

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

Dear Friends,

Happy Feast of the Ascension and Happy Mother's Day! Today the Church recalls the event in which Jesus ascends to the right hand of the Father and commissions his disciples to go forth and proclaim the gospel to every creature. It is also the day that we honor and esteem our mothers. We get two wonderful celebrations for the price of one! Although these are two distinct celebrations, we can find a common link between the two.

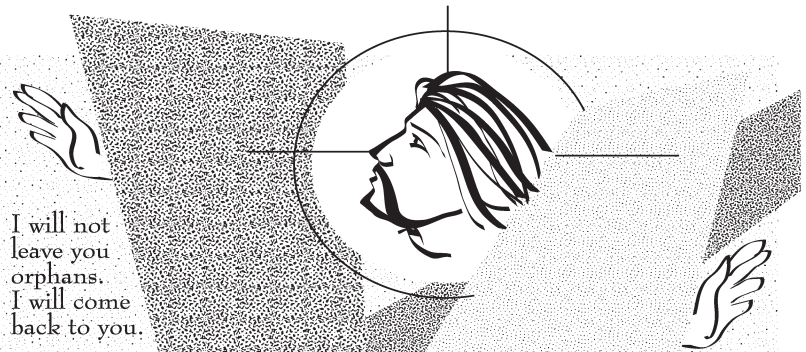
The gift of motherhood is something very sacred. There is a very deep and mysterious bond between a mother and her children. It is a bond that defies boundaries, age, and any other obstacle that we might conceive. A mother never ceases being a mother and never stops caring for her children. Likewise, a mother is never free of worry for her children.

Despite the fact that mothers are endlessly focused on present needs, they never fail to look ahead to the future. Always wanting what is best for their children, they engage in educating them, molding their character, and encouraging them to rise to greater heights in the hope that their children will become self-sufficient, healthy, and model persons. Essentially, they do a lot of preparatory work in order to send them off into the world to forge their own path. One might say that there is a kind of "commissioning" involved in this. With great faith, mothers urge their children to go off into the world, start their own families, do good to others, and remember everything they are taught.

Isn't that similar to what Jesus is doing in the Gospel this weekend? He has prepared his disciples. He has taught them, lived in their company, formed them by his example and preaching, and has laid out his plan for them. In the passage, he commissions them to then go out into the world to proclaim the gospel. In essence, he says that they need to go out into the world to take everything they were taught and transform it through their preaching and example.

It is amazing how much trust Jesus places in this band of disciples, with all of their frailties, idiosyncrasies, and temperaments. Jesus sends them out to continue to make his presence felt in the world and then he ascends to the right hand of the Father. In reality, he is commending them to a future of work, difficulty, and perhaps some heartache. There will be no time for idol and fruitless squandering of time. However, with the power of the Holy Spirit, they will be effective witnesses and instruments of good.

In raising their children, mothers have many of the same hopes for their children. They know that their children are not perfect. Much of what they do is based upon faith. They entrust their children with a



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✠ Come, LORD JESUS!

Saint Pius X
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL "To renew all things in Christ"

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treasure trove of advice, experiences, and motherly formation with the hope that their children will not only bring Christ's presence into the world, but also carry on the mission of doing good with their own families. In a very real way, mothers live out the very commission of Christ to go out and proclaim the gospel to every creature by starting with their own children. They do so, as St. Paul instructs in the letter to the Ephesians, with all humility, gentleness, patience, love, and striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

We tip our hats to all of you mothers, guardians, grandmothers, caretakers, and mothers-to-be, for your desire to follow the Lord's call and to make the many sacrifices you make in order to pass on the Christian life to your children. May abundant blessings be upon all of our mothers today!

Fr. Paul

We are
one in the LORD

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 Vigil at 5:30PM.
Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5:30PM (Youth Mass)
(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: 8:15AM, 12PM & 5:30PM (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

Welcome New Parishioners!

Please welcome our new parishioners Gladys Gonzales, Atanacio & Nicole Orta and son Nathan, the Estrada/Hernandez family, Mia Hernandez and son Kailer, and John Dela Rosa & Estella De Los Santos. We invite them to become an active part of our growing faith community!

