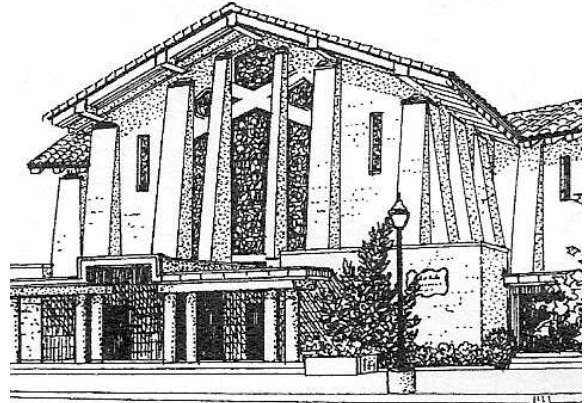


# WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion March 28, 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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Rev. Kevin Kennedy, Chaplain, Sequoia & Kaiser Hospitals	361-1411	
Rev. Gerald D. Coleman, S.S., Our Special Associate	361-1411	
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Adele Sanchez, Senior Adult Coordinator	361-1411	
Laura Martin-Spencer, Adult Faith Formation, RCIA	361-1411	<a href="mailto:laura@pius.org">laura@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

Dear St. Pius Community:

Thank you for supporting Elizabeth Rowan-Mitchell and Mil DeZutti in their preparation to enter fully into our way of life through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at this year's Easter Vigil. Additionally, your support of Shawn Thomas, who is already one with us in Baptism and is preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil, is greatly appreciated. As a community we have shown that the initiation of adults is the responsibility of all the baptized, and not just a few individuals. This community has shared their lives and faith with Elizabeth, Mil and Shawn even before they began the formal formation process. It is through our witness of Christian joy and love that they draw closer to Christ and our community. By actively participating in the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming, weekly dismissals, praying for our catechumens and candidates at the scrutinies, and presenting them with the Creed and Lord's Prayer, we have helped them grow in faith and knowledge.

Holy week marks the climax of Elizabeth, Mil and Shawn's journey and I invite the community to continue their journey with them. Holy week, in particular the Easter Triduum, is the focal point of the Church year and enables us to deepen our commitment to our baptismal promises and share more profoundly in the Paschal Mystery- Jesus' death and resurrection. Triduum means "a three-day festival" and includes Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil. On Holy Thursday we celebrate the priesthood and the institution of the Eucharist. On Good Friday we remember the Lord's passion. And finally, at the Easter Vigil, we recount salvation history, welcome Elizabeth, Mil and Shawn into our community through the sacraments, and remind ourselves that death and sin are conquered as we share at the Lord's table.

As we prepare for the Triduum and this time of great joy, I want to encourage those who have thought about becoming Catholic or receiving sacraments as adults to come find out about this life-changing journey to fullness in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Easter Blessings and Joy,  
Laura Martin-Spencer  
Coordinator of RCIA and Adult Faith Formation

### **Gospel Reflection** (Luke 22:14—23:56)

Christianity is a faith of paradox: leadership through service; greatness through humility; and life through death. The greatest paradox of all is the paradox of the cross. The death of Jesus through the most humiliating form of capital punishment in history would appear to be exactly what the Jewish authorities hoped it would be: the end of the Jesus movement. The ignoble death of a group's leader through public execution is usually enough to bring about the end of any movement. However, Christians know that the death of Jesus is not the end of the story.

His resurrection, that we celebrate at Easter next weekend, is the twist in the tale that means the death of Jesus, rather than being a point of despair, in fact becomes a moment of hope. This difference of expectation is captured in the Luke account of the crucifixion by the two criminals with whom Jesus is crucified. One joins in the mockery of Jesus, whilst the other recognizes the innocence of Jesus and has faith that Jesus will enter into his kingdom. This second criminal acts as an example for all people of faith. He reminds us that those with faith still have to face death and still have to face up to the consequences of their actions, and yet the way we approach death should not be with despair, but rather with hope and confidence that we will share in Christ's resurrection.

