

Saint Pius X

CATHOLIC CHURCH

“To renew all things in Christ”

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

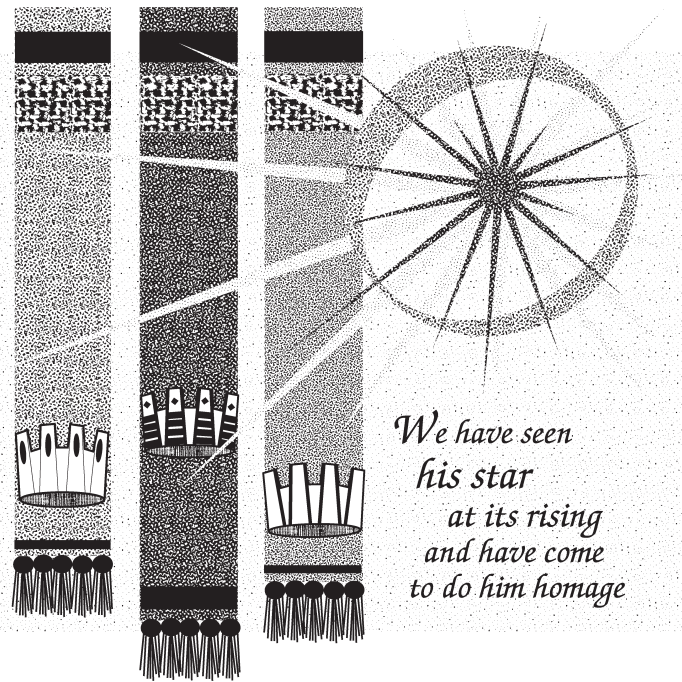
Dear Friends, When was the last time you took time off and went on a trip without any fixed itinerary just to see what you might find along the way? Perhaps you decided to drive down a country road to see what interesting sights you might find. Or maybe you arrived in some city and decided to avoid the typical tourist destinations, preferring to explore an unbeaten path. Those kinds of experiences can bring about the most surprising discoveries and can be some of the most memorable moments of our lives!

Just the other day, I took advantage of the lull after Christmas, and made an excursion to Wimberley, Texas with a family that I know. We didn't have any planned agenda, so when we arrived in town, the first order of business was to supply our bodies with much needed nourishment. We didn't want to eat in the typical touristy places, so we asked one of the locals what he recommended. He gave me the name of a restaurant nearby, so we all trudged down to the first stoplight and turned left, as instructed, and came to the place only to discover that it was closed on Tuesdays. So we asked another local to recommend an alternative. He suggested a small restaurant and explained how to get there. Little did we know that we were in for a bit of a hike, which did wonders for the morale of the family's hungry children! Fortunately, it wasn't an unreasonably long walk and we got to eat a nice, nourishing meal. On our way back to the town square, we stopped by the small river and savored the coolness of the air and marveled at the beauty of the environs. The glassy surface of the river was so tempting that we each tried our hand at skipping stones across the water. A little later, we drove through a neighborhood nestled in the countryside and were captivated by the numerous deer that were feeding all around. This little trip wasn't the most momentous experience, but it was nevertheless an enjoyable exchange that led me to appreciate friends.

Some of my favorite discoveries have happened unexpectedly. I think of the time that I visited Boston's North End (the Italian neighborhood), and ran across an Italian style street festival that was replete with the odor of Italian culinary delights wafting through the air. It was a fabulous cultural experience for me. Another experience that I recall with fondness was an early morning outing that a fellow priest and I had when we were in Italy a few years ago. We were up early and a little hungry, so we went looking for a coffee shop where locals hung out. We found one very near the hotel and just sat there sipping our cappuccinos and eating little pastries as we watched people begin their day Italian style.

These little delights of human experience can bring new insights about the world and its people. They can also help us to reflect on the marvelous mystery of God who creates such diversity in our world and feeds our spirit in such simple ways.