Cub Scouts Fundraiser

The Cub Scouts will sell flowers after this Saturday's 5:30pm Mass and Sunday Masses at 8am, 10am and 12pm. Let's support their fundraiser.

Friendship Circle

Ladies of the Friendship Circle will meet at 11:30am this Wednesday the 15th in the Parish Hall. Sister Annette will present a talk to us. See you there!

Women's Circle Meeting

We will have our regular meeting on Wednesday, May 22nd, at 7:00pm. Please be sure to attend because we will be nominating and installing officers for 2013-2014.

Graduate Scholarship and Graduation Mass

Graduating High School Seniors have the opportunity to apply for the Christopher Janosek and Emil Habeeb Scholarships. For more information call the parish office.

A Mass for the high school and college graduates will take place on June 2nd at 5:30pm Mass. Please RSVP by May 27th by signing up at the back of the Church or by calling the parish office at 993-4053.

Acts of Charity Collection

The black bag collection is now called the Acts of Charity Collection and will be a purple bag. This took the place of St. Vincent de Paul. This collection will continue to be on the third Sunday of each month, so it will be next Sunday, May 19th. Thank you for your kindness.

Men's Club BBQ Chicken Sale

Next Sunday, the 19th, the Men's Club will be selling BBQ Chickens after the morning Masses. The cost is \$8.00 for a whole chicken and \$4.50 for half a chicken.

Catholic Daughters

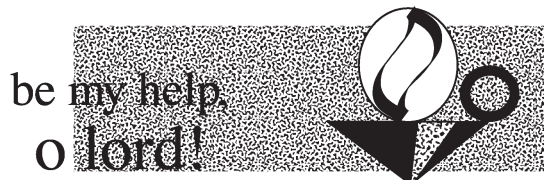
The Catholic Daughters' meeting is this coming Tuesday, May 14th, at 7:00 pm in CC#2. Members are asked to bring breakfast items for the Mother Teresa Shelter.

St. Pius Mail Box

From Dora Lambert to my church family at St. Pius X: "Thank you so much for all your prayers. Your get-well cards have meant more than I can say. Thank you. A special thanks also to the 5th grade class for all your wonderful cards. I'm still in Indiana with my daughter and son-in-law. My wrist fracture is healing nicely and I'm now working on physical therapy to gain strength in my legs and arms. Hopefully I will be able to go home soon. God bless you all! I send you all my love!"

Say a Prayer for...

Harold Lee who will be having knee replacement on Monday.



Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 12 – MOTHER'S DAY

Scouts will be selling flowers after the Masses

10:00AM – Scouts at Mass

11:00AM – Scouts – Cafeteria

Monday, May 13

3:00-4:00PM – Ballet class – PH

5:00PM – Confirmation class – YC

5:30PM – Journey Board – CC#1

7:00PM – Scouts – Cafeteria

8:00PM – Night Angels – CC#1

Tuesday, May 14

6:00-8:00AM – Men's Journey – CC#1&2

10:00AM- Journey – CC#2

12:30 – 3:00PM – MAP – CC#1

2:00-3:30PM – Sultana de Baza – R

6:30PM – CMSE – CC#1

7:00PM – Catholic Daughters – CC#2

Wednesday, May 15

7-8:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

9:00AM – 12:00PM – MAP – CC#1

9:30AM – Schola – C/R

11:30AM – Friendship Circle - PH

3:30PM – Children's Choir – C/R

4:30PM – Youth Choir – C/R

6:30PM – CCD – PH, CC#1&2 & Cafeteria

8:00PM – Youth Band practice -CH

Thursday, May 16

1:00PM – Bridge – CC#1&2

6:00PM – Bell Choir – C/R

7:00PM – Adoration – CH

7:30PM – Adult Choir – C/R

Friday, May 17

9:00-11:00AM – Women of Faith – CC#2

Saturday, May 18

8:00AM – 12:00PM – Men's Journey – Cafeteria

11:00AM – Altar Server training – CH

12:00PM – Altar Servers – PH

3:00-5:00PM – Alhambra Membership Drive &

Dinner - PH

Sunday, May 19

2nd Collection: ACTS OF CHARITY

After Masses: Men's Club sale of BBQ chicken



Easter Vigil Photos

Easter Vigil photos are now posted online at <http://stpiuseastervigil2013.shutterfly.com>

If you have problems accessing the website, call Ron at 462-4215.

