Saint Pius X
Catholic Church and School

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

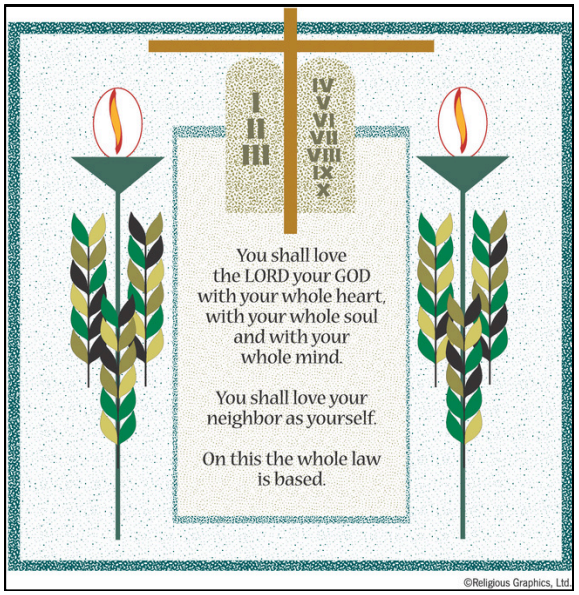
More than 60 years of faith
"To restore all things in Christ"

October 25, 2026

Dear Friends,

Love. We use the word all the time. If we enjoy sports, we might say, "I love football." If we are a little lazy in the morning, we might say, "I love to sleep in." When we get the "munchies", we would most likely proclaim, "I love food." Perhaps music is our thing and in this case, we might utter, "I love Rhythm and Blues." "Love" is a word we frequently throw around, but what is its real significance?

The word "love" can be used in reference to the great interest or pleasure we have in something or someone. We often use it to refer to certain individuals that we find appealing, activities that we pursue, or inanimate objects to which we have an attachment. Naturally, there are innumerable nuances to the word. However, if we were to delve a little more deeply into love's more profound meaning, we might be a little more cautious about the way we use the word.



Looking at the declarations in the first paragraph above, what is involved in those statements? Each has a surface meaning, but there is also a deeper meaning that underlies them. If I say, "I love football," for example, on the surface I am saying that there is something in the game that appeals to me. It is something to which I am drawn. But again, when I say, "I love football," there has to be more than just a passing attraction. I don't just simply develop a love for football by merely watching it. The attachment that I have indicates a certain investment on my part. I didn't just start loving football at the outset. I had to learn a little about the game. I needed to understand the rules and put a little effort into investigating the nuances of the game in order to develop a "love" for the game. It also required that I develop a certain alliance to a team and committing to that team over the long haul. I also had to dedicate the time to watching it.

In essence, "love" for the game then, involves more than just a casual observance. It requires that I have more involvement in it than just the pleasure principle. Someone who really loves the game sticks with it whenever it is sweet, but also whenever it is bitter.

If this is the case with something as simple as a game, imagine what is involved when we say that we love another person! Here, the dynamic is much more profound. In such a case, there is an obvious sentiment that leads a person into a loving relationship. That initial attraction then leads to a greater investment of oneself. To love another person, we have to get to know that person. We want to understand what makes that person tick. We develop a kind of alliance with that person and grow to a deeper appreciation of the nuances that are present in our interaction with that person. Loving a person requires committing to that person over the long haul. To love means to take both the bitter and the sweet aspects of the relationship. It requires an investment of self, which doesn't just depend upon the pleasure that I get from being in the presence of that person. Love, then, consists of the involvement of our whole self. By the same token, it is possible to love a complete stranger. It is our love for God that enables us to do so. We do it because we recognize that that person is lovable from the perspective of the love of Jesus Christ.

This is what Jesus means when he talks about the greatest commandment in the law. As we hear in this

Who's Who

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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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weekend's Gospel, Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." In other words, to love God means that we must love with our entire being. Love is not just something casual. It doesn't just happen. We don't really just "fall" in love. Love of God, as well as love of another person, entails something much more comprehensive and cannot be equated with the love we have for inanimate objects or events. Love of God and love of our neighbor entails a giving of our whole being to that relationship. God bless!

Fr. Paul

All Souls Day Evening Vespers and Light of Candles

In keeping with parish tradition, we will hold an **All Souls Evening Vespers & Lighting of Candles** to honor parishioners and loved ones who passed away and whose funerals were held at St. Pius X over the course of this past year. These candles will remain lit throughout the week as a tribute and symbol of our prayers for their eternal rest. Everyone is welcome to join us for the candle lighting ceremony, especially family members of those we are remembering.