It is interesting that the Three Wise Men had such an encounter with God as they gazed upon the little baby Jesus. Did they know what was in store for them as



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they set out in pursuit of the star that guided them? Did they have any clue as to what they would discover once they arrived at their destination? It is hard to answer these questions. We do know that they were given divine illumination and that their hearts came to a profound realization that Jesus was the Savior of the World. We never know what is in store for us or what new discoveries we will find. Yet, if we are open and attentive, we just might be enriched with new understanding and a deep awareness of God's all encompassing love! Let's keep our eyes open to the light of God's grace. God bless!



Welcome!

Please welcome New Parishioner
Veronica Villarreal!

Catholic Daughters

The Catholic Daughters will meet this coming Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at 7 PM in CC#2. All women of the parish are invited to attend and consider becoming a member of Court Angels of Mary #2460.

Work Day

A work day is scheduled for Monday, January 9th beginning at 5 o'clock in the evening to take down all the Christmas decorations. Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

Pecan Sales

The Choir still has pecans for sale and will be on the porch after mass on Sunday. If you miss them on Sunday please stop by the church office.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Again, many thanks to all who contributed to the collection in early December. A total of \$ 4,768.80 was sent to the diocese to be forwarded to the central office in Washington, DC which will be distributed among many congregations of men and women in the U.S.

Friendship Circle

We will meet on January 18th at 11:30 in the Parish Hall. Each person is asked to bring a photo (framed or otherwise) of an ancestor. Some sharing will be done, since it is near time for the Chinese New Year, and honoring the ancestors is significant to them and to us.

Rectory Office Hours:

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

Schedule of Services

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

First Saturday: 8:15AM Vigil at 5:30PM.

Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5:30PM (Youth Mass)

(Babysitting at 10, 12 & 5:30 Sunday Masses - Ages 6mo-5yrs - in Parish Hall Nursery)

Weekdays: Monday through Friday 8:15AM,

Wednesday & Friday 5:30PM

Holy Days: 7AM, 12PM & 6:30PM (Vigil 5:30PM)

Confessions: Saturdays - 4-5PM and 6:30-7:30PM

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

Weddings take place on weekdays any time and on Saturdays no later than 3:00PM

Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register through the office.

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

Awareness of Human Trafficking

“Human Trafficking” is an umbrella term for activities in which persons obtain or hold another in compelled service through threat or use of force, coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power or vulnerability.

Human trafficking doesn't just happen: it is inevitable. It occurs in both international and U.S. contexts. The UN estimates that between 700,000 and 4 million women and children are victims of trafficking. Persons from other countries, plus youth here in the U.S. are put into situations where they can't escape, are not paid for their work, and housed in extremely unsanitary conditions, making escape impossible. We are encouraged to be on the alert to recognize any situations in which someone is being held against their will. This Wednesday, January 11, is Human Trafficking Awareness Day. On Thursday evening during our Holy Hour, a short meditation and prayer will be recited so that those involved as victims may be remembered. You are encouraged to take part in this special time.

Women's Group to Meet January 13th

The new St Pius X Women's Study Group will begin this Friday, January 13th. We will meet from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in CC2. An email was sent out to all those who expressed an interest in attending. If you did not receive an email, and are interested in joining, please contact Sarah Morrison at sfm011@grandecom.net, or Melinda Tucker at supatuck@yahoo.com. We look forward to seeing you then!

Wanting to travel?

Those persons interested in traveling to the Pacific Northwest in late July are asked to meet in CC#1 on Sunday, Jan. 22 at 3:30 pm. There will be an opportunity for questions to be answered, and a visual presentation be made.

First Saturday Devotion

The First Saturday of the month a Rosary will be said at 8AM before the 8:15AM Mass. Our Blessed Mother asked us to make 5 first Saturdays for Peace and the Reparation of Sins. Five Saturdays were asked for because there are five ways related to the Virgin Mary in which people offend God:

1. Blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception
2. Against her Perpetual Virginity
3. Against the divine Maternity and the refusal to recognize her as the Mother of all mankind
4. Blasphemies by those who seek publicly to implant in the hearts of children, indifference, contempt and even hatred against this Immaculate Mother
5. by those who insult her directly in her sacred images.

