

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

More Than 50 Years of Faith!
Saint Pius X
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL "To renew all things in Christ"

Dear Parish Family,

The evening breezes were coming in off the bay and flowing over the crest of the hill and down into the grassy basin of the amphitheater at Cole Park. Rain clouds were somehow kept at bay by atmospheric conditions that were not immediately perceptible to the eye. Perhaps divine intervention was at play in order to assure that nothing would spoil what was about to take place.

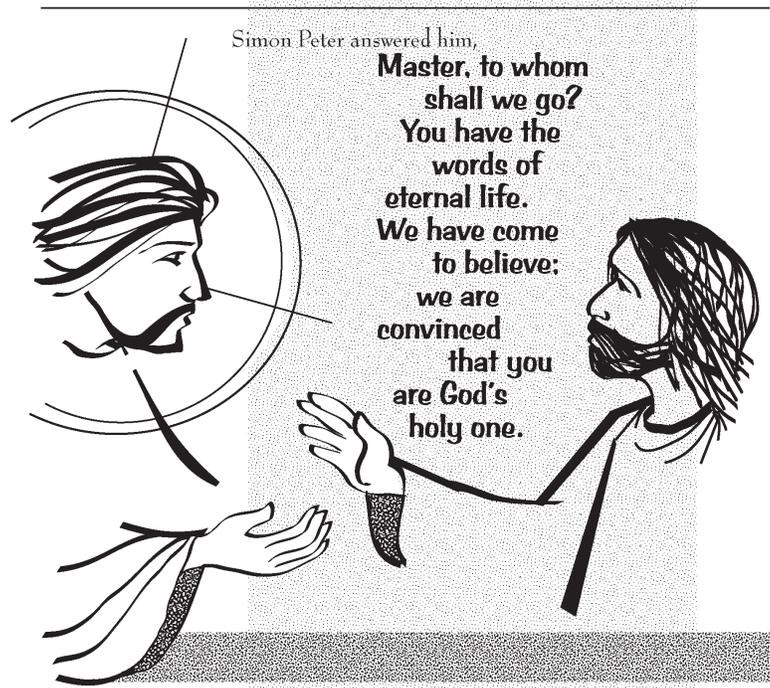
I was escorted to the crest of the hill and I elected to sit with my back to the bay front, even though I really would've preferred the view of the waves lapping up to the shore. Facing the people who were slowly trickling in and setting up places on the grass, I looked toward the makeshift altar and listened to the sound-checks of the musicians who were getting ready. Almost immediately, I was approached by a penitent. I was there to hear confessions for NIGHT TO ADORE, an evening of adoration, praise, and confessions. It was being coordinated by Young Catholic Adults and Corpus Christi Right to Life.

The central aspect of the event was adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Could there be anything more appropriate in the city named after the Body of Christ? I was impressed by the confessions that were taking place. I have no doubt that the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in Cole Park that evening was making an impact upon those who came to adore. Often, we think we need to do something to change people's hearts. But in the end, it isn't what we do so much as it is what the Lord himself does.

In between confessions, I noticed couples and families who were strolling along the water's edge. Many would find their way over the hill crest, curious to see what was going on. They would stop, watch, marvel, perhaps even pray. The Eucharist was drawing people to Christ; tugging at their hearts, even if only in a momentary way. Many probably did not understand what was going on. Nevertheless, they were there.

For those of us who call ourselves Catholics, the Eucharist is at the very heart of our lives. When we come to Mass and receive Christ in the Eucharist, it is his life that courses through our very being. Immeasurable grace invigorates us at that moment. A miracle takes place that fulfills the innermost longing of our hearts.

