



St. Pius Roman Catholic Church

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The Ascension of the Lord



May 21, 2023

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Parish Operations Manager

Mass Times

Monday - Friday:	8:00 am	in person only
Saturday Vigil:	5:00 pm	in person only
Sunday Schedule:	8:00 am	in person only
	9:30 am	in person & livestreamed
	11:30 am (Spanish)	in person & livestreamed
	5:00 pm	in person only
Reconciliation:	Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm	
Adoration Chapel:	9:00 am - 8:00 pm	

For all Sacraments

Family must be registered in the parish for at least 6 months and attend Mass regularly.

Contact the Parish Center at least **one month** in advance for Baptism and **six months** in advance for Marriage.

Anointing of the Sick & Viaticum

For those who are scheduled for surgery or seriously ill, please contact the Parish Center. For those in the hospital, please contact the hospital chaplain.

this week

(event dates/times subject to change)

PC = Parish Center FC = Fitzsimon Center
HC = Homer Crouse

May 20 - 27, 2023

20 Saturday	St. Bernardine of Siena	24 Wednesday	St. Mary Magdalene dé Pazzi
21 Sunday	The Ascension of the Lord	25 Thursday	St. Bede the Venerable 7:00 pm Hispanic Community Meeting (C1-Conf Rm)
22 Monday	St. Rita of Cascia	26 Friday	St. Philip Neri 10:00 am Senior's Meeting (HC Sr Rm)
23 Tuesday	St. Gregory VII 7:00 pm Tuesdays with Mary Rosary (Church) 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (C1-Conf Rm)	27 Saturday	St. Augustine of Canterbury 3:30 pm Individual Reconciliation (Church)

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from the pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today in our ecclesiastic province we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. The reading today draws to a close the Gospel of Matthew. This is a very short proclamation but is rich in its implications for the disciples of Jesus Christ. Jesus instructed his disciples to go to the Mount of Olives. There they witnessed the glory of the Son of God as he concluded his earthly life and returned to His Father in heaven. Matthew describes the disciples as both worshipping and doubtful. Jesus then summoned them to mission; that is, to go out to all the nations and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

“The Great Commissioning,” as it is referred, was an invitation to go out and proclaim the Good News, infused with the power of the Holy Spirit. The initiative of Jesus Christ gave the disciples the power to transform the world, to set it on fire with zeal for souls. Jesus assured them, however, that they would never be alone. He would always be with them. This reality is critical to understanding the nature of Christian discipleship: it is Jesus who calls and it is Jesus who is the source and context for all that motivates and guides our work.

Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians explicitly draws the attention of the companions of Jesus to the Holy Spirit, which is the source of wisdom and revelation. “Along with this deeper knowledge of God, St. Paul asks that Christians be given a fuller and livelier hope, because God and hope are inseparable. He recognizes the faith and charity of the faithful to whom he is writing; now he wants hope to shine more brightly for them; he wants God to enlighten their minds and make them realize the consequences of their election, their calling, to be members of the holy people of God, the Church.” [The Navarre Bible: The Letters of Saint Paul, Text and Commentaries]. When St. Paul exhorts that the “eyes of your hearts be enlightened,” he is encouraging them to see how their relationship with Jesus Christ changes their hearts to be conformed to a spirit of hope and trust in God’s providence.

So often, we quite naturally see the Scriptures as something that transpired thousands of years ago. In the sense of “real time,” this is certainly true. However, the spirit of God is timeless and therefore is as real today as then. This notion certainly came to me this weekend as we gathered as a Catholic community. On Saturday, our church was filled as family, friends and parish celebrated the First Holy Communion of 48 children and young people. The spirit and joy were palpable. This experience reflects that the Church is indeed infused with the power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit which guided the first apostles guides us as well today.