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, January 8

8:30AM RCIA – CC#2
1:30PM – Baptism class – CC#1
12:00-9:00PM – Journey – Cafeteria
4:00-5:00PM – Boy Scouts – CC#2
6:30PM – Life Teen - YC

Monday, January 9

4:00-8:00PM – Confirmation class – PH
6:00-8:00PM – Sultanas - R
7:00-9:00PM – Bible Study – CC#2
7:00PM – Scouts - Cafeteria

Tuesday, January 10

6:00-7:00AM – Men's Journey – CC#2
7:00-8:00AM – Men's Journey – CC#1
10:00AM – Journey – CC#2
2:00-4:00PM – Bible Study – CC#2
6:30PM – CMSE – CC#1
7:00PM – Catholic Daughters – CC#2

Wednesday, January 11

7:00-8:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2
9:00AM – 2:00PM – MAP – CC#1
9:30AM – Schola – C/R
3:30PM – Children's Choir – C/R
4:30PM – Youth Choir – C/R
6:30PM – EDGE – YC
6:30PM – CCD -CC#1&2, Cafeteria
8:00PM – Youth Band practice - CH

Thursday, January 12

1:00PM – Bridge – CC#1&2
1:30-3:00PM – Talent Show Try outs – PH
6:00PM – Bell Choir – C/R
7:00PM – Adoration - CH
7:30PM – Adult Choir – C/R

Friday, January 13

9:00-11:00AM – Women's Study Group – CC#2
3:30-5:30PM – Webelos – CC#2
6:30PM – Wedding Rehearsal – CH
7:30PM – Symphony Quarter/Wine & Cheese - PH

Saturday, January 14

3:00PM – Wedding – CH
7:00PM – Singles – CC#2
7:30PM – Santo Nino Mass & Festivity – CH-PH

Sunday, January 15

8:30AM – RCIA – CC#2
1:30PM – Baptisms - CH
6:30PM – LIFE TEEN - YC

YOUTH CORNER



Attention High School Ladies,

A modesty formation program is being offered for you. Its mission is to prove that fashion can be both beautiful and modest. It will focus on the true meaning of femininity and growing in faith, virtues, and style. There will be a day retreat on January 7. Please register thru Diocese Youth Office by calling 882-6191.

Edge – Edge will meet January 4.

Life Teen – Life Teen will meet January 8.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Welcome back CCD children and parents after our Christmas and New Year holidays. We missed you!



PERFECT ATTENDANCE—Congratulations to Mrs. Debra Salazar's third grade class for perfect attendance this first day back. Hopefully we will see more classes with perfect attendance as the year progresses.

NOTIFY NOW—what a wonderful tool it is proving to be for me and for you. I will send you a notice by phone about what is going on at CCD--any cancelations, important dates, meetings, etc. If you have not been getting a notice from me, please let me know. That means we do not have a correct phone number for you and we can correct that quickly.

St. Pius X Safe Environment Class Schedule

Core Class	January 17, 6:30 p.m. Community Center#1
Recertification Class	January 10, 6:30 p.m. Community Center#1

Instituto de Cultura Hispanica

The Instituto invites you to attend and listen to enjoyable music from our Latin American countries called: "Estampas Latino Americanas" on January 13 at 7PM in the Parish Hall. \$10 per person – Wine and Cheese Reception

For more information, please call 879-0336, 319-2361, or 813-1645.

Altar Servers Jan. 14 & 8



Sat. 5:30 p.m.

MC Stephanie Gibbon
Reagan Gibbon
William Tucker
Michael Morin
Theonna Wisner

Brianna Salazar
Emily Salazar

Sun. 12:00 p.m.

