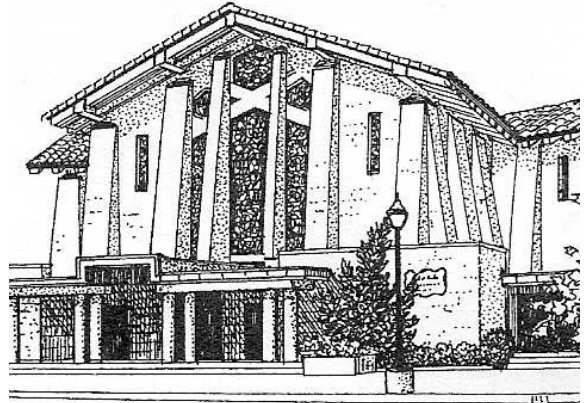


# WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 17, 2010



### 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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### 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

### **GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREGORY SUNTER**

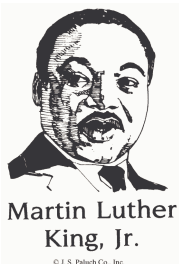
Today's first reading from Isaiah is one of several references in the Old Testament that use wedding imagery—bride and groom—to describe the relationship between God and the people of Israel. The imagery is never that of an “old married couple” but rather young lovers entering into a new life together full of hope; full of romance; and full of passion. This image of God and the people as bride and groom would not have been lost on the first audiences of today's gospel passage. Immediately, they would have recognized the significance of Jesus' first outing in public ministry being at a wedding feast—at the coming together of God and God's people, Jesus is present! It is a very neat and quite deliberate follow on from the prologue of the Gospel of John where the gospel writer uses the image of “the Word made flesh who lives among us” to describe Jesus. The Word has come into the world and the first public appearance is at an event that symbolizes the relationship between God and God's people.

The interplay between Jesus and his mother is very interesting in this gospel event. In this particular gospel it is one of only two occasions that Mary is mentioned: this event at the beginning of Jesus' ministry and then at the foot of the cross as he is crucified. Mary does not ask Jesus to do anything. She simply states, “They have no wine,” but one can almost hear the motherly tone with which it was said. I'm sure Jesus knew that he was expected to do something about it. When he tries to avoid the issue, Mary apparently ignores his objections and instructs the servants to do whatever Jesus tells them. No fuss; no argument. How do mothers do it?

### **From the perspective of ... The servants**

What must the servants have been thinking? First of all, there was insufficient wine for the feast. They probably knew who was going to wear the blame for that ordering mistake! Then they're told to fill the enormous water jars with water, draw some into a serving vessel and go and present it to the steward of the household—effectively their overseer; their boss! They must have been very nervous about how the steward would respond to what they were taking to him. Yet they, along with Mary and Jesus, were the only witnesses to Jesus' first miracle! Even the steward was unaware of the miracle.

**Monday, January 18th  
Dr. Martin Luther  
King, Jr. Day**



Martin Luther  
King, Jr.

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### **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **Gospel Focus – The best wine**

The steward comments that the best wine had been kept until the end of the wedding celebration—a clever use of an image for Jesus. Remembering the use of wedding imagery to describe the relationship between the people of Israel and God, the wedding feast is celebration of that relationship, and at the very heart of the celebration and the relationship is Jesus. He is the best wine that is kept until the end—the “finishing touch” to a magnificent celebration, just as he is the “finishing touch” to the relationship between God and God's people to that point.

#### **Questions for Adults:**

- Q. How appropriate to you does the image of bride and groom for the people and God seem?
- Q. What does this event tell us about the relationship between Jesus and his mother?
- Q. What do you think is the significance of Mary's involvement in this incident?
- Q. Why might this event have been chosen by the gospel writer to appear as Jesus' first act of ministry?

#### **Questions for Adolescents:**

- Q. Why do you think Mary brings the wine issue to Jesus' attention?
- Q. Why might Jesus have been reluctant to perform a miracle at this time?
- Q. Why does Mary seem to force the issue when Jesus has tried to side-step it?

