

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

Third Sunday of Lent



In July of 1994, I graduated with Electrician Wirer Degree at Gary Jobs Corp Center in San Marcos. It was my first school in America since I've stepped my feet on the blessed soil in 1992. It was a trading school which ran and funded by the government. Students who came to this school either had parents that couldn't take care of them, since they got in and out of jail often, or family couldn't support us to go to public schools, which was my case! However, I was blessed to have a job right after I graduated there, and I worked for Schill Electric Company, in Houston, Texas. Also, because of this school that I could join the diocese to study for priest since I got my GED on the day I graduated with Electrician Degree.

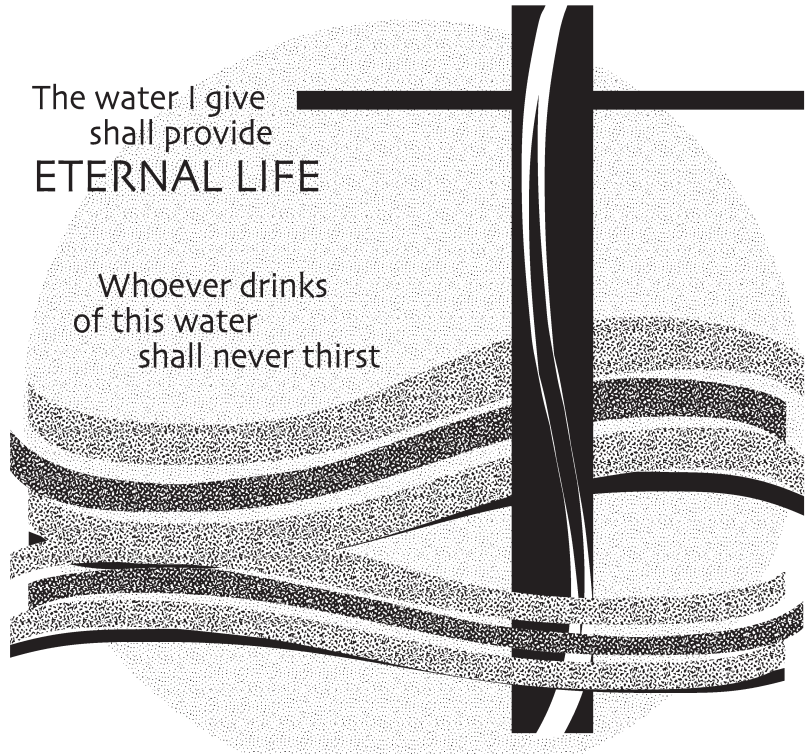
Working in Houston as Electrician helper, I felt like "repentant in another world!" I remembered that we had a contract to work for Houston Bus Station. We installed some motors and ran wire in the garage of the Bus Station. The shift began from 3pm to 11pm during summer, and yet, I still felt like I was in the middle of the desert! I drank too much coke, but I still weighted less than 100 pounds! I kept drinking and drinking, but I was still thirsty and thirsty! Coke tasted so good since I never had coke or any soda. I didn't know that the more one drank soda, the more it made one thirsty! When I realized what good that soda could benefit me, I couldn't help myself to stop gaining weight!

In today's Gospel, the Samaritan woman comes to draw water to satisfy her thirst and her loved ones' thirst. Jesus leads the woman from her natural thirst to thirst for the spiritual thirst by point out her sinful way of living with the man whom she considers as not her husband! From thirsting for the ordinary water, a habit of living in sin with a man who is not her husband, Jesus helps the woman to recognize the need for the eternal water. From thirsting for the ordinary water, her sinful way of life drags her to draw water in the middle of the day which is often the time for the prostitutes to come out, Jesus has compassion and slowly opens her mind to receive the eternal water. By meeting the Lord Jesus, Jesus touches her heart that, from giving the ordinary water, she receives the living water. By allowing the Lord to touch her heart, the woman recognizes Jesus the Messiah and believes in him. In recognizing Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman has courage and strength to go out to spread the good news to others.

