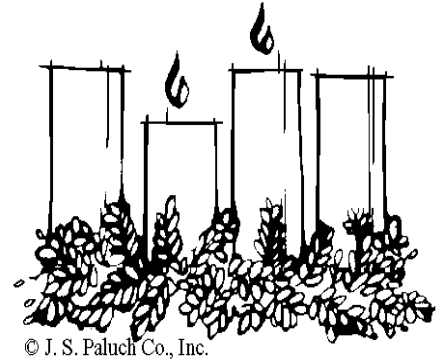


# WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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**SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 9, 2007  
SECOND 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.

## Parish Staff

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**NOTES FROM FR. JIM:**

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 *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 **UN-WRAPPED** 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 12/2/2007  
Budgeted \$243,269.39  
Actually received \$253,822.38  
\$10,552.99

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONER WHO HAS PASSED AWAY:**

William Gibson (Dan Gibson's father)

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ST. PIUS PARISH CENTER**

DECEMBER 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.

**BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC MISSION**

Members from Bethlehem Catholic Mission will be visiting St. Pius Church this weekend, **Saturday, December 8th and Sunday, December 9th**. They will be selling handmade olivewood crafts, rosaries, holy water, crosses & Nativity sets. There are so few Catholics in Bethlehem because of the violence and they have lost a majority of their income because they are unable to sell their crafts. Look for them after the Masses in front of the church. Helping them is helping our brother and sister in the HOLY LAND.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:**

Deacon Steve	Dee Dee Hacker	Dolores Hacker
Lana Vanderzyl	Ceil O'Donnell	Bev Eggleston
Dave Tinsley	Eddie Flores	Mari Hartnett
Frances Ramirez		

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.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE MASS PAGEANT**

This will be held at the **5:00 pm Mass only**. If your child would like to participate, please fill out the form below and return it to Karen Elmore at the Parish Center, **by Monday, Dec. 17th. PLEASE SEND IN THE FORM - DO NOT CALL THE PARISH CENTER.** *No child will be allowed to participate after Dec. 17th.* The following parts are available: Angels & shepherds must be Kindergarten age through 3rd grade. Innkeeper, Gabriel, Star and Three Kings must be 4th through 8th grade. The three innkeepers, Gabriel, Star and Three Kings are on a first come basis. There is a rehearsal **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD, IN THE CHURCH from 7:00 - 8:00 pm.** Angels will need a white or pastel sheet with a hole cut for the head & a gold garland for the tie and one for the halo. **NO WINGS PLEASE!** Shepherds need a dark colored bathrobe or tunic with a towel or material tied around the head. **NO STAFFS PLEASE!** Questions? Call Karen at 207-7682.

My child \_\_\_\_\_ would like to participate in the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass Pageant. He/She would like to be a (angel, shepherd, innkeeper, Gabriel Star, King)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### **STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?**

Most people learn about Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) from their church bulletin. Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about, or to register for program beginning on March 7-9 call 415-893-1005

### **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.

### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION –**

[www.increaseourfaith.org](http://www.increaseourfaith.org)

One stop shopping for all your adult faith formation needs. Check out [www.increaseourfaith.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:womensclub@pius.org).

### **SAVE THE DATES!!!**

The ***St. Pius Parish Mission 2008*** will feature Fr. David Pettingill on **February 23-27, 2008.** Fr. Dave will preach at all masses **February 23 & 24**, and present three talks twice per day on **February 25, 26 & 27** immediately following the 8 am Mass and at 7 pm in Homer Crouse Hall.

### **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!

### **MEN'S CLUB CRAB FEED**

The St. Pius Men's Club Crab Feed is **Saturday, January 26, 2008.** Get your tickets early! The price is \$35 per person (same as last year). There will be pasta for those who do not eat crab. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

## PREPARE THE WAY

Saint John the Baptist appears on the scene today as Advent enters its second week. The mysterious consumer of locusts and wild honey, John echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah as he calls for repentance in the face of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven. The rhythms of the Christian life are often confounding. Each year we meet the Baptist and hear his calls for repentance. Each year we see him pointing to the one who is coming after him, the Lord Jesus. Yet each year the words and actions of John the Baptist echo anew in our hearts, because we have fallen into old sinful traps again and again. Advent gives us the opportunity once again to turn away from our sinful ways and embrace the gospel way of life. John the Baptist invites us to prepare the way for the Lord, in whom we place our hope.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

**Psalm** — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

**Gospel** — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

## ST. PIUS SENIORS

On December 14th we will be going to a restaurant for our Christmas lunch. Please call Adele for reservations, 366-3646.

## SCHEDULED MASSES

Mon.	Dec. 10	8 am	Henry Garcia
Tues.	Dec. 11	8 am	Helen Cody
Wed.	Dec. 12	8 am	Joe Giordano
Thurs.	Dec. 13	8 am	Jim & Helen McCracken
Fri.	Dec. 14	8 am	Dorothy Zraggen
Sat.	Dec. 15	8 am	Abina Sullivan
		5 pm	Cortopassi Family
Sun.	Dec. 16	8 am	People of St. Pius
		9:30	Barbara Frediani
		11:30	David & Ana Leech (Int.)
		5 pm	Thomas J. Gilardi

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Question for Children:** Beyond toys and other things, what do you hope will happen in your family this Christmas?

**Question for Youth:** Who do you know who is very faithful? What can you learn from their life and relationship with God?

**Question for Adults:** Name the one thing in your life which you must "move out of the way" in order to make more room for Christ – a grudge, a possession, a memory, hurt, or feeling.

## Junior High Ministry December Events

December 14<sup>th</sup> – 7-10pm

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

December 16<sup>th</sup> – 7:30am– 5pm

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

Download all the information at [www.pius.org](http://www.pius.org) or contact Kevin Staszko 365-0140 or

## DO YOU HEAR A CALLING?

Young adult men (21-40) are invited to a **Priesthood Discernment Retreat Weekend** where you can reflect on your call in life and diocesan priesthood.

This weekend is **February 1-3, at St. Patrick's Seminary & University** in Menlo Park. Interested? Contact the Vocations Office at 415- 614-5683 for a registration form. Be sure to register soon for room availability.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Men's Club Crab Feed	January 26
ICF Cioppino Dinner	February 2
Parish Mission	February 23 - 27
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

**MEN'S CLUB**

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