The central mystery of the Eucharist is not universally understood. If contemporary polls are any indication, an astounding number of people do not believe in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Jesus had his share of unbelievers when it came to speaking about eating his flesh and drinking his blood. This incredulity is glaringly obvious in the gospel today. As we have heard over the last few Sundays, Jesus is giving his "Bread of Life" discourse and the reaction to what he says is bewilderment on the part of the listeners. Jesus has told them that he is the Bread of Life and that eternal life consists in eating



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his flesh and drinking his blood. He was ultimately preparing them for the Eucharist. A large number of followers trickled away as they found Jesus' teaching too hard. In our own day and time, people find it hard to comprehend this mystery as well. Isn't it interesting that people will believe that Jesus can exert power over nature by healing someone, but the same people can't seem to make the leap that Jesus is perfectly capable of veiling his presence under the appearance of bread and wine?

The things that happened The other night at Cole Park reveal a great mystery. People who were simply sitting in the presence of the Eucharist were impacted in a way that was touched their lives. The centrality of the Eucharist is what our patron, St. Pius X labored to communicate to the faithful during his pontificate. The inestimable value of the Eucharist is the reason behind St. Pius X encouraging the faithful to receive communion regularly. It also motivated him to make the Eucharist accessible to younger children so that they might have the benefit of sacramental grace to aid them to develop intimacy with Christ. It is St. Pius X whom we honor in a special way this weekend as we celebrate his Feast Day. We can be thankful to him for the fact that the practice of receiving communion is a more common practice. Let's continue to preserve the reverence and sanctity of Holy Communion in our practice every day. God bless,

May He Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Diego Roberto Diethé, whose memorial funeral service was held here this past week. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Welcome New Parishioners!

Please welcome Godfrey and Rosie Vela and Suzie Vazquez and daughter, Lily, to our parish. We are glad to have them be an active part of our growing faith community.

Feast of St. Pius

Our patronal feast day is this Saturday, August 21st; however, as a parish we will be celebrating it at all the masses this weekend. Let's celebrate together the Feast of St. Pius X!

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-5:00PM

Schedule of Services

Masses: *First Saturday: 8:15AM*

Saturday: Vigil at 5:30PM.

Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5:30PM

Vietnamese Mass: 7:30PM

Weekdays: Monday through Friday 8:15AM,

Wednesday & Friday 5:30PM

Holy Days: 6:30AM, 8:15AM, 12PM & 6:00PM(Vigil 5:30PM)

Confessions: Saturdays - 4-5PM and Thursdays 7:00-7:50PM

Marriages: By appointment only and notice six months in advance.

Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register through the office.

Anointing of the Sick: First Friday Healing Mass or by request.

U. S. Flag Retirement Drop Off

This is a reminder to everyone that we have a drop-off box in the parish office for old and worn U.S. Flags that need to be properly retired. As you may know, U.S. Flags should not be thrown in the trash but must be given a proper retirement ceremony. Our scout troop has done many such ceremonies throughout the years. If you have any old and worn U.S. Flags that need to be retired, please bring them by the office during regular office hours and our troop will give them a proper retirement.

Acts of Charity

The Acts of Charity Monthly Outreach for August is an opportunity to be a helping hand to our parish school. Basic office supplies are needed throughout the school year and we want to stock their supply cabinet to offset these recurring expenses.

We are listing items that can be purchased at local stores and deposited in our donation canister and boxes in the rear of the church, dropped off at the school office or church office. Some of you prefer to order on-line and this is also a convenient option, as many items are bulky and heavy. If you choose to order, items can be shipped directly to St. Pius X Catholic School, 737 St. Pius Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78412. If you would like the links to these items on Amazon.com, please email Acts of Charity member Dona Eggenberger at donaeggen@hotmail.com.

- Clorox/Lysol wipes
- 409 cleaner spray
- AA and AAA batteries
- white letter size cardstock
- letter size manilla folders – any variety
- clear shipping/packaging tape
- white copy paper letter size

Thank you for your generosity to St. Pius Acts of Charity and the August outreach for St. Pius X School.

Bereavement Program

This is such a stressful time for family as they try to navigate the funeral process. We would love to be able to offer them a stress-free reception/light meal if they so desired. This is where we need your help! What the committee is looking for is:

- Volunteers to make salads/desserts and deliver to the parish hall.
- Volunteers who could be available during the receptions to make sure the food/drinks are out and ready for the family.
- Volunteers who could help with legal/accounting/general questions that can sometimes arise after a family member has passed.

