

# WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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## Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time July 11, 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.

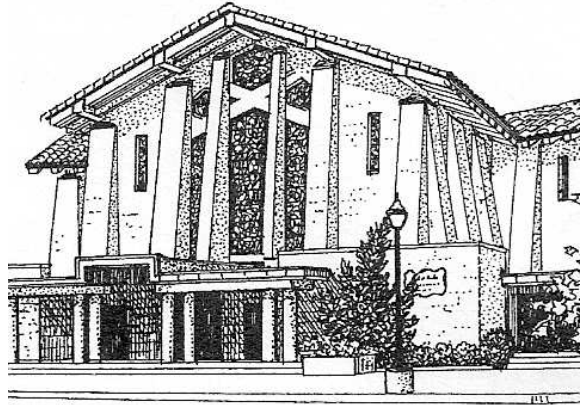
We hope that your **family** will join our parish family as we strive to love like Jesus and build God's kingdom here on **earth**.

### Mass Schedule

**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

### **Gospel Reflection Luke 10:25-37**

Today's gospel is such a familiar one and such an enduring image that the title for the hero has passed into everyday use to describe a stranger who does a good turn for another. Many countries even have what is known as a "Good Samaritan Law" that protects those who may hurt another person when they act in good faith to provide aid. The parable is told in response to the question, "And who is my neighbor?" Anyone hearing Jesus tell the story would have recognized the familiar story structure—things happening in three with the most important element occurring on the third repetition. As three people came upon the injured man on the road, the audience would have known that the hero of the story would be the third one along. But, as Jesus often did with his parables, the pattern is suddenly disrupted. Rather than the hero being an upright, faithful Jewish person, it is none other than a Samaritan who is the one who shows mercy. Samaritans and Jews had a deep-seated mistrust and suspicion towards one another that went back generations. So strong was the ill-feeling between the two peoples that when Jesus finishes his story and asks the lawyer which man proved himself a neighbor, the lawyer cannot even say "the Samaritan"—he says "the one who took pity".

The story concludes with the instruction, "Go and do the same yourself." The commandment is to act with compassion towards others—even those you may not like. The priority of compassion over the Law is a major theme of the gospel of Luke. It is often described as the gospel of compassion. The Samaritan acts with compassion, rather than out of "patterned" behaviors and attitudes. Jesus challenges the lawyer—and us—to "Go and do the same."

### **Historical context – Priests and Levites**

The priest and Levite get a pretty bad wrap out of this story. Yet, their behavior would have been unremarkable to the original audience. In Jewish culture, to touch blood made a person ritually unclean and unable to participate in religious rites. Both characters in the story were heading towards Jerusalem—towards the Temple—to carry out their religious duties. To touch the bloodied man would have meant that they were unable to perform their duties. The audience would have expected nothing different from these two men. Their "crime" was to place duty before compassion and the needs of another.

### **Scriptural context – The 'Rule of Three'**

Jesus was a good storyteller. He used a lot of the "tricks of the trade" of good storytellers. Using a rule of three remains a common device to help storytellers remember the story. (Think of the number of times fairy tales use this

device). In the rule of three, the third repetition of an event or action always holds the key. Jesus used this device to great effect in his parables because he invariably broke the rule! He used the rule to lull his audience into a predictable story and then turned things upside down by having the unexpected occur.

### **Have you thought? Contemporary context**

Being such a famous parable, it is common to see this story retold and acted out in "modern" contexts. However, such attempts invariably lead to a literal retelling of the story and an overemphasis and reinforcement of social prejudices. Who gets cast in the role of the Samaritan? A member of the most socially outcast and hated group in society! Jesus' choice of the Samaritan as the hero was not to highlight the animosity between Jews and Samaritans, but rather to confound the expectations and prejudices of his audience. Let's understand the story in its intended setting before we change it!

### **Questions for Adolescents**

- Q. How is the parable an answer to the lawyer's question, "who is my neighbor?"
- Q. Why is it problematic to talk about the priest and Levite as being "good" or "bad"?
- Q. Rather than "help your enemies", what is the real message of this parable?
- Q. How have you reacted when someone acted outside of your expectations of them?
- Q. Who would you find it most difficult to be compassionate towards?

