

# WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2008 FOURTH 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

**Daily Mass:** 8:00 am  
**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](http://www.increaseourfaith.org)

### Parish Staff

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### 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.

## FAITH FORMATION AT ST. PIUS

### GOD'S PROMISE

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plan to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house," that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it's amazing what we are given—so different from what we ever could have imagined.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

**Psalm** — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

**Second Reading** — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

**Gospel** — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

Question for Children: If you were to tell someone one thing about Jesus' mother, Mary, what would you say?

Question for Youth: Gabrielle's greeting to Mary was "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." This is God's greeting to each of us y he loves us just as we are. What are some of your personal strengths that God rejoices in?

Question for Adults: Name one area of your life where God has surprised you with love, abilities, or even a pregnancy. How is God's Spirit upon you in this dimension of life?



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### YOUTH MINISTRY

As part of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops charter for the protection of children and young people called **Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal**, the Archdiocese of San Francisco has put new programs into place for teens in Catholic Schools and in parish Religious Education programs. We value the trust you put in us in placing your children in our care. Keeping them safe is of utmost importance to us. If your child is enrolled in a Catholic School, they will be getting this training there. If they are not, we ask you to have them take the following on-line course.

#### Grades 9-12: Teen Safety Online Training Course:

To access the course (you will need a PC or Mac and internet access) go to [shieldthevulnerable.org](http://shieldthevulnerable.org). Choose 1st Time Diocese Signup. Choose San Francisco Archdiocese, and then continue. (Parents may screen the program as an Adult if you choose.) The course takes about 1 hour. Students can pause and resume anytime. Just remember your login-ID and password. Youth will learn to identify different types of harm, deal with physical and sexual violence, enforce personal boundaries, practice safe internet use, understand relationships with adults, reject negative media influences and know the importance of respecting the dignity of self and others. If you do not wish your child(ren) to participate in the program, please let us know. Email me at [Elaine@pius.org](mailto:Elaine@pius.org)

### CONFIRMATION

Our **Confirmation Retreat** is January 11, 2009 at St. Patrick's Seminary 9:30AM – 6:00PM. Our guest musician will be Greg Walton (see below for more info about Greg). If you haven't paid yet, retreat fees (\$50) are due now!

See our website for the complete schedule.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

You are invited to a free Greg Walton concert on January 9th at 7:00 pm at St. Charles Parish in San Carlos. Greg is a recording artist with Spirit and Song, and has performed at Archdiocesan youth events. To find out more about Greg and to hear his music go to [www.gregwalton.com](http://www.gregwalton.com). For more information contact [Elaine@pius.org](mailto:Elaine@pius.org) or 650 365-0140.

### YOUNG PEOPLES THEATER AUDITIONS

There will be a mandatory parent meeting on **Monday, January 5th, from 7pm-7:45pm** in Homer Crouse hall. A parent or guardian must be present at the meeting in order for their child to participate in auditions on Thursday. There will also be a \$75 fee per child to participate in the play, due at the parent meeting. Please contact me at 650-299-9310 or [x5brennans@yahoo.com](mailto:x5brennans@yahoo.com). If the \$75 is an issue we will work something out. I want all children who want to participate in the play to be able to do so. Please contact me before auditions if this is an issue. Auditions for SPYPT will be on **Thursday, January 8th, from 7pm-8pm** in the gym. St. Pius Parish children grades 3rd-12th are welcome. Performances will be April 16, 17, 18 and 19. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Meaghan Brennan at 650-299-9310 or [x5brennans@yahoo.com](mailto:x5brennans@yahoo.com).

### NEW PARISH DIRECTORY

A committee is being formed to explore ideas for a new, updated Parish Directory. If you are interested in working on the design, development, or implementation of this project, please contact any member of the Parish Council or Bill McSweeney at 650-367-0405 or [wfmcsweeney@gmail.com](mailto:wfmcsweeney@gmail.com).

**Happy 100th Birthday  
Rose Palazzolo!**

**St. Pius School** will be celebrating service during this year's national Catholic School's Week, January 25 - February 1. There will be an **Open House following the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, January 25**. Please join the teachers, staff and students to tour the school and learn more about the curriculum and student life. The school is currently accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year. You may pick up an application in the school office or download one at [www.stpiusschool.org](http://www.stpiusschool.org)

"St. Pius School, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities, generally accorded to or made available to students at this school. St. Pius School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin, age, gender or disability in administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs."

### COAT COLLECTION/ ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Cooler weather has arrived. During December, St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting coats and jackets for the homeless men and women who come to the St. Vincent de Paul desk at the Fair Oaks Community Center. Last year's donations helped a lot of people stay warm. We ask for donations of coats for adult men and women only. Especially needed are men's large sizes (XL and XXL). Please place your donated items in the marked box at the entrance of the church. Thank you.