Do you have a flexible schedule that would allow you to be free a morning/afternoon once or twice a month? Can you bake (or buy) a dessert? Do you have an understanding of legal issues that arise after death? Is the Holy Spirit leading you to help this ministry? If so, please contact the parish office, or visit the Acts of Charity tab under the parish website (St. Pius X Catholic Church: Acts of Charity (stpiousxcc.org)).

Hands on Help

Are you a licensed plumber, electrician, general contractor or handyman? The Acts of Charity Hands on Help Program would love to add you to our list of providers who might be able to bid on small home projects. If you would reach out to us via the parish office or on the parish website, we would greatly appreciate your help.

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, August 22nd

11:00AM-2:00PM – Scout's Reception - PH

Monday, August 23rd

7:00PM – Scouts - CAF

Tuesday, August 24th

6:00-7:00PM - Acts of Charity - PH

Wednesday, August 25th

7:00-8:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

Thursday, August 26th

12:00-3:00PM – Bridge Club – CC#1

6:00-7:00PM – Cubs – CC#1 & CAF

7:00PM – Adoration – CH

7:00PM – Confessions - CH

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**Deadline for submitting
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Wednesday's @ 12:00noon**

Blood Drive

Our next blood drive is scheduled for Sunday, August 29th from 9am to 2 pm.

Appointments are recommended & walk-ins are welcome. To register, call the Blood Center at 361-855-4943. Donors will receive a T-Shirt, a Small Planet coupon & a Bowlero Coupon for ONE FREE GAME.

2021 Celebration of Charity Virtual Fundraiser

This celebration will run from August 16th – September 13th, 2021. We need your help and cannot do it without you! Please visit <https://catholiccharities-cc.org/celebration> for more information on how to donate. Our goal is \$200,000! Funds raised help support our vital ministries.

Stewardship Is A Way Of Life

Our parish is engaged in many different types of ministry that serves the People of God and helps spread the Gospel message. We encourage you to support these ministries by your regular contributions. To make a contribution, open the camera on your cell phone or tablet and scan this code, which will take you to our contribution portal. Thank you for your generosity!



Religious Education and Sacramental Prep Classes

Please continue to watch the bulletin for more information on the start date for Religious Education and Sacramental prep classes. It will be sometime in mid-September. You can find registration forms in the back of the church or register on the homepage of our website, www.spxcc.org.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you have ever had an interest in the Catholic Faith or have considered becoming Catholic, we would like to invite you to inquiry sessions following each of the Masses this weekend in the conference room in the office. Just exit the side door of the church and go across to the rectory.

RCIA is open to those persons who are:

- Unbaptized and wish to join the Catholic Church.
- Baptized Christians who are not Catholic, and wish to join the Catholic Church.
- Baptized Catholics who have not received instruction in the faith, and wish to receive the Sacraments of Confession, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

Feeling a little empty? Spend time with Jesus!

Do you feel as though you are running out of steam? Do you feel distant from God? Do you enjoy your relationship with God? We would like to invite you to an hour of prayer in the church every Thursday evening from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Come spend some time in the presence of the Lord in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. You're guaranteed to feel rejuvenated and more peaceful after passing time in the presence of Our Savior!



School News *By Principal Beth Hinojosa*

Our mission is to develop the whole child in a Christ centered environment to become a loving and productive citizen in today's world.

IMPORTANT DATES

8/31 Draw for \$100 off tuition no tardies & Gospel Value winners will be rewarded.
9/5 School Sunday Noon Mass

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Blue Jay Parishioners and Families,

We are back in the swing of things here at the school. It was a great feeling to have all the students back at mass on Wednesday at our school mass. There is nothing better than seeing all of our Blue Jays together as a family celebrating our Lord together as one. We are still streaming our mass on the Church YouTube channel and FB page for parents to watch while they are at work or at home. It is always fun to see Father Paul interact with the students during the homily.