In today's Gospel, Saint John wants to tell us that Jesus Christ is the living water to satisfy the thirst for those who recognize their thirst for God, and those who are willingly to open up their hearts to allow him to touch and to change with deep faith and trust in him. They will be satisfied as He promised. In our Christian's life, how many times have we experienced the Lord comes to meet us in our brothers and sisters that change our way of life? Just as God comes to the woman to ask for a glass of water, which is an ordinary act of life, in return, she asks for everlasting water, have we recognized God in those moments when someone asked us to give a hand, to show the way, to clean up the mess, to give a cup of coffee, to provide an ear to listen, and many other good deeds that the Lord brings the living water to satisfy our thirst in which we experience

The water I give
shall provide
ETERNAL LIFE

Whoever drinks
of this water
shall never thirst



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blessing after blessing throughout our lives? The Samaritan woman, after allowing the Lord Jesus to touch her inner being, her personal life, with courage and strength, she goes out to spread the good news. Have we opened up ourselves to allow the Lord to touch us, especially this Lenten season, to have courage and strength to share the good news with others and to do some good deeds to show God's love for us? May our Lenten observance be the time to change our hardened heart with pray, fast, and almsgiving so that on Easter we are happily to celebrate the risen Christ. God bless.

Fr. Joseph

Welcome New Parishioner!

Please welcome Kelly Infante. We invite her to become an active part of our growing faith community!



This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of the Philippines. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, Option for the Poor, and reminded of Jesus' work: "Whatever you did for the least of mine, do did for me." Let us pray this week for our sisters and brothers in the Philippines and all around the world, that we see the Face of Christ in the poor among us.

† May They Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Ellen Litchko, long time parishioner who died last week and for David G. Falcon, father of parishioner Catherine Lutz whose funeral Mass took place at St. Pius last week.

Men's Club BBQ Chicken Sale

Our Men's Club will be selling delicious BBQ Chickens after all morning Masses today, Sunday, March 23rd. The cost is \$8.00 for a whole chicken and \$4.50 for half a chicken.

Easter Flower Offering

At the doors of the church you will find the Easter Flower Offering envelopes. Please return by Sunday, April 13th, so that they can be included in our Easter bulletin.

Women's Circle Meeting

The next meeting will be this Wednesday, March 26th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Don't forget, it "Hats off to Chemo!", so please bring a decorated hat(s) or a ball cap(s) to donate to cancer chemo patients. We welcome all ladies of the parish. Please give it some thought and call Adelle Hesse at 991-4063 or Dottie Duerr and at 986-9033 if you plan to join us. The Women's Circle was started so

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 (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 & 6:00PM(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 2:00PM*

Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register through the office.
Anointing of the Sick: On request and at the 5:30PM Mass on First Fridays

that ladies who worked would have an opportunity to belong to a Parish Women's Group. We welcome all members.

Altar and Rosary Society Meeting

The next meeting of the Altar and Rosary Society will be held on Thursday, March 27th, at 9:00 a.m. in CC #2. We need women to join the Altar and Rosary Society. If your children are in school, we are the ministry for you. Our meetings are held in the morning while they are in school and we meet August through May. If you are not working outside the home, we are for you. This is an opportunity to meet others and use your time, talents and gifts to provide service to the parish. For additional information, contact Emily Dickinson 446-2401.

Penitential Services Scheduled

Our Lenten Penitential Services have been scheduled for Wednesday, April 2nd, at 12 noon and again at 7:00 p.m. that same day.

Acts of Charity Meeting

So that everyone can attend our Lenten Mission, the Acts of Charity committee meeting in April is being moved to Tuesday, April 8th, at 6:30 p.m. in CC #1. Everyone is welcome!

MARK YOUR CALENDERS.....

The St. Pius X Men's Club will host a one-day Men's Retreat entitled, "Getting the F.A.C.T.S. Straight on Your Prayer life" on Saturday, May 17th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Youth Building. The retreat is free to all men age 18 and over. Breakfast and lunch are included. Following the retreat the Men's Club will host a social with games, snacks and beverages.

