

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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

Dear Friends,

At this point, the vast majority of us are probably experiencing Coronavirus fatigue. That's probably why the daily news cycle quickly jumped onto issues like demonstrations, riots, racism, the economy, and has, to some degree, left the pandemic behind. Nevertheless, our celebration of the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ has bearing on all of these issues.

If there is one positive thing that has been highlighted by the pandemic, it is that we, as Catholics, have a deep inner longing – a hunger – for the Eucharist. As a priest and pastor, this became glaringly evident to me. In fact, it was quite heartening for me to see just how devoted people were to the Body and Blood of Christ.

When we were asked to enter "lockdown" and were no longer able to come to church, I sensed the deep aching in your hearts when you were not able to attend Mass, and most especially, when you were unable to receive Christ in the Eucharist. I'm willing to bet that you yourself came to a much deeper appreciation of the great treasure that the Eucharist is. I heard it from so many of you. When asked the question: "What is the first thing you are going to do when the 'Lockdown' is lifted?" I repeatedly saw people posting on social media that they were going to go to church.

Very frequently, people sent me messages, or told me in person, how much they missed Communion and how anxious they were to receive him again. Though they were grateful that we live-streamed the Mass, their hearts were breaking because they wanted so badly to receive our Lord again. Many attempted to hold back tears as they spoke of their desire to return to Communion. While it made my heart go out to those individuals, it also was very edifying to see how deep is their love for Jesus Christ present in the Eucharist.

I believe the pandemic heightened that appreciation and in a very poignant way, revealed to each of us the depths of longing that we didn't fully realize was within us. Though I personally was able to receive the Eucharist every day while I celebrated the Mass, it made my heart ache with compassion for those who were unable to receive.

Not always do we realize the great treasure we have in the Eucharist. It is so easy to take it for granted; to receive it casually and without much thought. Could God have permitted the pandemic to teach us the golden and priceless treasure that we have in the Mass and the Eucharist? It certainly seems that this was one among many lessons he wished us to learn.

The Solemnity we celebrate this weekend brings to the fore the reality that what is given to us at the altar is an incomprehensible gift of surpassing value. If we felt empty or sensed the absence of Our Lord, it should cause us to come to the realization of how much we need him and his true presence in our lives.

The pandemic isn't the only situation that is relevant to the Eucharist and its importance in our lives. When we look at the chaos, dissension and turmoil as a result of the riots that have been occurring recently, it all reveals to us the underlying unrest that is present in our society as a whole. When we do not possess God in our hearts, our desires become chaotic and our reactions become disordered. Without God, people are not at peace within themselves and they are not at peace with one another. What we are witnessing is a society – a people – who desperately need God and need to know his peace.

If the Eucharist is Jesus himself in his entirety – body and blood, soul and divinity – then the receiving of Jesus into our very being by means of Holy Communion, should bring us peace and abiding union with the Lord. In receiving the Lord,

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him up on the last day,  says the LORD.



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we become One Body – the Body of Christ. The Eucharist is itself a sacrament of healing. We, as a People of God, come together from our diverse backgrounds and situations, and in receiving Our Lord, we become united as One Body. Christ reveals to us that we are brothers and sisters who are children of God. We should not have any animosity toward anyone if this is the case. Our relationship with Christ breaks down the barriers that divide us and leads us to love one another as Christ loves us.

As we celebrate this great feast of our diocese, the Diocese of Corpus Christi, let us pray that we might be bound together more richly and that we may see each other as Christ sees us – as brothers and sisters in the Lord.

† *May They Rest in Peace*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ann Ray and Alma Villegas whose funeral services were held this past week. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Men's Club News

The regular monthly meeting of the Men's Club will be held this Tuesday, June 16th in the Parish Hall. For any men of the Parish who are interested in this ministry and fellowship opportunity, please feel free to join us!! Dinner is served at 6:30 PM, followed by the business meeting at 7:00 PM.

Father's Day Novena

The Father's Day Novena starts on Sunday, June 21st. For those who do not receive monthly envelope mailings, we have mailed some out to you, or you may use the envelopes available in the church. This year, you may also request your Father's Day intentions online and make the donations online as well, via the "online giving" tab. Requests and envelopes should be turned in by Friday, June 19th to be included.

Thank You

My wife, Rhonda, my mother, Naomi, my brother, Scott, and I would like to thank you for all the many cards, flowers, phone calls, visits, and most of all, your prayers regarding the passing of my father, Deacon Stanley Millsap. Your care and concern have been very comforting to us. We always appreciate our parish family, but especially so during our time of loss. May God bless each of you in a special way.

Your Brother-in-Christ,
Deacon Stacy Millsap

Guidelines/Procedures When Attending Mass

Please observe the following guidelines and procedures:

Before You Arrive

- Be sure to wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.
- Face masks are strongly encouraged
- Check your temperature before leaving your home.

Parish Office Hours:

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

Schedule of Services

Masses: *First Friday: 5:30PM - Anointing of the Sick*

First Saturday: 8:15AM

Saturday: Vigil at 5:30PM.