YOUTH CORNER



6th-8th Graders

This Wednesday - Our last EDGE night of the year has come, and with it comes...MESSY OLYMPICS! Be sure and bring a friend, a towel, a pair of clothes you don't mind getting dirty and a different pair of clothes to change into. We would like to invite ALL middle school youth to join us at the Park next to St. Pius X School at 6:30 pm!



9th-12th Graders

This Week - There will be No Life Teen. Celebrate Mother's Day with your mama's.

Next Week - There will be No Life Teen. However, we invite you to celebrate with our high school students as several of them receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It will be in the Sanctuary at 3:00 pm on Sunday, May 19!

Theology of the Body for Middle School and High School

We will begin the Theology of the Body program for both middle and high school students in the summer. Middle School TOB will begin on Wednesday, May 22. The program will start at 6:00 pm and end at 7:30 pm. High School TOB will begin on Tuesday, May 21. The program will start at 6:00 pm and end at 7:30 pm. Steubenville participants MUST attend! All middle and high school students are invited to attend.

CORE Members NEEDED!!

1) Do you love your faith? 2) Do you love youth? 3) Do you think that God is calling you to serve in ministry? We are looking for people of faith to come and help us in delivering the message of God to the youth of the church. We are currently looking for ages 19-25, however, we will speak to anyone who has a yearning to teach the young church. Please call Robert Streight at 361-993-4053 for more information.

Early Registration for EDGE and Life Teen

We want to invite parents to register their youth for the 2013-2014 year this month. We will have new registration forms available in the Youth Center starting April 21. Please take advantage of this opportunity, especially for parents of youth moving from 5th-6th grade and 8th-9th grade. We know there will be plenty on your plates come August!

Altar Servers



May 18-19

Sat. 5:30 p.m.

MC Stephanie Gibbon

Reagan Gibbon

Theonna Wisner

Michael Morin

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

Christian Toren

Benjamin Toren

Justin Gomez

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

MC Evan Rodriguez

Michael Speed

Brian Kostoch

Ellie Ostrom

Sun. 12:00 p.m.

Paris Hanna

Luis Lopez

Jacob Lugo

Paxton Hanna

Sun. 5:30 p.m.

MC Nicholas Nye

Gareth Purnell

Gabriel Purnell

Timothy Nye

Vacation Bible School

The theme for VBS this year is "Kingdom Rock - Where kids stand strong for God"

It will be held July 15th - July 19th from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Registration is limited and is on a first come first serve basis so the sooner the better. You can fill out the form on line and print it or you can pick up a form at the office. Registration begins May 8th.

Website address for registration is: <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/lez/1stpiusxcc>

LECTORS

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY	11	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Bud Colwell
MAY	11	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Fred McCutchon
MAY	12	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Angie Ramos
MAY	12	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Joe Skrobarczyk
MAY	12	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Scouts
MAY	12	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Scouts
MAY	12	SUN	12:00	NOON	Delbert Hooper
MAY	12	SUN	12:00	NOON	Jenny Sehy
MAY	12	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Martha St. Romain
MAY	12	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Angela L. Soliz

VIGIL OF PENTECOST

MAY	18	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Ron Osman
MAY	18	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Christine Wisian

School News

By Principal Kathy Clark



It was another busy week for the students and staff of St. Pius X Catholic School. From the looks of it, all the weeks of May will be that way! Before we know it, the school year will be over and summer vacations will begin. The countdown is on!

After a weekend filled with beautiful First Communion Masses, our 2nd graders had the opportunity to make their "second Communion" with all of their upper grade classmates at our school Mass on Wednesday. They once again donned their First Communion attire for the Mass at 8:15 a.m. Two of the 2nd grade students, Elizabeth Arnolds and Diego Matthews, served as lectors and did a beautiful job of reading. After Mass, the class went over to the Youth Center for a reception in their honor. Beautifully decorated tables and a nice breakfast were provided for them by the 1st grade parents. This allowed the parents and grandparents of the Communicants to enjoy the morning without having to worry with the preparations. Thanks, 1st grade parents (and aunts!) Again, we congratulate Mrs. Daehne's 2nd grade "peeps" at this very special time in their young lives.