St Pius X Women of Faith

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass by Dr. Edward Sri. In A Biblical Walk Through the Mass you will come to know and understand the Mass like never before. See, perhaps for the first time, why we say what we say, and do what we do as Catholics. With freshly awakened eyes of faith, the words and gestures will be seen in a new light, leading to a richer, more fruitful worship experience. Sessions are held on Fridays, beginning: April 4, 2014 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Youth Building. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Sarah Morrison @ sfm011@grandecom.net.

Vocation Corner

If you have decided (or now conclude) that marriage is your way of living out your vocation to the Christian life, then you want to continue to keep your focus on ways to build a happy marriage... one that can withstand the test of time and stress. Often a large amount of time and money is set aside to plan for the wedding day and all the social activities that surround it, without thinking of the long-term preparation that goes into bringing you and your potential spouse together. If you have looked at your expectations and determined what you and "your intended" are looking for, and have recognized that you both

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Sunday, March 23

Men's Club Chicken BBQ Sale

8:30AM - RCIA - CC#2

10:00AM-3:00PM - Mass with Scouts - CH & Caf.

Monday, March 24

3:30PM - Ballet - PH

5:00-7:00PM - Confirmation - YC & CC#1

7:00PM - Scouts - Cafeteria

7:30PM - Angels - CC#1

Tuesday, March 25

6:00-8:00AM - Men's Journey - CC#1&2

10:00AM - Journey - CC#2

12:00-3:00PM - MAP - CC#1

7:00-8:30PM - RCIA Team - CC#2

Wednesday, March 26

7:00-8:00AM - Joyful Pillars - CC#2

9:00AM-12:00PM - MAP - CC#1

9:30AM - Schola - C/R

3:30PM - Children's Choir - C/R

4:30PM - Youth Choir - C/R

6:30PM - CCD - CC#1&2 & Cafeteria

6:30PM - Women's Circle - PH

Thursday, March 27

9:00AM - Altar Society - CC#2

1:30PM - Bridge - CC#1&2

6:00-10:00PM - Veritas - CC#1

6:00PM - Bell Choir - C/R

7:00PM - Adoration - CH

7:30PM - Adult Choir - C/R

Friday, March 28

2:30PM - School Stations of the Cross - CH

4:30-7:00PM - Fish Fry - PH

7:00PM - Stations of the Cross - CH

8:00PM - Chopin Concert - CH

Saturday, March 29

5:30PM - Mass and Mission introduction

Sunday, March 30

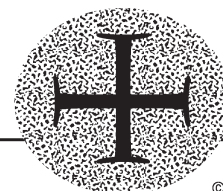
All Masses - Mission introduction

8:30AM - RCIA - CC#2

12:00-2:00PM - Diocesan "True Radiance" - CC#2

have been preparing for life together during all your teen and young adult lives, then you are going into this marriage about as prepared as you can be. Next week: What are the immediate preparations for entering into a sacramental marriage?

By your
cross,
LORD



you have
saved the
world

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ST. PIUS X YOUTH MINISTRY

EDGE & LIFE TEEN Major News

Live Stations of the Cross

As we continue this beautiful season of the Church, Lent, we are preparing for this year's Live Stations of the Cross. While this has been a youth ministry event for years, we would like to take this opportunity to invite ALL parishioners to be a part of the Live Stations. There are both speaking and non-speaking roles, and we encourage both youth and adults to go to sign up.

There are 3 ways to sign-up:

1. Sign-Up at the Youth Center,
2. Sign-Up online at www.stpiusxcc.org, or
3. Sign-Up online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EAAA928ABFF2-live>

Live Stations sign-up has already begun, and will continue until April 10. Finally, if any family has plain (no designs) bed sheets or pillow cases that they no longer use, we are in need of more to make costumes for this event. Please drop these off at the Youth Center or in the Parish Office during business hours.

THE NEXT LIFE TEEN NIGHT...

