

WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

St. Pius Parish, 1100 Woodside Rd., Redwood City, CA 94061, Fax 369-3641 – www.pius.org -- parish@pius.org

Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time July 25, 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

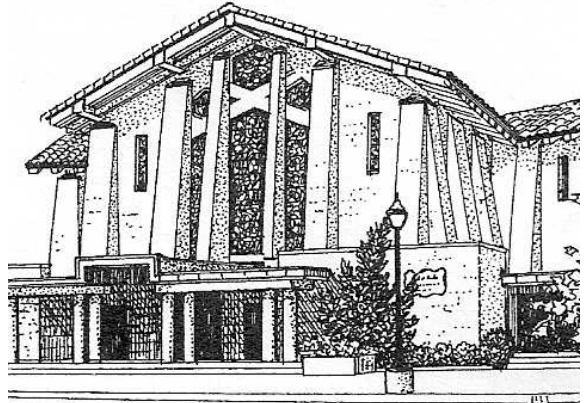
Vigil Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm

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	jim@pius.org
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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 (Lk 11:1-13)

In today's gospel, Jesus provides his disciples, and all Christians, with a model for prayer. In keeping with this modeling by Jesus, it is significant that the Lord's Prayer, or Our Father, is the common prayer of all Christians, regardless of denomination. The parable and teaching that follow the Lord's Prayer make clear the particular purpose of prayer that Jesus was highlighting—prayer as petition. In this instance, Jesus assures us that if we pray for what we need with conviction and confidence, then God cannot fail to respond to our prayer. Jesus in fact encourages us to be demanding and persistent in our prayer. However, the parable used to demonstrate the persistent nature of prayer is not focused on demands for selfish purposes, but rather the neighbor needs assistance in fulfilling his obligations of hospitality to a traveler. He is not waking his neighbor in the middle of the night to ask for bread for himself; he asks for bread to give to his guest. He asks for help to fulfill his duty and responsibility. This gives us something of an idea about how we might focus our prayer. Praying for a pony or new bike isn't quite in the same league! The final element of the gospel passage provides us with a description of God's love and care by something of a negative comparison: if human parents would not do harm instead of good to their children, God is even less likely to act like this towards us. It's a bit of an odd way around of saying that God's love is greater than anything within our experience or imagination.

Living the Gospel – Ask, Search, Knock Jesus says in the gospel, "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you." The actions of asking, searching, and knocking are means by which we initiate the encounter with God. If we don't ask, search, and knock, how is anyone (including God) to know our needs or know what it is that we are searching for. Particularly in our spiritual lives, it is only through the search and the knocking on the doors of different experiences that we ever come closer to finding answers.

Historical Context – Stone for bread

The stone/bread, snake/fish and scorpion/egg comparisons seem a little far fetched to us, but would have made perfect sense to a 1st Century Palestinian audience. The flat, brown stones around Lake Galilee look very similar to the flat bread that was baked in the area. The "snake" may refer to a sea-snake—an eel—which might be caught up in a fisherman's nets but was

regarded as unclean by the Jews. The poisonous scorpions of the region are very pale in color and when curled up at rest could be mistaken for an egg.

Gospel Focus – Relationship

A crucial aspect of prayer is the attitude with which we view God. We trust in God's character that it is not a pointless exercise to ask for something. We trust that God is even more loving than a parent who tries to give their child what they need. If we did not make these basic assumptions about God, there would be little point in prayer. When our prayer lives falter at times, perhaps we need to first check out our relationship with God and our attitude towards God before trying to "fix" the ways we pray.

Questions for Adolescents

- Q. What appears to be the reason the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray?
- Q. What is meant by praying that God might "give us each day our daily bread"?
- Q. Aside from petition, or asking, what are other purposes of prayer?
- Q. Why is prayer an important part of the Christian life?
- Q. Where do you find the best place/s to pray?

Questions for Adults

- Q. What message/s about prayer do you get from this gospel passage?
- Q. Why does Jesus suggest that we have to be persistent in our prayer?
- Q. What is the most fulfilling form of prayer for you?
- Q. How would you describe your "prayer life"?
- Q. What commitment for the coming week would you like to make as a response to today's gospel?

