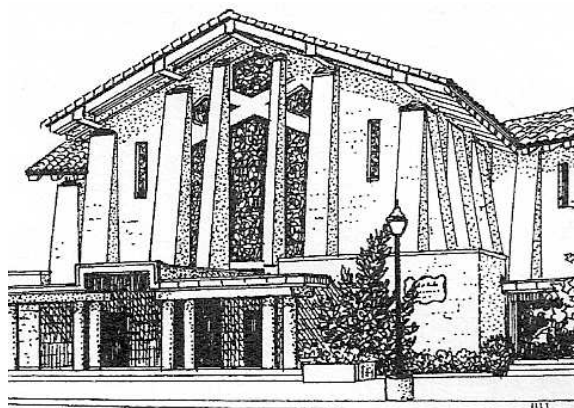


# WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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## December 27, 2009 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



### 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  
**Daily Mass:** 8:00 am (M-Sat)

### Parish Staff

Rev. Jim MacDonald, Pastor	361-1411	<a href="mailto:jim@pius.org">jim@pius.org</a>
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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.

## FAITH FORMATION AT ST. PIUS

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

#### **Gospel Luke 2:41-52**

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

#### **Reflection**

To talk about a 'typical' family is increasingly irrelevant. What we are learning to appreciate more and more is the diversity of family experience. Despite all this, there is no disputing the value of the family unit. Family is at the heart of our society; at the heart of our development; and at the heart of our Church. When we stop and think about it, the Holy Family that we honor today wasn't exactly what we might describe as a 'typical' family and yet they provide a model for all families.

In today's gospel, we get a snapshot of family life for Jesus, Mary and Joseph at a time when Jesus was 12 years old. We're reminded that the family was a faithful Jewish family, attending the Passover celebrations in Jerusalem every year. We're also reminded that it is at the Passover celebrations some 20 or so years later that Jesus will be tried and crucified. When Mary chastises the boy Jesus, he reminds her that he needs to be busy with his Father's affairs. Mary and Joseph are confused by this, perhaps forgetting momentarily that Jesus is referring to his heavenly Father. This incident, so often dismissed as background 'color' to the gospel narrative, conveys the significant truth that Jesus shared a family relationship with Mary and Joseph, but also shared a family relationship with God, his Father. It reminds us that Jesus called all of us to enter into the relationship he shared with his Father.

#### **Have you Thought? Mary**

We're told in today's gospel that Mary 'stored up all these things in her heart'. Mary is a model of the reflective life. When extraordinary, life-altering events occur to her, she is portrayed as pondering these events in her heart. She responds to these events by allowing them to speak to her and speak to her heart rather than simply 'reacting' as so many of us do. The ability to reflect on events, rather than react to them, can lead to a much better considered response and less chance of making the same mistakes over and over again.

#### **Living the Gospel - Importance of family**

It is sometimes easy to glibly declare that our families are important to us, but it is in the everyday living of family life that we have the opportunity to demonstrate how serious we are. It is inevitable, as we establish our individual identity, that we will at times clash with our family's expectations and challenge the authority of parents. However, we can never forget the love, care and security our family has provided throughout our lives. Parents try to protect their children from disappointment and harm and reflect the love of God when they're repeatedly prepared to try again with damaged family relationships.

#### **Questions for Children:**

*Q: How many people are there in your family at home?*

*Q: How many people can you count in your wider family?*

*Q: What is special about your family?*

*Q: Why are families important?*

*Q: We all belong to God's family. How can we show we value the members of our family and God's family?*

#### **Questions for Adults and Teens:**

*Q: What might Mary and Joseph have felt when Jesus was missing and when they found him again?*

*Q: Why do you think this is the only incident from Jesus' childhood reported in the four gospels?*

*Q: Why does Jesus appear to place little importance on his family in this and other gospel incidents?*

*Q: Why is it that families can be both the most frustrating and fulfilling parts of our life?*

*Q: How could you improve relationships within your family?*

#### **Children's Faith Formation:**

Children in Kindergarten – Eighth grade, who wish to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and/or Eucharist may contact Maria Cornell at 368-0429 or [Maria@pius.org](mailto:Maria@pius.org) for information and to begin the formation process.

