Saint Pius X
Catholic Church and School

Solemnity of All Saints

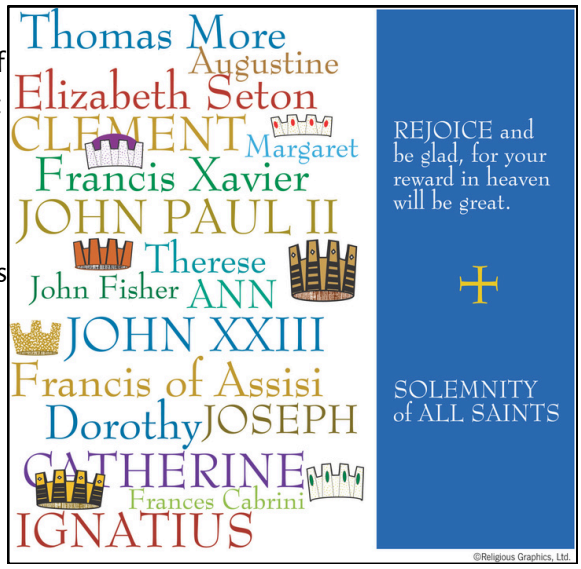
More than 60 years of faith
"To restore all things in Christ"

November 1, 2026

Dear Friends,

November is now upon us and we have two very important back-to-back celebrations in the Church. This weekend, at the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses we celebrate the great Solemnity of All Saints. On Monday, we celebrate the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, otherwise known as All Souls Day. While many in our world are focused on dressing up in costumes and going trick-or-treating as a part of Halloween activities, we in the Church direct our minds and our hearts to those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Specifically, we celebrate the Church Triumphant - those souls who have died and who now dwell as saints in heaven, and the Church Penitent - those souls who are on the path toward heaven, who are yet in need of purification. Let's reflect on both celebrations.

Reading and studying the lives of the saints provides us with great inspiration. Their lives reveal the kind of relationship to the Lord for which we all should aspire. We don't need to imitate them exactly, for we all have our own unique path toward holiness. However, there are aspects of the lives of the saints and certain spiritual characteristics about them that ignite within us a love for the Lord and inspire us to pursue lives of holiness. It is not that they lived lives that are beyond our reach. Rather, they show us what God can do in ordinary lives to make them extraordinary.



When I was younger, I took a liking to St. Francis of Assisi. His life of poverty and detachment was something that helped me to realize that true happiness can be found in a life of simplicity. I remember reading a book about the life of St. Francis that moved my heart and led to the first stirrings in my heart that maybe God might be calling me to the priesthood. During my seminary studies, I was captivated by St. Francis Xavier, who took up the call to preach the gospel to places as far as Asia and India, where he eventually died. His missionary zeal was unmatched and second only to St. Paul. His fidelity to his missionary call is inspiring.

I was also spiritually fed by the writings of St. Polycarp of Smyrna and St. Ignatius of Antioch. Their urgent desire to suffer martyrdom for the Lord was moving and added a new dimension to my desire to serve the Lord with my life. I also found great consolation in the autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux (The Little Flower), whose very humble, ordinary way of holiness caused me to see that holiness isn't always found in great acts of martyrdom or evangelization, but can be found in small acts of service and simplicity.

These are the saints, among many others whose lives are commemorated throughout the Church year, but there are also innumerable saints who may not be recognized, whose lives still inspire. They may not necessarily be known to us, but there are many, many saints who dwell in the beatific vision of heaven with God. It is these saints, along with all those saints whose lives with whom we are familiar, that we celebrate in this Solemnity of All Saints.

Through the saints, we are motivated to live lives of sanctity and holiness. The saints were ordinary human beings who responded to God's grace so readily that they excelled in living the Christian virtues. Each of us are called to be saints. Sanctity comes first and foremost by responding to God's movement in our hearts. With God's help, it is possible for us to live peacefully with one another, bearing with one another patiently as St. Paul would exhort us to do. God's grace enables us to act charitably and without resentment. If we respond to His prompting,

Who's Who

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

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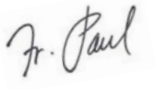
School Website

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we can avoid harsh criticisms, or abusive and profane language. God asks us to be prudent in our choices by being thoughtful and reflective before we speak or to consider carefully whether what we post on social media is appropriate or even correct. It is amazing how thoughtless, inappropriate, and imprudent we can be. Saints take a step back and evaluate whether what they are saying or even thinking is appropriate or true. We should all be desirous of sanctity and God gives us the means. We just need to be more prayerful and judicious about the choices we make.

