

WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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**SUNDAY,
APRIL 12, 2009
EASTER**

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**.

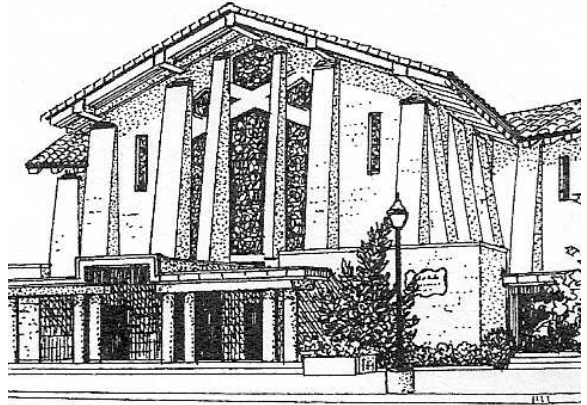
Mass Schedule

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

On this, the most important celebration in the Christian calendar, it is a shame that the reading chosen for the Lectionary is something of a let down. Certainly, within the gospel reading we have the discovery of the empty tomb by Mary of Magdala; the disbelieving disciples running to find things exactly as Mary had described; and the dawning realization of what Jesus had meant when he so frequently spoke about rising from the dead. However, if the editors of the Lectionary had chosen to also include the next nine verses of the gospel we would have also heard the magnificent encounter between Mary and the risen Lord, confirming that it was a woman, Mary Magdala, who was the first witness to Christ's resurrection. As it is, we never hear this account as part of the cycle of Sunday readings.

The discovery of the empty tomb—although so simply told—is an astounding event that completes the Paschal Mystery: the passion, death AND resurrection of Jesus. While Christ's willingness to go to his death on the cross was an extraordinary statement of God's love for humankind, it is his rising again from death that offers all Christian people hope. It is the second disciple—the one whom Jesus loved—who is the first to grasp the meaning of what has happened inside the tomb. The gospel tells us that upon entering the tomb and seeing Jesus' burial cloths lying there, "he saw and he believed." Unlike the later encounters with the risen Lord, this disciple recognized the truth and significance of what he saw in the empty tomb. He didn't need to see the risen Lord to believe. Perhaps it is he that we today can best identify with. Not in a position to physically encounter the risen Christ, we are capable of seeing the signs of his resurrection and continuing presence in the world and choose to believe.

Historical Context – Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene, or Mary of Magdala, plays an important role in the gospel accounts of the resurrection. She was obviously a significant follower of Jesus, being named as a witness to the crucifixion, discovering the empty tomb and the first to encounter the risen Christ. One would think that she would hold a prestigious place in the Church, but for many years she was confused with another character identified in the gospels and was portrayed as a prostitute and sinner. Mary is named in each of the four gospels and not once is it indicated that she was a sinner or prostitute. She has been a victim of mistaken identity for 2000 years.

Gospel Focus – The disciple Jesus loved

In this week's gospel we see reference to a disciple as "the one Jesus loved." It is generally agreed that this

disciple Jesus loved is merely a means of avoiding using a personal pronoun—I or me. Just as Jesus described himself as "the Son of God" or "the Son of Man" rather than say "I",

John uses the same convention to avoid naming himself. It is not to suggest that Jesus didn't love his other disciples.

Children:

Q. What do you have that is new?

Q. How do you feel when you have something new?

Q. Today, Easter Sunday, is exciting because we celebrate Jesus' rising and living among us.

Q. How can we show that Jesus lives within us in a new way?

Adults and Teens:

Q. What emotions do you think Mary might have experienced upon discovering the tomb?

Q. Why did the gospel writers portray the disciples' initial disbelief and doubt about the resurrection?

Q. What Christian belief/s flow from the resurrection of Jesus?

Q. In what ways does the account of Jesus' resurrection inspire hope in Christians?

Q. In what ways is Jesus still present in the world?

FROM THE DESK OF FR. JIM MACDONALD

Welcome to St. Pius Parish for Easter Mass. Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus who was raised from the dead and is our hope for the present and the future. He offers us forgiveness and new life for the present. He promises eternal life for those who do their best to remain faithful to their Baptismal promises.