Honoring Our Veterans

St. Pius X Parish would like to honor all of our veterans at each of the Masses on the weekend of November 7th-8th. We encourage all veterans to join us at Mass for a special blessing and for a little gift in honor of your service to our nation.

Baptism Classes

Baptism classes take place on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00AM in CC#2. Register by contacting the Parish Office at 361-993-4053.

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.*
Annointing of the Sick: *On request*

The Traveling Crucifix



Thank you to Walter and Dolores Taylor for your prayers for vocations this past week. Mark and Barbara Kaul will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Mike and Dona Eggenberger will be taking the Traveling Crucifix November 1 - 8, 2026.

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.

Blood Drive

St. Pius X will host a Blood Drive this weekend, 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 an 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. Walk-ins are welcomed.

Parish Happenings

Sunday, October 25th

10:00AM – OCIA – CC#1 & CC#2

Wednesday, October 28th

7:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

5:30PM – Catholic Daughters – CC#1

Thursday, October 29th

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

Sunday, November 1st – All Saints Day





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.



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

St. Pius X School Veteran's Day Celebration



St. Pius X Catholic School will honor our parishioners who have served in the armed forces at a Veterans' Day Celebration on Wednesday, November 11, 2026, from 10:00AM to 11:00AM in the St. Pius X Parish Hall, followed by refreshments and fellowship. We will have a table set up for any photos you would like to share. We welcome our Veterans and any family members who wish to attend.

All Souls Novena - Time to Start Enrolling

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.

Anniversary Mass Intentions

Due to the high volume of parishioners requesting Mass Intentions, we will make every effort to accommodate all requests for anniversaries of death and birthdays of deceased on a first-come, first-serve basis. Beginning Tuesday, November 3, we will commence scheduling ONLY these specific Masses. All other Mass Intentions may be arranged starting in December.

St. Patrick Altar & Rosary Society Bazaar

St. Patrick's Altar & Rosary Society invites everyone to its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 14th in the St. Patrick's Parish Hall from 9:00AM – 3:00PM. The event will feature vendors, a silent auction, baked goods, crafts & collectibles, door prize, and a raffle. Proceeds will benefit the needs of the altar, priests and the altar servers. Everyone is welcome to attend and support this worthy cause.

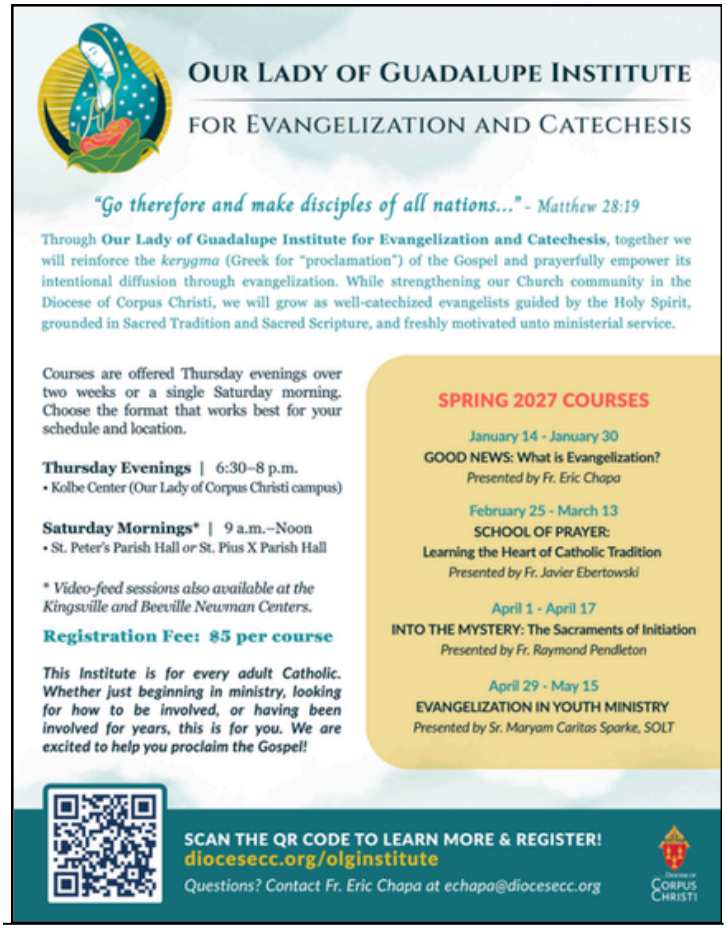
October Acts of Charity Project

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



School News

Dear Blue Jay Families,

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful and restful Fall Break!