LIFE TEEN returns tonight, and we have a great evening in store. First, come and enjoy a big bowl of spaghetti and fellowship. Next, we dive into the Secure Promise between God and His people. Finally, we join together as the Body of Christ to lay our hopes and dreams before the cross. For the first time in a month, the Upper Room is back for Juniors and Seniors. We hope to see you at LIFE TEEN, and don't forget to bring a friend with you to enjoy the fellowship, food and faith!

THE NEXT EDGE NIGHT...

We will not be having EDGE this coming Wednesday, March 26. EDGE will begin again on Wednesday, April 2. We look forward to seeing you then!

Youth Ministry Flocknote

Want to stay in the loop when it comes to information about EDGE, LIFE TEEN, COLLEGE LIFE, or anything St. Pius X Youth Ministry. Follow these simple directions: Text SPXYM to 84576 -or- Text SPXYM to 202-738-5764.

Find Us on Social Media

- Website – www.stpiusxcc.org
- Facebook – St. Pius X Life Teen
- Twitter - @theCatholicYM
- Instagram – StPiusXCCYouthMinistry
- Youtube - spxccyouthministry

Altar Servers



March 28—Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m.
 MC Jackie Lara
 MC Cole Morin
 Toby Johnson
 Nathaniel Quiroz

Sun. 10:00 a.m.
 MC Jackie Lara
 Stacia Krnavek
 Emily Rodriguez
 Briana Rodriguez

March 29-30
Sat. 5:30 p.m.
 Stephanie Gibbon
 Reagan Gibbon
 Jacob Rivera

Sun. 12:00 p.m.
 MC Joseph Tarin
 Riel Posada
 Jacob Lugo
 Brian Riojas

Sun. 8:00 a.m.
 MC Toby Shull
 MC Tori Shull
 Christian Ramos
 Jonathan Shull

Sun. 5:30 p.m.
 MC Marisa Matthijetz
 Isaac Matthijetz
 Benjamin Mikulencak
 Hudson Mikulencak

LECTORS

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MAR 29	SAT	5:30	P.M.	Al Hesse
MAR 29	SAT	5:30	P.M.	David Brown
MAR 29	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Dennis Diersing
MAR 30	SUN	8:00	A.M.	Carole Zanetti
MAR 30	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Richard Arizmendi
MAR 30	SUN	10:00	A.M.	Theresa Arizmendi
MAR 30	SUN	12:00	A.M.	Jenny Sehý
MAR 30	SUN	12:00	A.M.	Marion Maas
MAR 30	SUN	5:30	P.M.	Inez Matthijetz
MAR 30	SUN	5:30	P.M.	



CMSE CARDS

If you have taken a CMSE class and have not received your blue card you may pick it up at the parish office. Cards for the following are available: Mary Scott, Rinaldo Cortez, John Lennan, Marion Maas, Christa Del Orbe, Elida Morales, William Smith, Divisat Orbe, Stephen Taglibue.

PLEASE LOOK AT YOUR BLUE CARD. IF IT IS EXPIRED YOU MUST RENEW WITHIN A MONTH. IF YOU DO NOT RENEW YOUR CARD, YOU SHOULD SUSPEND SERVING IN MINISTRY UNTIL YOUR CARD IS RENEWED. The leaders of the various ministries will receive a list of those whose cards are expired or who are not certified. We have a recertification class every second Tuesday of the month. The next class will be Tuesday, April 8th, @ 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall.

School News

By Principal Bryan Krnavek



We're back from Spring Break and ready for the last nine weeks of school. It was nice to have a week off for some "R & R." It takes a lot of energy to work with a classroom of young children eight hours a day, five days a week. It's no wonder that teachers and staff members are always ready and thankful for the breaks they get during the school year! The last nine weeks always go the fastest, so we will be holding onto our hats as we breeze through these remaining months of school.

School was dismissed at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday of this past week so that teachers could conduct Parent Conferences. Parents were given their child's report card during the conferences and they had the opportunity to speak one-on-one with their child's teacher about their concerns and questions. At St. Pius X Catholic School, we believe that good communication between teachers and parents is a key factor to any child's success.