Our K-5 students received a treat last Monday. The school is currently doing a school-wide Oceans Unit, and as part of their learning, the kindergarteners visited the Texas State Aquarium. The little ones don't get to go on many field trips these days because of the car seat laws that make it difficult to transport 25 children. So this field trip was special for them. Thank you, chaperones and Mrs. Vasquez, for making it happen for them.

On Thursday we had our May Crowning in the afternoon and our annual Sports Awards Banquet in the evening. The May Crowning is a beautiful ceremony that honors our Blessed Mother, Mary. The children recite the Rosary, sing songs, and bring flowers to lay at the feet of the statue of Mary. At the end of the ceremony, two 2nd grade students, Sarah Ostrom and Sean Campos, crowned the statue with a wreath of flowers. I am sure that the Blessed Mother was smiling on our children that afternoon!

The Sports Awards Banquet honored all of our athletes for their participation in our after-school sports programs, volleyball, basketball and track. Students in 4th, 5th and 6th grades and their parents enjoyed a meal catered by Ernie and Grace Pena, listened to speaker, Arthur Haas, and watched a video prepared by grandparent, Robert Crowl. All of the students were presented with a trophy. Two 6th grade students, Charlie Uecker and Ava Van Maren, were awarded with the prestigious Blue Jay Award. This is an award given to a 6th grade boy and girl who have participated in our sports programs in 4th, 5th and 6th grades, have shown good sportsmanship and leadership qualities, and are in good academic standing. Congratulations, Charlie and Ava! And thank you to our coach, Jane Comrie, for doing

an outstanding job of coaching our students. She went the extra mile this year by having after school practices with the kids. Thank you, also, to Michelle Arreola, the Booster Club chairwoman, for arranging for the banquet, and to Mr. Crowl, for making the video. It was an enjoyable evening for all.

We wish all of our mothers a very Happy Mother's Day today. Have a blessed week!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



WEDNESDAY IS OUR LAST CCD DAY until September. We have had a great year and will miss the children over the summer. Parents thank you for making sure that your children continue their faith formation by bringing them to classes and to Mass each Sunday.

We are having our end of the year picnic on Wednesday. I am asking Kinder parents to bring a gallon of punch, Prep I and Prep II to bring cookies and 3-5 grade to bring chips. There is no obligation to do this but it would help.

VBS

We are looking for help preparing the props for Vacation Bible School. So...if anyone has a bit of time they could come and help us paint (tempera paints) the characters and background for VBS it would be much appreciated. It is whatever time you can give. Just call 993-9024 and let me know. Young and seasoned are invited!

Around the Diocese

Monthly Pro Life Mass (Sat. May 18th) at 7:30 a.m. on the 3rd Saturday of each month at St. Joseph Church at 710 S. 19th St, Corpus Christi, TX sponsored by The Helpers of God's Precious Infants followed by prayerful procession to 1901 Morgan reciting the Holy Rosary. After Mass (about 8:30am) we leave the church praying a rosary for the 20 minute walk with a safety escort to the corner of Crosstown & Morgan Street. There we pray a second rosary, followed by a third rosary during the 20 minute return to St. Joseph's Church. There's an informal meet-&-greet gathering afterwards at a nearby restaurant. Everyone's welcome to the Mass and/or any part of the event. NO RSVP needed, just show up—dressed for the weather. If details needed, call Ruben Rodriguez at 779-3599.

