter Fund, dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000. This means your generosity will have twice the impact in showing our educators how much they are valued.

Our faculty and staff have chosen to dedicate their careers to Catholic education, often making personal sacrifices to do so. They are here out of a deep commitment to fostering both faith and knowledge in our students.

Please consider making a gift to honor these deserving individuals. Your contribution, doubled by this generous match, will serve as a powerful testament to our collective appreciation.

You can donate by:

- Mailing a check to 737 St. Pius Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78412
- Scanning the QR code below
- Using this secure link: my.cheddarup.com/c/2026-winter-fund-for-our-teachers

Thank you!



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!

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Mass Intentions



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

Monday, October 12th

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

Tuesday, October 13th

8:15AM † Fausta Gomez by Carlos Gomez

Wednesday, October 14th

8:15AM † Deceased Members of the Didear & Darilek

† Chris Janosek by John, Debra & Brian Janosek

Joe Vasquez by Beth Hinojosa

† Julian Galloway by Family

† Roberto Mejia by Jean Inman

† 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

† Renae Gilley by Family

† Ronald Mikulik by Mikulik Family

† Gilbert Schanen, Sr. by Nancy Schanen

Vivian Shelander Well-being by Helen Shelander

† 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 15th

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

Friday, October 16th

8:15AM † Robert Sanchez by John & Yolanda Villarreal

5:30PM † Deacon George Phillips by Family

Saturday, October 17th

5:30PM † Sylvia Rosenbaum by Yolie & De

Sunday, October 18th

8:00AM † Mary Annie Gross by Chuck Gross

10:00AM † Dorothy Krause by Bob & Judy Buchanan Family

12:00PM † Alvino Campos by Family

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

Financial Report for 10/4/2026

Sunday Collection	\$	14,551.00
Sunday Online	\$	7,608.00
GOF (Other)	\$	40.00
Memorial Fund	\$	20.00
Santo Nino Mass	\$	276.00
Other Contributions	\$	70.65
Total Operating Revenue	\$	22,565.65

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	959.00
Catholic University Collection	\$	10.00
Christopher Janosek Schol. Fund	\$	80.00
Disaster Relief Collection	\$	100.00
Respect Life	\$	457.00
World Mission Sunday	\$	30.00
Other Contributions	\$	1,636.00
Total Contributions	\$	24,201.65

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, Sylvia Rosenbaum, 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, Paul Tisdale, 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.