### ST. PIUS CRAB FEED

This annual dinner is on **Saturday, January 24, 2009**. The doors open at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 8 pm. The cost is \$35.00 per person, the same as last year. Pasta will be available for those who do not eat crab. If you have questions or would like tickets call Mark at 365-4029.

### JOSIE TRUE RECIPIENT - PAULINE BERRY

St. Pius Parish congratulates Pauline Berry on winning the Josie True Award. Thank you, Pauline, for your work and dedication to St. Pius over the years. You are truly a worthy recipient.

### SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The next meeting will be on Friday, January 9th. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE PASSES AWAY

Tony Sanches  
Ernie Perazzo

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

Jim Cleary	David Addiego	Deacon Steve
Donald Theis	Nancy Goold	Patricia Kucker
Eddie Flores	Dave Tinsley	Sally Cody
John Smith	Dee Dee Hacker	Lloyd Knudsen
Madison Kitz	Lorrie Perruso	Mike Pieretti
Sebastian Moustirats		

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

**WALK FOR LIFE - JAN. 24 - SAN FRANCISCO**

Join thousands of pro-life women, men, families and friends as they take to the streets of San Francisco proclaiming that 'Abortion Hurts Women' and 'Women Deserve Better than Abortion'. This begins at **11:00 am, Sat., January 24th, at Justin Herman Plaza lawn** at the Embarcadero and ends at the Marina Green. For more information call 415) 586-1576 or email:info@WalkforLifeWC.com

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2008**

**Sunday, December 21st**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Masses: 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am and 5:00 pm

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Wednesday, 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**

**Thursday, December 25th**

Masses: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 am

**No 5:00 pm Mass**

**Saturday, December 27th**

3:30 to 4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, December 28th**

**Feast of the Holy Family**

Masses: 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am and 5:00 pm

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

(not a Holy Day of Obligation)

**Feast of Mary, the Mother of God**

**Thursday, January 1st**

Masses: 8:00 and 9:30 am

**EPIPHANY**

**Saturday, January 3rd**

Vigil for Sunday: 5:00 pm

**Sunday, January 4th**

Masses: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 am, 5:00 pm

**MASSES**

Sat.	Dec. 20	5 pm	Dominico Luc
Sun.	Dec. 21	8 am	Giovanni Salino
		9:30	People of St. Pius
		11:30	Tjogas Family
		5 pm	Ryan Morrison (INT)
Mon.	Dec. 22	8 am	Eric Schoenstein
Tues.	Dec. 23	8 am	Dora Torres
Wed.	Dec. 24	5 pm	Charles & Louise Fragulia
		10 pm	Carmen Perruquet
Thurs.	Dec. 25	8 am	Rich Herbst
		9:30	Martin Etcheverry
		11:30	Norma Zan
Fri.	Dec. 26	8 am	Gotelli & Visconte families
Sat.	Dec. 27	8 am	Dolores Gendotti
		5 pm	Enrique Ledesma
Sun.	Dec. 28	8 am	Olga Cignetti
		9:30	Juan Alzugaray
		11:30	People of St. Pius
		5 pm	Tjogas Family

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

2008-2009 as of 12/14/08 (new fiscal year)	
Last Sunday's collection	\$10,047.75
Cumulative total for year	\$253,517.18
Budgeted	\$262,390.87
Over/(Under) budget	(\$8,873.69)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Men's Club Crab Feed	January 24
ICF Crab Cioppino Dinner	January 31
Men's Parish Retreat	February 6 - 8
Women's Club Retreat	March 13 - 15
Women's Club Fashion Show	March 28
Confirmation	April 25, 5 pm
Parish Festival	June 5,6,7

**HOUSEBOUND, AWAY, ILL?**

We want to remind you that our bulletin can be accessed on our website each week at [www.pius.org](http://www.pius.org)

**MEN'S CLUB**

President: Tom Giannini  
**cptg1968@yahoo.com**  
First VP: Tom Cortopassi  
Secretary: Brad Naylor  
Treasurer: Peter Dunlavey

**WOMEN'S CLUB**

President: Carolyn Moyer  
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First VP: Dee Cereghino  
Second VP: Lisa Maskarich  
Rec. Secretary: Barbara Cage  
Treasurer: Michelle Ortiz

**PTG BOARD**

President: Siobhan Surraco  
VP: Kelli Crowley  
Secretary: Amy Reynolds  
Treasurer: Bridget West

**ST. PIUS SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

Adele Sanchez, Coordinator  
Meets each Friday in the Senior Room at 10:00 am

**MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Kit Fragulia, Chair Sharon Geenen  
Mike Descalso, Co-Chair Joe Krauss  
Arcie Eppler Tom Lunzer  
Katie Stafford-Eady Bill McSweeney  
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Mary Houweling Katie Stafford-Eady  
Suzanne Lasseigne, RSCJ

**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

**FESTIVAL CHAIRS**

Keith Hipsher Carol Sheetz