The other celebration is the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed. We recognize that, for most of us, there is a need for purification after we die. This is the doctrine of Purgatory. On the feast of All Souls, we remember all who have died and pray for the repose of their souls. In this celebration, we pray for our deceased loved ones who have died, that they might dwell in the full light of God's glory in heaven. The vast majority of us will find ourselves in need of this purgation after death. While it is a somewhat somber celebration, it is nevertheless hopeful and profitable for us to pray for all souls, for we know that those who undergo this purification will finally dwell in glory.

Let us aspire to be saints. Let us pray for those in purgatory. Let us respond to God's grace and seek to reach our eternal home in heaven! God bless!



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 Mark and Barbara Kaul for your prayers for vocations this past week. Mike and Dona Eggenberger will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Richard and Theresa Arizmendi will be taking the Traveling Crucifix November 8 - 15, 2026.

St. Patrick Altar Rosary Society Bazaar

St. Patrick's Altar & Rosary Society invites everyone to its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 14th in their Parish Hall from 9:00AM – 3:00PM. The event will feature vendors, a silent auction, baked goods, crafts & collectibles, door prizes, 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..

Scheduling of Anniversary Mass Intentions for 2027

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.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this week are donated in memory of Mary Jones' mother, Mary, and her sister, Susan Bengston. May these flowers serve as a beautiful reminder of their love, the precious memories that are left behind, and the everlasting bond that lives on in our hearts.

Welcome New Parishioners

St. Pius X welcomes Candice Rangel and Anthony Estrada to our parish family! We are blessed to have you join our community of faith and look forward to growing together in Christ through prayer, fellowship, and service. May God's love guide you, strengthen you, and fill your hearts with peace and joy as you become part of our parish family.

All Souls Day Evening Vespers and Lighting of Candles

In keeping with parish tradition, on Monday, November 2nd and 6:30PM in the church, 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.

Parish Happenings

Monday, November 2nd

6:30PM – All Souls Evening Vespers & Lighting of Candles – CH

Wednesday, November 4th

7:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

6:00PM – Religious Ed – CC#1 & CC#2

7:00PM – Alhambra's – REC

Thursday, November 5th

7:00PM – Confessions/Adoration – CH

Friday, November 6th

11:00AM – School Thanksgiving – PH

6:00PM – Filipino Dinner – PH

Sunday, November 8th

10:00AM – Religious Ed – CC#1 & CC#2

2:00PM – Altar Server Training - 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.



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

All Souls Novena

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.

Advent by Candlelight

Advent by Candlelight provides a peaceful and reflective way for women to prepare for Christmas by focusing on the true meaning of the season, the birth of Jesus Christ. Participants have the opportunity to enjoy an evening designed to foster a sense of serenity and recollection as the holiday approaches. The theme for this year is "Acceptance and Hope", based on the Gospel John 4:10. The event is Saturday, December 5th from 7-9PM in the Parish Hall. Each table is responsible for their own meal. Dessert, coffee, and water will be provided. Women interested in hosting a table, please contact Celeste Lutz 361-945-6112. Space is limited, so reserve your table ASAP!

Altar Server Training

Altar Server Training at St. Pius X is a multi-part program. Our first class was held on October 18, and **Class 2 will be held on Sunday, November 8 at 2:00PM at St. Pius X.**

This means two things:

- **For those who attended Class 1 on October 18:** Class 2 is a **continuation** of that class, not a stand-alone session. It builds directly on what we covered, so **attendance at Class 2 is expected to complete training.** Please plan to be there.
- **For those who missed Class 1:** the November 8 class will also serve as your **make-up class**, so attending on November 8 keeps your server on track.