We are so grateful for all the donations that have been coming in from all the parishioners the past two weeks. We are humbled by the love and generosity of our parish family. We would especially like to thank Mr. Kovaric for the large donation, Mrs. Eggenberger for the art cart, and the Men's Club for their large donation that will support our students with supplies that are needed. I would also like to thank Mrs. Stovall and her sister Peggy Didear for taking the time to make our school beautiful over the summer months by replacing the plants around campus.

Be on the lookout for Spooktacular raffle tickets that will be coming out soon. If you would like to be a sponsor of one of our raffle prize amounts please contact the school office at 992-1343.

Please follow us on Facebook @stpiusxschoolcc, Instagram St.PiusXCSCCTX, and Twitter @StPiusXCSCCTX to stay up to date on our most current events.

Charitable COVID-19 Precautions

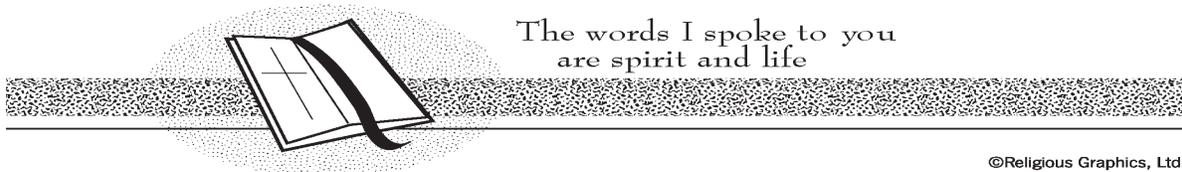
As COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations have been significantly increased, we want to encourage all of our parishioners to practice good safety precautions in order to not endanger others or oneself. We strongly encourage the wearing of masks at Mass, even if not mandated. We also suggest physical distancing from other individuals/families in order to keep them and yourselves safe. We urge you to check your temperature before coming to Mass, and if you are experiencing symptoms like cough, fever, shortness of breath, headache, sore throat, chills, diarrhea, congestion, vomiting, loss of taste or smell, etc. please stay home since these are strong signs of COVID infection. People often think they have allergies, but they test positive for COVID. We want to protect you and others as an act of charity. In consultation with your doctor, we encourage you to also receive the COVID-19 vaccine if you are able.

Prayer Shawls

Prayer shawls are available for the sick & homebound in the parish office. These prayer shawls that have been prayerfully made by one of our parishioners for those who are sick and homebound. The shawls represent the covering of God's healing grace and the prayers of the community upon those who receive them. If you know of someone in the hospital, preparing to undergo surgery, or homebound, who could benefit by a knitted prayer shawl, please come by the parish office during business hours. Limit one shawl per person.

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Saturday, August 21st

5:30PM † Victor Matula by Al & Adelle Hesse

Sunday, August 22nd

8:00AM † Sr. Marilyn Therese Lipps by D. Havel

10:00AM † Felix Matula by Al & Adelle Hesse

12:00PM For the Parishioners

5:30PM † J.R. Janos Annv. by Maria Revetta

Monday, August 23rd

8:15AM † Shirley Curry by Ken & Liz Morgan

Tuesday, August 24th

8:15AM Matthew Morrison's Intentions by his Mother

Wednesday, August 25th

8:15AM † Penny Adamson/Martha Romero by M/M Johnny Villarreal

† Charlotte Groner by Thomas Groner

† James E. Kelly, Sr. & Helen B. Kelly by James & John Kelly

† Albert & Mary Pat Slavik by James & John Kelly

† Anna Van Dyck by James Kelly

† Sam Ferris by Blanche Grote

† Jerry Martin by Emily Diaz

Julian Galloway's health by his family

5:30PM † Jerry & Gloria Alvarez by Eleanor Lehmann

† Claude T. Allen, Jr. by Joyce Zarsky

† Proquelito Auza by Rita Auza & kids

Liliane Van Hoof's well-being by James Kelly

John C. Kelly's well-being by James Kelly

James W. Kelly 3rd well-being by James Kelly

Thursday, August 26th

8:15AM † John Boyd by Lucy Boyd

Friday, August 27th

8:15 AM † Mary, John & James P. Kelly by K.K.H.

