

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,
APRIL 5, 2009
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**.

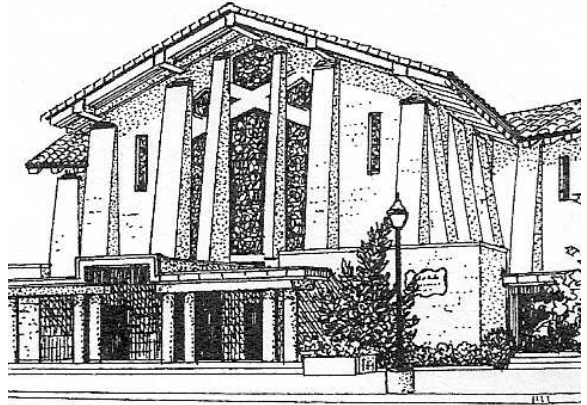
Mass Schedule

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

Parish Staff

Rev. Jim MacDonald, Pastor	361-1411	jim@pius.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.

Passion**Mark 14:1-15:47****GOSPEL REFLECTION**

By the time the gospel accounts came to be written, it was more than 35 years after the death of Jesus. The Gospel of Mark is now very widely held to have been the first of the four gospels, written in about the year 70 CE. One of the reasons for the writing of the gospels was the fact that those who had walked and talked with Jesus were becoming old and dying. There was a sense of capturing the story before the last eye witnesses were gone. This is very evident in the Passion narrative from the gospel of Mark. One can almost hear an elderly voice dictating the events: “then this happened ...; then he said ...; then we all thought ...” Like so much of this particular gospel, there is very little embellishment. It’s like an old time detective show, “Just give us the facts!” The gospel of Mark presents the story of the Passion as a sequence of events with little commentary or theological reflection. (That is partly why it lends itself so well to being read by several voices.)

One of the best examples that the gospel is a straightforward recollection of events is the inclusion of the scene in Gethsemane when the young man ran away naked. No storyteller would create such a bizarre, unexplained event. There is no explanation of who the young man is, why he was wearing only a loincloth, nor why the armed men tried to seize hold of him. It is reported in exactly the same style as the rest of the story—very matter-of-fact. The presence of the young man—both in Gethsemane and in the gospel—has puzzled scholars for many years, yet if nothing else, it provides evidence of the way in which this Passion narrative was transmitted from lived experience, to memory, to oral account, to written gospel.

Have you thought? Passion of the Passion

The Passion narrative is very aptly named. The emotion and power of this story is nothing short of passionate. The gospel writer’s style of fast paced, unadorned factual narrative is a very effective way of helping the reader/listener to engage in the story. It is, after all, the first half of the most important Christian story—finished off by the resurrection that is celebrated on Easter Sunday. It is easy to see why this stark, narrative style was embellished and expanded upon by the later gospel writers and yet it is perhaps the more passionate for the lack of explanation and theologizing.

Living the Gospel – Before the cock crows

Peter is an interesting character in the gospels. He is one of the first of the disciples to be called; Jesus changes his name and places great trust in him; he is witness to the most significant moments of Jesus’ life

he is able to profess his faith in Jesus as the Christ and yet it is he who denies even knowing Jesus. We might have thought that Peter was Jesus’ most loyal and faithful follower, yet it is he who can’t stand up and claim that he was a follower of Jesus. Is it any wonder that it is difficult for us today sometimes?

Children:

- Q. Who are the people who love you?
- Q. What special things do they do for you?
- Q. Jesus suffered and died because he loved us.
- Q. Who are people who are in need or in pain?
- Q. How can we show God’s love to these people?
- Q. Today is the beginning of a special week of celebrations.
- Q. How can we participate in Holy Week?

Adults and Teens:

- Q. Why is the detailed retelling of this Passion narrative such an important part of the Christian tradition?
- Q. What emotions might Jesus have been feeling when he prayed at Gethsemane?
- Q. What message was conveyed to humankind by Jesus’ death?
- Q. What is significant about the group of people with Jesus at the very end of his life?
- Q. What “moment” of the story can you identify with and apply to your own life?
- Q. Why is it important that we continue to “tell the story” of the Passion?
- Q. Which elements of this Passion narrative are challenging / confronting / surprising?
- Q. How does Christ’s Passion story reflect the reality of human existence?

Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday, April 9 at 7:00pm

Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Good Friday, April 10 from 12noon—3:00pm Stations,

Fr. Coleman will speak on The Passion according to the Four Gospels,

Communion and Veneration of the Cross.

Confessions 2:45-4:00pm

Good Friday Evening Service at 7:00pm

Fr. Coleman will speak on The Passion according to the Four Gospels,

Stations and Veneration of the Cross.

Holy Saturday, April 11 at 8:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: Masses at 8:00am, 9:30am & 11:30am

in the Church.

Family Mass at 9:30am in Fitzsimon Center

There will be no 5 pm Mass.

CONFIRMATION: The rehearsal is **Monday, April 20th**, 6:30-9:00 pm. Candidates and sponsors must attend. Parents are also invited.

MISSION TRIP: If you are planning to go, please submit your application right away. Forms and information are available on our website www.pius.org. Our first meeting for those who have submitted an application will be **May 17th, 3:30-5pm**. Location TBD.

BYE BYE BIRDIE -APRIL 17TH,18TH & 19TH

The St. Pius Young People's Theater presents. "Bye Bye Birdie", Friday, April 17th, at 7:30 pm, Saturday, April 18th, at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, April 19th, at 2:00 pm. All performances will be in Fitzsimon Center. Please come and support our young people from St. Pius. Tickets are available at the door. For more ticket information call Pam at 363-2673.

