

St. Pius Roman Catholic Church

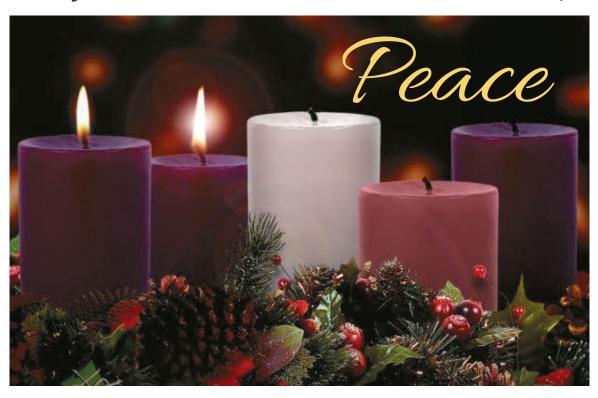
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2nd Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023



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Reverend Gregory Heidenblut, O.S.A.

Deacon Francis Pham

James Brandt St. Pius School Principal Leigh Masi Preschool Director Judy Giacometti
Parish Operations Manager

Mass Times

Monday - Wednesday:8:00 amin person onlySaturday Vigil:5:00 pmin person onlySunday Schedule:8:00 amin person only

9:30 am in person & livestreamed 11:30 am (Spanish) in person &

livestreamed

Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Adoration Chapel: 9:00 am - 9:00 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.

(event dates/times subject to change)

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

	December 9 - 16, 2023								
9	Saturday 7:00 pm	St. Juan Diego Men's Club Christmas Trees (closes 9:00 pm) Novena a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (Church)	13	7:30 am 6:30 pm	y St. Lucy Rosary for Vocations (Church) Men's Club General Meeting (HC)				
10	Sunday 9:00 am 9:30 am 7:00 pm	2nd Sunday of Advent Men's Club Christmas Trees (closes 9:00 pm) Sacramental Preparation Mass & Class Novena a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (Church)	14	7:30 pm Thursday 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Schola Practice (Church Music Rm) St. John of the Cross ICF Meeting (HC Sr Rm) Men's Club Board Meeting (C1-Conf Rm)				
11	Monday 7:30 am 7:00 pm	St. Damasus I Rosary for Vocations (Church) Novena a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (Church)	15	Friday 10:00 am	Weekday Senior's Meeting (HC Sr Rm)				
12	Tuesday 7:30 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary for Vocations (Church) Serenata de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (Church) Spanish Mass Our Lady of Guadalupe (Reception to follow (HC) St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (C1-Conf Rm)	16	Saturday 11:00 am 3:30 pm	Weekday YLI Meeting (HC Sr Rm) Individual Reconciliation (Church)				

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from the pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am sitting here at my desk on this day after Thanksgiving. The sun is out and the leaves of Autumn abound. The warmth of the late afternoon sun has begun to recede and there is stillness in the air. As I went about running errands, I noticed that Woodside Road traffic was light and there was a sense of quiet following the frenetic activity of Thanksgiving Day. As I sit in the hushed quiet, a thought comes to me. As we prepare for the Season of Advent, the themes of conversion, anticipation and expectation predominate.

We often don't think about it, but silence and quiet are also scriptural themes in the Old Testament during this time. If we are inundated with noise and the incumbent distraction it brings, it becomes more difficult and challenging to pay attention to the Lord's coming. There is an almost requisite need for stillness and quiet. Currently, I am reading Peter Kreeft's book *Wisdom of the Heart: The Good, the True, and the Beautiful at the Center of Us All.* I chanced upon a section of the book which reflects on the importance of silence in the spiritual life.

Kreeft wrote, "Silence is the deepest language of the saints, because love is the deepest language of sanctity and silence is the deepest language of love. Love has many languages including words and deeds, thoughts and choices, but silence is its favorite. Therefore, to understand the heart and its deepest love, we must understand silence. Kierkegaard writes in his *Journals*, "The present state of the world and the whole of life is diseased. If I were a doctor and asked for my advice, I should reply: Create silence! Bring men to silence. The Word of God cannot be heard in the noisy world of today. And even if it were blazoned forth with all the panoply of noise so that it could be heard in the midst of all the other noise, then it would no longer be the Word of God. Therefore, create silence."

