

# WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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**SUNDAY,  
MARCH 15, 2009  
THIRD SUNDAY OF  
LENT**



## 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)

## Parish Staff

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Rev. Kevin Kennedy, Chaplain, Sequoia & Kaiser Hospitals	361-1411	
Rev. Gerald D. Coleman, S.S., Our Special Associate	361-1411	
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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.

## EXPLORING THE WORD

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Temple in Jerusalem was (and still is) a powerful symbol of holiness and a symbol of the connection and relationship between God and the Hebrew people. It is often assumed that Jesus' anger was directed at the traders and moneychangers because their business had infringed on and desecrated the temple precinct. But the reality is a bit more complicated. The Temple was the holiest site for sacrifice to God. The tradition dictated that sacrifice made by a priest on the altar was the highest form of worship. The best animal to sacrifice was a healthy, properly formed creature. Rather than walking a lamb all the way from somewhere like Galilee to Jerusalem, the faithful would purchase their sacrifice animal at the Temple itself—thus the presence of the people selling cattle, sheep, and doves. However, to further complicate matters, the Temple traders would not accept Roman coins to purchase the sacrificial animals as they bore the image of the deified emperor. Therefore, money changers were required to exchange Roman currency for acceptable coinage—so the money changers were also playing their part in the prayer life of the Temple.

Jesus' outrage is not so much with the traders and the money-changers as with the whole religious practice and hierarchical structure that has developed to a point where the only way a person can pray in a 'valid' way is to purchase an animal and hand it over to a priest who goes behind a screened wall to sacrifice the animal. The only way to seek God's forgiveness and mercy was to 'buy' it at the Temple. This was what outraged Jesus. He could not stomach the injustice nor the barriers that had been erected between the people and their God.

### Scriptural Context

This episode of outrage in the Temple is recorded in all four of the Gospels. Interestingly, the three synoptic gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke place the event in the final days leading to Passion events while the Gospel of John places the event in the very early days of Jesus' public ministry. While the three synoptics are likely to be more chronologically correct, the Gospel of John uses the event very deliberately to make the point that Jesus is the new Temple—the new focus of God's presence in the world; the Word made flesh.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You're invited to participate in the Stations of the Cross on Friday mornings at 8:45 am. Please join us!

## THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

### Historical Context

In Jewish tradition, the Temple marked the point of physical connection between God and humankind and between the past and the present. It was where God's story and humanity's story met. However, in the year 70 C.E.—some 40 years after Jesus—the Temple was destroyed by the Romans. The gospel of John is written another 20+ years later and so the reality of the Temple's destruction is still trying to be absorbed by the people. It was a very powerful image for the gospel writer to suggest that Jesus was the new Temple—the new point of connection.

### Children's Questions:

- Q. Why was Jesus so angry—what was happening in the temple?
- Q. What did Jesus say he would do to the temple?
- Q. What does the gospel say that Jesus meant?

### Adolescent's Questions:

- Q. What aspects of this gospel passage do you find confronting or challenging?
- Q. What was it about the practices in the Temple that spurred Jesus to such violent anger?
- Q. What might the poor have thought about what Jesus did in the Temple?
  
- Q. Have you ever seen something that you knew to be unjust? What did you do?
- Q. How can you work against injustice in your local community?

### Adult Questions:

- Q. In what ways is this a "difficult" story about Jesus?
- Q. What was Jesus' dream of the way people should be able to relate to God?
- Q. Are there Church practices today that may be seen as unjust or discriminatory?
- Q. What everyday forms of injustice exist in your local community?
- Q. How can you challenge injustice?



**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES - MARCH 22**

In Oromia, Ethiopia, drought has destroyed entire regions of crops, devastating the agriculture industry and economy. In Oromia, where sustainability is based entirely on agriculture, food security is alarmingly low. At a local Catholic church in the Oromia region, hundreds of children are receiving therapeutic milk and medical treatment from **CRS**. When you donate to the **Catholic Relief Services**, you give hope. Thank you for whatever help you can give.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL /CANNED FOOD DRIVE**

This Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul is: March 14th & 15th and March 21st & March 22nd, in front of the church. Please save some canned foods for those in need. Thank you for your generosity.