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

- Q. What did Jesus do to help the people at the wedding feast?
- Q. Jesus also asks us to serve others in our own special way. What things are you good at doing for others?
- Q. How can you be like Jesus and serve others in this coming week?

#### **SACRAMENT PREPARATION FOR ADULTS**

We'll have special preparation classes starting soon for adults who are baptized Catholic, raised in the faith, have received First Communion, and now wish to receive Confirmation, as well as, for baptized Christians from other traditions who want to learn about the Catholic faith or become Catholic. The classes are starting this February and an initial meeting with Laura, Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation, is necessary. For more information or to schedule a meeting call 361-1411 or [laura@pius.org](mailto:laura@pius.org).

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - FEBRUARY 15TH**

Grief Support is available to those in our parish community who are grieving. A Support Group is forming and will begin the first of nine sessions on Monday, February 15th, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, until Monday, April 12th, in the Chapel at the Parish Center. For more information call the Grief Support phone line at 361-0655, and leave your name and phone number, or email [grief\\_help@hotmail.com](mailto:grief_help@hotmail.com). **ALL CONVERSATIONS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.**

**St. Pius Men's Retreat**

Sponsored by St. Pius Men's Club

All men are welcome! **February 19-21, 2010,**

Vallombrosa - Menlo Park - Lead by Spiritual Director of St Patrick Seminary, Rev. Dr. George Schultze, SJ

Topic: Trusting in the Lord, Got Peace?

Time for escape, good food, reflection and connection.

The cost for the two nights and six meals is **only \$214.00.**

Email Brad at: [zixnaylor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:zixnaylor@sbcglobal.net), or call 363-6168

**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.

**MUSICAL ACCOMPANIST NEEDED**

The 9:30 am choir is in need of a piano accompanist for the 9:30 am Sunday Mass. If you are interested please contact Bev Hilliard at 325-4399.

**WOMEN'S CLUB FASHION SHOW - MARCH 20**

THE place to BE this spring is the St. Pius Women's Club Fashion Show, **Springtime in Paris**. The day will feature a delicious buffet luncheon, tempting raffle prizes, trendy fashion vendors, and our own St. Pius models representing over 15 clothiers. Mark your calendar for 11am, **Saturday, March 20th**. For information regarding modeling, call Lisa Cortopassi at [lcorto4@yahoo.com](mailto:lcorto4@yahoo.com) or call 364-7746.

**CRAB CIOPPINO DINNER - FEBRUARY 20TH**

The St. Pius I.C.F. is having their annual dinner on **Saturday, February 20th**. Cocktails begin at 6:00 pm, and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Each adult dinner is \$42.50 per person. To purchase tickets call Romano at 367-1142 or Jean at 368-5486.

**HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF**

At either the national or Archdiocesan level, a collection will be organized in the coming days to help the people who have been affected by this week's earthquake in Haiti. In the meantime, I invite you to send an immediate donation as follows:

**HOW TO HELP:**

DONATE VIA PHONE: 1-877-HELP-CRS

DONATE ONLINE: [www.CRS.ORG](http://www.CRS.ORG)

WRITE A CHECK: Catholic Relief Services  
P.O. Box 17090  
Baltimore, MD 21203-7090

Memo portion of check: **HAITI EARTHQUAKE**

**ST. PIUS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE-JANUARY 31ST**

We invite all prospective parents and their children, parishioners, and current school families, to the School Open House immediately following 9:30 am Mass, **Sunday January 31st**. There will be an opportunity to tour the classrooms, view student work and meet the teachers to learn more about curriculum and student life. The Science Fair will be in Homer Crouse Hall and a Book Fair will be in Room 5. The dividends of a Catholic education - students prepared in faith, knowledge, morals and discipline - lasts a lifetime. To learn more about a Catholic education for your child, please join us for this Open House, or contact the School Office at 368-8327. Applications for Fall 2010 will be available at the Open House or on line at [www.stpiusschool.org](http://www.stpiusschool.org).

