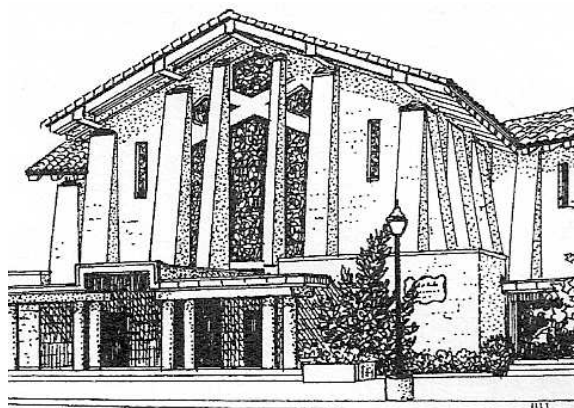


# WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent March 14, 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** (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

Today's gospel is perhaps the most famous of the parables that are unique to the Gospel of Luke. Sadly, what is often overlooked is the accusation aimed at Jesus that leads into the telling of this and two other shorter parables (the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin—Lk 15:4-10). The Pharisees and scribes accuse Jesus of what they regard to be abhorrent behavior in relation to the purity code that dominated 1st Century life: not only does Jesus welcome sinners, he actually shares meals with them. This would be absolutely scandalous behavior. Who you ate with was a reflection of who you were. To eat with sinners and the unclean effectively made you a sinner and unclean.

The three parables Jesus tells in response to this accusation are all about the lost being found and great rejoicing over the finding of the lost sheep, lost coin, or lost son. The Gospel of Luke—more so than any of the others—has a very strong focus on the message of Jesus being addressed to and welcomed by the outcasts and marginalized; in other words, the “lost” of his society. Rather than being embarrassed by the accusation that he ate with sinners, Jesus would have worn those words like a badge of honor. It was exactly what his mission and ministry was all about—being one with the poor; the outcast; the sinful; the lost. The three parables, and particularly the parable of the lost son, demonstrate the joy of a loving God when one who was lost returns. The extravagant welcome the prodigal son receives from his father is symbolic of the extravagance of God's love that will be poured out for any “sinner” who returns to God.

### **Historical Context – Customs and culture**

The parable of the lost son is a fascinating study of Jewish culture and purity laws. The son could not have distanced himself more from Jewish custom. Firstly, he demanded his inheritance, effectively treating his father as dead. Secondly, he travels to a pagan land and then in despair finds himself feeding pigs—animals whose meat was forbidden to Jews. He knows that his actions have alienated him from his family and culture and yet when he returns, his father gives him a fine robe and a ring to wear—signs of a father claiming a son as his own.

### **Have you thought? The Prodigal**

Because the only context in which most people ever hear the word *prodigal* is in relation to this parable, there is a common misunderstanding of the word. Because the parable is also referred to as the parable of the lost son, many people think that

prodigal means lost. However, to be prodigal means to be wastefully extravagant. When the son took his father's money he adopted a prodigal lifestyle. However, the irony of the story that is often lost is that the father too was prodigal in the extravagant welcome he gave. The father's extravagance echoes God's extravagant and abundant grace and love.

### **From the perspective of ... The Older Brother**

We might have a little sympathy for the position of the older brother who has stuck by his father and done all that was required of him. All of a sudden his wayward brother returns and his father pulls out all the stops to welcome him home. The older brother is like the Pharisees and scribes who criticized Jesus for dining with sinners. They were sticklers for the rules and had no sense of compassion if it involved moving outside the requirements of Law. Like the older brother, they could not comprehend a God who could be extravagant in expressing his love.

### **Questions for Adults & Adolescents**

Q. Why were Jesus' actions of welcoming and dining with sinners so scandalous?

Q. In what way does the telling of the parable better answer the Pharisees than a direct confrontation?

Q. How might the original audience have expected the father to react to his son's homecoming?

Q. When have you ever felt like one of the characters from this parable?

### **Questions for Children**

Q. Who has seen real pigs? What are they like?

Q. The boy who left home and spent all his money ended up looking after pigs and wishing he could eat as well as they ate. How sad must he have been?

