

Twenty Second 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,

Back then, I had fairly long, thick, brown hair. It covered my ears and was a little difficult to manage since it was a pretty wavy. That was the style in those days and it wasn't unusual to carry a brush or a big-toothed comb with a handle in the back pocket for those moments when we stepped outside into our Corpus Christi breezes. I was perhaps a little vain at that time and I always say that, because of my vanity, God made my hair fall out to teach me a lesson.

I also wore bell-bottom jeans (or maybe they were just flair-bottom jeans) and I wasn't embarrassed because everybody who was anybody wore them too. It was the cool thing to do. That was the style and nobody wanted to be caught wearing anything uncool

Some time later, leisure suits (yes, I did say leisure suits) came into fashion. Light pastel colors made their appearance and wide collars and cuffs were the order of the day. It was the disco era and John Travolta was the guy on the big screen. His dance moves spurred a craze of disco dancing styles that was all the rage until Travolta started a new rage when he played a modern cowboy in the movie "Urban Cowboy" in 1980. Suddenly, everything was cowboy hats with feather bands, boots, and western wear. Everyone wanted to be two-stepping to the songs of Mickey Gilley.

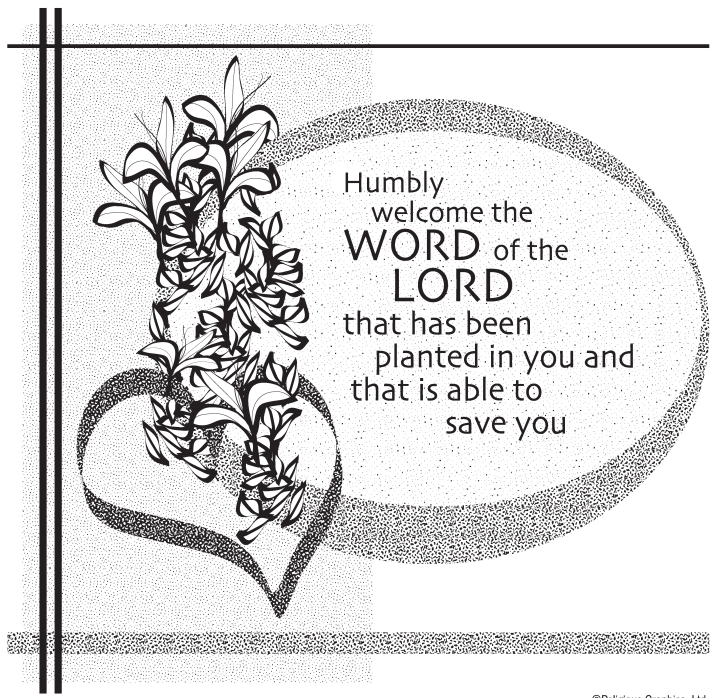
I suppose it is a human to have a propensity to imitate new styles; to emulate celebrities who influence others with new things. We latch onto the latest fad because we crave being different. The problem is, what is different, soon becomes commonplace. Everyone begins to look just like everyone else and thus, people search for something other than the ubiquitous.

It has already been a couple of decades since Jennifer Aniston's hairstyle on the TV sitcom 'Friends' began a fad of imitators. Soon, women everywhere wore a variation on that style. What is new becomes fleeting and boring. What is fresh becomes passé. Anything that has transitory value will leave us empty. We do these things in order to fit in, but they never address what is in the heart.

Far from bashing the trend-setting and the novel, I am simply pointing out that external things come and go. External trends aren't always the best indicator of what is the condition on the inside. Character is often revealed precisely in one's ability to not give too much emphasis to the external trend.

All too often, we fall into the trap of overemphasizing a person's external behavior as a gauge of fidelity. The problem is if we were to obsess about the external, we could easily slip into mere external practice rather than genuine faith. Anyone who focuses on externals is prone to match them up to the internals.

In the gospel, many of the religious leaders had overemphasized rituals to the expense of genuine faith. The ritual and behavior become the focus rather than the faith that lie underneath. Jesus warns the religious leaders in



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today's gospel that they become too absorbed in external washing rituals to the point that they were missing the boat with regard to faith. They were encouraging something that was devoid of any real meaning.

Jesus wants a genuine faith that comes from the heart. He wants us to have an authentic love for him that informs our character, which in turn gives meaning to our customs. Obviously, external acts and rituals aren't to be shunned altogether. They can complement our internal disposition and they help shape our reverence and devotion. They aren't, however, an end in themselves. They should always correspond to what lies within the heart. Let's strive always to nurture our interior relationship with God so that our external acts stem from an authentic love that keeps us from doing things merely for show.