The reading of the Passion narrative leaves us up in the air. It leaves us in a better position than the disciples at the time. They were downcast by what they felt was the defeat of Jesus, but we know the end of the story! We know that out of this darkness will come light and hope!

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

- Q. How do you think the disciples felt after Jesus was arrested, tried, and crucified so quickly?
- Q. Why might Luke's gospel emphasize the innocence of Jesus and the injustice of his treatment?
- Q. Why is it important for Christian people to recall this apparent low point in Jesus' life?
- Q. Why is it Peter, the chosen leader of the disciples, who denies knowing Jesus?
- Q. Why do the gospels go into such detail about the death of Jesus?

### **Questions for 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. How can we show God's love to others?
- Q. Today we begin a special week of celebrations. How can we participate in Holy Week?

**Anniversary Mass – Saturday, April 17th, at 5pm**

Couples celebrating 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, or 50+ years of marriage, are invited to celebrate and renew their vows with the St. Pius community! Please contact Tina Zanoni at TinaZanoni@aol.com or Maria Cornell at 368-0429 or Maria@pius.org to **RSVP by April 10, 2010.** We look forward to celebrating with you.

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

We have received \$86, 955 from 279 parishioners, toward our assessment of \$114,500. This represents 75% of our goal. Thank you to those who have contributed.

**ST. PIUS SCHOOL OPENINGS**

St. Pius School has been providing a Catholic education to students in Kindergarten through Eighth grade for over 50 years. The school is staffed by a team of experienced, dedicated and caring teachers who share a vision of teaching within an environment of trust, respect and love. If you are interested in providing a Catholic education for your child, please consider St. Pius School. There are openings in some grade levels for the 2010-2011 school year. Applications are available in the school office or on the web site, [www.stpiusschool.org](http://www.stpiusschool.org).

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

On *Good Friday, April 2nd*, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places. Thank you for your generosity.

**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.

**BUDGET REPORT 2009-2010**

As of 3/21/10	Budgeted	Actual
Income		
Offertory	409,792.00	419,406.70
Festival	90,000	80,300.00
Christmas	50,000	41,658.00
Total	549,792.00	541,364.70
<b>Deficit</b>		<b>(8,427.30)</b>

**Easter Egg Hunt & Candy Donations**

Hop on over to the school lawn area following the 9:30 am Mass on **Easter Sunday, April 4th**, as the Women's Club hosts its annual Easter Egg hunt for children **up to 12 years of age**. Bring their Easter baskets as they scour the lawn in search of goodies and fun. Should there be rain, the egg hunt will be in Homer Crouse Hall. Happy Easter!

We're asking for donations of candy for our Easter Egg Hunt. Please drop off wrapped, **nut-free candy** to the Parish Center by **Thursday April 1st**. Please **no candy with nuts or peanut butter** (such as Butterfingers, Reese's, Snickers, etc.) Thank you!

**Catholic Vacation Bible Camp – July 19-23**

Baobab Blast – God's Great Get-together!

This is for children entering Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> grades in September, **Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**.

Camp Cost \$100. After - camp care available for an additional fee. Camp will be held in Fitzsimon Center, with leaders from St. Pius and St. Matthias Parishes.

To register: <http://toolkit.thevbsplace.org/StMatthiasStPiusRedwoodCityCA>

This is a service opportunity for 6th -12th grade students. Call Maria Cornell at 368-0429.

**FAMILY CAREGIVER WORKSHOPS**

There are three workshops/sessions scheduled for April 12th, 19th, and 26th, for **family members** caring for a spouse, parent, or sibling with memory loss and confusion. You are welcome to enroll in all the workshops and they are all **free**. These sessions are at the San Carlos Adult Day Services, 787 Walnut Street, San Carlos. They are funded by a generous grant from the Sequoia Healthcare District. Please **RSVP by April 6th**, by calling 592-9325.

