

# WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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**SUNDAY,  
FEBRUARY 8, 2009  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**



## 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

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

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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

### **TIRELESS DISCIPLESHIP**

The Gospel of Mark, unlike those of Matthew and Luke, has no infancy narrative, nor does it have a lengthy prologue to introduce it, as John's Gospel does. In Mark's account, one could say, Jesus hits the ground running. The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world.

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Job finds life on earth to be drudgery; he is filled with restlessness (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

**Psalms** — Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted (Psalm 147).

**Second Reading** — Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel. I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

**Gospel** — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

### **Theology By the Glass**

Join us at this month's Theology by the Glass where we will discuss how God calls us each by name. Deacon John and Barbara Sequeria will discuss a framework for discerning God's call and will share their own personal journey. The event will be at Angelica's Bistro, at 863 Main Street, in Redwood City, on **Thursday, February 19th at 7pm.**

### **CONFIRMATION**

Next large group meeting is February 22<sup>nd</sup> in Homer Crouse Hall at 3:30PM.

### **YOUTH MASS**

Our young people will lead the congregation in celebration at our next Youth Mass at **5:00 PM on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.** If there are youth who are interested in ministering at that mass, please contact Elaine.

### **MISSION TRIP - IMMERSION EXPERIENCE - JUNE 15-20, 2009**

Our mission trip this year will be to Salinas, California. We will have the opportunity to help run a summer camp for children of migrant farm workers and to work with the homeless at Dorothy's Place. Dorothy's Place is run by the Franciscan Workers of Junipero Serra. If you are interested, please attend our information meeting **on Sunday, March 1, 2009** in the Youth Ministry Room (Room 4 at the school). The experience is open to those entering 10th, 11th and 12th grades. We also need adult chaperones to accompany the group. Contact Elaine for more information, Elaine@pius.org

### **PARENTS NIGHT OUT**

We are expanding our program to include childcare for **older** children. Children who are 4 to 12 years of age are invited to a night of fun, activities, and games in Fitzsimon Center on **Thursday, February 19th, from 5:30 - 9:00 pm.** Come and join the fun for children of all ages! God bless. Pam Spencer, Call 368-0429 or email: pam@pius.org

### **"FOCUSED GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP"**

This is a weekly ***Support Group*** for those who have recently lost a loved one. This is a nine session support group beginning **February 9, 2009**, in the Parish Center, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Registration is requested. To register, please call our Parish Grief Ministry Hot Line 361-0655 or email **grief\_help@hotmail.com**

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL - TODAY**

Our parish assessment is \$123,400. All dollars in excess of this assessment will be returned to the parish to meet our needs. All parishioners should have received a letter last week about the Annual Appeal. **This weekend** we are taking pledges in the Parish Center. Through the Appeal we join with other parishes and the Archbishop in ministering to youth, Seniors, families, and the sick and disadvantaged.

**ST. PATRICK'S DINNER/DANCE - MARCH 7TH**

Please join us for an evening of great food, terrific entertainment and lots of laughs. Our St. Patrick's Dinner is on **Saturday, March 7, at 6 pm.** Bagpipes will lead our Irish Dancers, and food will be catered by The Carvery from the Hof Brau. Tickets at \$35 each can be obtained by contacting the Parish Center at 361-1411. **The deadline is Friday, February 27th.**

**WOMEN'S CLUB BUNCO NIGHT - FEB. 11TH**

If you have not played this game, you won't be disappointed! It's a fast-paced, exciting dice game and it's a lot of fun. We'll be serving pizza, salad, cocktails and dessert. Please **RSVP BY FRIDAY, February 6th, to the Women's Club hotline at 364-5204 or email [womensclubmembers@pius.org](mailto:womensclubmembers@pius.org)**

**SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

We'll have Mass on Friday, February 13th. The Fifth Grade students and parents will serve us lunch on Friday, February 27th. Please come and visit our Senior Group. Call Adele at 366-3646 for more information.

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

Alice Rossi

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

2008-2009 as of 2/01/09 (new fiscal year)	
Last Sunday's collection	\$11,008.50
Cumulative total for year	\$329,779.69
Budgeted	\$338,907.10
Over/(Under) budget	(\$9,127.41)

**ANNIVERSARY MASS - RENEWAL OF VOWS**

Bishop William Justice cordially extends an invitation to all married couples of the Archdiocese of San Francisco to a solemn Eucharistic Celebration and renewal of vows on **Saturday, February 14th, at 10:00 am** at **St. Anne of the Sunset Parish, 850 Judah St., San Francisco.** Special honor will be shown to those who are celebrating their 25th, 50th, or 50 plus Wedding Anniversaries. Coffee and cake reception immediately following the Eucharist. You can download at [www.sffamilylife.com](http://www.sffamilylife.com) for a form or call (707) 552-3394.