On Friday, our students participated in the Stations of the Cross at 10:30 a.m. led by our 5th graders. The privilege of participating in the Stations of the Cross during the school day is a "perk" of attending a Catholic school. As Father Paul said at the end of Masses last Sunday, "this is a great way for our kids to participate and carry on this tradition".

It's not too late to play on a team, be a sponsor, or donate to the silent and/or live auction for our 11th Annual Golf Classic, dedicated to the memory of former Chairman Bob Paskill. Call the school at 992-1343 if you are interested. The date of the tournament is April 4th. We are hoping to have a team or two of priests. Fr. Paul and Fr. Joseph need some competition! Also, if you have not sold or bought the raffle tickets that were mailed to you, please do so and return by Wednesday, April 2, 2014. The drawing will be held on April 3rd.

With the help of the Diocese, all area Catholic Schools are in the process of creating and/or updating their Long Range Strategic Plans. Several members of our parish, with expertise and knowledge in certain fields, as well as members of our School Advisory Council, have been asked to help with this endeavor. An Orientation Meeting was held on March 6th that included a general overview of what we have been doing, where we are going and what will be needed to help formalize our plan. The meeting was well attended and some great ideas and suggestions were brought to the table. At our next meeting on March 24th, we will continue with the dialogue and start to develop improvement strategies to be incorporated into the plan. Our goal, with the help of these dedicated parishioners, is to have a plan that will make St. Pius X Catholic School a leader among other Catholic schools in our area as well as across the state. I will keep you updated as the plan moves forward.

Have a blessed week!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the students in the third grade for their diligence in attending CCD classes and for perfect attendance. Their Catechists are Delia Serrato and Annie Suarez.

First Communion Retreat

The First Communion retreat is April 12th 8:30 – 12:00. Please make sure that you and your child are in attendance. THERE WILL BE NO MAKE-UP FOR THIS RETREAT!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION LENTEN MISSION 2014



Our Lenten Mission is set for the weekend of March 29-30 through Wednesday, April 2. The theme for our mission: Prayer is dangerous. If we truly take time to pray it will call us back into right relationship with God, others and ourselves. We will look at the Prayer that Jesus taught us and how that calls us to move beyond ourselves to be in communion and union with others. We will also see how this call is lived out in the Eucharist and how we are called to be Eucharist to others. Check the schedule and make your plans!

Lenten Mission: Prayer is Dangerous
Schedule of Events

ALL WEEKEND MASSES: General Introduction

MONDAY AND TUESDAY

8:15 AM Mass
followed by mission talk
followed by fellowship in the parish hall
Fr. Rocky will be available for visiting.

7:00 PM Mass with extended homily
followed by fellowship in the parish hall
Fr. Rocky will be available for visiting.

WEDNESDAY

8:15 AM Mass
followed by Anointing of the Sick
followed by fellowship in the parish hall
Fr. Rocky will be available for visiting.

Noon Reconciliation Service

7:00 PM Reconciliation Service
followed by fellowship in the parish hall

Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 22nd

- 8:15AM † Bruce A. Balli by Rudy & Viola Cantu
 5:30PM † Mae & Fred Muttera by Lory Moore
 † Gerardo Valencia, Jr. Anniversary by family

Sunday, March 23rd

- 8:00AM † Mathews Deceased Relatives by Dorothy Mathews
 10:00AM † Bruce A. Balli by P.A.G.A.
 12:00PM † Michael Szepessy, Sr. by Carol Szepessy Freeman & family
 5:30PM For the Parishioners

Monday, March 24th

- 6:30AM † Jacinta Dang by family
 8:15AM † Michael Pacheco, Jr. by Penny Pacheco
 † Celia Perez by Emma Cuellar

Tuesday, March 25th

- 6:30AM † Jacinta Dang by family
 8:15AM † Janet Peterson by Carol & Mike Richardson