During the break, I had the privilege of attending the Fullness in Truth Conference, and it was truly an incredible experience! The conference featured inspiring speakers and presenters, including Father Carlos Martins, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Trent Horn, Matthew Leonard, and Fr. Josemaria Barbin, FI, to name just a few. One of the most meaningful moments was having the opportunity to see and touch a relic of the Veil of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was such a beautiful blessing and a moment I will always cherish.

If you have the opportunity, I highly recommend attending the upcoming Fullness in Truth Conference in Houston at Great Wolf Lodge, which will focus on the family. It promises to be a meaningful and enriching experience that can have a lasting impact on your faith and family life.

Our Halloween Carnival was Friday! I hope you were able to join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and community.

I am also excited to share two wonderful pieces of news with our Blue Jay community! First, we received a $10,000 grant from H-E-B! This generous grant will allow us to purchase a set of Chromebooks for one of our classrooms, further supporting our students' learning and access to technology. We are so grateful to H-E-B for investing in our school and our students!



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!

Second, St. Pius X Catholic School has been named the first-place winner in the Preschool category of the Best of the Best 2026 in Corpus Christi! After being nominated among the top three, we are incredibly humbled and grateful to receive this honor. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote for our wonderful school and support our Blue Jay family.

A special shout-out goes to Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Amy for their dedication and hard work, as well as to all the teachers and staff members, past and present, who have contributed to making St. Pius X the special place it is today. This recognition reflects the love, commitment, and faith that have been at the heart of our school throughout the years. Congratulations, Blue Jays!

Finally, please be sure to mark your calendars for February 6, 2027, as we celebrate our first-ever Gala! We look forward to gathering with our school families, parish, alumni, and community members to celebrate 60 years of faith, learning, and excellence at St. Pius X Catholic School. It will be a wonderful opportunity to honor our history and look forward to the bright future ahead.

Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and commitment to our school community. It is a blessing to serve alongside such wonderful families as we continue our mission to develop the whole child in a Christ-centered environment.

May God continue to bless our Blue Jay families!

In His Name,

Mrs. Beth Hinojosa
Servant & Principal
St. Pius X Catholic School

Tickets for Fullness in Truth Conference
https://muradbid.com/app/public/bidapp/fothoustonconference/tickets/tix

Mass Intentions

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 Benesh
Monday, October 26th
8:15AM † Mary Bengtson by JR & Mary Jones
Tuesday, October 27th
8:15AM † Susan Hesse by Al & Adelle Hesse
Wednesday, October 28th
8:15AM † Lowell Didear
† Martha Sykora by Raymond & Randy Sykora
† Paul Jordan by Reumuth Family
† Adolph Mikulik by Wallace & Randy Mikulik
† Mary, John, James P. & Margaret Kelly by KKH
† Julian Galloway by Family
† Ron Reumuth & Deceased Family Members by Family
† 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 Rodriguez
† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell
† Jim & Georgia Stillwell by Manuel & Lucy Ramirez
† John Boyd by Lucy Boyd
† Hiram O. Sosa by Family
† Roberto Mejia, MD by Jean Inman
† 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 29th
8:15AM † Gerald Higdon by Kirt Higdon
Friday, October 30th
8:15AM † Amelia Madali Gonzales by Naida Hrdlicka
5:30PM † Susy Bengtson by JR & Mary Jones
Saturday, October 31st
5:30PM For the People of St. Pius X
Sunday, November 1st – All Saints Day
8:00AM † Bill West by Reumuth Family
10:00AM † Elida Gomez by Joe Gomez
12:00PM † Ray, Lola Rose, & Johnny Heiman by Agnes Heiman & Siblings
5:30PM † Randy Havel, Doak & Josephine Russell by De Havel



Financial Report for 10/18/2026

Sunday Collection	$	16,073.35
Sunday Online	$	5,407.00
GOF (Other)	$	40.00
Challenge - Youth Building	$	30.00
Sunday Flower Donation	$	263.00
Other Contributions	$	293.65
Total Operating Revenue	**$**	**22,107.00**
Other Contributions:		
AOC	$	973.00
World Mission Sunday	$	360.00
Other Contributions	**$**	**1,333.00**
Total Contributions	**$**	**23,440.00**

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, Estela Phillips, 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.