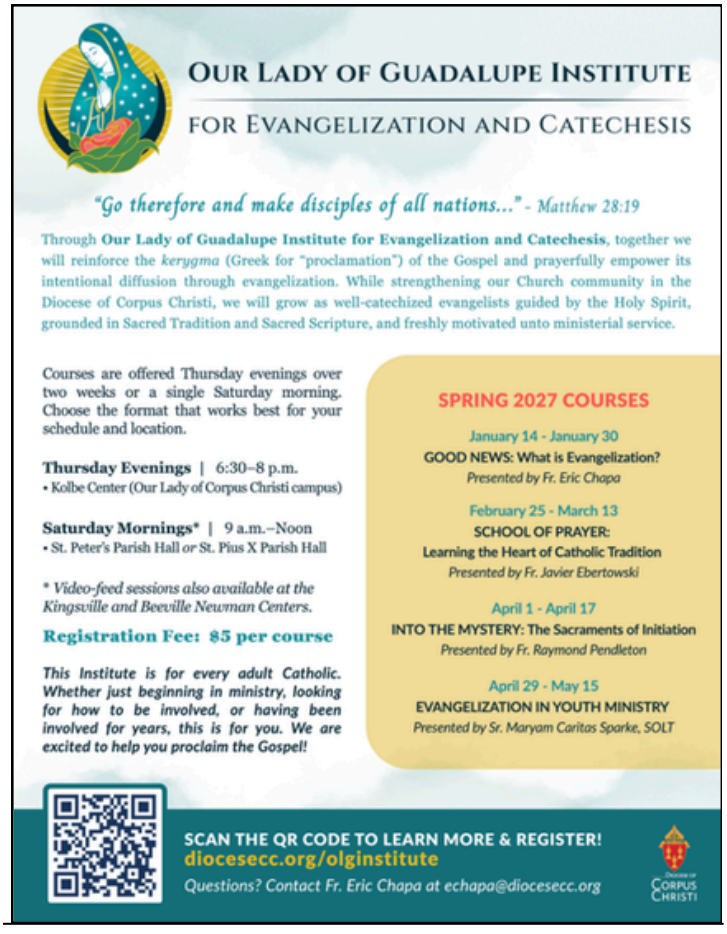
Either way, **every altar server should plan to attend on Sunday, November 8 at 2:00PM.**

Acts of Charity for November

The November Acts of Charity Project will be collecting donations for the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission. Their greatest need is standard-size pillows as they have a 225-room homeless shelter. As they prepare for the winter months, they could also use knitted caps, scarves, and gloves. Donations can be placed in the bin in the back of the church or dropped off at the parish office. The October collection for Mother Teresa's Shelter and Timon's Ministries was very successful. We thank you for your continued generosity and for helping support the homeless in our community.

Advertise in the Parish Bulletin

Local businesses and individuals are invited to advertise in our weekly 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. 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.



School News

Blue Jay Families,

I wanted to share an update on our Halloween Carnival and take a moment to reflect on some of the special blessings we experienced this week.

Our Halloween Carnival brought in $23,169.42! We are still calculating our raffle tickets and silent auction items to add to this total.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Halloween Carnival Chair, Melissa Wanek, for her incredible hard work and dedication. She did an amazing job! I am also grateful to our PTO President Norma Salinas, Vice President Stephanie Cisneros, and the entire PTO for the countless hours and tremendous effort they put into making this event a success. Thank you to our Men's Club and all the volunteers who helped with setup, takedown, and everything in between. These events are only possible because of the generosity and commitment of our Blue Jay community. Whether this was your first Halloween Carnival or your 41st, I hope it was a wonderful experience filled with fun, fellowship, and lasting memories!



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!

Mrs. Beth Hinojosa
Servant & Principal

Wednesday Mass also brought me a beautiful reminder of why our Catholic faith is at the heart of everything we do.

Before Mass, I was helping two of our altar servers prepare. They were eagerly putting on their cassocks and getting the altar ready, full of excitement as they prepared to serve the Lord. One of them told me how much he loved the feeling he had. I was moved by the joy and anticipation on both of their faces. They simply could not wait to serve Jesus.

Watching them reminded me of St. Thomas Aquinas and his reflections on the existence of God. There was such a beautiful sense of awe and wonder in those two boys as they prepared to serve at the altar. Their joy was a reminder of how God reveals Himself to us in the simplest moments. I found myself wondering: what if we approached every Mass with that same childlike excitement and anticipation as we prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist? Witnessing their joy was truly a blessing to me and a reminder of the beauty of our faith.

After Mass, we had another meaningful opportunity to honor our beloved Julian Galloway. We dedicated a desk that will remain in his classroom and follow his classmates each year as they advance through the grades, serving as a lasting reminder of Julian and the special place he holds in our St. Pius X family. Father Paul blessed the desk, along with a beautiful painting of St. Michael the Archangel, painted and donated by local artist and parishioner Helen Shelander.