In my homily to the First Communicants, I shared how many of us were disappointed and saddened by the end of the Golden State Warriors’ incredible season. Many of us went to bed feeling down. Yet, when we awoke on Saturday we anticipated with great joy our celebration of celebrating First Holy Communion. As important as sports is to us and how much energy we gain from rooting on our favorite teams, there is something more valuable in life. So I asked the children, “What are the most important things in life?” They answered: **God, Jesus, Mary, love, family, siblings, friends.** Wow! They get the importance of setting priorities and putting things in their proper perspective. The answers of these children remind us that a foundation of love and a relationship with God, and making the conscious decision to nurture both, is what brings ultimate value and meaning to our lives.

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Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Hoy en nuestra provincia eclesiástica celebramos la Ascensión del Señor. La lectura de hoy cierra el Evangelio de Mateo. Esta es una proclamación muy breve pero rica en implicaciones para los discípulos de Jesucristo. Jesús instruyó a sus discípulos para que fueran al Monte de los Olivos. Allí presenciaron la gloria del Hijo de Dios al concluir su vida terrenal y regresar a Su Padre en el cielo. Mateo describe a los discípulos como adoradores y dudosos. Entonces Jesús los llamó a la misión; es decir, salir a todas las naciones y hacer discípulos, bautizándolos en el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo.

“La Gran Comisión”, como se le denomina, fue una invitación a salir y proclamar la Buena Nueva, infundida con el poder del Espíritu Santo. La iniciativa de Jesucristo dio a los discípulos el poder de transformar el mundo, de encenderlo con celo por las almas. Sin embargo, Jesús les aseguró que nunca estarían solos. Siempre estaría con ellos. Esta realidad es fundamental para comprender la naturaleza del discipulado cristiano: es Jesús quien llama y es Jesús quien es la fuente y el contexto de todo lo que motiva y guía nuestro trabajo.

La Carta de Pablo a los Efesios llama explícitamente la atención de los compañeros de Jesús sobre el Espíritu Santo, que es fuente de sabiduría y de revelación. “Junto a este conocimiento más profundo de Dios, san Pablo pide que se dé a los cristianos una esperanza más plena y más viva, porque Dios y la esperanza son inseparables. Reconoce la fe y la caridad de los fieles a quienes escribe; ahora quiere que la esperanza brille más para ellos; quiere que Dios ilumine sus mentes y les haga darse cuenta de las consecuencias de su elección, de su vocación, para ser miembros del pueblo santo de Dios, la Iglesia”. [La Biblia de Navarra: Las Cartas de San Pablo, Texto y Comentarios]. Cuando San Pablo exhorta a que “se iluminen los ojos de vuestro corazón”, los está animando a ver cómo su relación con Jesucristo cambia sus corazones para conformarlos a un espíritu de esperanza y confianza en la providencia de Dios.

Muy a menudo, naturalmente vemos las Escrituras como algo que sucedió hace miles de años. Uno el sentido de “tiempo real”, esto es verdaderamente cierto. Sin embargo, el espíritu de Dios es eterno y, por lo tanto, es tan real hoy como en aquellos tiempos. Esta noción ciertamente me vino este fin de semana cuando nos reunimos como comunidad católica. El sábado, nuestra iglesia se llenó cuando la familia, los amigos y la parroquia celebraron la Primera Comunión de cuarenta y ocho niños y jóvenes. El espíritu y la alegría eran palpables. Esta experiencia refleja que la Iglesia está verdaderamente infundida con el poder del Espíritu Santo. El Espíritu que guió a los primeros apóstoles nos guía también hoy.

En mi homilía a los Primeros Comunicantes, compartí cuántos de nosotros estábamos decepcionados y tristes por el final de la increíble temporada de los Golden State Warriors. Muchos de nosotros nos fuimos a la cama sintiéndonos deprimidos. Sin embargo, nos despertamos el sábado anticipando con gran alegría nuestra celebración de celebrar la Primera Comunión. Tan importante como es el deporte para nosotros y cuánta energía ganamos al apoyar a nuestros equipos favoritos, hay algo más valioso en la vida. Así que les pregunté a los niños: “¿Cuáles son las cosas más importantes en la vida?” Respondieron: **Dios, Jesús, María, amor, familia, hermanos, amigos.** Comprenden la importancia de establecer prioridades y poner las cosas en su perspectiva adecuada. Las respuestas de estos niños nos recuerdan que una base de amor y una relación con Dios, y tomar la decisión consciente de nutrir ambos, es lo que le da valor y significado a nuestras vidas.

