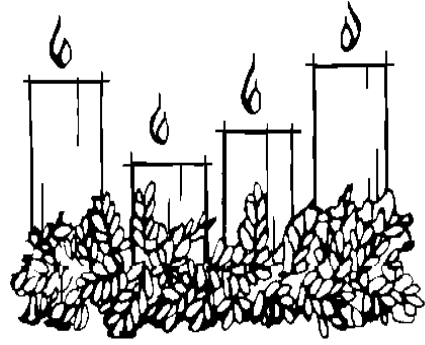


# WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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**SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 23, 2007  
FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**



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

**St. Pius Parish Mission - February 23 - 27, 2008,** presented by Fr. David Pettingill. He will preach at all masses, and speak on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday morning and evening. Morning presentations will take place in Homer Crouse Hall following the 8 am Mass. Evening presentations for adults at 7 pm in the church. Children's program in Homer Crouse Hall.

**Greetings from New Orleans.**

I think of you often and hope you are doing well. When I arrived there was one Catholic church open in St. Bernard Civil Parish. A second, very small church opened soon after I arrived and I am working with the people of this church. It's also called St. Bernard. This county is the one that was completely flooded due to Katrina. Members of St. Bernard Church did all of the repairs and restoration of the church themselves while they were working and trying to get their homes repaired. They have never had very much and the storm took away all they had. Slowly they are rebuilding their lives. A very generous St. Pius parishioner donated money to buy our song books. If you can help with the other things they need for their church please make your check to St. Pius Church and send it to the Parish Center, c/o Barbara, 1100 Woodside Road, Redwood City, CA 94061 and she will forward your donations to me.

I pray that Advent is a time of hope for you and that your Christmas may be filled with great joy and much peace. Please remember me in your prayers. Sincerely in Christ, Sr. Mary Keefe.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

2007-2008 Fiscal Year as of 12/9/2007  
Budgeted \$253,846.32  
Actually received \$270,411.38  
\$16,565.06

**SAVE THE DATE - ANNIVERSARY MASS**

The St. Pius Anniversary Mass is scheduled for **Saturday, February 2, 2008, at the 5 pm Mass.** All couples celebrating 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and any year after 50 years, are invited to attend this Mass. More information to follow.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - FIFTH SUNDAY**

The 5th Sunday collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society is the weekend of the **29th and 30th of December.** The money collected is used to assist the less fortunate individuals within the Parish boundaries. Since our last collection in September, you have served over 400 individuals in 106 families, and provided over \$4,000.00 in rental assistance. We provided 22 families with Thanksgiving baskets and 28 families with Christmas food and gifts. We also wish to thank all those parishioners who donated food in our Christmas boxes placed at the entrances to the church.

**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.

**ST. PIUS SCHOOL GRADUATES**

If you're a graduate of St. Pius School we would love to hear from you. The St. Pius School Board has established an e-mail in hopes of re-connecting with its alumni. So please send your current name, maiden name, address, year graduated, and any other information you would like to share : **alumni@stpiusschool.org**

**ST. PIUS YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEATER GROUP**

The St. Pius Young People's Theater Group will present their 2008 musical production on **Thursday, April 24, Friday, April 25, Saturday, April 26, and Sunday, April 27.** More information to follow. Auditions will be on **Thursday, January 17, 2008, 7:00 - 8:00 pm,** in Fitzsimon Center Gym. If you have any questions, please call Karen Elmore at 366-0115.

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

Deacon Steve	Dee Dee Hacker	Dolores Hacker
Lana Vanderzyl	David Addiego	Bev Eggleston
Dave Tinsley	Eddie Flores	Mari Hartnett
Frances Ramirez	Madison Kitz	

**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!***

### **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!

### **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

We are collecting **Box Tops for Education** logos from products such as Betty Crocker, General Mills, Yoplait Yogurt, and just added for this year, Ziploc Brand, plus many more. Our school earns 10 cents for each logo. Please clip the logos, bring them to the Scrip sales desk or drop them in the collection baskets at Mass. Thank you for supporting St. Pius School.



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### **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2007**

Sunday, December 23rd  
4th Sunday of Advent  
Masses: 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am and 5:00 pm

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Monday, December 24th  
2:30-4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass  
Special Christmas Music Program at 4:45 pm.  
10:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass  
Special Christmas Music Program at 9:45 pm.

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

Tuesday, December 25th  
Masses: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 am  
**No 5:00 pm Mass**

### **Saturday, December 29th**

3:30 to 4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:00 pm Mass

### **Sunday, December 30th**

**Feast of the Holy Family**  
Masses: 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am and 5:00 pm

### **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**Feast of Mary, the Mother of God**  
Tuesday, January 1st  
Masses: 8:00 and 9:30am

### **EPIPHANY**

**Saturday, January 5th**  
Vigil for Sunday: 5:00 pm  
**Sunday, January 6th**  
Masses: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 am, 5:00 pm

### **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. Contact Mark Engelhart for tickets at 365-4029.

## SUMMONED BY GOD

As Christmas draws near, Advent's scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today's Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph's courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God's holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — You will be given this sign: The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

**Psalms** — Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory (Psalm 24).

**Second Reading** — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

**Gospel** — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, which means "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).



## SCHEDULED MASSES

Mon.	Dec. 24	8 am	Norma Zan
		10 pm	Rich Herbst
Tues.	Dec. 25	8 am	Dorothy & Anthony Zraggen
		9:30	Martin Etcheverry
		11:30	Randy Cardellini
Wed.	Dec. 26	8 am	Cornelis Maigret
Thurs.	Dec. 27	8 am	Don Goold
Fri.	Dec. 28	8 am	Bettye Wright Glavich
Sat.	Dec. 29	8 am	Louise Massoni
		5 pm	Olga Cignetti
Sun.	Dec. 30	8 am	Mary Ann Carbon
		9:30	Alberto Tomalino
		11:30	People of St. Pius
		5 pm	George Lico

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Question for Children:** When you pray, how do you hear *God's voice* in response?

**Question for Youth:** Christmas reminds us each year that "God is with us." What will you do within this Christmas celebration to open yourself more fully to God with us – to Emmanuel?

**Question for Adults:** What experiences do you have of God "speaking to you" and directing your life and work? How does God speak to you in prayer?  
**Question for Children:** When you pray, how do you hear *God's voice* in response?

## WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST - 2008

Make history and join thousands of West Coast pro-lifers on **January 19, 2008**, in the **4th Annual Walk for Life West Coast**. Speakers include Dr. Alveda King of the Martin Luther King, Jr. family. Join us as we **challenge the idea that abortion has been a good choice for women, for men, for families and for our society**. Join us as we proclaim a message of Life and Peace throughout the streets of San Francisco. The walk begins at 11:00 am at Justin Herman Plaza (near the Ferry Building). For more information call 415) 586-1576 or the website [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com).

## 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? Call 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 Anniversary Mass	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
St. Pius Festival	May 30, 31 & June 1
High School Mission Trip	June 7-14

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