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

MC Sarah Green
Javier Camacho, Jr.
John Rodriguez
Justin Gomez

MC Christina Robertson
Paris Hanna
Luis Lopez
Jacob Lugo
Paxton Hanna

Sun. 5:30 p.m.

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

MC Bethany Hernandez
MC Jackie Lara
Savannah Hernandez

MC Olivia Tamez
MC Steven Wendel
Josh Ramirez
Kyle Wendel

Lectors

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DEC 17	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Peter Anzaldúa
DEC 17	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Christine Wisian
DEC 18	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Teresa Camacho
DEC 18	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Dennis Diersing
DEC 18	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Patricia Stegall
DEC 18	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Colleen Thomas
DEC 18	SUN	12:00	NOON	Delbert Hooper
DEC 18	SUN	12:00	NOON	Sandra Woolery
DEC 18	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Simon Purnell
DEC 18	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Alma Tamez

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Announcing the Final Leg of the Great Adventure!



Monday Sessions, 7-9PM in CC-2

January 9—Review and more historical information

January 16—Session 19

Tuesday Sessions, 2-4PM, CC-2

January 10—Review and more historical information

January 17—Session 19

School News

By Principal Kathy Clark

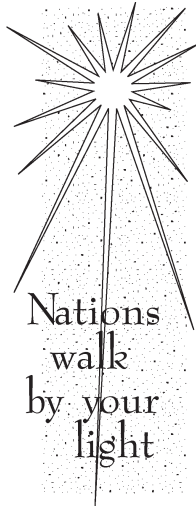


Happy New Year from the students and staff of St. Pius X Catholic School! We returned to school on Tuesday, rested and ready to take on the second semester of school. It was nice to have the two weeks off from school. It gave us all a breather, time to rest and relax. The second semester of school always goes the fastest, so we are holding on to our hats and getting ready for the ride!

When we came back to school on Tuesday, there was something different in the parking lot behind our school. Our new playground equipment for our early childhood and kindergarten children had been installed. It looks great, and the children are anxious to play on it. However, we are looking at options to make it safer for the children. Since it was built over the pavement, the area outside the playground is pavement. We don't want children to get hurt by falling onto the pavement from the playground. We hope to have the problem solved soon so that the little ones can enjoy the new equipment.

The new fence surrounding the area between the school and the cafeteria has also been installed and is working well. The front fence will be installed once the fencing materials arrive. Following that, we will get security cameras installed and our school will be a safer place for the students and the staff. That will be a good thing. Then we can work on raising funds for the new playground equipment for our older students.

National Catholic Schools Week is January 29 through February 5, 2012. This is a week in which we join all of the



other Catholic schools across the nation in celebrating our existence. It's always an exciting week for our students with fun activities every day. It always begins with a parade around our neighborhood and ends with a Mass and waffle breakfast. Throw in a Talent Show, a Spelling Bee, an Open House and a basketball game between parents and 6th graders, and you have a fun week. We will share the plans with our parishioners as they develop.

Our 5th Grade students will participate in Starbase Atlantis again this year. This is a program that promotes the love of math and science in children. It is very much hands-on and fast-paced, and consists of five days of intense learning at the Naval Air Station. We are happy to have been selected to participate again this year. It is certainly a privilege to do so. At the end of the program, the students launch rockets that they built during the classes.

We have decided on a date for our Annual Golf Tournament. It will take place on April 28, 2012, so golfers, mark your calendars and plan on joining us for this fun tournament. With the funds raised from this tournament, we hope to purchase the remaining playground equipment for the upper grade students. If anyone is interested in helping us plan this tournament or play in it, please contact the school office at 992-1343. There will be more information forthcoming in the next couple of months.

Have a blessed week!