Questions for Children

- Q. When are the times that you need help?
- Q. What do you do?
- Q. What are the times when others have come to you for help?
- Q. What have you done?
- Q. God tells us to keep asking or "knocking on the door" and he will help us.
- Q. What can we ask God that will help us to do his will this week?

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 (downstairs room)** in Redwood City at **7:00 pm** on **Wednesday, July 28th**. Call or email Laura for more information at laura@pius.org or 361-1411.

BUDGET REPORT 2009-2010

As of 7/11/10	Budgeted	Actual
Income		
Offertory	\$ 22,220.00	\$ 19,516.00
Festival	-	-
Christmas	-	-
Easter		
Total	\$ 22,220.00	\$ 19,516.00
Deficit		\$ (2,704.00)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY:

Emily Pezzi
Rose Delaney
Aldina Corradetti

DID YOU KNOW?

Before any employee or volunteer may have contact with the children and youth in our parishes and schools, the Archdiocese of San Francisco requires that they must fulfill 2 requirements: They must undergo one of two types of background evaluation, either fingerprint-based via Live Scan or a demographic data-based background check, depending on the position they will have. They must also complete a special online course in child abuse awareness, "Recognize, Report & Prevent Child Abuse." For more information contact Anne Gaylord in the Office of Child & Youth Protection: 415) 614-5576 or gaylorda@sfarchdiocese.org.

DISCOUNT COUPONS - THEME PARKS

We have some discount coupons for Great America, Gilroy Gardens (Bonfante Gardens), Raging Waters, and Malibu. You are welcome to pick them up at the Parish Center. Be sure to check the expiration dates. **Each coupon** includes discounts for **up to six people**.

Men's Club Golf Tournament

The St. Pius Men's Club will be holding its *Annual Golf Tournament* on **Saturday, October 16th**, at Palo Alto Municipal Golf Course. This event is always a lot of fun and spots are filling up quickly. Please email mensclub@pius.com to reserve your spot and receive an early registration form before a mailer goes out to all parishioners. The tournament will sell out, so please call now!

Youth Ministry Information Night for Adults

This meeting is for parents of junior high or high school students and adults who want to support the youth in our parish. We will discuss the opportunities for both junior high & high school students to be involved in the parish and have some fun! We will also discuss how the adults of the parish (parents and other adults) can support this important ministry. Please join us on **Tuesday, August 3rd at 7 pm, in the Youth Ministry Room** (Room 4 of the school). Please call Laura at 361-1411 or Laura@pius.org if you have any questions or ideas regarding Youth Ministry.

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB

On Friday, July 30th, we'll have a pot luck lunch, so please bring a favorite dish to share.

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 Therese Buelher Gene Clark
Belinda Redington Pauline Truscelli Marilyn Beale
Alice Sotto 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.

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.

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 Sundays to learn more about this amazing program for children from 1-1/2 to 4 years of age.

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:

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Teacher Training Seminar

A Billings Ovulation Method seminar is being set up for interested couples and single women.

For more information please contact:
Ed Hopfner: Ehopfner@oakdiocese.org

Or Jessica Munn 650-918-9119

MASSES

Sat.	July 24	5 pm	David Drago
Sun.	July 25	8 am	Guiseppe & Tecla Luporini
		9:30	Ambrose Miles
		11:30	Michael Dixon
		5 pm	People of St. Pius
Mon.	July 26	8 am	Sharon Thorpe
Tues.	July 27	8 am	Moira Schoenstein
Wed.	July 28	8 am	Albert Tomalino
Thurs.	July 29	8 am	Frank Ambrose
Friday	July 30	8 am	Rad Anton Guhit (INT)
Sat.	July 31	8 am	Beppe & Ines Campigli
		5 pm	Mark Severi
Sun.	August 1	8 am	People of St. Pius
		9:30	Rosalie Longo
		11:30	Assunta & Noella Luporini
		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 25th 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 31st & August 1st** (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 for more information on costs and registration.

PEACE

Peace is a daily, a weekly, a monthly process, gradually changing opinions, slowly eroding old barriers, quietly building new structures.

____John F. Kennedy

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

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

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