### **Questions for Adults**

- Q. Why was it important that Jesus used a Samaritan as the hero of the parable?
- Q. In what ways has this parable been misunderstood or misinterpreted?
- Q. How can familiarity with a parable like this get in the way of sound interpretation?
- Q. Where is the question of "Who is my neighbor?" being ignored in the world today?
- Q. Where are you challenged to show compassion?

### **Questions for Children**

- Q. What happened to the man in today's gospel who set out on the road to Jericho?
- Q. How many people walked by and did not help him?
- Q. What did the Good Samaritan do when he saw the man?
- Q. When have you seen someone in need of help?
- Q. How can we be like the Good Samaritan?

**NOTES FROM FR. JIM:**

I am happy to announce that Pope Benedict XVI has appointed Msgr. Robert W. McElroy, Pastor of St. Gregory Church in San Mateo, to be Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco. He will be ordained on September 7th at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco. Further details are forthcoming.

Bishop Elect McElroy is well known at St. Pius having served in the parish from 1989 to 1996. Please remember him in your prayers as he begins this new service to Our Lord and his people.

**BUDGET REPORT 2009-2010**

As of 7/4/10	Budgeted	Actual
Income		
<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 11,110.00	\$ 10,156.00
Festival	-	-
Christmas	-	-
Easter		
<b>Total</b>	\$ 11,110.00	\$ 10,156.00
<b>Deficit</b>		\$ (954.00)

**St. Pius Summer Book Club**

July 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

**7 pm in the Parish Center**

We will gather to share ideas and thoughts about the book "Living the Mass: How One Hour a Week Can Change Your Life." *Living the Mass* will stir a new passion and a greater understanding about the Mass. The authors help us recall that at the end of every Mass, we are charged to go forth and transform our families, our communities, and our world. Questions?

Call or email [laura@pius.org](mailto:laura@pius.org) or 361-1411.

**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. Ed Grimes** will discuss the rights and responsibilities of the laity in the Catholic Church. We will meet at **Angelica's Bistro** in downtown Redwood City at **7:00 pm** on **Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**. Call or email Laura for more information at [laura@pius.org](mailto:laura@pius.org) or 361-1411.

**ST. PIUS CHURCH WEBSITE**

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

**FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JIM**

This past November, I apprised you of the fact that I requested the Archdiocese to perform a study of all our parish and school facilities to determine what repairs need to be made and the fact that the parish would need to conduct a capital campaign in order to pay for these deferred maintenance items.

I am now in receipt of their report which outlines the repairs, maintenance and upgrade to items (both major and minor) that require attention, the associated costs and a five-year schedule in which to complete the work.

After a thorough analysis of the Archdiocese's report by the Parish Finance Committee, it was decided to engage the services of CCS Fundraising Company, Inc., to perform a study on the feasibility of going forth with this campaign.

I expect this process to take place over the next couple of months. Upon completion of this study, we will be in a better position to make a final decision whether to proceed with this undertaking.

In the meantime, if you are called to participate in CCS's study, I know that you will give them your time and cooperation on behalf of our Parish community.

**CATECHISTS NEEDED** for *Children's Liturgy of the Word*

on Sunday mornings at the 9:30 am Mass, and for Children's Faith Formation on Sundays, 10:30-11:30 am, and Wednesdays, 3:45-4:45 pm. Training for catechists will be held on Saturday mornings and Tuesday evenings in August. Contact Maria Cornell for further information, [Maria@pius.org](mailto:Maria@pius.org).

**SCHOOL SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:**

The school office is **closed until August 6th**. During that time, mail and messages will be checked.

August 9-August 13, 9:00 AM -12:00 PM

August 16-20, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

August 23, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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

Deacon Steve	Chuck Byrns	Mary Goold
Therese Buelher	Belinda Redington	Ligaya Lim
Pauline Truscelli	Alice Sotto	

**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.**

**ATTENTION: ALL VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS**

Fitzsimon Gym will be open every Wednesday throughout the summer for OPEN GYM Volleyball for school-age children, beginning Wednesday June 30th, 6 -7:30 pm. All parish children, entering grades 4th - 8th in the fall, are invited to come & play.

