

Saint Pius X

Catholic Church and School

Twenty-ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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

October 18, 2026

World Mission Sunday 2026: "One in Christ, united in mission."

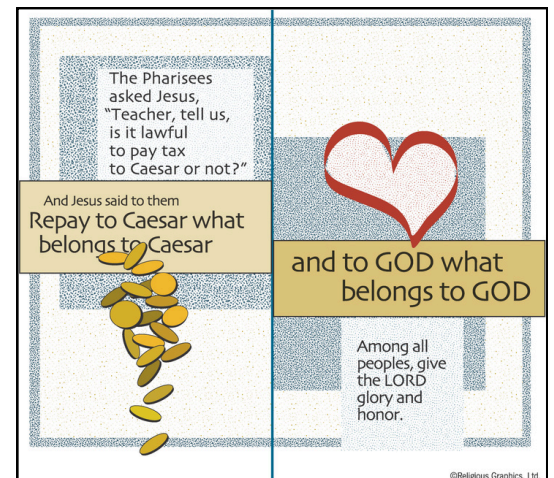
Dear friends, 2026 marks the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday. On October 18, 2026, the Catholic Church celebrates its centenary under the theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV: "One in Christ, united in mission." This anniversary is an opportunity to renew our missionary commitment. The roots of World Mission Sunday go back to a French laywoman, Pauline Jaricot, who had a deep concern for missionaries serving in distant lands. In 1822, she helped to establish the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in Lyon, France. Her vision was to unite ordinary Catholics in prayer and financial support for missionary work. Her initiative became one of the foundations of the Church's organized support for worldwide evangelization.

On April 14, 1926, Pope Pius XI officially established World Mission Sunday. He designated the penultimate Sunday of October for this universal celebration. The purpose was to unite Catholics throughout the world in three important activities: prayer for missionaries and the mission; financial support for mission; and reawakening of Missionary awareness of sharing the Gospel. It reminds us that the Church is not meant to live for herself alone. She is sent to proclaim Jesus Christ, serve the poor, educate children, care for the sick, and bring hope to people who have not yet experienced the Gospel. Jesus gave His disciples a clear mission: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). This command is not meant only for the apostles, priests, and religious. It is a call to every Christian to share the love of Jesus with others.

On this Mission Sunday, I would like to share the inspiring story of the Missionary Society of St. Thomas the Apostle (MST). Its history reminds us that the mission of the Church belongs to all of us. The Missionary Society of St. Thomas the Apostle began with the vision of Bishop Sebastian Vayalil and the bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church. They believed that the Church should not only preserve the faith it had received through St. Thomas the Apostle but also share that faith with others. During his visit to Rome in 1960, Bishop Vayalil presented the idea of a missionary society to Pope John XXIII. With encouragement, prayer, and the support of the Syro-Malabar bishops, the plan gradually took shape. On June 13, 1967, the Holy See approved the Society's statutes. Finally, on February 22, 1968, MST was formally inaugurated at Melampara in Kerala, India by Cardinal Maximilian de Fürstenberg, the prefect of Congregation for Oriental Churches. Today it has over 400 priests, over 120 brothers in different stages of formation and hundreds of MST missionary associates who contribute through their prayer, generosity and personal assistance in the missionary work.

What began as a vision became a living missionary movement. The first missionaries courageously left their familiar surroundings to serve people in distant places, often facing difficult living conditions, unfamiliar cultures, and demanding pastoral responsibilities. Over the years, MST established mission centers in different parts of India. When it became dioceses, handed over everything and moved to new pastures to spread the good news. These include St. Paul Region in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh; St. Thomas Region in Mandya, Karnataka; St. Alphonsa Region in Sangli, Maharashtra; Mary Queen of Mission in Delhi; and St. Joseph Delegation in Odisha. The missionary journey did not stop at India's borders. Today, MST members serve in different parts of the world, including South Africa and Tanzania in Africa; Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, and Australia in Oceania; the United Kingdom, Sweden, Germany, Italy, France, Austria, and Switzerland in Europe; and the United States, Canada, and Brazil in the Americas. Their responsibilities vary according to local needs. Some serve dioceses and local Catholic communities, while others provide pastoral care abroad. Wherever they serve, their purpose remains the same: to share the values of Jesus and make His love known to people of different cultures and backgrounds.