Q. How did his father show he loved his son when he returned home?

Q. When we return to God because we are sorry how does God treat us?

### **Toddler Care at 9:30 & 11:30 am Masses!**

Weekly activities, stories and crafts, connect our young children to the Gospel of the week. Visit the Fitzsimon Center Community Room on Sunday mornings to learn more about this amazing program for children age 1 1/2 to 4 yrs.

**Soup Suppers on Tuesdays - March 16th & 23rd, at 6pm**, in Homer Crouse Hall. Come enjoy a simple meal in good company!

**FROM THE DESK OF FR. JIM :**

**It has come to our attention that, unfortunately, a parishioner you would never suspect has been making a habit of “borrowing” significant sums of money from parishioners and not paying them back. We urge extreme caution and before you loan money to any individual please see me.**

**SAVE THE DATE...**

All couples celebrating a wedding anniversary of 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years, or more, are invited to our Anniversary Mass celebration on **Saturday, April 17th**, at the **5 pm Mass**.

**ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL**

We have received \$74,335 from 241 parishioners, toward our assessment of \$114,500. This represents 64% of our goal. Thank you to those who have contributed.

**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 Fr. Kevin Kennedy will be our speaker. We will meet at **Angelica’s Bistro** in downtown Redwood City at **7 pm** on **Thursday, March 25th**. Call Laura at 361-1411 or email [laura@pius.org](mailto:laura@pius.org) for more information.

**BUDGET REPORT 2009-2010**

As of 3/7/10	Budgeted	Actual
Income		
Offertory	388,224	398,979
Festival	90,000	80,300
Christmas	50,000	41,658
Total	528,224	520,937
<b>Deficit</b>		<b>(7,287)</b>

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

Jeannine Dini

**WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Jessa Lucchesi      Katherine Argueta  
Louis Denko      Ivan Mendoza  
Rylan Yates

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION**

This collection **is next week, March 20th & 21st**. What if you could provide assistance to victims of natural disasters and other emergencies around the world through the *Holy Father’s Relief Fund*. This is one of the Catholic agencies that the Catholic Relief Services Collection funds with donations from Catholics all over the world. To learn more about this collection email [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections)

**Seasons of Growth and Gratitude**

This is a mini-retreat for women presented by Dr. Ellen Six on Saturday, March 27th, from 8:30 am -1:00 pm, in the Parish Center. Cost: \$18 – includes lunch! Call Cheri Girardot to reserve a space, 704-0615, or email: [cgoperal@yahoo.com](mailto:cgoperal@yahoo.com)

**Attention Young Adults (20s & 30’s)!!**

Are you ready to get a little down and dirty for Christ? On **Saturday, March 27th, from 9 am - 12 noon**, you are invited to participate in a Lenten service project. We will help the *Kelly Avenue Catholic Worker* of Half Moon Bay start a small farm and build a shed. They will use the fruits and vegetables from this farm at their weekly breakfasts, and then distribute to others in need. The *Kelly Avenue Catholic Worker* is a multi-service organization dedicated to serving the poor of Half Moon Bay and the surrounding area. If you are interested, please join us at the Coastside Lutheran Church in Half Moon Bay at 900 N. Cabrillo Highway (Highway 1). Please call or email Laura at 361-1411 or [laura@pius.org](mailto:laura@pius.org), if you need more information.