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

Vietnamese Mass: 7:30PM

(Babysitting at 10AM and 12 noon Sunday Masses - Ages 6mo-5yrs - in Parish Hall Nursery)

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 6:30-7:30PM and Thursdays 7-8PM

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

Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register through the office.

Anointing of the Sick: On request and at the 5:30PM Mass on First Fridays

Upon Arriving

- Enter only through the front doors from the parking lot on the Gollihar Road side.
- Everyone should maintain 6 feet of distance between them, but families may sit together.

During Mass

- If wearing a mask, we encourage you to keep your face mask on during the Mass.
- You may place your weekly gift in a basket in the vestibule of the church before or after Mass. We encourage you to practice online giving.
- For distribution of communion, maintain proper distancing from the person in front and behind you. Receive communion on your ungloved hand.

Departing Mass

- All are asked to depart Mass in an orderly fashion starting from the rear of the church while maintaining 6 feet of distance from others.

A Heartfelt Expression of Gratitude & Farewell to Sr. Barbara Netek

We are sad to announce that Sr. Barbara Netek, who has served as Director of Religious Education and as Coordinator for the Acts of Charity Ministry for St. Pius X Parish, will be leaving us. Sr. Barbara has lovingly and dutifully served the parish for the past 15 years, not only in her capacity as DRE and in the Acts of Charity ministry, but also as the coordinator for the Child Protection Program. More than acting merely in a supervisory role, Sr. Barbara also taught our young people – preparing them for the Sacrament of Confirmation. She could always be found in and around the parish participating in many different ways, including coordinating the Vacation Bible School, spearheading the annual Lenten Food Drive and the Christmas shoe drive, as well as programs to feed underprivileged families at Thanksgiving. She also interviewed people for financial assistance for funding to help with Electricity, Utility, rent, and other emergency needs. In a word, Sr. Barbara has been a witness to what it means to be a disciple of the Lord. We want to thank Sister Barbara for her many contributions to the parish throughout the years. She will be missed. We have already started to search for a new Director of Religious Education. Blessings to you Sr. Barbara in your new role at Incarnate Word Convent! Godspeed!

A Note.....

Fifteen years ago Msgr. Shirley invited me to be the Director of Religious Education at St. Pius X Parish. I am so grateful to him for the opportunity I had to be a member of the St. Pius X family. I treasure the time praying with you working with you, laughing with you and being your friend. Thank you for your presence in my life, your encouragement and prayers. After 55 years of service in schools, Diocesan ministry and parishes, it is now time for me to move on. I can now be more involved in my Incarnate Word Community life and activities. I ask for your continued prayers and friendship. I do not say good-bye because you will always be in my heart and prayers. I know I will see you from time to time. Again, THANK YOU my friends. *Sister Barbara Netek I.W.B.S.*



School News *By Interim 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.

Our 17th Annual Golf Classic was held this past Friday on June 12th.

It was a success! We would like to thank all our sponsors and the Corpus Christi Country Club for working with us during this uncertain time. Our silent auction is online and still live. Please feel free to check it out and place your bids. It will close at 6 p.m. on the 20th of June. You can find the link on our school website or on our school Facebook page, or go to <https://BLUEJAYS.givesmart.com>

Don't forget to check out our website! The web address is <https://www.stpiusxschoolcc.org/>. I keep it updated weekly with new information coming from our campus. We also have a very active Facebook page where I share student successes and school news. You can find that by going to <https://www.facebook.com/stpiusxschoolcc>.

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, June 14th

- 8:00AM – Mass – CH
- 10:00AM – Mass - CH
- 5:30PM – Mass - CH
- 7:30PM – Vietnamese Mass - CH

Monday, June 15th

- 8:15AM – Mass – CH

Tuesday, June 16th

- 8:15AM – Mass – CH
- 6:30PM – Men's Club - PH

Wednesday, June 17th

- 8:15AM – Mass – CH
- 5:30PM – Mass - CH

Thursday, June 18th

- 8:15AM – Mass – CH
- 7:00PM – Adoration – CH

Friday, June 19th

- 8:15AM – Mass – CH
- 10:00AM – Memorial Service – CH
- 5:30PM – Mass - CH

Saturday, June 20th

- 11:00AM – Baptism – CH
- 4:00-5:00PM – Confessions - PH
- 5:30PM – Vigil Mass – CH
- 6:30-7:30PM - Confessions

Sunday, June 21st

- 8:00AM – Mass – CH
- 10:00AM – Mass - CH
- 5:30PM – Mass - CH
- 7:30PM - Vietnamese Mass



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

Mass Intentions



Saturday, June 13th

5:30PM † Philip Anderson by Todd & Hilda Muenster

Sunday, June 14th

8:00AM † Randy Havel & Doak Russell by DeAnna Havel

10:00AM † Wayne Irvin by John, Debra & Brian Janosek
† John Alaniz by Norma Alaniz