The Liturgies for Holy Week are enriched by the gifts of time and talent from many individuals and groups. Special thanks to the members of the Parish Liturgy Committee, the Altar Society, the Choirs and their Directors, the Readers, the Eucharistic Ministers, the Altar Servers, the Ushers and those who join us for the liturgies. The priests and St. Pius Staff wish all of you a very Happy Easter!

ST. PATRICK'S SEMINARY - COLLECTION

There will be a **Second Collection** on **April 18th** and **19th**. The seminary's primary purpose is the initial and ongoing formation of Roman Catholic priests especially for dioceses within the Western United States and the Pacific Rim. The purpose of this collection is to educate the community, ask for prayers, take input for improvements, seek financial assistance, and present the opportunity for the People of God to take ownership of this wonderful seminary. If you write a check please make it to **St. Patrick's Seminary**. Thank you.

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.

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.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Please join us in the Parish Center on **Thursday, April 23th**, at **6:30 pm**, to find out how to become Catholic or how to receive the sacraments as an adult. This short meeting will discuss the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) process. For more information, please call Laura at 361-1411 or email Laura@pius.org.

THE WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is open to any eighth grade parishioner with a GPA of 2.0 or higher and is continuing their education at a Catholic High School. Applicants must write an essay about their interests, special talents and qualities, and how they will use these talents to enhance their Catholic high school experience. Applications are available at the School Office and the Parish Center. The **deadline is May 18th**. Questions? Call 361-1411.

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.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We have received \$91,115 from 310 parishioners, toward our assessment of \$123,400. This represents 73% of our goal. Thank you for your generous response.

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.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2008-2009 as of 3/08/09 (new fiscal year)
Last Sunday's collection \$16,599.00
Cumulative total for year \$429,580.85
Budgeted \$437,285.11
Over/(Under) budget (\$7,704.26)

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Mary Noonan	Amada Zarazuela	David Tinsley
Deacon Steve	Steven Navarrette	Grace Southward
Jerry Pribyl	David Addiego	Madison Kitz
Nancy Goold	Becky Teck	Elena Darling-Hammond
Juana Delos Santos		
Justin Cranmer		

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. 11	Vigil	8 pm	Tony Sanchez
Sun.	Apr. 12		8 am	Julia Rosasco
		Church	9:30	Barbara Frediani
		Fitzsimon Center	9:30	Randy Cardellini
			11:30	People of St. Pius
Mon.	Apr. 13		8:am	Leo T. Englert
Tues.	Apr. 14		8 am	Christopher
Wed.	Apr. 15		8 am	Jean Berhan
Thurs.	Apr. 16		8 am	Don Goold
Fri.	Apr. 17		8 am	Rich Herbst
Sat.	Apr. 18		8 am	Eddie Flores
			5 pm	Joseph Giordano
Sun.	Apr. 19		8 am	Rich Herbst
			9:30	People of St. Pius
			11:30	Eric Schoenstein
			5 pm	Penovich Family

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Maxwell Marek Ricky Pera, Jr.
Trevor Rafello Sofia Pera
Kirsten Libuao

ST. PIUS YOUTH ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Saint Pius Parish Youth Athletic Program: Peninsula Parish School League (www.ppsl.info) is open to all parish 4th - 8th graders, who are either parish school students or current and active participants in the parish religious education program. Volleyball and baseball registration ends Monday, May 7th. Late registration will not be accepted. A PPSL athlete is not allowed to participate on another school sponsored athletic league whose "season" coincides with the "season" for the PPSL sport in which eligibility is sought. Season runs from early Aug. - mid Nov. Visit www.stpiusschool.org for commitment form. Coaches are welcome and appreciated.. Please contact Christi at threewrides@sbcglobal.net for additional information.

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
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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

FESTIVAL CHAIRS

Keith Hipsher Carol Sheetz

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Kit Fragulia, Chair Sharon Geenen
Mike Descalso, Co-Chair Joe Krauss
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Katie Stafford-Eady Bill McSweeney
Mel Sigona Sue Burns
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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