

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,
MARCH 16, 2008
PALM SUNDAY**



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

Find Out How To Grow In Your Faith:
www.increaseourfaith.org

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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ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We have received \$72,100 from 253 parishioners, toward our assessment of \$127,900. This represents 56% of our goal. Thank you for your generous response.

MEN'S CLUB RETREAT - MARCH 28 - 30TH

Mark your calendars for the 25th Annual Retreat for the men of St. Pius. This is at Vallombrosa Retreat Center on **March 28th, 29th & 30th.** The retreat begins on Friday evening and ends after 11am Mass on Sunday. The retreat master is Sr. Jose' Hobday who has degrees in Architecture and Space Watch as well as American Literature and Theology. Call John Clardy at 369-1620 for more information.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2007-2008 Fiscal Year as of 3/9/08	
Budgeted	\$391,346.41
Actually received	\$405,432.84
	\$14,086.43

EASTER SUNDAY

Can you believe how early Easter is this year? Easter is always on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox (which is March 20th). This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that the Hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around on our calendar. Easter can actually be one whole day earlier (March 22nd) but that is extremely rare. The next time Easter will be this early will be 220 years from now in 2228. The next time it will be a day earlier (March 22nd) will be in 2285 and the last time was in 1818. No one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year!

HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION

There will be a collection on **Thursday, March 20**, at the 7 pm Mass, to support St. Vincent de Paul.

THE ST. PIUS MEN'S CLUB

The St. Pius Men's Club invites all men of the parish to attend the monthly general meeting. This dinner/meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 19**, in Homer Crouse Hall. Cocktails will begin at 6:30 p.m., with dinner following. The cost is free to first time attendees. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Maskarich at (650)369-5158.

ABSTINENCE: Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on **GOOD FRIDAY (3/21/08).**

FAST: Everyone eighteen years of age and older but under the age of sixty is also bound to fast on **GOOD FRIDAY.**

On these days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted.

MISSION TRIP SEEKS DONATIONS

This year 40 high school students and adults from our parish will travel on mission to San Antonio, TX to serve the poor. The neighborhood we will be helping to revitalize has an average household income of only \$9000 per year. It costs about \$750 per person for the trip (including airfare), so our fundraising goal is \$30,000. One third of the money comes directly from the families attending the trip, one-third from support letters mailed to friends and family, and one-third from our parish fundraising efforts. Please consider supporting our efforts financially. Pick up an envelope at the entrances to church, in the pews, or mail donations payable to St. Pius (with MISSION TRIP in the memo line) to St. Pius MISSION TRIP, 1100 Woodside Rd, Redwood City, CA 94061. Call Kevin Staszko for more information at 650-365-0140 or Kevin@pius.org

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY:

Norma Pinotti
Fr. Egon Jeno Javor, O.S.B.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Deacon Steve	Lana Vanderzyl	Tony Sanchez
Guido Zan	Su Pham	Frances Cleary
Dave Tinsley	Charlotte Kelley	David Addiego
Madison Kitz	Lina Tomalino	Nick Isom
Jeanne Walsh	Rocky Manchester	Dolores Hacker
Dee Dee Hacker	John Wesolowski	

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! **CALL NOW TO VOLUNTEER:** Join in the fun, fill those service hours early and reconnect with old friends. Call now to get on the list of volunteers. We need people in all areas but we especially need people to step up to run the following booths: Soda, Hair Wraps, Photo Booth, Merchandise, Ticket Booth, Babysitting during Catechism 2 performance, Face Painting co-chair, Children's games (train for next year). Help us keep these great items in the festival. Contact Carol Sheetz at 365-2830 or email her at Carol.Sheetz@comcast.net or Keith Hipsher at 367-1277 or email him at hip1@pacbell.net.

ALUMNI: Your experience is necessary to make this event work. Please call today to help out and show the new families what this community is all about.

FUN RIDES! You asked for it – we got it! That's right. This year we will have professional rides for all ages. So strap in and enjoy the ride.

KICKOFF DANCE – Friday, May 30th from 8:30 – 11:30pm with BUSTA GROOVE:

A parish favorite, this fantastic group will get your body movin'. Tickets are \$25.

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED: We would love to get some fabulous items for the silent auction this year. Clean out your gift closet, design a great party, or put on your shopping shoes. Your donations directly help the parish meet our financial goals. Please drop items by the parish center or school office.

TICKETS AVAILABLE: We're already taking reservations for the hilarious comedy event – Late Night Catechism 2. So, if you want great seats RESERVE NOW!

Comedy Entertainment - Late Night Catechism 2 – Sunday, June 1 at 2:00pm

Ticket prices \$60 – General - Reserved seating with a chicken lunch or dinner.

\$55 – General Play Only – Reserved seating, play only.

\$45 – Senior Citizen (60+) - Reserved seating with a chicken lunch or dinner

\$85 – VIP Package – VIP seating, chicken lunch or dinner, 2 free drink tickets and 2 free raffle tickets.

Please contact Elizabeth Krebs, 364-2766, for questions or to pick up an order form at the school or parish office. Get involved and be in on the FUN! Make OUR festival one of the best this year! **WE NEED YOU!**

WOMEN'S RETREAT - APRIL 11 - 13

This is scheduled on April 11 & ending April 13, at Val-lombrosa Center. Sr. Patricia Bruno is the guest speaker. Call Kristine at 306-9766 for Carolyn at 368-2984.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

www.increaseourfaith.org

Contact Kevin Staszko at

Kevin@pius.org or 365-0140

THEOLOGY BY THE GLASS

Join us each month for GREAT wine and an ENGAGING speaker at the Savvy Cellar, 2048 Broadway in Redwood City, www.savvycellar.com

Sunday, April 13th @ 7pm

Fr. Dan Danielson

Evangelization? Why Should I Care?