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Mass Intentions



Sat. 5/11	5:30PM	†DoraAlmendarez by Boyd, Swoboda &Almendarez families
Sun. 5/12	8:00AM	† Vera Catchings by Lisa & Dewayne Catchings
	10:00AM	For the Parishioners
	12:00PM	† Nancy T. Rodriguez' Annv. by Rodriguez family
	5:30PM	MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
	7:30PM	†Fr. Nguyen Van Liep by family
Mon. 5/13	8:15AM	MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
Tue. 5/14	8:15AM	MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
Wed. 5/15	8:15AM	MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
	5:30PM	† Alfonso Reyna's Annv. by Wheeler family
		†Renea Gilley by Sandy Rivera
		†Michael Szepessy, Sr. by Walch family
		†Millie Dulak by Art & Mary Salinas
		†Alicia Quesada by Fr. Joseph Nguyen
		†Dorothy Janosek by Karen & Harly Day
		Dorothy Krause's Intentions by Real Fay
		†Martha Kaler by Real Fay
		†Lewis Dellinger by Carl & Marilyn Fields
Thu. 5/16	8:15AM	MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
Fri. 5/17	8:15AM	MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
	5:30PM	†Joan Duerr's Annv. by Sid & Dottie Duerr
Sat. 5/18	5:30PM	MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
Sun. 5/19	8:00AM	†Vera Catchings' Annv. by Lisa & Dewayne Catchings
	10:00AM	†John Gross by Chuck Gross
		†Joan Duerr & Pat Hill's Annv. by Sid & Dottie Hill Duerr
	12:00PM	For the Parishioners
	5:30PM	MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

Evening of Eucharistic Adoration & Global Living Rosary

Please join us on Monday, May 13th, at 7:00pm at Our Lady of Corpus Christi Perpetual Adoration Chapel located at 1200 Lantana .

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Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Mag, Marcie Aguilar, Alicia & Luis Alvarado, Manuel Balbin, Bruce Balli, Madison Beckwith, Ann Bednorz, Don Birt, Sgt. 1st Class William Boone, Robert Bordenet, Lucy Boyd, Bill Brumback, Bob Byrd, Stella & Michael Campos, Ashley Carroll, Sherry Coveyou, Jason Cox, Shirley Curry, Florinda De La Garza, Mark DeGaish, Sandy DeGregorio, Minga DeLosSantos, Samantha Didear Deste, Liz Elovitz, Yolanda Escobar, Juan A. Flores, Bobby Floyd, Jay Francis, Esperanza Garcia, Raymond Garcia, Jr., Terry Garza, Elida Gonzalez, Glenda Graham, Vickie Grainger, Maria Griffin, Charlotte & Tommy Groner, Jared Groner, Terry Groner, Colleen Habeeb, Marie Habeeb, Rose Marie Hand, James Hartman, Corina Herndon, Chris Holland, Graham Hughes, Elizabeth Johnson, Mary Kelly, Dorothy Krause, Harold Lee, Arlene Leep, Ed Lewis, Dorothy Mathews, Michael McCloskey, Virginia Medrano, Robert Miller, Johnhnye Lee Mokry, John Morgan, Dan Murray, Anna Nicolas, Toufic Nicolas, Patricia Paris, Phil Perabo, Robert M. Pope, Ron Randolph, Raymond Richter, Rebecca Rosales, Marguerite Ross, Albert Rubio, Luis Salazar, Tim Salch, Amber Saylor, Josephine Sheldon, Tina Shepherd, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Willie Mae Shirley, Judy Slaughter, Mary Pat Slavik, Maxine Sommers, Adrian Sosa, Renato Sovran, Lydia Tey, Sara Trevino, Mary Vall, Idolina Vela, Josie Velasco, Luz Villarreal, Melva Walet, Bea Wilson, Dolly Zihelli, Sarah Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.

Financial Report for week ending 5/5/2013

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection \$24,302.39
Other Income \$360.00

Total Operating Revenue .. \$24,662.39

Other Contributions:

Acts of Charity \$140.00
Janosek Scholarship \$125.00
Habeeb Scholarship \$50.00
Retired Diocesan Priest's \$657.00
CRS \$10.00
Catholic Charities \$15.00
Catholic Home Missions \$385.00
Church in Cent/East Europe \$10.00
Catholic Comm. Campaign \$10.00
Solidarity Fund \$10.00

Total Other Contributions \$1,412.00

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Loan balance on Youth Bldg
as of April 30, 2013 \$793,924.58