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prayer and worship

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

(†=deceased; INT=special intention)

Saturday, May 20	5:00 pm	Enrico Delos Santos † & Carlotta Delos Santos †
Sunday, May 21	8:00 am	Mark Shah †
	9:30 am	Donald Rottinghaus †
	11:30 am	Sabina Ruano †
	5:00 pm	People of St. Pius
Monday, May 22	8:00 am	Anthony Wong †
Tuesday, May 23	8:00 am	Robert Koch †
Wednesday, May 24	8:00 am	Bill Bulanti †
Thursday, May 25	8:00 am	Amelia Francisco †
Friday, May 26	8:00 am	George Maher †

This Sunday's Readings

Acts 1:1-11;
Ephesians 1:17-23;
Matthew 28:16-20



Please pray for our
faithful departed

Gina Renner



Blessings on
Gustavo Martinez, James Saucedo and William Torres
who will receive the
Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday

Please pray for our sick, that Jesus be a source of strength and comfort for them.

Names are automatically removed after 30 days; please call the Parish Center to add a name to this list.

Bob Beggs
Joe Cornish
Zoila Delgado
Agnes Fogl
Amelia Francisco
John Helman
John Hernandez
Cathy LaRocca

Leo LaRocca
Anita Martin
Perry Martinez
Rich Morton
Rita Morton
Kaitlin Petrick
Nancy Reynoso
Dorothy Rollins

Rita Rossi
Mario Sanchez
Lisa Sawyer
Trevor Schwerin
Fe Segura
Maria Silvestri
Peter Welsh
Lorraine Wright





Mother's
Day

Blessings



May is the month of Mary

Tuesdays with Mary

Pray the Rosary with us every Tuesday of May

Rosary for Families: May 2 & 16 - English; May 9 & 23 - Spanish
Rosary for Vocations: May 30 - Bilingual
Translations provided

NEW 7pm Time change starting May 9

at St. Pius Church



Adoration of the
Blessed
Sacrament

Spend some time with Jesus in
Adoration Chapel

Open daily 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

from the pastor (continued)

Before the final blessing at last weekend's masses, all mothers (and mother to be), were invited into the sanctuary as the congregation extended hands in prayer over them. It was such a beautiful affirmation and witness to the dignity and worth of motherhood; it expressed our individual and communal gratitude for the gift of our mothers. It was a tribute to their untold sacrifices they render not only to their children but to the larger society as well. As a token of our gratitude, each mother was given a rose. I would also invite us to honor our spiritual mothers, the countless religious sisters who have dedicated their lives to nurturing and supporting students, the sick, and the marginalized. We owe them a debt of gratitude as well!

The spiritual activities and liturgies this past weekend reflect a community that is strong in its faith and commitment to the sacramental and liturgical life of the Church. Amid a culture that devalues the role of religion in society, the affirmation of our gathering together is a perfect balm that elevates the higher things and gives meaning and purpose to our lives. My sincere and deep gratitude to all who participate in the spiritual life of St. Pius X!

As the school year winds down, I invite you to encourage family and friends to consider sending their child(ren) to St. Pius School. Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Brandt and the dedicated faculty and staff, all but one teacher will be returning to teach here next year! At a time when there is an acute teacher shortage nationwide, we should be grateful and justly proud of our teacher retention. We are also interviewing teachers to support our middle school program and ELA (English/Language Arts) program. I also want to share that all our graduates attending private high schools were admitted to their school of first choice and those schools have noted that our graduates are academically prepared to compete in a rigorous academic environment.