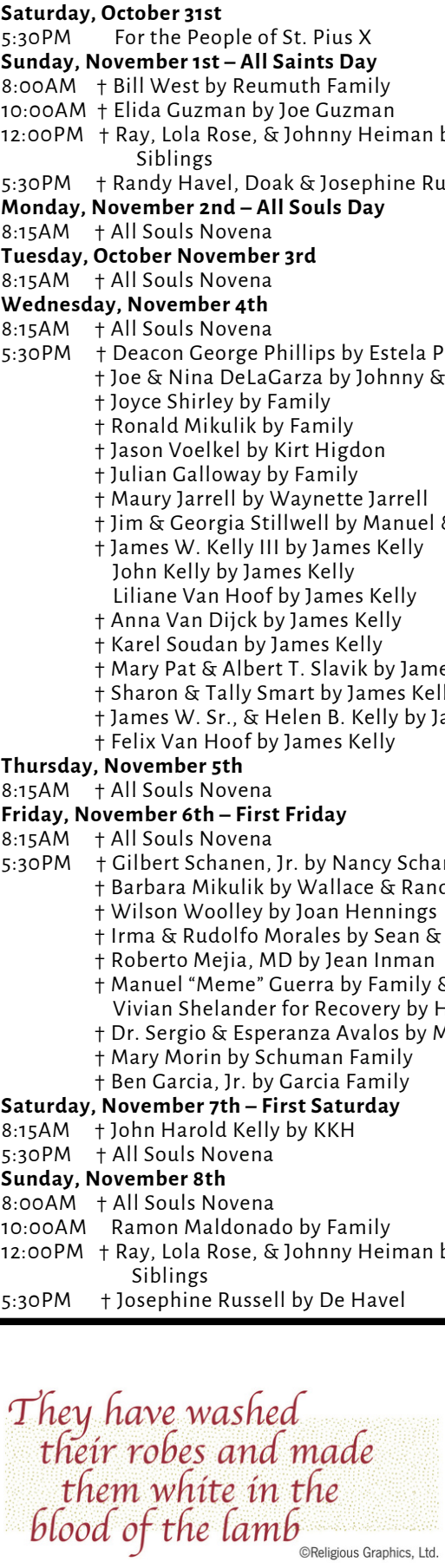
St. Michael is the patron saint of police officers, making this painting especially meaningful to the Galloway family, as Julian was an honorary police officer to follow in his Dad's footsteps. We are grateful for this beautiful tribute and for the opportunity to continue honoring Julian's memory.

As I reflect on these moments, I am reminded that God's blessings are often found in the things we might otherwise overlook: the generosity of our community, the joyful hearts of our children, and the love we continue to share as we remember those who have touched our lives.

May God grant us the grace to approach each day with hearts full of awe, wonder, and gratitude, recognizing the many blessings He places before us.

Mass Intentions

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 Guzman by Joe Guzman
12:00PM † Ray, Lola Rose, & Johnny Heiman by Agnes Heiman & Siblings
5:30PM † Randy Havel, Doak & Josephine Russell by De Havel
Monday, November 2nd – All Souls Day
8:15AM † All Souls Novena
Tuesday, October November 3rd
8:15AM † All Souls Novena
Wednesday, November 4th
8:15AM † All Souls Novena
5:30PM † Deacon George Phillips by Estela Phillips
† Joe & Nina DeLaGarza by Johnny & Yolanda Villarreal
† Joyce Shirley by Family
† Ronald Mikulik by Family
† Jason Voelkel by Kirt Higdon
† Julian Galloway by Family
† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell
† Jim & Georgia Stillwell by Manuel & Lucy Ramirez
† 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
† 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, November 5th
8:15AM † All Souls Novena
Friday, November 6th – First Friday
8:15AM † All Souls Novena
5:30PM † Gilbert Schanen, Jr. by Nancy Schanen
† Barbara Mikulik by Wallace & Randy Mikulik
† Wilson Woolley by Joan Hennings
† Irma & Rudolfo Morales by Sean & Thelma Higgins
† Roberto Mejia, MD by Jean Inman
† Manuel "Meme" Guerra by Family & Friends
Vivian Shelander for Recovery by Helen Shelander
† Dr. Sergio & Esperanza Avalos by Marla Rodríguez
† Mary Morin by Schuman Family
† Ben Garcia, Jr. by Garcia Family
Saturday, November 7th – First Saturday
8:15AM † John Harold Kelly by KKH
5:30PM † All Souls Novena
Sunday, November 8th
8:00AM † All Souls Novena
10:00AM Ramon Maldonado by Family
12:00PM † Ray, Lola Rose, & Johnny Heiman by Agnes Heiman & Siblings
5:30PM † Josephine Russell by De Havel



Financial Report for 10/25/2026

Sunday Collection	$	12,758.77
Sunday Online	$	5,911.00
GOF (Other)	$	60.00
Memorial Fund	$	400.00
Sunday Flower Donation	$	63.00
Other Contributions	$	93.75
Total Operating Revenue	**$**	**19,283.52**
Other Contributions:		
AOC	$	570.00
Respect Life Appeal	$	30.00
Other Contributions	**$**	**600.00**
Total Contributions	**$**	**19,883.52**

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.