God bless,

May He Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner Henry Heatherley, whose funeral service was held here this past week. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Welcome New Parishioners!

Please welcome Craig Hendrickson and James & Edna Baldwin, who recently registered at our parish. We are glad to have them be an active part of our growing faith community.

Healing Mass This Friday

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at Mass this coming Friday, September 3rd, at 5:30 p.m. We encourage those who are at-risk, or feeling ill, to remain home for your safety and the safety others.

From the Parish Mailbox...

Dear Friends, thank you so much for your recent donation of diapers to the Pregnancy enter. Our volunteer counted your donation to be 408 diapers! That is such a tremendous blessing, and we are very grateful. To some a box of diapers and a package of wipes may not seem like much, but to our moms it means a great deal. I want you to know that your gift really will help so many here in the Coastal Bend. In Christ, Jana Pinson, Executive Director

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.

Religious Education and Confirmation 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.

Director of Religious Education

We would like to Welcome Kelly Ward, who will be coordinating our Religious Faith Formation programs. We thank Kelly for her generous service and for her dedication to forming our young minds in the Faith!

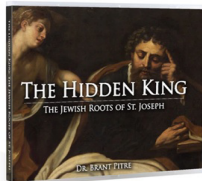
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you are an adult and would like to be baptized, or be confirmed, or receive 1st Holy Communion, the RCIA program is designed just for you.

Or perhaps you come from another denomination and are considering becoming Catholic, the RCIA program is for you, too.

Or maybe you're not married in the Church, but would like to be. The RCIA program may be able to help you with this, as well. Please contact the parish office at (361)993-4053 to sign up.

The Hidden King, The Jewish Roots of St. Joseph



If you already have a devotion to Joseph, or if you would like to deepen your relationship with him, or if you just want to understand what the Bible really teaches about the man who was closest to Jesus, then this Bible Study is for you. What better time than during the Year of St. Joseph! Dr. Pitre's 3-week series opens up the mysteries of

- St. Joseph's hidden identity,
- his relationship with Mary, and
- his role as the earthly foster-father of Jesus

by focusing on the Bible, ancient Jewish and Roman history, and the living Tradition of the Church. Although Joseph is silent in pages of the New Testament, when looked at through ancient Jewish eyes, he stands with Jesus and Mary at the very center of salvation history. Classes will be Tuesday evenings, 7-9 pm on September 14, 21, and 28; and repeated on Thursday afternoons 2-4 pm on September 16, 23, and 30. All classes will meet in the Youth Building. Contact the Parish Office to sign up for the class.

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, August 29th

9:00AM – 2:00PM – Blood Drive

1:30 PM – Baptism - CH

Monday, August 30th

7:00PM – Scouts - CAF

Tuesday, August 31st

Wednesday, September 1st

7:00-8:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

Thursday, September 2nd

12:00-3:00PM – Bridge Club – PH

6:00-7:00PM – Cubs – CC#1 & CAF

7:00PM – Adoration – CH

7:00PM – Confessions - CH

Friday, September 3rd

5:30PM – Anointing Mass – CH

Saturday, September 4th

10:00AM – Baptism class – CC#2



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

Blood Drive

Our next blood drive is scheduled for today, 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.

Prayers for Afghanistan

With the takeover of Afghanistan, the situation of the Afghan people is dire. There are also many desperate Americans and other international citizens trying to return home. Let us pray for all of them, as well as for peace.

Collection for Haiti Earthquake Victims

This weekend, we will be taking up a collection for the support of the earthquake victims in Haiti. Thank you for your generosity to this cause.

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

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.

32nd Annual Celebration for Life Banquet Postponed

This event has been postponed until October due to the rise in Covide-19 cases. More information will be forthcoming regarding the rescheduling, so please continue to watch the bulletin.



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

Blue Jay Parishioners and Families,

We want to take a moment to give a heartfelt thank you and say goodbye to our Seminarian Raymond. He has been a blessing to our school, students, teachers, and staff. He will be missed and we wish him well as he travels to Rome to finish up with his studies.