*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.*

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

2009-2010 as of 1/10/10

Last Sunday's collection	\$ 13,800.51
Cumulative total for year	\$316,985.27
Budgeted	\$301,952.00
	\$ 15,033.27

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CARE-GIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:**

Deacon Steve	Lou Gambelin	Gloria Cazavos
Chris MacDonald	Madison Kitz	Alice Sotto
Jackalynn Cornin	Mary Salino	Lisa Kitz
Ferdinand Engesser	David Addiego	Steve Moore
Bill Beaton	Judy Marks	Ligaya Lim

**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.**

**CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION**

Approximately half of the world’s Catholic population lives in Latin America, but the church is losing members at an alarming rate. They are drawn away from the Church by other faiths and are often obliged to migrate in pursuit of a better life. This **second collection, January 16th and 17th,** will help fund the various programs needed to renew and strengthen the faith of the people.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – BASKETBALL FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP**

This Free Throw Championship will be held on **JANUARY 18TH, 1:00 pm-4:30 pm,** at Junipero Serra High School gym. This event is open to all boys and girls, from age 8 up to 14 years of age. The winners (ages 10 and up) will go on to the District, and possibly the Regional and State levels of competition. Contact Clinton Ward at 261-9273

**MASSES**

Sat.	Jan. 16	5 pm	Eddie Flores
Sun.	Jan. 17	8 am	Jean Berhan
		9:30	John Gardetto
		11:30	Michael Forcari
		5 pm	People of St. Pius
Mon.	Jan. 18	8 am	John Wright
Tues.	Jan. 19	8 am	John Kucker
Wed.	Jan. 20	8 am	Marie & Bernard Tourreuil
Thurs.	Jan. 21	8 am	Leo T. Englert
Fri.	Jan. 22	8 am	Linda La Fauci
Sat.	Jan. 23	8 am	Evelyn Thorpe
		5 pm	Linda La Fauci
Sun.	Jan. 24	8 am	Ben & Mary O’Riordan
		9:30	Sue Burns
		11:30	Oretta Banducci
		5 pm	People of St. Pius

**SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

Please bring your own lunch on Friday, January 22nd.  
On Friday, January 29th, Mr. Chapman will come and serenade us with his wonderful voice. The Kindergarten class and the parents will host a luncheon for us that day.  
What a fun day it will be! Come and join us and see what the Seniors are all about.

**GRIEF GROUP - YOUNG WIDOWS/WIDOWERS**

This group will meet at St. Gregory’s Church, 2715 Hacienda Street, San Mateo, **on Wednesday, February 3rd, 7:00 - 8:30 pm.** Call Melodie Lew, MFT, at 532-0508.

**ANNIVERSARY MASS-ST.MARY’S CATHEDRAL**

Bishop William Justice cordially invites all married couples of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, to a Eucharistic Celebration and renewal of vows on **Saturday, February 27th, at 12 noon.** This renewal of vows is at St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco. Special honor will be shown to those celebrating their 25th, 50th or 50+, Wedding Anniversaries. For more information call (707) 552-3394.

**LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES - “HOW ONE HOUR A WEEK CAN TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE”**

Tuesdays, **February 23rd, March 2nd & March 9th,** during Lent 2010  
Morning session: **following 8 am Mass in Homer Crouse Hall**

or

evening session: at **7:00 pm** in the **church** (following the soup supper in Homer Crouse Hall @ 6:00 pm)

AND

**PARISH MISSION 2010 - “MOVING FROM ANGER TO FORGIVENESS”**

**April 17th & 18th - special homilies at all Masses**

**April 19th & 20th - morning session following 8 am Mass in Homer Crouse Hall**

or

evening session @ **7 pm** in the church

**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  
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Third VP: Chris Swan  
Rec. Secretary: Barbara Cage  
Treasurer: Norene Rusteen

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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**

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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