5:30PM † Sam Ferris, Jr. by Julia & Terry Johns

Saturday, August 28th

5:30PM † David N. Scherzer by Grace Scherzer

Sunday, August 29th

8:00AM † Rick Mulinix by Al & Adelle Hesse

10:00AM † Ethel Dulak by Angela & Randy Wendel

12:00PM † Mario Lopez by Pearl Lopez

5:30PM For the Parishioners

Financial Report for Sunday 08/15/2021

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection..... \$13,135.25

Sunday Online \$5,800.66

Other Income..... \$1,300.00

Total Operating Revenue... \$20,235.91

Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity \$975.00

Janosek Scholarship \$100.00

Donation to Quilters..... \$245.00

Total Other Contributions..... \$1,320.00

Total Contributions..... \$21,555.91

Diocesan Loan – Parking Lot, A/C,

Roof Repairs (1/6/2017)

Amount borrowed \$389,469.05

Principal pd (7/31/21) \$281,232.99

Ending balance..... \$108,236.06

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Connie Alvarado, Luis Alvarado, Theresa Alvarado, Kirk Anderson, Sugar Arras, Abby Arredondo, Missy O'Rourke Atkinson, Tamra Bacon, Allan Balderas, Elida Benavides, Georgie Benton, Bernice Berry, Isabel Black, Judy Bowman, John Buckner, Jimmy Buehrig, Nicole Cuellar, Michael Campos, Lisa Caperton, Carlos Cardenas, Eddie Castro, Sylvia Chatelain, Dora Church, Carole Cotter, Harly Day, Sandy DeGregorio, Florinda DeLaGarza, Pud'n Dellinger, Albert Diemert, Natalie & Elaine Elwood, Bobby Floyd, Debbie Fuqua, Julian Galloway, Berta Garcia, Dakota Garcia, Minerva Garcia, Leigh & Jackson Gavarkovs, Deborah Giese, Beatriz Gonzalez, Juan Gonzalez, Jared Groner, Felix Guerra, Jr., Linda Habeeb, Monte Hall, Janice Harney, Owen Harris, Roger Heitzmann, Jr., Shain Hennig, Graham Hughes, Mark Hyde, Carl Jacobi, Elizabeth Johnson, Lorena Kolanski, Frank Kolda, Dennis Kramer, James Lawrence, Arlene Leep, Diana Lopez, Medad Lopez, Larry Ludka, Bill Lyman, Mary Mandujano, Christopher & Linda Manka, Gilbert Martinez, Jack McCord, Pat McLemore, Fred Mitchell, Billy Monti, Arlene Morgan, John Morgan, Liz Morgan, Sam Morris, Sterling Murphy, Sandra R. Nicolas, Trent O'Connell, Doug Odle, John & Jerilynn Okoniewski, Anna Fay Olenick, Jason Olog, Ozzie & Mary Osborne, Linda Park, Valerie Pompa, Derrel & Dolores Puckett, Irma Ramirez, Tino Ramos, John Rank, Patricia Riek, Joseph Rollins, JoAnn Rosales, John & Irene Rosales, Rebecca Rosales, Hedy Rosenast, Lorena Roy, David Russell, Americo Salazar, Luis Salazar, Sandra Salinas, Robert Sanchez, Janie San Miguel, Rick Sanders, Brandee Saylor, Steve Schuster, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Charles Skrobarczyk, Maxine Sommers, Dean Smith, Denise Sosa-Villagran, Mary Ann Starkey, Gloria Swantner, Sharon Terry, Judy West, Wally Whitworth, Jr., Cynthia Williams, Helen Witzsche, Joe Zepeda and all those who asked for and need our prayers.

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