We are looking for Raffle Ticket Sponsorships for our Spooktacular. If you would like to be a sponsor head over to ST-PIUS-X-CATHOLIC-SCHOOL-PTO.CHEDDRUP.COM or call the school at 992-1343. We will print your business name right on our raffle tickets if you sponsor before they are printed! We are still looking for \$750, \$500, \$350, \$100, and \$75 sponsors. We are also looking for silent auction items.

I am happy to report that our Open House was a success. We held the event virtually and everything went smoothly. We were fortunate to have Monica Maldonado, the Director of Technology from the Diocese, assist us with the event. We had over 100 in attendance online. It was so cool to see it all in motion. Everyone started off together and then broke into small groups according to what grade level their child was in. The teachers presented to their individual groups and did a fabulous job. I was proud of everyone, including our parents who are doing a great job learning how to utilize technology in order to keep everyone safe.

We are doing everything we can to keep our students and teachers healthy so that we keep the school open. So far, the measures we have in place are working and things are looking good! Please join me in praying each day for the health and safety of all students and teachers across our great nation. I also want to ask you to pray for one of our students Julian Galloway. He battled cancer once before and won. The cancer is back and now he is faced with more battles to fight. Let us join together and pray fiercely each day, together as a family. May the Lord hear our cry and heal Julian in Jesus name. Thank you and God Bless.

KLUX PledgeFest 2021

Join the excitement! KLUX 2021 PledgeFest will take place on Monday, August 30th through Friday, September 3rd. To volunteer, please contact Irene Menchaca at 361-289-6437 or imenchaca@goccn.org. The Annual Fall On-Air Fundraiser GOAL is \$70,000. To make contributions, call the PledgeFest line at (361) 289-6437 or utilize the secure PayPal link on the station website: www.klux.org. Checks can also be mailed to: KLUX Radio, 1200 Lantana St., Corpus Christi, Texas 78407. We hope you will join us for PledgeFest 2021, and thank you for supporting HD KLUX 89.5 FM.

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.

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.

Advertise your business here. Contact the Parish Office Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm. Cost is \$25 per week.

BULLETIN SPONSOR



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

Monday, August 30th

8:15AM † Willie Mae & Bob Shirley by their family

Tuesday, August 31st

8:15AM † Frances Marsden by Bill Marsden

Wednesday, September 1st

8:15AM † Lowell & Alice Didear by the Didear family
 † Sam Ferris by Randy & Jeraldine Sykora
 † James E. Kelly, Sr. & Helen B. Kelly by James & John Kelly
 † Albert & Mary Pat Slavik by James & John Kelly
 Julian Galloway's health by his family
 † Danny Sheehan by the Galloway family
 5:30PM † Jerry & Gloria Alvarez by Christopher & Elenor Lehmann
 † Dole Harris by family
 † Trey Pacheco by Ken & Liz Morgan
 † Proquelito Auza by Rita Auza & kids
 † Anna Van Dyck by James Kelly

Thursday, September 2nd

8:15AM † Henry Villarreal by his wife

Friday, September 3rd

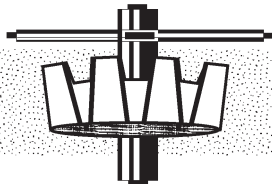
8:15 AM † Charlotte Groner by Thomas Groner
 † Rene D. Rodriguez by Joe & Janie B. Vela
 † Sam Ferris by Vicki Mitchell, Camille & Linda Habeeb
 5:30PM † Frances Marsden by Bill Marsden
 † Claude T. Allen, Jr. by Joyce Zarsky
 † Barbara Mikulik by Benny & Lorine Mikulik
 Sultanas
 † Jay Shaw by M/M W. Shaw
 † Deacon George Phillips by Estela & daughters
 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
 Powell families Intentions

Saturday, September 4th

8:15AM † Leslie Batte Annv. by the Reumuth family
 5:30PM † Eddie Mandujano by Johnny & Yolanda Villarreal

Sunday, September 5th

8:00AM † Doak Russell by D. Havel
 10:00AM † Ethel Dulak by Angela & Randy Wendel
 12:00PM † Claude T. Allen, Jr. by Joyce Zarsky
 5:30PM For the Parishioners



Financial Report for Sunday 08/22/2021

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection..... \$10,483.55
 Sunday Online \$8,555.00
 Other Income..... \$250.00
 Total Operating Revenue... \$19,288.55

Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity \$280.00
 Donation to Quilters..... \$250.00
 Total Other Contributions..... \$530.00

Total Contributions..... \$19,818.55

**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 Kolansiki, 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, Alexis M. Rodriguez, 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.