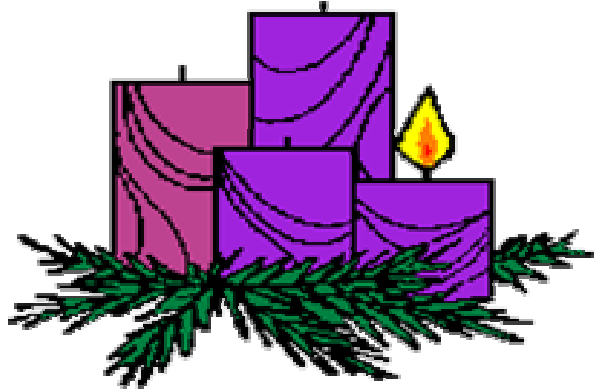


WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

St. Pius Parish, 1100 Woodside Rd., Redwood City, CA 94061, Fax 369-3641 – www.pius.org -- parish@pius.org

SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 2, 2007
FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT



Our Mission

The mission of Saint Pius Parish is to develop and nurture a faith filled, prayerful, generous and caring community rooted in the testimony of the gospel and the tradition of our faith.

We hope that your family will join our parish family as we strive to love like Jesus and build God's kingdom here on earth.

Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses: 8:00, 9:30,
11:30 am & 5:00 pm

Daily Mass: 8:00 am (M-Sat)

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:30-4:30 pm
(Contact a priest if you wish to receive the sacrament on another day.)

Baptism: Baptisms are normally held on the second and fourth Sundays at 1:00 pm. Arrangements should be made at least three months in advance. Parents must attend baptismal instruction before the baptism of their child. This preparation may be done before the birth of the child.

Marriage: Arrangements should be made by the prospective bride and groom at least six months in advance. The parish marriage preparation program is required of all couples.

Communion in the Home: Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Communion to those who are unable to attend Mass. Please call the Parish Center.

Anointing of the Sick: This sacrament is for those who are elderly, seriously sick or scheduled for surgery. Please call the Parish Center. For those in the hospital, contact the chaplain's office at that hospital.

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NOTES FROM FR. JIM:

Today we begin the season of Advent, an opportunity for spiritual and personal growth. The Little Blue Book for the Advent and Christmas seasons is an excellent source for prayer and reflection for individuals. Please pick one up from the front of the church. The special Advent bulletin contains prayers and activities for families during this season. The Advent bulletins are on the tables in the back of the church

The priests from Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Pius will be available for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** on **Monday, December 3rd, at 11 am** in St. Pius Church and at **7 pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.** There will be readings from Scripture, a homily, an examination of conscience and an opportunity for individual confession. There will also be a Reconciliation Service in Spanish at Our Lady of Mount Carmel on **Tuesday, December 4th, at 7 pm.**

The *Feast of the Immaculate Conception*, which is a **Holy Day of Obligation**, is **Saturday, December 8th.** Masses are: 8 am and 9:30 am. St. Matthias Church - 8:30 pm Our Lady of Mount Carmel - 8 am, 12:10 and 7 pm in Spanish

ADVENT GIVING TREES

As you are preparing for your own family holiday, you are invited to experience the spirit of the Advent Season by reaching out to those in need. Please notice the Advent Giving trees in the church vestibule and by the side doors, with the colored tags. We hope you will choose a tag and bring your **UNWRAPPED** gift or gift card with you to Mass on the Third Sunday of Advent, **December 15th & 16th**, and place it on the altar. We CANNOT accept gifts after the 16th of December because it is too late to distribute them. **PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS**, however, we do need donations of wrapping paper and ribbon or bows which can be left on the altar also. St. Francis Center, Catholic Worker House and St. Vincent de Paul will benefit from your generosity. If you have any questions, call Karen at 366-0115.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2007-2008 Fiscal Year as of 11/25/2007
Budgeted \$232,692.46
Actually received \$237,765.38
\$5,072.92

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ST. PIUS PARISH CENTER

DECEMBER 3 AND 10, 2007

7:00 pm

WORKSHOP FOR

GETTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

For those who are grieving a loss, the holidays can be difficult. Come join us for an evening of dialogue on coping during this trying time. The discussion will be led by two St. Pius Grief Ministers, Rich Morton & Suzanne Lasseigne, RSCJ

THIS WORKSHOP IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE MEMBERS OF ST. PIUS GRIEF MINISTRY

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS!!!!

Our parish has a shortage of Eucharistic Ministers at Sunday Masses. If you are a regular Mass attendee and are hearing the call to get involved in ministry, join us for a training on **Sunday, December 9th, from 12:30-2:00 pm in the Church.** Contact Maria if you will be attending, 368-0429 or Maria@pius.org.

ADVENT FOOD DRIVE

St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting canned goods for the poor during Advent. Boxes are located in the vestibule of the Church.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

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| Brianna McKean | Lauren Thomas |
| Spencer McKean | Viola LeMon |
| Giana Bruno | Rachel Vetter |
| Siena Bruno | |

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

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| Deacon Steve | Dee Dee Hacker | Dolores Hacker |
| Steve Alonso | Ceil O'Donnell | Bev Eggleston |
| Dave Tinsley | David Addiego | Mari Hartnett |
| Frances Ramirez | Madison Kitz | Eddie Flores |
| Lana Vanderzyl | | |

ALL NAMES WILL REMAIN ON THIS LIST FOR ONE MONTH. PLEASE CALL AFTER THAT TIME IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME TO REMAIN ON THE LIST, 361-1411. IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE A CALL THE NAME WILL BE REMOVED.