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

Deacon Steve	Alice Sotto	Pauline Truscelli
Margaret Rocchi	Sheri Kemp	Mary Sorenson
Marie Martinez	Patrick Dixon	Steve Moore
Ligaya Lim	Dee Dee Hacker	
Susana Villagomez		

**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.**

## Confirmation

Our preparation program is nearing an end. Final interviews are underway. Our candidates will be confirmed on April 25<sup>th</sup> at the 5:00 pm Mass by Archbishop George Niederauer. The rehearsal for Candidates and their sponsors is Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

## ST. PIUS SENIORS

We will *not* meet on Friday, April 2nd, as it is Good Friday. We will meet on Friday, April 9th, and Father will celebrate Mass. Happy Easter!

St. Francis Center in Redwood City is in need of used clothing to stock their clothing room. They are happy to receive barely used casual clothing of all types and sizes for men, women, and children. Maternity clothes, blankets, bedding and towels are always welcome. Your donation is tax deductible and can be dropped off at the Center Monday through Friday, 10 am - 3 pm. The address is 151 Buckingham Avenue.

## Ciao!

### *Festival Corner*

**Dates: June 4-6, 2010**

The festival is approaching us soon and we are in need of some volunteers to chair our booths.

They are **Games:**

Prize wall, Caterpillar crawl, Golf – New this year!

Grab a friend or two and consider co-chairing a booth; otherwise, we cannot make these booths available.

Please contact Kim Velez at 368-6481 or kimavelez2@yahoo.com or Russ Vavuris at 368-6545 or rusvavuris@aol.com

*Grazie!*

## RECEPTION FOR BARBARA

Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 23rd, following the 9:30 am Mass, to attend our reception honoring Barbara Drake who will be retiring at the end of May. The reception will be held in the Parish Center patio. Please join us in thanking Barbara for her many years of dedication to our Parish and School and to wish her much happiness in her retirement years to come.

## MASSES

Sat.	Mar. 27	5 pm	Rosemary Smith
	Mar. 28	8 am	Olivia Comin Dei Rossi
		9:30	Josephine Rusake
		11:30	Faustyna Tuipulotu
		5 pm	People of St. Pius
Mon.	Mar 29	8 am	Nello Lombardi
Tues.	Mar. 30	8 am	Antonio Giovanzana
Wed.	Mar. 31	8 am	Peter Granara
Sat.	Apr. 3 (Vigil)	8 pm	Helen Goodhugh
Sun.	Apr. 4	8 am	Martin Etcheverry
	Church	9:30	Michael Verducci
	Fitzsimon Center	9:30	Randy Cardellini
		11:30	People of St. Pius

**There is no 5 pm Mass**

## 2010 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### **HOLY THURSDAY, April 1st**

No 6:30 am or 8:00 am Mass on Holy Thursday  
7:00 pm Mass of the Last Supper  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
in Fitzsimon Center until 10:00 pm

### **GOOD FRIDAY, April 2nd**

No morning services

12:00 noon Quiet prayer and reflection  
12:10 pm Stations of the Cross  
12:45 pm Reflection – “No Greater Love”  
Fr. Jerry Coleman  
1:30 pm Liturgy, Veneration of the Cross  
Communion Service  
2:45-4:00 pm Confession/Quiet prayer and reflection  
6:30 pm Good Friday Evening Service  
with Stations of the Cross  
Reflection – “No Greater Love”  
Fr. Jerry Coleman

### **HOLY SATURDAY, April 3rd**

There will be no 8:00 am or 5:00 pm Mass.

3:30-4:30 pm Confessions

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

Our first Mass of Easter: blessing of the Easter Fire; welcoming our new Catholics through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist

### **EASTER SUNDAY MASSES**

#### **Sunday, April 4th**

8 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am in Church

Additional 9:30 am in Fitzsimon Center - There will be no 5 pm Mass.

## PARISH MISSION 2010

“Moving from Anger to Forgiveness”

presented by Fr. Tom Allender

**Monday & Tuesday, April 19th & 20th**

Mornings at 8:30 am in Homer Crouse Hall

Evenings at 7:00 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: 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