Saint Pius X
Catholic Church and School

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

November 8, 2026

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Anyone who has ever been a Boy Scout knows that one of the principle lessons instilled in each scout is the importance of being prepared. "Be Prepared", in fact, is the scout motto. It isn't simply about making sure you have your tent in good shape, your backpack properly packed, your meals planned, or your pocketknife on hand before heading out into the wilderness for a campout. Nor is it just about anticipating potential dangers. For a scout, "Be Prepared" is a state of being ready in mind and body to do your duty. So, a scout is supposed to always be physically, mentally and morally ready for whatever situation he might face. It requires discipline to be obedient to any order and to also be able to discern what is the right thing to do and be willing to do it.

This motto means that a scout should do the right thing even though he might give up his own pleasure, comfort, or safety to do it. It means to ask what is best for other people and to act on that awareness. In view of this principle, scouts need to learn various skills that could be used at the service of others and their own service. A scout must therefore undergo training so as to be ready for whatever situation might arise. They learn to live by a code of character, and they develop an understanding of a broad spectrum of skills from first aid, to cooking, to business and communication. They gain knowledge of citizenship and personal management. This is a process that helps build the confidence and the character of the person.



You could say life is all about being prepared. Whenever we are about to engage in any activity, whether we are getting ready to go on a trip, or hosting an event at our house, we start to look ahead. We focus on the preparations that need to be made. We plan, we make lists, we purchase items, we take note of any contingencies that we might foresee. Then we put our plans into action. In this process, we engage our minds and our bodies, and we dedicate the time needed to accomplish what it is we need to accomplish. But we also prepare ourselves emotionally and spiritually as well.

Throughout the course of this month, especially as we draw closer to the end of the liturgical year, the Church highlights for us, through the scriptures, the things that pertain to the end of all things and the Second Coming of Christ. Naturally, these things bring to the fore the importance of our being prepared. Our gospel this weekend, for instance, gives us the parable of the ten virgins who took lamps to meet the bridegroom. Five were foolish, and five were wise. The foolish ones brought no oil with them, while the wise brought plenty of oil to keep their lamps burning brightly. When the bridegroom delays in coming, the lamps of the foolish virgins were going out because they had not properly prepared. They left to get more oil, and found themselves being left out when the bridegroom finally arrived.

The oil represents the condition of one's heart in relation to God. We can take care of all the external aspects of our faith, but do we have an internal life of prayer? Do we live a life of charity and love? Do we live a fruitful life that enhances the lives of others? Being prepared in the Christian life isn't merely about

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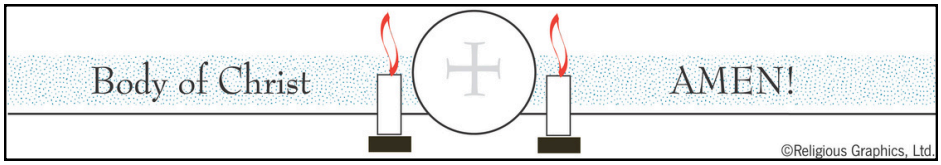
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participating in Masses or ticking off a list of precepts that we have kept. Being properly prepared means that we have filled up our lamps with greater love toward others, a more profound patience, and a deeper willingness to forgo our own desires for the sake of others. It means that we have developed a Christlike character that is full of mercy and compassion for others. Let's work on growing and developing a heart more like Christ's. It takes work. It isn't always easy to follow this path, but it certainly is more fulfilling. We don't want to wait until the last moment when we might be caught off guard and find that our love for God is deficient.

God bless,

Fr. Paul



In Loving Memory

With heartfelt sadness, we remember Estela Torres Phillips and Antonio "Tony" Ytuarte Espinoza whose funerals took place this past week. May their families find comfort in His peace and the promise of eternal life. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

Funeral Announcements

With sadness, we announce the passing of our beloved parishioners and ask that you keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Nehemias Albalos – Funeral Mass Tuesday, November 10th at 11:30AM
David "Dave" Thomas – Funeral Mass Saturday, November 14th at 10:00AM
Alamar Verstiqui – Funeral Mass Tuesday, November 17th at 11:00AM

May they rest in the peace of Christ, and may God bring comfort and strength to their families and loved ones.

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 Mike and Dona Eggenberger for your prayers for vocations this past week. Richard and Theresa Arizmendi will be praying with the Traveling Crucifix this week. Leo and Nicole Ruiz will be taking the Traveling Crucifix November 15 - 22, 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..

2027 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 basis. Currently, we are scheduling ONLY these specific Masses. All other Mass Intentions may be arranged starting in December.

Thanksgiving Dinner - Everyone is Welcome!

The Thanksgiving tradition continues! Jason's Deli will once again graciously prepare a Thanksgiving meal for our St. Pius X parish family on Thanksgiving Day. Everyone is welcome! Whether you are joining us with family, coming with friends, or spending the holiday on your own, there is a place at the table for you. Thanksgiving is a time for gratitude, friendship, and sharing God's blessings. Come enjoy a delicious meal, warm fellowship, and the joy of being together as a parish community. ***Please RSVP to the Parish Office 361-993-4053 if you plan to attend.***

Catholic Daughters Rosary Rally

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #2460, Angels of Mary, will have their monthly Rosary Rally on Saturday, November 14th at 8AM. November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory. Join us as we try to answer Our Lady's request to pray the Rosary daily. Let us pray for our families, our loved ones and our parish as well as the souls of our dearly departed. We will be praying in the parking lot. Please bring your rosary, a hat, a chair, and a friend!