My thanks and gratitude to all who contribute in any way to the success of our school. Over the past few years, I have worked to establish a School Board. Mr. Brandt and I have been in consultation with Pam Lyons, the Superintendent of Catholic Schools to bring this into reality. Together, Mr. Brandt and I are selecting the new board members. Once the board members have been chosen, we will highlight them in the parish bulletin and social media. I am so grateful to those who have agreed to serve at this point. They are leaders in their fields of finance, medicine, academia and public relations. This new board will reflect school parents from the upper and lower grades, alumni and parishioners.

Last week, I was having a discussion with Mr. Tom D'Orsi, longtime parishioner, father of two graduates of our school, and current president of the Parish Council. We were identifying the many strengths of our parish school. At one point, he came up with a theme that truly reflects the legacy of our school. He said, "**St. Pius School: It's not just an education. It's a way of life.**" This encapsulates all that is good about our St. Pius community. It is worth our common efforts, positive energy and commitment to forge ahead and build a strong school that is committed to developing the whole child: spiritually, emotionally and academically. Many have invested in and benefited from this incredible and important ministry - let us ensure this gift to current students and generations to come!

Antes de la bendición final en las misas del fin de semana pasado, todas las madres (incluidas las embarazadas) fueron invitadas al santuario mientras la congregación extendía su mano en oración por ellas. Fue una afirmación y un testimonio tan hermosos de la dignidad y el valor de la maternidad; fue una expresión de nuestra gratitud individual y comunitaria por el don de nuestras madres. Fue un tributo a sus sacrificios incalculables que rinden no solo a sus hijos sino también a la sociedad en general. Como muestra de nuestra gratitud, a cada madre se le entregó una rosa. También me gustaría invitarlos a honrar a nuestras madres espirituales, las innumerables hermanas religiosas que han dedicado sus vidas a cuidar y apoyar a los estudiantes, los enfermos y los marginados. ¡También les debemos una deuda de gratitud!

Las actividades espirituales y las liturgias del pasado fin de semana reflejan una comunidad fuerte en su fe y compromiso con la vida sacramental y litúrgica de la Iglesia. En medio de una cultura que devalúa el papel de la religión en la sociedad, la afirmación de nuestro encuentro es un bálsamo perfecto que eleva las cosas más altas y da sentido y propósito a nuestras vidas. ¡Mi más sincera y profunda gratitud a todos los que participan en la vida espiritual de San Pío X!

A medida que termina el año escolar, los invito a animar a la familia y a los padres Amigos que consideren enviar a su(s) hijo(s) a la escuela Saint Pius. Gracias a los esfuerzos del Sr. Brandt y la facultad y el personal dedicados, *¡Todos los maestros menos uno volverán a enseñar aquí el próximo año!* En un momento en que hay una escasez aguda de docentes en todo el país, debemos estar agradecidos y orgullosos de la retención de nuestros docentes. También estamos entrevistando a maestros para apoyar nuestro programa de escuela intermedia y el programa ELA (inglés/arte del lenguaje). También quiero compartir que todos nuestros graduados que asisten a escuelas secundarias privadas fueron admitidos en la escuela de primera elección y esas escuelas han notado que nuestros graduados están preparados académicamente para competir en un entorno académico riguroso.

Mi agradecimiento y gratitud a todos los que contribuyen de alguna manera al éxito de nuestra escuela. En los últimos años, he trabajado para establecer una Junta Escolar. El Sr. Brandt y yo hemos estado en consulta con Pam Lyons, la Superintendente de Escuelas Católicas para que esto se haga realidad. Juntos, el Sr. Brandt y yo estamos seleccionando a los nuevos miembros de la junta. Una vez elegidos los miembros de la junta, los destacaremos en el boletín parroquial y en las redes sociales. Estoy muy agradecido con aquellos que han accedido a servir en este momento. Son líderes en sus campos de finanzas, medicina, academia y relaciones públicas. Esta nueva junta reflejará a los padres de la escuela de los grados superiores e inferiores, exalumnos y feligreses.