Wednesday, March 26th

- 6:30AM † Margaret Green by Edmond & Mary Tony
 8:15AM † George Ganley by Mary Elaine Ganley
 5:30PM † Rick Mulinix by Anita & Robert Joya
 † William G. Woodhouse by Joyce Zarsky
 † Michelle M. Tagliabue by Paul Tisdale
 † Bobbe Ford by Lorraine Karp

Thursday, March 27th

- 6:30AM † Jacinta Dang by family
 8:15AM † Joseph Ha by his niece

Friday, March 28th

- 6:30AM † Roberta Welder Ford by Roseanne Conger
 8:15AM † Janelle Ballard by Raymond Sykora
 5:30PM † Trey Turner by Malcolm & Susan Olcak

Saturday, March 29th

- 8:15AM † Mathews Deceased Relatives by Dorothy Mathews
 5:30PM † Sterling Achee, Anniversary by Anna Vrazel

Sunday, March 30th

- 8:00AM † David Gerdes by Angie Gerdes
 10:00AM † Annie Krnavek by Theresie Krnavek
 † Mary & Louis Riek, Anniversary by Pat Riek
 12:00PM † Trey Turner by Gladys Lippincott
 5:30PM For the Parishioners
 7:30PM † Paul by family

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Operating Revenue:
 Sunday Collection \$18,715.97
 Sunday Online..... \$2,820.00
 Other Income \$,274.65

Total Operating Revenue .. \$23,810.62

Other Contributions:
 Janosek Scholarship \$25.00
 Acts of Charity \$2,786.08
 Ash Wednesday \$45.00
 Easter Flowers \$458.00
 Black & Indian Mission \$38.00

Total Other Contributions \$3,352.08

Total Contributions \$27,162.70

Loan balance on Youth Bldg
 as of March 13, 2014 . \$393,293.31



If today
 you hear his voice
 harden not your hearts

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Marcie Aguilar, Rebecca Akins, Alicia & Luis Alvarado, Isabel Anorga, Luisa Arevalo, Ann Bednorz, Don Birt, Bill Brumback, Bob Byrd, Stella & Michael Campos, Mary Lee Cantwell, Shirley Curry, Florinda De La Garza, Mark DeGaish, Sandy DeGregorio, Minga DeLosSantos, Samantha Didear Deste, Annie Dornak, Tanya Soroka Dunphies, Jay Francis, Sherry Frenzel, Esperanza Garcia, Raymond Garcia, Jr., Catherine Garofolo, Terry Garza, Elida Gonzalez, Glenda Graham, Maria Griffin, Charlotte & Tommy Groner, Jared Groner, Terry Groner, Suzy Guzman, Colleen Habeeb, Marie Habeeb, Rose Marie Hand, James Hartman, Corina Herndon, Chris Holland, Josh Holland, Graham Hughes, Ben Janosek, Elizabeth Johnson, Betty Kollaja, Tim Kleffner, Dorothy Krause, Dora Lambert, Anne Lee, Hank Lee, Arlene Leep, Ed Lewis, Dorothy Mathews, Michael McCloskey, Virginia Medrano, Johnnye Lee Mokry, John Morgan, Dan Murray, Toufic Nicolas, Patricia Paris, Phil Perabo, Robert M. Pope, Derrel Puckett, Ron Randolph, Raymond Richter, John & Irene Rosales, Rebecca Rosales, Marguerite Ross, Paul Rossi, Albert Rubio, David Russell, Luis Salazar, Tim Salch, Amber Saylor, Earl Saylor, Josephine Sheldon, Tina Shepherd, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Willie Mae Shirley, Judy Slaughter, Maxine Sommers, Adrian Sosa, Mary Ann Starkey, Mamie Stoner, Lydia Tey, Diane Thompson, Norbert & Rosalind Thonnard, Sara Trevino, Luke Valdez, Idolina Vela, Luz Villarreal, Lawrence Vrazel, Melva Walet, John Weed, Bea Wilson, Dian Winstead, Sarah Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.