**TEEN CONFIRMATION RETREAT**

Please keep our candidates in your prayers for this very special experience.

Our retreat will be at St. Patrick's Seminary on **January 10th**. Candidates can be dropped off at 9:00 am, and will be ready to be picked up at 6:00 pm. All retreat fees are due now!

**SPY-ST. PIUS YOUTH MINISTRY**

We are going to **YOUTH DAY** at the Religious Ed Conference in **Los Angeles, March 17-19th**, to get inspired, bond with the bigger church, and have fun. Information on the trip can be found at [www.pius.org](http://www.pius.org). Follow the links to the Youth Ministry for high school youth page. Registration forms and permission slips can also be found there.

Deposits and Registration forms are due **no later than December 28th!!!!!!** We need to know for sure this month if you would like to go so we can get our **spaces reserved. This event sells out FAST!**

**PARISH DIRECTORY 2010**

If you would like to place an advertisement there is still space available. Please call Kit Fragulia at 366-6371.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

2009-2010 as of 12/13/09

Last Sunday's collection	\$ 14,026.50
Cumulative total for year	\$260,965.55
Budgeted	\$258,816.00
	\$ 2,149.55

**SENIOR PEER COUNSELING**

Do you ever wish you had someone to talk to? This counseling offers **free** confidential emotional support, guidance and empathy, to older adults facing challenges, such as loneliness, depression, grief, and isolation from family and friends. Counselors are trained, older adults, who share similar experiences, values, wisdom and culture. These services are available to **San Mateo County adults, age 55 years or older**. Call 403-4300, ext. 4389.

**SCHOOL TOURS:**

Please visit St. Pius School for a tour and learn about our community and the excellent education we offer. The tour will begin in the foyer of Fitzsimon Center at **8:30 am, January 15, 2010.**

*St. Pius School, mindful of its mission to be a 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, athletic and other school administered programs.*

**MEN'S CLUB CRAB FEED-JANUARY 23RD**

This annual event is Saturday, January 23rd, in Fitzsimon Center. Get your tickets early! The price is \$35.00 per person. There will be pasta for those who do not eat crab. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Call Mark Engelhart at 365-4029 for tickets.

**E-Contributions**

This is just a reminder that contributions to St. Pius Church can be done online for those who might be interested. Log on to **e-Paluch.com** to register for this service. Currently, we only accept debits to your bank account. We are unable to accept credit cards. If you have questions please call Barbara at 361-1411.

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

Madison Kitz	Deacon Steve	Lou Gambelin
Chris MacDonald	Catherine Strus	Justin Levers
Bill Beaton	Richard Hall	
Lisa Kitz	Ferdinand Engesser	

**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.**

**ANNIVERSARY OF ROE VS. WADE - JAN. 22**

The anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, Roe vs. Wade (1973), is January 22nd, 2010. This is a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. It is also a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right of life.

**STAINED GLASS WINDOW**

As you can see, our Pope John XXIII stained glass window is being removed for repair. The window had deteriorated to the point of being dangerous so it needed to be taken care of immediately. The full window will be removed for a few months and will be reinstalled in February. We ask for your understanding and patience during this time.

**NEW HOURS AT PARISH CENTER**

As of **July 1st** the new office hours are:

- Sunday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Monday-Tuesday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
- Wednesday-Thursday 8:30 am to 8:00 pm
- Friday 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
- Saturday 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm

If you have a scheduled event & need a key on a day we close at 4 pm, you'll have to make arrangements to pick it up before that time at the Parish Center.