WOMEN'S CLUB 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@comcast.net. We'll have an Italian dinner, beginning with cocktails. General members are \$15, Seniors are \$10. Please **RSVP by Monday, April 7th**, by calling 364-5204, or email womensclub_members@pius.org

MEMORIAL MASS

Please join St. Pius School students, teachers and staff for a Memorial Mass honoring Mrs. Alice Rossi, who served as school secretary for 24 years. Mass is Tuesday, April 28th, at 9:30 am. There will be a brief dedication and snacks by the rose garden at school immediately after Mass. If you would like to make a donation to the School Endowment in memory of Mrs. Rossi, you may do so through the school office.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2008-2009 as of 3/08/09 (new fiscal year)
Last Sunday's collection \$9,490.00
Cumulative total for year \$412,981.85
Budgeted \$426,354.22
Over/(Under) budget (\$13,372.37)

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We have received \$89,765 from 305 parishioners, toward our assessment of \$123,400. This represents 72% of our goal. Thank you for your generous response.

WOMEN'S CLUB BOARD POSITIONS

The St. Pius Women's Club needs new members for the 2009-2010 Board. If you are interested, let us know. The elections are at the General Meeting on April 8th. Call Carolyn Moyer at 299-1656 or email: Carolyn.moyer@sbcglobal.net for more information.

THANK YOU - TO ST. PIUS PARISHIONERS

I want to thank all the parishioners for their prayers. They really do work. John Smith

MEN'S CLUB DINNER/MEETING

This is **Wednesday, April 15**, 6:30 -9:00 pm, in Homer Crouse Hall. We're having our **Annual Sauerbraten Dinner** (5 days marinade required). Our special guests will be the 4th grade fathers. It will be a great evening of camaraderie. Please RSVP at 368-3447, so we have an accurate food count.

THANK YOU FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society wish to thank Josip Dugandzic for choosing our group for his Community Service project. Josip is a student at Carlmont High School. Thank you to all the parishioners who contributed canned goods.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Mary Noonan	Amada Zarazuela	David Tinsley
Deacon Steve	Steven Navarrette	Bruce Faber
Jerry Pribyl	David Addiego	Madison Kitz
Nancy Goold	Becky Teck	Elena Darling-Hammond

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.

FESTIVAL CORNER

Dates: June 5-7, 2009

Theme: **HAWAIIAN**

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS AND NEED YOUR HELP CHAIRING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BOOTHS!

Newspaper Throw – New
Jingle Board
Caterpillar Crawl
Nachos

We also need help staffing booths – Please visit the **Festival** link at www.pius.org. Add your name to one of our sign up sheets.

WE NEED DONATIONS FOR OUR SILENT AUCTION

Can you donate something to our silent auction this year? How about a gift basket, a dinner party, tickets to a sporting event, or a golf outing? Fill out the attached Auction Donor Form or contact Betsy Bradford at 363-8455, betsybradford@yahoo.com or drop off your items at the parish center.

FRIENDSHIP BOOTH

The friendship booth needs your help! We need potted plants and other gently used household items. Please contact Chris Swan at 365-8511, pepita@ix.netcom.com or Yvette Gilardi at 369-0138, yvettegilardi@comcast.net.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!!

Everything you need to know about the festival:

- Sign up to help in a booth
- Donate to our silent auction
- Purchase dinner & raffle tickets

Sponsor a booth

The festival does not and will not function without many volunteers – let us know how you can help this year...

Mahalo,

Carol Sheetz – 650-365-2830 or
carol.sheetz@comcast.net

Keith Hipsher – 650-367-1277 or hip1@pacbell.net

Kim Velez – 650-368-6481 or
kimavelez2@yahoo.com

Russ Vavuris – 650-368-6545 or
rusvavuris@aol.com

MASSES

Sat.	Apr. 4	5 pm	Cortopassi Family
Sun.	Apr. 5	8 am	James Lucey
		9:30	Martin Etcheverry
		11:30	Andy Dei Rossi
		5 pm	People of St. Pius
Mon.	Apr. 6	6:30	Erina Cherardi
		8 am	Denis Murphy
Tues.	Apr. 7	6:30	Milton Curry
		8 am	Margaret Martella
Wed.	Apr. 8	6:30	Jim McCracken
		8 am	Rev. Brendan Smith
Sat.	Apr. 11 (Vigil)	8 pm	Tony Sanchez
Sun.	Apr. 12	8 am	Julia Rosasco
	Fitzsimon	9:30	Randy Cardellini
	Church	9:30	Barbara Frediani
		11:30	People of St. Pius

EASTER EGG HUNT - WOMEN'S CLUB

The Women's Club will host an Easter Egg hunt on the lawn area after the 9:30 am Mass, April 12th. Have the children bring their Easter baskets to gather candy.

We need **donations of wrapped candy, without** nuts or peanut butter, and small ziploc bags. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Center or School, **labeled "Easter Egg Hunt"**. Thank you.

ST. PIUS SENIORS

We had a wonderful lunch with the 3rd grade children. The homemade spaghetti was delicious and we thank the parents. We'll be going to Gordon Manor for lunch in May. More details to come. There is **no** meeting on Friday, April 10, as it is Good Friday. Happy Easter!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY:

Faustyna Tuipulotu
Yole Lami
Norman Miller

CONFIRMATION - ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you are an adult interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, there are two preparation sessions: Thursday, April 16th and Tuesday, April 21st, from 6:30-9:00 pm, at St. Pius. Those who complete both preparation sessions will receive the sacrament with the teens of the parish on **Saturday, April 25th**. Please contact Laura Martin-Spencer to RSVP.

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
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
Fr. Linh Nguyen Karen Chang
parishcouncil@pius.org

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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