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

John Green

**MEN OF ST. PIUS - FRIDAY FOCUS EVENING**

The topic is: **COMMUNICATION WITH THE IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN OUR LIVES**. This begins at 5 pm, followed by dinner, and a discussion/lecture with Susan Davis, PhD, and Father Kevin Gaffey. This is at **Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Friday, March 27th**. The cost is \$40.00. To RSVP call 594-2627.

**CONFIRMATION**

Large group meets **Sunday, March 15th at 3:30pm**, in Homer Crouse Hall.

**YOUTH MINISTRY - MISSION TRIP** – we will go to

Salinas on JUNE 15-20. We'll 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. If you are interested, further information is downloadable from our website at [www.pius.org](http://www.pius.org).

The first team meeting will be **March 17, at 7 pm**, in the Youth Ministry Room (Room 4 at St. Pius School)

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

2008-2009 as of 3/08/09 (new fiscal year)	
Last Sunday's collection	\$11,215.00
Cumulative total for year	\$383,844.30
Budgeted	\$393,561.55
Over/(Under) budget	(\$9,717.25)

**Lenten Soup Suppers – Tuesday evenings on March 17th, 24th, 31st, at 6-7pm, in Homer**

**Crouse Hall**. The Soup Supper is an opportunity for parishioners to come together to share a simple meal. We have supervised Lenten activities and crafts for children, while adults have a table discussion on the weeks readings. Donations support our SVDP.

**TASTE OF THE PENINSULA - WOMEN'S CLUB**

This event is a culinary extravaganza where you can try a sampling of delicious food, wine and beer. There will be a raffle, music and dancing. Funds raised from this event will benefit St. Pius Women's Club and their programs.

This is on **Saturday, March 28th, 6 pm, in Fitzsimon Center**. Tickets are \$25.00 per person which includes 2 drink tickets and restaurant sampling. Please RSVP at 364-5204 by March 20.

**MEN'S CLUB GENERAL MEETING/DINNER**

This is on **Wednesday, March 18th**, in Homer Crouse Hall. Come at 6:30 pm and enjoy snacks and cocktails before dinner at 7:30 pm.

**ANNIVERSARY MASS – March 29, 2009**

All couples celebrating a Wedding Anniversary of 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years or greater, are invited to celebrate at the 11:30 am Mass on March 29.

**Please call Maria** Cornell at 368-0429 or email [maria@pius.org](mailto:maria@pius.org) **by March 25**, to join in this event.

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

John Smith	Bret Knopf	Sally Cody
Deacon Steve	Michael Pieretti	Bruce Faber
Tom Giannini	Justin Cranmer	David Addiego
Lou Gambelin	Madison Kitz	Nancy Goold
Elena Darling-Hammond		Norman Miller
Mary Ellen Murphy		

**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.**

## Theology by the Glass

Join us at this month's Theology by the Glass gathering. Get to know others in the parish while enjoying a glass of wine and listening to an engaging speaker. This month Steve Pinkston will speak about how current the example of St. Paul is for us today. We will meet at **Angelica's Bistro** in downtown Redwood City at **7:00 pm** on Thursday, **March 19<sup>th</sup>**. Childcare is available for this event at St. Pius Fitzsimon Center from 5:30- 9:00 pm, through our Parents Night Out program.

## Parents Night Out

This is an opportunity for parents to enjoy a night out! Participate in Theology by the Glass, have dinner with your spouse or a friend, see a movie, or have a little time to yourself. Pam Spencer, the St. Pius Childcare Coordinator, another adult, and teen volunteers, will plan a fun evening for the children.

Parents must reserve a spot in the program, due to limited space, by emailing [pam@pius.org](mailto:pam@pius.org). If the parents go to Theology by the Glass, **March 19<sup>th</sup>**, the fee is \$10 per child for the evening. If they do not attend Theology by the Glass the fee is \$20 per child for the evening.