**TRANSITIONS SUPPORT GROUP**

This is a drop-in support group for those suffering the breakup of a marriage or significant relationship. The meetings are informal and unstructured, confidential and safe. There is no charge. Come to St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Center, 3290 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, 94306. Questions? Call (408) 739-2881.

**ST. PIUS CHURCH WEBSITE**

Please check out our website at [www.pius.org](http://www.pius.org)

**MASSES**

Sat.	Dec. 26	5 pm	Julie Galiata
Sun.	Dec. 27	8 am	Dolores Gendotti
		9:30	Sue Burns
		11:30	Paul Cinquini
		5 pm	People of St. Pius
Mon.	Dec. 28	8 am	Margaret Danielski
Tues.	Dec. 29	8 am	Msgr. Armstrong
Wed.	Dec. 30	8 am	Helen Phipps
Thurs.	Dec. 31	8 am	Al Kwek
Fri.	Jan. 1	8 am	Randy Cardellini
		9:30	Fina, Gastaldi & Woods families (Dec. & Int.)
Sat.	Jan. 2	8 am	Rose Zanardi
		5 pm	Julie Galiata
Sun.	Jan. 3	8 am	Ben & Mary O'Riordan
		9:30	Michael Alonso
		11:30	People of St. Pius
		5 pm	Frank & Ginny Long (Int.)

**SLEEPING BAG APPEAL/ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

We all want to be warm and dry on these frosty nights. You can help by donating \$25 for a special sleeping bag for very cold weather. Last year we gave away 786 of these "camping grade" sleeping bags to our Homeless Help Centers. If you can help, you can do this online at [www.svdpsanmateoco.org](http://www.svdpsanmateoco.org), or mail a check to SVDP Sleeping Bag Appeal, 50 North B Street, San Mateo, CA 94401. Questions? Call 373-0622.

**St. Pius Young People's Theater**

**The play for this year is "OKLAHOMA".**

We will begin practices on January 5th from 7:00-8:30pm. Questions? Please contact Meaghan Brennan at [x5brennans@yahoo.com](mailto:x5brennans@yahoo.com) or 299-9310.

**RETROUVAILLE - LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE**

This program helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It will give you the opportunity to re-discover 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. Call 415- 893-1005 or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

**MEN'S CLUB**      **[mensclub@pius.org](mailto:mensclub@pius.org)**

President: Tom Cortopassi  
Vice-President: Brad Naylor  
2nd Vice President: Tony Perazzo  
Treasurer: Peter Dunlavey  
Secretary: Dave Swan

**WOMEN'S CLUB**

President: Dee Cereghino  
**[womensclub@pius.org](mailto:womensclub@pius.org)**  
First VP: Lisa Maskarich  
Second VP: Julia Fex  
Third VP: Chris Swan  
Rec. Secretary: Barbara Cage  
Treasurer: Norene Rusteen

**PTG BOARD**

President: Kelli Crowley  
VP: Christine Healy  
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**

Mike Descalso, Chair	Sharon Geenen
Karen Chang, Co-Chair	Tom Lunzer
Kit Fragulia	Bill McSweeney
Joe Krauss	Arcie Eppler
Katie Stafford	Jan Sullivan
Anthony Price	Al Zappelli

**GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTERS**

**[grief\\_help@hotmail.com](mailto:grief_help@hotmail.com)**

Katie Stasun	Rich Morton
Linda Beroldo	Rita Morton
Angela Brassinga	Pam Nehrenz
Patty Dana	Dorothy Rottinghaus
Mary Dickinson	Linda Hird
Elizabeth Rowan-Mitchell	Mel Sigona
Mary Houweling	Katie Stafford
Suzanne Lasseigne, RSCJ	

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Tuesday	8:30 AM - 4 PM
Wednesday-Thursday	8:30 AM - 8 PM
Friday	8:30 AM - 3 PM
Saturday	3 PM - 6:30 PM
Sunday	9 AM - 2 PM