The gym will remain open from 7:30 - 9 pm for Adult Open Gym Volleyball.

**RETRouvaille - REDISCOVER MARRIAGE**

This program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and attain a loving relationship. Thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar or a social gathering. For *confidential* information call (415) 893-1005 or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

**PAULINE BOOKS & MEDIA - FAITH & FILM**

The Pauline Books & Media, 2640 Broadway, Redwood City, is hosting a summer film series again this year. Every Friday, until **August 27th, at 6:30 pm**, we'll view and discuss motion pictures in light of our faith. Free admission. For a schedule of films call 369-4230 or visit our blog: [paulineredwood.blogspot.com](http://paulineredwood.blogspot.com)

**SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

We thank Ann Traylkill for her very interesting talk last week on "Falling". On Friday, July 16th, we will have lunch at Lucia's Restaurant. On Friday, July 23rd, we will have a picnic lunch in our Senior room and on Friday, July 30th, we'll have a pot luck lunch, so please bring your favorite dish.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - SPIRITUAL CARE**

The Spiritual Care Service at Stanford Hospital is seeking Catholic volunteers to visit, pray and offer the Eucharist to patients and families. Volunteers must be willing to commit two hours a week for a year and attend five evenings of training. You may request an application by calling 723-5101 or email [ghollingsworth@stanfordmed.org](mailto:ghollingsworth@stanfordmed.org). Leave your name, phone number, church affiliation and email address.

**MASSSES**

Sat.	July 10	5 pm	The Cortopassi Family
Sun.	July 11	8 am	Bridie Lucey
		9:30	People of St. Pius
		11:30	Robert Mancarti
		5 pm	Nelli McEnroe
Mon.	July 12	8 am	Mary Belle Shea
Tues.	July 13	8 am	Antonio & Georgia Luporini
Wed.	July 14	8 am	Pat & Angela Lowe
Thurs.	July 15	8 am	Fernando & Milena Malfatti
Friday	July 16	8 am	Margaret Rocci
Sat.	July 17	8 am	Jean Berhan
		5 pm	Gredie Braun
Sun.	July 18	8 am	People of St. Pius
		9:30	Sue Burns
		11:30	Rosalie Longo
		5 pm	Noritka Symbatti

**Attention All High School Youth:**

Do you want to be a part of something that will make a difference in our world? Do you want to have some fun? Do you want to give back to the parish community? If you answered YES to any or all of these questions, we need your help!!! Join other high school teens on **Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm** in the **Parish Center** to discuss how to get more involved at St. Pius Church and establish a strong youth presence in the parish community.

**YES (Youth Encountering Spirit) Training:**

All potential high school leaders mark your calendars! On **July 31<sup>st</sup> & August 1<sup>st</sup>** (9 am - 5 pm both days), the Archdiocese of San Francisco is providing a two day training for high school leaders. St. Pius will provide the transportation and chaperones for all those interested in attending. Contact Laura at [laura@pius.org](mailto:laura@pius.org) for more information on costs and registration.

**WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Julian Farias-Pintor  
Giovanni Farias-Pintor

**MEN'S CLUB**      **mensclub@pius.org**

President: Brad Naylor  
Vice-President: Tony Perazzo  
2nd Vice President: Dave Swan  
Treasurer: John Cuneo  
Secretary: Brian Cuneo

**WOMEN'S CLUB**

President: Julia Fex  
**womensclub@pius.org**  
First VP: Chris Swan  
Corres. Secretary: Laura Vargas  
Treasurer: Bobbie Day

**PTG BOARD**

President: Christine Healy  
VP: Carolyn Reich  
Secretary: Kelli Kellerman  
Treasurer: Terri Bedel

**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**

**(361-0655)**

Patty Dana	Rita Morton
Mary Dickinson	Pam Nehrenz
Mary Houweling	Dorothy Rottinghaus
Elizabeth Rowan-Mitchell	Katie Stasun
Rich Morton	

**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