La semana pasada, tuve una conversación con el Sr. Tom D'Orsi, feligrés de mucho tiempo, padre de dos graduados de nuestra escuela y actual presidente del Consejo Parroquial. Estábamos identificando las muchas fortalezas de nuestra escuela parroquial. En un momento, se le ocurrió un tema que verdaderamente refleja el legado de nuestra escuela. El dijo: "**Escuela San Pío: No es solo una educación. Es un modo de vida.**" Esto resume todo lo bueno de nuestra comunidad de San Pío. Vale la pena nuestros esfuerzos comunes, energía positiva y compromiso para seguir adelante y construir una escuela sólida que esté comprometida con el desarrollo integral del niño: espiritual, emocional y académicamente. Muchos han invertido y se han beneficiado de este increíble e importante ministerio. ¡Aseguremos este regalo a los estudiantes actuales ya las generaciones venideras!

stewardship

Sunday Collections

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 (annual goal)	\$505,000.00	2023 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Campaign	\$122,646.00
July 1, 2022 - May 14, 2023 (goal to date)	\$444,400.00	2023 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (received)	\$ 62,614.00
July 1, 2022 - May 14, 2023 (actual rec'd*)	\$391,956.60	Campaign Goal less payments received	\$ 60,032.00

Sunday Collection - May 14, 2023
Collection for our Parish \$ 7,006.00

*includes electronic contributions to April 30, 2023



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2023 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

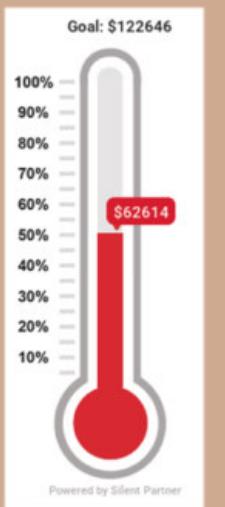
"Your World is a Lamp for my feet, a light for my path."

~Psalm 119:105

We are \$63,282 away from our Campaign goal of \$122,646.

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other events



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Serra is looking for Homestay Families for International students for the 2023 school year.

Homestay Program

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community life



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May 28 after Mass

As we kick-off and
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A colorful illustration featuring a sombrero, a maraca, and a traditional dancer.

Saint's Cup

The Saint's Cup is a friendly golf match between various Catholic Grade Schools on the Peninsula.

St. Pius School sent 24 players to take on St. Charles, St. Matthews, OLMC & OLA.

It was a beautiful day on the Ocean Course in Half Moon Bay.

St. Pius placed #2 in the tournament and raised \$2,500 to be awarded to a St. Pius 8th Grade student who will attend a Catholic High School in the fall.



Attention St. Pius School Alumni!!

We want to keep you in touch with fellow Shamrocks and are looking to expand our alumni community.

Submit your contact information and stay connected! Receive information on class reunions, alumni events and network opportunities.

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Thank you!



parish athletics



**St. Pius Athletics
2023-2024**

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



Rising 4th - 8th graders: Register for Volleyball & Baseball (\$100 fee)

Rising 7th - 8th graders: Register for Cheerleading

Also accepting registration forms for coaches!

More information and registration forms available at
stpiusschool.org/athletics.



Forms/Fees due to the School or Parish Office by Wed., May 31, 2023.

Questions? Please contact athletics@pius.org

parish school

**St. Pius School
Kindergarten through 8th Grade**



St. Pius School
Pre K - 8 Catholic Elementary

Give your child the gift of an outstanding Catholic education, preparing them for future academic success and a life filled with purpose and faith.

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- Staffed by a team of dedicated and caring teachers committed to excellence in education
- 1 to 1 technology
- Extended Day Care available on site
- PE, Music, and Art included as part of the curriculum
- St. Pius Preschool welcomes children ages three to five. For information, contact Leigh Masi at leigh@pius.org.
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