## St. Pius Toddler Care

Toddler Care is in full swing during the 9:30a.m. Mass every Sunday. Your Toddlers, between the ages of **1 ½ thru 3yrs** of age, are enjoying activities that bring the teachings of Jesus to their level.

We are so excited about the program that we are **expanding it to include the 11:30 a.m. Mass** on Sundays!

Please join us at an **Open House** on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30a.m. and 11:30a.m. **Masses**. We will have cookies and juice for all who wish to attend. We meet in the **Community Room at Fitzsimon Center**.

Look for the balloons and happy faces!

Pam Spencer, Toddler Care Coordinator

## ST. PIUS YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEATER

**Production dates are April 16th, 17th, 18th & 19th.** Practice for the band begins **Monday, March 23rd**. If you're interested please email Meaghan Brennan at [x5brennans@yahoo.com](mailto:x5brennans@yahoo.com), 299-9310 or Tori Burns at 867-2043, [taburns78@yahoo.com](mailto:taburns78@yahoo.com).

## MASSES

Sat.	Mar. 14	5 pm	Mike & Eileen Barling
Sun.	Mar. 15	8 am	Charles & Louise Fragulia
		9:30	Barbara Frediani
		11:30	People of St. Pius
		5 pm	Rose Ferrera
Mon.	Mar. 16	6:30	William Lewellyn
		8 am	Eric Schoenstein
Tues.	Mar. 17	6:30	Randy Cardellini
		8 am	Nadine Franceschini
Wed.	Mar. 18	6:30	Sebastian Moustirats
		8 am	Tony Sanchez
Thurs.	Mar. 19	6:30	Ana & Feliciano Mallari
		8 am	Jean & Marie Goyhentche
Fri.	Mar. 20	6:30	Jean Berhan
		8 am	Tony Sanchez
Sat.	Mar. 21	8 am	Charlotte Kelley
		5 pm	Jack Bookie
Sun.	Mar. 22	8 am	People of St. Pius
		9:30	Paul Flanagan
		11:30	Eric Schoenstein
		5 pm	Lilia Mansueto Berni

## WOMEN'S CLUB GENERAL MEETING - APRIL 8

You are invited to our Annual **WOMEN'S NETWORKING SOCIAL** on **Wednesday, April 8, at 6:30 pm**, during the Women's Club General Meeting. Come share the products/services you offer. Call Yvette Gilardi at 369-0138 or email [yvettegilardi@concast.net](mailto:yvettegilardi@concast.net). We'll have a delicious Italian dinner, beginning with cocktails. General members are \$15, Seniors are \$10. All non-members who **RSVP by April 7th**, will receive their first dinner free. Please **RSVP by Monday, April 7th**, by calling 364-5204, or email [womensclub\\_members@pius.org](mailto:womensclub_members@pius.org)

## SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP

We'll have a meeting on Friday, March 20th. The 3rd grade students will treat us to lunch on Friday, March 27th. We're joining other Senior groups for some day trips. Some of us went to Russian River last week. Please call Adele at 366-3646 to join our Senior Group.

## THANK YOU - FROM TOM GIANNINI

I want to thank you for your continued support. It comforts me to know that while I am away, my family is being cared for in my absence. I am currently at Irwin Hospital in Ft. Riley, Kansas, awaiting a second opinion from a cardiologist. I must learn to be a "patient" patient. God bless, Tom Giannini.

**MEN'S CLUB**

President: Tom Cortopassi  
Vice-President: Brad Naylor  
Treasurer: Peter Dunlavey

**WOMEN'S CLUB**

President: Carolyn Moyer  
**womensclub\_members@pius.org**  
First VP: Dee Cereghino  
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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  
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Arcie Eppler Tom Lunzer  
Katie Stafford-Eady Bill McSweeney  
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Patty Dana Dorothy Rottinghaus  
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