FESTIVAL CORNER

2008 Festival Theme: FUN

This is the first of many postings for upcoming 2008 Festival Excitement. We are just simply going to make this Festival **FUN** for EVERYONE. We will need everyone's help and participation to make the 2008 Festival the BEST, **FUN**-FILLED EVENT AND SUCCESS IT CAN BE!

Drum Roll Please---- The first Event we'd like to announce is Sunday 6/1/08 – Comedy Entertainment:

Late Night Catechism 2. Show will start at 2:00 p.m.

Ticket prices \$60.00 (\$45.00 for Seniors, 60 and above). Reserved Seating includes: Chicken Lunch or Dinner

\$85.00 VIP package includes: Chicken Lunch or Dinner, Free drink ticket, VIP Seating Section
Free Raffle Ticket
And MORE SURPRISES

***MARK YOUR CALENDARS
NOW; YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS
THIS GREAT SHOW!***

Please contact Elizabeth Krebs 650-364-2766 to volunteer to help with this event. Please contact: Tom D'Orsi 650-369-1026, Chairman or Sue Boragno, Chair-lady, 650-364-2300, and get involved in the 2008 festival and **FUN!**

KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS

St. Pius School is now accepting applications for Kindergarten students for the 2008-2009 school year. Students **must** be 5 years old by September 1, 2008. Applications are available in the School Office, on the web (www.stpiusschool.com), or you may call the office at 368-8327. Please call if you have questions.

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

The high school Mission Trip to Mexico is **June 7-14, 2008**. There is a mandatory meeting for all planning to attend on **Sunday, January 27th, at 6:30 pm** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Call Kevin at 365-0140.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION –

www.increaseourfaith.org

One stop shopping for all your adult faith formation needs. Check out www.increaseourfaith.org for all the info on everything being offered in San Mateo County and GREAT web resources!! For more info, contact Kevin Staszko 365-0140 or Kevin@pius.org

Men's & Women's Club Hosting a Christmas Party

The St. Pius Men's and Women's Clubs are hosting a Christmas Party and **all** are invited to attend! Please join us for this wonderful evening to Mix, Mingle & Be Merry! With all of our busy schedules during the holiday season, take a moment to relax and enjoy cocktails and a delicious buffet dinner prepared by parishioner and school parent Bajis Katwan on **Wednesday, December 12 at 6:30 PM in Fitzsimon Center**. We will be having a raffle with exciting prizes. Any questions, contact the Women's Club hotline at 364-5204 or womensclub@pius.org.

VOLUNTEERS FOR TREE LOT

The St. Pius Men's Club needs volunteers to assist with this year's tree lot. The trees arrived on Wednesday, November 21st. The lot officially opened on Friday, November 23rd and it is anticipated to run through mid-December. If you have any questions or to volunteer, please contact Mike Maskarich at (650)369-5158.

9:30 CHOIR CD - SING PEOPLE OF GOD

Thanks to all of you who purchased our CD. We will be receiving a new supply in plenty of time for Christmas. If you would like to purchase one for yourself or for someone on your Christmas list, please contact Bev Hilliard at 325-4399. The price is still just \$10.00!

ST. PIUS WOMEN'S HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

This annual event showcases many artisans and craft vendors. **ADMISSION IS FREE!** Don't miss a chance to visit with Santa from 11am to 12 noon. Please join us on **Sunday, December 2nd, from 10 am to 5 pm.**

BE PREPARED

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalms — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

My family and I are deeply grateful for all the Masses and prayers offered on behalf of my late husband, Andy. God bless you all.

Leonore Dei Rossi

SCHEDULED MASSES

Mon.	Dec. 3	8 am	Nick Glavich
Tues.	Dec. 4	8 am	Bud Thorpe and Jennifer Copeland
Wed.	Dec. 5	8 am	Louis Glavich
Thurs.	Dec. 6	8 am	Claire Sans
Fri.	Dec. 7	8 am	Anna Gonzales
Sat.	Dec. 8	8 am	Gaston & Helene Giudicelli
		9:30	Peter Niemann & family
		5 pm	Fausta Sanvictores
Sun.	Dec. 9	8 am	Margaret Martella
		9:30	Ambrose Miles
		11:30	Bill McGrath
		5 pm	People of St. Pius

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Question for Children: What can you do to be ready for God to come into your heart and your life?

Question for Youth: The Gospel tells us we don't know when the Son of Man will return. If he were to arrive today, would you be ready for him? What is one thing you can do during Advent to prepare for his coming?

Question for Adults: As you prepare to re-welcome Christ into your heart while you prepare for Christmas, what does Isaiah call you to do? What does Isaiah call us as a people to do?

Junior High Ministry December Events

December 14th – 7-10pm

Winter Dance in Mt. Carmel Gym. \$10 at the door.

December 16th – 7:30am– 5pm

Day In San Francisco (\$20 & Permission Slip by 12/11)

Download all the information at www.pius.org or contact Kevin Staszko 365-0140 or

ST. PIUS SENIORS

We will meet on Friday, December 7th and have lunch with the 2nd grade children. On December 14th we will be going to a restaurant for our Christmas lunch. Please call Adele for reservations, 366-3646. We will choose the restaurant on December 7th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Men's Club Crab Feed	January 26
ICF Cioppino Dinner	February 2
Parish Mission	February 11, 12, 13
St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance	March 1
Women's Club Fashion Show	March 15
Men's Club Retreat	March 28, 29, 30
Women's Club Retreat	April 11, 12, 13
First Communion	May 3, 4
Festival	May 30, 31, June 1
St. Pius Festival	May 30, 31 & June 1
High School Mission Trip	June 7-14

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