Following the example of Jesus, MST understands mission as both proclaiming the Gospel and serving people in their daily lives through pioneering mission work. Its missionary work includes celebrating the Eucharist and other sacraments, teaching the faith, accompanying families, and strengthening Christian communities. It also supports education, special education,



Who's Who

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vocational training, health care, rehabilitation, and the formation of future priests and missionaries. MST reaches out to people who are poor, marginalized, or living with disabilities. Its members support vulnerable communities, promote women's empowerment, assist people affected by HIV/AIDS, and help communities recover from disasters. They also encourage environmentally friendly agricultural practices and work for a more just and caring society. Through these activities, missionaries show that the Gospel is not merely a message to be preached. It is a love to be lived and shared.

MST takes its inspiration from St. Thomas the Apostle, whom the ancient tradition of the Indian Church honors as the apostle who brought the Gospel to India. His missionary spirit continues to challenge us to carry Christ's message beyond the boundaries of our own families, communities, and cultures. The story of MST is not simply the story of priests who left their homeland to serve elsewhere. It is a reminder that every Catholic has a part to play in the mission of the Church. On this Mission Sunday, let us remember three important lessons. First, every baptized is a missionary. Second, mission requires everyone's cooperation through prayer, generosity, encouragement, and the promotion of missionary vocations. Third, mission must be expressed through service. We shall proclaim Jesus both through our words and our actions. Caring for the poor, educating children, supporting struggling families, respecting human dignity, and protecting creation are practical ways of living the Gospel. Happy Mission Sunday.

Fr Kurian Joseph MST

Pray for Pope Leo XIV

We humbly ask our parish community to unite in prayer for His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, who recently underwent thoracic surgery in Rome. We thank God that the surgery was successful, and we pray for the Holy Father's continued healing, strength, and complete recovery. May the Lord guide his medical team, grant him peace and courage during this time of healing, and sustain him as he continues his ministry of serving the Church and God's people. Let us entrust Pope Leo to the loving care of our Blessed Mother Mary and ask our Lord Jesus Christ, the Divine Physician, to watch over him and restore his health.

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 Sean and Thelma Higgins for your prayers for vocations this past week. Walter and Dolores Taylor will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Mark and Barbara Kaul will be taking the Traveling Crucifix October 25 - November 1, 2026.



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.

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.

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!

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Everyone is joyfully invited to attend the Diocesan Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe scheduled for Friday, December 11th. Make plans now to celebrate the Patroness of the Diocese of Corpus Christi. More details about this special event are coming soon.



Parish Happenings

Sunday, October 18th

8:00AM – Coffee and Donuts Served After

Morning Masses – PH

10:00AM – OCIA – CC#1 & CC#2

1:30PM – Baptisms – CH

Tuesday, October 20th

5:30PM – Catholic Daughters – CC#1

7:00PM – Men's Club Meeting – Parish Hall

Wednesday, October 21st

7:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

Thursday, October 22nd

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

Friday, October 23rd

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Saturday, October 24th

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL CLEAN-UP

Sunday, October 25th

10:00AM – OCIA – CC#1 & CC#2



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/stpiusxc

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

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. We thank you for your continued generosity.

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 9:00PM. We welcome all young adults 21 and up! Enjoy pizza and salad bar, along with a cash bar for the evening. Fr. Charles Silvas will be the guest speaker. To register, contact Mariah at ycacctx@gmail.com

Catholic Daughters Sunday

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #2460 Angels of Mary are celebrating CDA Sunday today. This is a day for local courts and members to honor the Blessed Mother and celebrate the organization's mission of spirituality and service. Ask any of the members in purple today how you can join. We will be helping to serve donuts this Sunday. We also have our regular monthly meeting this Tuesday, October 20th in CC1. We have a social at 6PM followed by our business meeting at 6:30. All women of the parish 18 years and up are welcome to join us.



All Souls Novena - Time to Start Enrolling

All Souls Day will be here before you know it. If you would like to enroll your deceased loved ones in the Novena (Nine Masses) offered for the repose of their souls, you can find envelopes at the entrances of the church or in your monthly envelope mailing for this purpose. You may also scan the QR code here or go online to our website and click the giving tab and enroll them under the All Souls fund. All Souls Day is Monday, November 2nd.



Coffee and Donuts Served Today

Stay for a Sweet! Coffee and Donuts will be served today, Sunday, October 18th, in the Parish Hall beginning after the 8am Mass. Please join us for fellowship and a sweet treat!