5:30PM For the Parishioners

Monday, June 15th

8:15AM † Charles & Gussie Brocato by Monica Layton

Tuesday, June 16th

8:15AM † James W. Kelly, Sr. & Helen B. Kelly by James & John Kelly

Wednesday, June 17th

8:15AM † Deceased members of the Darilek family
Julian Liam Galloway's health by Grampa
† Bernice Zimmerman by the Sehy family
† Charlotte Groner by T. Groner, Jr.
† Albert & Mary Pat Slavik by James & John Kelly
† Anna Van Dyck by James Kelly
John Broadstreet's Intentions
† Fr. Gregory Romanski by Feliciano Rodriguez
† Jeanne Baish by her family

5:30PM † Allen Benesh by the Benesh family
† James Patrick Kelly by K.K.H.
† Charlene Gilbreath by Greg & Lynn Gallaher
Lilian Van Hoof's well-being by James Kelly
John C. Kelly well-being by James Kelly
James W. Kelly 3rd well-being by James Kelly

Thursday, June 18th

8:15AM † Patrick DeGregorio Annv. by the DeGregorio family

Friday, June 19th

8:15AM † Jane Tisdale Annv. by Paul Tisdale
5:30PM † Eulalio G. Bazan by Rey & Elena Bazan

Saturday, June 20th

5:30PM † Cristina Villarreal & Alicia De Luna Annv. by E. Garza

Sunday, June 21st

8:00AM † Alice Didear Annv. by her family
10:00AM † John J. McHugh by Delfina McHugh
For the Parishioners
5:30PM Father's Day Novena

Registration for St. Pius X Catholic

School Ongoing

Registration for St. Pius X Catholic School is open and continues through the summer months. Be sure to visit our school website for more information at stpiusxschoolcc.org to find out more about our school and to request a tour of the school. We are also working on a virtual tour feature which will be available in the coming months. You can also contact the school at 361-992-1343. We look forward to providing your children with a superior Catholic and academic education!

Financial Report for Sunday 6/7/2020

Operating Revenue:
Sunday Collection..... \$14,990.60
Sunday Online \$10,110.00
Other Income..... \$8,000.00
Filipino 1st Friday \$333.00
Total Operating Revenue... \$33,433.60

Other Contributions:
Acts of Charity \$848.00
Janosek Scholarship \$150.00
Habeeb Scholarship \$100.00
Total Other Contributions..... \$1,098.00

Total Contributions..... \$34,531.60

Diocesan Loan - Parking Lot, A/C, Roof Repairs (1/6/2017)

Amount borrowed \$389,469.05
Principal pd (4/30/20) \$137,549.22
Ending balance..... \$251,919.83

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Alicia & Luis Alvarado, Kirk Anderson, Sugar Arras, Abby Arredondo, Missy O'Rourke Atkinson, Tamra Bacon, Allan Balderas, Elida Benavides, Bernice Berry, Isabel Black, Judy Bowman, Jimmy Buehrig, Michael Campos, Lisa Caperton, Allison Cash, Eddie Castro, Sylvia Chatelain, Dora Church, Sabrina Cisneros, Gino Colmenero, Melanie Conner, Carole Cotter, Shirley Currie, Sandy DeGregorio, Florinda DeLaGarza, Didra DeLosSantos, Pud'n Dellinger, Albert Diemert, Ethel Dulak, Natalie & Elaine Elwood, Balde Espinoza, Elijah Ethridge, Bobby Floyd, Julian Galloway, Berta Garcia, Dakota Garcia, Esperanza Garcia, Minerva Garcia, Dora Garza, Raquel Garza, Terry Garza, Leigh & Jackson Gavarkovs, Deborah Giese, Beatriz Gonzalez, Juan Gonzalez, Jared Groner, Linda Habeeb, Monte Hall, Rose Marie Hand, Doyle Harris, Owen Harris, Roger Heitzmann, Jr., Shain Hennig, Anna Hernandez, Graham Hughes, Mark Hyde, Carl Jacobi, Elizabeth Johnson, Frank Kolda, Dennis Kramer, Arlene Leep, Diana Lopez, Mario Lopez, Larry Ludka, Bill Lyman, Christopher Manka, Dottie Margrave, Gilbert Martinez, Jack McCord, Pat McLemore, Katie Mechlar, Barbara Mikulik, Fred Mitchell, Melynda Moore, Arlene Morgan, John Morgan, Liz Morgan, Sterling Murphy, Doug Nicol, Trent O'Connell, Anna Fay Olenick, Jason Olog, Ozzie & Mary Osborne, Valerie Pompa, Derrel & Dolores Puckett, Aaron & Mercedes Presas, Irma Ramirez, Tino Ramos, John Rank, Leo M. Robles, Stella Rollins, John & Irene Rosales, Rebecca Rosales, Myron Rose, Hedy Rosenast, Lorena Roy, David Russell, Hidalgo Salas, Americo Salazar, Luis Salazar, Robert Sanchez, Janie San Miguel, Rick Sanders, Brandee Saylor, David N. Scherzer, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Clara Skelton, Maxine Sommers, Dean Smith, Denise Sosa-Villagran, Mary Ann Starkey, Donna Tindall, Andrew Trevino, Bessie Vasquez, Leah Villalobos, Santana Villarreal, Judy West, Cynthia Williams, Helen Witzsche and all those who asked for and need our prayers.