Parish Happenings

Sunday, November 8th
10:00AM – Religious Ed – CC#1 & CC#2
2:00PM – Altar Server Training - CH
Tuesday, November 10th
8:00AM – Veterans Day Celebration Set-up – PH
6:00PM – Acts of Charity – CC#1
Wednesday, November 11th – VETERANS DAY
7:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2
10:00AM – Veterans Day Celebration – PH
Thursday, November 12th
6:00PM – Catholic Daughters – CC#1
Friday, November 13th
9:00AM – School Thanksgiving – PH
Sunday, November 15th
10:00AM – Religious Ed – CC#1 & CC#2
9:00AM – Coffee and Donuts Served After Morning Masses – 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.



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

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

Just a friendly reminder that our Class 2 altar server training will be held Sunday, November 8 at 2:00PM at St. Pius X. For those who attended Class 1 on October 18, this is the continuation of that class; for those who missed it, November 8 serves as the make-up session.
We're looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Acts of Charity Meeting

The Acts of Charity will meet this Tuesday, November 8th in CC#1 from 6-7PM. Please join us in planning for the making and delivery of Thanksgiving food baskets as well as the Christmas Giving Tree.

Coffee and Donuts Next Sunday



Mark your calendar! Coffee and donuts will be served next Sunday, November 15th, 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.

Honoring Our Veterans

St. Pius X Parish would like to honor all of our veterans at each of the Masses 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.

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. We thank you for your continued generosity and for helping support the homeless in our community.

Ordination to the Order of the Diaconate

Stephen Beadle, a seminarian who spent a summer with us, will be ordained to the Diaconate on November 28th at 10:00AM at Corpus Christi Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.







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School News

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.

Exciting News for our Winter Fund!

We are incredibly blessed to share that a second anonymous donor has generously offered to match every dollar donated to our Winter Fund, dollar for dollar! We are humbled and grateful for the generosity and faith that our supporters continue to show St. Pius X Catholic School. God continues to bless our Blue Jay community in extraordinary ways, and this matching gift is a beautiful reminder of what we can accomplish when we come together in support of our students and our mission. Every donation will go twice as far, which tells our staff how much they are appreciated. We are truly blessed by the generosity of our donors and give thanks to God for continuing to provide for our school community. Together, we can make this Winter Fund our most impactful one yet!

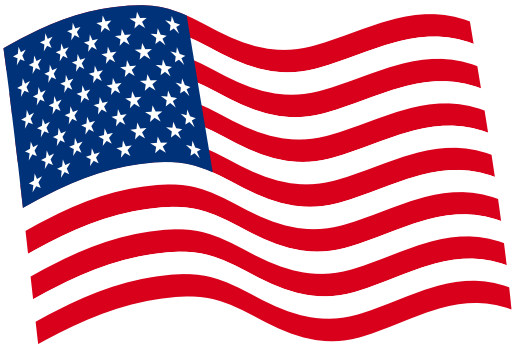
You can donate by:

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

Thank you!

Mrs. Hinojosa

Servant & Principal



St. Pius X Catholic School will honor our parishioners who have served in the armed forces at a Veterans' Day Celebration on Wednesday, November 11th 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.

Mass Intentions



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
Monday, November 9th
8:15AM † All Souls Novena
Tuesday, November 10th
8:15AM † All Souls Novena
Wednesday, November 11th
8:15AM † Lowell & Alice Didear
† Christopher Janosek by John, Debra & Brian Janosek
Pam Reumuth & Family by Rick McCabe
† Ronald Reumuth by Family
† Henry Patrick Salinas by Family
Spiritual Well-being of Dionel Johnny Garza by Parents
† Mary, John, James & Margaret Kelly by KKH
Priscilla Guerrero by Beth Hinojosa
Becky Urbanovsky by Beth Hinojosa
† Julian Galloway 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
† Clairene Higdon by Kirt Higdon
† Christina Dalrymple by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Hyde
† Ruth Baltz by St. Pius X School
Manuel Mata's Health by St. Pius X School
Shirley Holden by St. Pius X School
† Clayton A. & Eda Marie Travland by Family
† Phillip W. Franklin by Family
5:30PM † Trey Turner by Gladys Lippencott
† Maury Jarrell by Waynette Jarrell
† Roberto Mejia, MD by Jean Inman
† Deceased Members of the Travland & Lauzzana Family by Family
† George Zertuche & Frances Thrash by Diana Garcia
† 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 12th
8:15AM Soledad P. Madali & Naida Hrdlicka by Family
Friday, November 13th
8:15AM † Felipe Gonzales by Nelva Gonzales
5:30PM † Gilbert Schanen, Sr. by Nancy Schanen
Saturday, November 14th –
5:30PM † Jessica "Joy" Phillips by Family
Sunday, November 8th
8:00AM For the People of St. Pius X
10:00AM † Capt. Frank Kolda, USN (Ret.) by Martha A. Kolda
12:00PM † Ray, Lola Rose, & Johnny Heiman by Agnes Heiman & Siblings
5:30PM † Ronny Fritz by Peggy Fritz

Financial Report for 11/1/2026

Sunday Collection	$	10,699.72
Sunday Online	$	7,252.00
GOF (Other)	$	40.00
Other Contributions	$	2,264.00
Total Operating Revenue	**$**	**20,255.72**
Other Contributions:		
AOC	$	669.00
Christopher Janosek Schol. Fund	$	80.00
Emil & Marie Habeeb Schol. Fund	$	80.00
Archdiocese for Military Svcs., USA	$	485.00
Catholic Camp. for Human Develop.	$	39.00
Respect Life Appeal	$	5.00
Other Contributions	**$**	**1,358.00**
Total Contributions	**$**	**21,613.72**

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.