Advertise in the Parish Bulletin

Local businesses and individuals are invited to advertise in our weekly parish bulletin. Advertising here ensures your message reaches a wide and diverse audience. 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 \$7.00 per Sunday bulletin.

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.



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!



ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL
41ST ANNUAL HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL - OCTOBER 23, 2026



NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN - DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 30TH

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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\$1,000	Visa Gift Card
\$500	Visa Gift Card
\$350	Visa Gift Card
\$250	Visa Gift Card
\$100	Visa Gift Card

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!



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE INSTITUTE FOR EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." - Matthew 28:19

Through **Our Lady of Guadalupe Institute for Evangelization and Catechesis**, together we will reinforce the *kerygma* (Greek for "proclamation") of the Gospel and prayerfully empower its intentional diffusion through evangelization. While strengthening our Church community in the Diocese of Corpus Christi, we will grow as well-catechized evangelists guided by the Holy Spirit, grounded in Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture, and freshly motivated unto ministerial service.

Courses are offered Thursday evenings over two weeks or a single Saturday morning. Choose the format that works best for your schedule and location.

Thursday Evenings | 6:30–8 p.m.
• Kolbe Center (Our Lady of Corpus Christi campus)

Saturday Mornings* | 9 a.m.–Noon
• St. Peter's Parish Hall or St. Pius X Parish Hall

* Video-feed sessions also available at the Kingsville and Beeville Newman Centers.

Registration Fee: \$5 per course

This Institute is for every adult Catholic. Whether just beginning in ministry, looking for how to be involved, or having been involved for years, this is for you. We are excited to help you proclaim the Gospel!

SPRING 2027 COURSES

January 14 - January 30

GOOD NEWS: What is Evangelization?
Presented by Fr. Eric Chapa

February 25 - March 13

SCHOOL OF PRAYER:
Learning the Heart of Catholic Tradition
Presented by Fr. Javier Ebertowski

April 1 - April 17

INTO THE MYSTERY: The Sacraments of Initiation
Presented by Fr. Raymond Pendleton

April 29 - May 15

EVANGELIZATION IN YOUTH MINISTRY
Presented by Sr. Maryam Caritas Sparke, SOLT



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Mass Intentions



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

Monday, October 19th

8:15AM † Raymond I. Sykora by Raymond & Randy Sykora

Tuesday, October 20th

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

Wednesday, October 21st

8:15AM † Alfred Hesse by Dolores McMorro & David Cox

Daniel Maldonado by Family

† Barbara Mikulik by Wallace & Randy Mikulik

† Jose Luis Suarez by Anita Suarez

† Julian Galloway by Family

† Fred Vela by Jeannie E. Balli

† Clairene Higdon by Kirt Higdon

† 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 Vivian Shelander Well-being by Helen Shelander

† Maria Davila Rangel by Rangel Family

† Mary Morin by Schuman Family

† Honey Dolan, Linda Royal, Kelly & Neal Ward by Family

† Gilbert Schanen, Sr. by Nancy Schanen

† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell

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

† Alfredo Garcia, Jr. by Rosie Garcia

† Manuel "Meme" Guerra by Family & Friends

† 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 22nd

8:15AM † David N. Scherzer by Family

Friday, October 23rd

8:15AM † Delpha Lugo by Deacon Lugo & Family

5:30PM † Ronald Mikulik by Wallace & Randy Mikulik

Saturday, October 24th

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

Sunday, October 25th

8:00AM † Ann Skrobarczyk by Al & Adelle Hesse

10:00AM † Deceased Members of the Men's Club by Men's Club Members

12:00PM † Ray, Lola Rose, & Johnny Heiman by Agnes Heiman & Siblings

5:30PM † Chuck Kovar by Jackie & Phyllis

Financial Report for 10/11/2026

Sunday Collection	\$	8,795.50
Sunday Online	\$	8,276.00
GOF (Other)	\$	60.00
Memorial Fund	\$	205.00
Other Contributions	\$	100.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$	17,436.50

Other Contributions:

AOC	\$	703.00
Christopher Janosek Schol. Fund	\$	50.00
Respect Life	\$	20.00
Other Contributions	\$	773.00
Total Contributions	\$	18,209.50

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, Oralina 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, Dave Thomas, 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.



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