Financial Report for week ending 1/1/2012

Operating Revenue:

Sunday 2011 End of Year Donations ...	\$29,711.00
Sunday 1/1/2012 Collection	\$13,375.90
Funerals	\$ 300.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 43,386.90
LESS: Week of 1/2/2012 Actual	
Operating Expenses.....	\$ 23,484.73
(Includes weekly Diocesan loan payment, and monthly Diocesan Assessment payment)	
SURPLUS FOR WEEK.....	\$19,902.17

Other Contributions:

St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$ 10.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 50.00
Janosek Scholarship	\$ 225.00
Habeeb Scholarship.....	\$ 395.00
Total Other Contributions.....	\$ 680.00
Total Contributions 1/2/2012	\$ 44,066.90

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Mass Intentions



- Sat. 1/7 8:15AM Milada Darilek by the Didear family
5:30PM Sandra Sykora by Delores Kaspar
Sarita Nelson's Birthday Intentions by family
- Sun. 1/8 8:00AM Cristina Del Rio by Elva A. Laurel
10:00AM Alice Sosa by Coastal Bend Assoc. Health Underwriters
12:00PM Chester Zablocki by Aneda Zablocki
5:30PM For the Parishioners
- Mon. 1/9 8:15AM Charlie Gross' Anniversary by Chuck Gross
Lucille Cunningham's Anniversary by Carolyn Buehrig
- Tue. 1/10 8:15AM Bob Shirley & Joyce Shirley by Willie Mae Shirley
- Wed. 1/11 8:15AM Lowell Didear by the Didear Family
George Ganley by M.E. Ganley
Mitzi Mendleski by Joseph & Frances Abel
Frank Hroch by Angie Gerdes
5:30PM Sandra Sykora by Bob & Gennie Malott
Reynaldo Ramirez, Sr. by Irma Ramirez
Debra Doyle by Lory Moore
Anselmo Torres by family
Francisco Sierra by Linda Sierra & family
- Thu. 1/12 8:15AM Reynaldo Ramirez, Sr. by Irma I. Ramirez
- Fri. 1/13 8:15AM Vernelle Brannigan by E. Jeanne La Feber
5:30PM Gumecinda & Alejandro Salinas by Mary & Art Salinas
- Sat. 1/14 5:30PM Dora Almendarez' Anniversary by Boyd, Swoboda & Almendarez families
- Sun. 1/15 8:00AM Bobbie Nash Hardcastle by Bernadette Hardcastle & Cammy Mikulencak
10:00AM Emil Habeeb by Camille Hojnaki and family
12:00PM Robert Conwell by Marguerite Stuchel
5:30PM For the Parishioners

And you, Bethlehem of Judah,
are by no means least
among the princes
since from you shall come forth
a ruler to shepherd Israel.

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins...