**FESTIVAL**

**June 4, 5 & 6, 2010**

Do you have an exercycle laying around the house collecting dust? If so, the Newspaper Throw booth would be happy to take it off your hands as it is in need of one for this year’s Festival. Please contact Barbara at 361-

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

Deacon Steve	Alice Sotto	Judy Marks
Margaret Rocchi	Sheri Kemp	David Adddiego
Madison Kitz	Marie Martinez	Patrick Dixon
Ligaya Lim	Angela Arevalo	Lisa Kitz
Steve Moore		

**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.**

## YOUTH MINISTRY

MISSION 2010 - It's confirmed! Another life changing experience coming up. Save the dates of **July 5-12**. We will be going to Salinas again to help run Camp St. Francis with the staff of Dorothy's Place. Camp St. Francis is a summer camp for children of migrant farm workers and other low-income families in the Salinas/Soledad area. We will also spend a couple of days working with the homeless at Dorothy's Place. If you are interested come to our information meeting next Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm in YM Room #4 at the school or contact Elaine@pius.org.

## **Have you ever thought about becoming Catholic?**

Please join us in the Parish Center on **Thursday, March 18th, 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. Please bring any questions or doubts you may have. For more information, please call Laura at 361-1411 or email Laura@pius.org.

## **WOMEN'S CLUB FASHION SHOW**

LAST CHANCE!!! Spring is just around the corner, and so is the Fashion Show. Send your best wishes to a fashion show model for just \$10, and your note will appear in the program. Messages should be 25 words or less. Please submit your text to [mbilafer@gmail.com](mailto:mbilafer@gmail.com), **no later than March 15th**. Checks should be made out to St. Pius Church and sent to the Parish Center.

Or, be a special friend of the Women's Club by becoming a Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze donor! Show your support with your donation, and your name will appear in the program.

Platinum: \$100 or more

Gold: \$50 or more

Silver: \$25 or more

Bronze: up to \$25

Join us on March 20th to say "au revoir" to winter and "bienvenue" to spring!

## MASSES

Sat.	Mar. 13	5 pm	Cortopassi Family
Sun.	Mar. 14	8 am	Ward & Iris Taylor
		9:30	Danny Fitzgerald
		11:30	Alice Rossi
		5 pm	People of St. Pius
Mon.	Mar. 15	8 am	Moira Schoenstein
Tues.	Mar. 16	8 am	Michael Richter
Wed.	Mar. 17	6:30	Jean Berhan
		8 am	Randy Cardellini
Thurs.	Mar. 18	8 am	Nancy Abate
Fri.	Mar. 19	8 am	Moira Schoenstein
Sat.	Mar. 20	8 am	Lina Tomalino
		5 pm	Moira Schoenstein
Sun.	Mar. 21	8 am	Andrea & Delfin Chu
		9:30	Cecile Berube
		11:30	John Malinverno
		5 pm	People of St. Pius

## ST. PIUS SENIORS

On Friday, March 19th, we will meet and play Bingo and go out to lunch. On Friday, March 26th, the **Senior Companions at Home** will be here to teach us ballroom dancing. Lunch will follow.

**MEN'S CLUB MARCH MEETING** will be held on **Wednesday, March 17th**, in Homer Crouse Hall. Doors open at 6:30 pm with drinks & appetizers, and dinner will be served at 7:30 pm. It is St. Patrick's Day and a non-traditional dinner will be served (sorry, no corned beef & cabbage), but you will be disappointed if you miss this dinner. RSVP at mensclub@pius.org or with Tom at 594-2627.

## SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Women's Club is looking for women who want to serve on the Women's Club Board for the year 2010-2011. Meetings are the **first Wednesday of the month**. Please call Lisa Maskarich at 644-5905, or email Lisa Maskarich lmaskarich@yahoo.com

## DO YOU NEED SERVICE HOURS?

We need volunteers at the St. Pius Women's Club Fashion Show on **Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**, @ 10:45 am. Help is needed clearing plates for the caterers and for clean-up after the show. Please contact Julie Luttringer at 369-9461 or [jluttringer@mac.com](mailto:jluttringer@mac.com), or Tammy Nurisso at 364-8407 or [tammy@broadwaymechanical.com](mailto:tammy@broadwaymechanical.com), if you are interested.



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**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: Lisa Maskarich  
**[womensclub@pius.org](mailto:womensclub@pius.org)**  
 First VP: Julia Fex  
 Second 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