**ST. PIUS SCHOOL - 6TH GRADE FUNDRAISER**

The 6th grade will be recycling bottles and cans to raise money for their outdoor education at CYO Camp. Please collect all your redeemable (items for which you pay a CRV). These include glass bottles, aluminum cans and plastic bottles. Wine and liquor bottles are also welcome. Our next collection date will be **Saturday, February 14th., between 9:30 and 10:30.** Please bring your recycling to the Field Kitchen area (by Homer Crouse Hall). We are planning additional collection dates on **Saturday, February 28th and Saturday, March 14th.** Thank you for your support. Questions? Call Don West at 400-5043 cell or 366-4138 home.

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> PARENT'S NIGHT OUT**

This Fundraiser for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Outdoor Education is **Friday, February 27th, 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm** in Homer Crouse Hall. The price includes pizza, drink, movie and games. The ages are 4 years and up. The price is \$35 for one child, \$45 for two. Contact Carrie Cardinale for information or for your reservation, **by FEB 20<sup>TH</sup>** at (650)363-1301.

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

John Smith	Bret Knopf	Jerry Pribyl
Deacon Steve	Patricia Kucker	Michael Pieretti
Madison Kitz	David Addiego	Lloyd Knudsen
Nancy Gould		

**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.**

Dear Friends,

Greetings from New Orleans! I've been here over a year now and it has been an exciting year. There was a mandatory evacuation for hurricane Gustav and that was costly in terms of leaving and the loss of work. Many of the people live from paycheck to paycheck. The people in the eastern part of St. Bernard Civil Parish were flooded by both Gustav and Ike. Some of the fishermen were out of work for a month.

Slowly, but surely, I am visiting each home in the civil parish (county). It is a joy to meet the people. They are happy to be in their homes and are filled with hope. At the same time they are grieving the many losses they have experienced. These difficult economic times are hitting many of the families hard. Last summer a group of sisters gave me over \$10,000 in gift cards to stores to give to those in need. Friends have continued to donate money for more cards, which are a life-saver for many families.

I think of you often. If you would like to contact me my address is 837 Short St., New Orleans, LA 70118 and my email is [mkeefeop@yahoo.com](mailto:mkeefeop@yahoo.com). Please keep me in your prayers. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Sr. Mary Keefe

**RETROUVAILLE - LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE**

This program helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped many couples experiencing marital difficulties including disillusionment and deep misery.

The next weekend is **March 6 - 8**. Call 415- 893-1005 or visit the web site at

**[www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)**.



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**MASSES**

Sat.	Feb. 7	5 pm	Al Garofoli
Sun.	Feb. 8	8 am	Barbara Maher
		9:30	Ernie Falk
		11:30	Randy Cardellini
		5 pm	People of St. Pius
Mon.	Feb. 9	8 am	Margaret Martella
Tues.	Feb. 10	8 am	Msgr. Fitzsimon
Wed.	Feb. 11	8 am	Janet Cocconi
Thurs.	Feb. 12	8 am	Andy Dei Rossi
Fri.	Feb. 13	8 am	Martin Etcheverry
Sat.	Feb. 14	8 am	Aurelio Granara
		5 pm	Visconti Family
Sun.	Feb. 15	8 am	Dave Gaggero
		9:30	People of St. Pius
		11:30	Barbara Frediani
		5 pm	Peggy Schabot

**ST. PIUS CUB SCOUT PINEWOOD DERBY!!!**

This is **Sunday, February 22nd**. The racing begins at **11:00 am in Homer Crouse Hall**. You are invited to join in the fun and cheer on the Cub Scouts as they race 40 hand made pinewood derby cars. It's all the excitement of NASCAR in a 40 foot track! This is a great time for children, Kindergarten to Fourth Grade, to come and see what Cub Scouts is all about and think about joining next fall. We'll be serving snacks and drinks. For more information call Jim Bujtor at 368-8818 or Larry Weber at 369-1302. We are also accepting donations for families who cannot afford to participate in scouting.

**FREE FINANCIAL TALK**

The topic is **Financial Wisdom** for Mid-Lifers given by Ms. Edmunds-Zediker, a certified Financial Planner specializing in financial education and insurance planning. This is on **Tuesday, February 23**, at 7:30 pm at St. Albert the Great, 1095 Channing Avenue, Palo Alto. Email Mabel [mngo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mngo@sbcglobal.net) or [age-of-Aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org](mailto:age-of-Aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

St. Patrick's Day Dinner	March 7
Women's Club Retreat	March 13 - 15
Women's Club Fashion Show	March 28
Confirmation	April 25, 5 pm
First Eucharist (9:30 am)	May 3
Parish Festival	June 5,6,7

**MEN'S CLUB**

President: Tom Cortopassi  
Secretary: Brad Naylor  
Treasurer: Peter Dunlavey

**WOMEN'S CLUB**

President: Carolyn Moyer  
**womensclub@pius.org**  
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

**FESTIVAL CHAIRS**

Keith Hipsher Carol Sheetz

**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  
Mel Sigona Sue Burns  
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**GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTERS**

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Mary Dickinson Linda Hird  
Elizabeth Rowan-Mitchell Mel Sigona  
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