Caleb Adamson, Martin Adrian, Fred Alanis, Mabel Allen, UlieAlvarado, Susan Ames, Marie Annis, Irene Arkwright, Nancy Arkwright, Rita Austin, Madison Beckwith, Elizabeth Berry, Hazel Billodeau, Beatrice Bocanegra, Dawson Boone, Michael Boone, Robert Bowden, Martha Brown, Sr. Patrick Bruen, Dana Cadena, Michael Campos, Stella Campos, Ashley Cantu, Jonathan Carlson, Alexzandria Carrion, Judy Carroll, Tricia Carson, Emma Casares, Annie Castro, M/M John Castro, Cameron Chrissman, Julie Anna Chrissman, Mela Ciochetto, Kathy Collins, Suzanne Conklin, Daniel Covich, Richard Lee Daily, Florinda De La Garza, Johnny De Leon, Minga De Los Santos, Mark DeGaish, Elva DeLeon, Thomas Denniston, Samantha Didear Deste, Bertha Dominguez, Scott Dossat, Yolanda Duran, Maggie Dyer, Patricia Edson, Vance Elliot, Elizabeth Elovitz, Bill Enters, Sandi Escobar, Bess Evans, Aurelia Fay, Mercedes Felan, Patsy Fikes, Bobby Floyd, Lexi Fuller, Frances Galvan, Travis Garbe, Alice Garci, Concepcion Garcia, Pam Garcia, Ruben Garcia, Carlos Garcia, Jr., Laura Garza, Marvin Gates, Jackson Gavarkovs, Michael Gil, Krista Glorfield, James Goins, Melissa Golay, Elida Gonzalez, Jessica Gonzalez, Kathy Gonzalez, Bobby Gough, Charlote Groner, Jared Groner, Terry Groner, TommyGroner, Illuminada Gunnar, Colleen Habeeb, Marie Habeeb, Carolyn Haese, Rose Marie Hand, James Hardeman, Bud Harris, Bartus Hebenwald, David Arriana Hernandez, Vanessa Hernandez, Gabriel Hinojosa, Shelly Hinojosa, Chris Holland, Judy Holmes, Edwin Imhoff, Edward Jacobsan, J.R. Janos, Adam Jewel, Elizabeth Johnson, Elizabeth Jones, Jeremy Keller, Willie Keller, Jason Keppery, Judy Kirchner, Alene Krause, Dorothy Krause, Evelyn Lane, Emma Lane (child), Susanne Logan, Baby Michael James Long, Jr., Larry Looka, Arlinda Lopez, Orlando Lopez, Richard Lundeen, Christopher Mankan, Deborah V. Martinez, Stella Martinez, Georgia Maughan, Laura Mayagoitia, Michael McCloskey, John Medina, Mary Medrano, Virginia Medrano, Dorothy Meehleib, Jose Mercado, Domenic Michaud, Robert Miller, Jennifer Mirabal, Estefana Mireles, Avita John Moore, Jose I. Morales, John Morgan, Idolina Munoz, Daniel Murray, LTC, Jerry Muttera, Patricia Paris, Phil Perabo, Alma Mae Peter, Thien-Huong Phan, Karen Pinkerton-Kowalik, Robert M. Pope, Cameron Propp, James Ragan, Andres Ramirez, Irma Ramirez, Juan R. Ramirez, Rosenda Ramon, Rey Ramos, Christina Ramos Gonzalez, Judy West Rasor, Pat Reddick, Billy Redfox, Priscilla Renteria, Regina Richter, J.R. Rios, Dr. Alice Robinson, Maria Rocha, Betty Rodgers, Calvin Rodrigues, Sr., Armandina Rodriguez, Cleto Rodriguez, Mary Lee Rodriguez, Marguerite Ross, Troy Ross, Angie Rossi, Robert Rushing, Isaiah Ryland, Luis Salazar, Maria Salazar, Joseph Salinas, Reynaldo Salinas, Janie San Miguel & children, Terry Schacherl, TerrySchacherl, Alison Schaff, Nathan Schoggins, Valerie V. Schoggins, Jenna Schulz, James Sedberry, Liz Sefcik, Walter Sheehan, Josephine C.Sheldon, Dorothy Sherman, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Willie Mae Shirley, Jaden A. Silva, Ian Silvertooth, Judy Slaughter, Kelley Smith, Morrie Smith, Marie Sophie, Adrian Sosa, Renato Sovran, Mirium Lee Speiner, Mary Ann Starkey, Richard Stasiak, Jr., John Steils, Steve Struve, Irma Suarez, James H. Tansey, Melissa Taylor, Lydia Tey, Rossly Thonnard, Bill Traeger, Jim Trammell, Joseph Trevino, Tony Trevino, Laverne Ulbricht, Gary Valencia, Silverio Valencia, Jr., Dalinda Veriali, Johnny Villarreal, Kristopher Villarreal, Ardeth Weed, Steve Weikal, Catalina Weitzel, Joyce West, Nova West, Mary Ellen Whitworth, Greg Wiegthman, Belinda Wightnam, Mary Jo Williams, Bea Wilson, Maritza Windsor, Linda Witt, Linda Witt, Fr. John Wright, Jim Yaklin, Dollya Zittellie and all those who asked for and need our prayers.