Sunday, May 18th @ 7 pm

Fr. George Schultze, SJ

HDJW: How Did Jesus Work?

DEEPEN YOUR FAITH

Join us in Homer Crouse Hall for an engaging speaker, and in-depth discussion.

Wed., April 30th @ 7pm

Anna Horen, What makes us Catholic?

YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact Kevin Staszko

Kevin@pius.org or 365-0140

JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

Tuesday, April 1, 15, 29, 6-7:30pm

Play Hard, Pray Harder

Video Game & Prayer Ministry

In the Rock House

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Sunday, April 13, 3pm-6pm

Confirmation Large Group Meeting

Meet in Church – Note Earlier Time

3-4pm Communal Penance Service

4-5pm Confirmation Rehearsal

5-6pm Mass

MISSION TRIP

Sunday, March 16, 6:30-8pm

Mission Trip Meeting @ Mt. Carmel

In the church. For Adults &

Students Attending Trip

Sunday, March 13th, 10am –1pm

Mission Trip Meeting @ St. Pius

SEEING CHRIST CLEARLY

We start today looking through the portals of Jerusalem, seeing crowds of people, cheering and waving palm branches in the air. The whole atmosphere is one of joy, triumph, and celebration. We can get distracted or enthralled by the scene, and not see clearly the features of Jesus as he enters. But our readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Philippians clarify his features for us. He is the Suffering Servant, meek and mute before his captors and persecutors; he is the very image of the unseen God, yet will not clutch at equality with God before he endures his final confrontation in humility. Isaiah and Paul help us "behold the Lamb of God" before we hear the story of his final and greatest confrontation. It is important that we see Christ clearly before we hear the account of his passion, for we—his Body through baptism, the church—now bear his face. We must, with him, enter into this time of trial so we can, also with him, enter into his final triumph.

TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

SCHEDULED MASSES

Sat.	Mar. 15	5 pm	Gerald Murphy
Sun.	Mar. 16	8 am	Charles & Louise Fragulia
		9:30	Barbara Frediani
		11:30	Alberto Tomalino
		5 pm	People of St. Pius
Mon.	Mar. 17	6:30	Holly Sigona
		8 am	Colleen Mary McGrath
Tues.	Mar. 18	6:30	Virginia Baker
		8 am	Tim Duca
Wed.	Mar. 19	6:30	Eva Stowe
		8 am	Andrea & Delfin Chu
Sat.	Mar. 22	8 pm	Carmen Perruquet
Sun.	Mar. 23	8 am	People of St. Pius
	(Church)	9:30	Randy Cardellini
	(Fitzsimon)	9:30	Martin Etcheverry
		11:30	Andy Dei Rossi

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Question for Children: Share how you sometimes make sacrifices for the good of others.

Question for Youth: Today begins the holiest week of the year. It is a once-a-year opportunity to really reflect on Jesus life, death, and resurrection. How will you enter into this experience? How will you be open to how you might be changed?

Question for Adults: Name one specific way that you live your baptismal call to enter into the death of the Lord by forgiveness, generosity, hospitality, or other ways.

2008 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

ST. PIUS CHURCH

Please note that some of the usual Mass times have been changed as indicated below.

SATURDAY, March 15th

3:30-4:30 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Celebration of Mass and distribution of palms

PALM SUNDAY, March 16th

8:00 am Celebration of Mass and distribution of palms

9:30 am Blessing and distribution of palms in front of St. Pius Church with procession to Messiah Lutheran Church. Celebration of Mass will follow at St. Pius Church.

11:30 am Celebration of Mass and distribution of palms.

5 pm Celebration of Mass and distribution of palms.

HOLY THURSDAY, March 20th

No 6:30 am or 8:00 am Mass on Holy Thursday

7:00 pm Mass of the Last Supper

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Fitzsimon Center until 10:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, March 21st

No morning services

12:00-12:15 Quiet prayer and reflection

12:15-1:00 pm Stations of the Cross

1:00-2:15 pm Liturgy (Communion Service)

Veneration of the Cross

2:15-3:00 pm Confessions

7:00 pm Good Friday Evening Service with Stations of the Cross and Communion

HOLY SATURDAY, March 22nd

There will be no 8:00 am or 5:00 pm Mass.

3:30-5 pm Confessions

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

Our first Mass of Easter: blessing of the Easter Fire; welcoming our new Catholics through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday, March 23rd

8 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am in Church

Additional 9:30 am in Fitzsimon Center

There will be no 5 pm Mass.

MEN'S CLUB

President: Mike Descalso
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VP: Tom Giannini
Secretary: Mike Maskarich
Treasurer: Harry Bedigian

WOMEN'S CLUB

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PTG BOARD

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Secretary: Laura Vargas
Treasurer: Bridget West

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM - 8 PM
Friday 8:30 AM - 3 PM
Saturday 2 PM - 6:30 PM
Sunday 9 AM - 2 PM

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Tammy Finato	Sharon Geenen
Mike Descalso	Daniel Mendoza
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Mel Sigona	Bill McSweeney
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Mary Houweling	Katie Stafford-Eady
Suzanne Lasseigne, RSCJ	

EASTER EGG HUNT!

Hop on over to the school lawn area following the **9:30 am Mass on Easter Sunday, March 23rd**, as the Women's Club hosts an Easter Egg hunt for children up to 12 years of age. Bring their Easter baskets as they scour the lawn in search of goodies & fun. Also, we are asking for donations of plastic eggs and candy without nuts. If you can provide these donations, please drop them off at the Parish Center by Wednesday, March 19th.