"Bring men to silence." Is this not, then, what Advent is all about? On this Second Sunday of Advent, the words of the prophet Isaiah exclaim, "No ear has ever heard, no eye has ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him." The Navarre Bible: Major Prophets, Texts and Commentaries states, "The prophet's cry sums up very well the long years when Israel waited patiently for God to bring salvation; set in a messianic context, it expresses the hope in a Savior that the chosen people maintained over the centuries. And in some way it is a cry that everyone utters to God when he or she begs to see their noble aspirations bear fruit.

This centuries-long Advent, which in some way is being relived in our own days, finds its answer once again in the purpose God the Father, who sent his Son, made Man, to bring about our redemption, and who sent the Holy Spirit to enable human beings to share in his love."

As we continue our reflection on light during this Advent Season, my thanks to our incredible parish and school staff and the many, many parishioners whose lives exemplify bringing Christ into the world. I am especially grateful to all our ministries and liturgical ministers. Thanks as well to the incredible generosity and positive spirit exhibited in such an edifying way by all our volunteers. You are truly Christ made manifest in our midst!

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Estoy sentado aquí en mi escritorio este día después del Día de Acción de Gracias. Sale el sol y abundan las hojas del otoño. El calor del sol de la tarde ha comenzado a retroceder y hay quietud en el aire. Mientras hacía recados, noté que el tráfico en Woodside Road era ligero y había una sensación de tranquilidad después de la actividad frenética del Día de Acción de Gracias. Mientras estoy sentado en silencio, me viene un pensamiento. Mientras nos preparamos para el tiempo de Adviento, predominan los temas de conversión, anticipación y expectativa.

A menudo no pensamos en ello, pero el silencio y la quietud también son temas bíblicos en el Antiguo Testamento durante este tiempo. Si nos inunda el ruido y la distracción que esto trae consigo, se vuelve más difícil y desafiante prestar atención a la venida del Señor. Existe una necesidad casi necesaria de quietud y tranquilidad. Actualmente estoy leyendo el libro de Peter Kreeft *La sabiduría del corazón: lo bueno, lo verdadero y lo bello en el centro de todos nosotros.* Me topé con una sección del libro que reflexiona sobre la importancia del silencio en la vida espiritual.

Kreeft escribió: "El silencio es el lenguaje más profundo de los santos, porque el amor es el lenguaje más profundo de la santidad y el silencio es el lenguaje más profundo del amor. El amor tiene muchos lenguajes, incluidas palabras y hechos, pensamientos y elecciones, pero el silencio es su favorito. Por eso, para comprender el corazón y su amor más profundo, debemos comprender el silencio. Kierkegaard escribe en sus Diarios: "El estado actual del mundo y de toda la vida es enfermizo". Si yo fuera médico y me pidieran consejo, debería responder: ¡Crea silencio! Haz que los hombres guarden silencio. La Palabra de Dios no se puede escuchar en el ruidoso mundo de hoy. E incluso si estuviera adornado con toda la panoplia de ruido para que pudiera oírse en medio de todos los demás ruidos, entonces ya no sería la Palabra de Dios. Por lo tanto, crea silencio".

"Hacer que los hombres guarden silencio". ¿No es esto entonces de lo que se trata el Adviento? En este Segundo Domingo de Adviento, las palabras del profeta Isaías exclaman: "Nunca oído oyó, ni ojo vio jamás, ningún Dios sino tú, haciendo tales obras por los que en él esperan". La Biblia de Navarra: Profetas mayores, textos y comentarios afirma: "El clamor del profeta resume muy bien los largos años en que Israel esperó pacientemente a que Dios trajera la salvación; ambientado en un contexto mesiánico, expresa la esperanza en un Salvador que el pueblo elegido mantuvo a lo largo de los siglos. Y de alguna manera es un grito que cada uno lanza a Dios cuando suplica que vea fructificar sus nobles aspiraciones.

Este Adviento secular, que de alguna manera está siendo revivido en nuestros días, encuentra una vez más su respuesta en el propósito de Dios Padre, que envió a su Hijo, hecho Hombre, para realizar nuestra redención, y que envió al Espíritu Santo. para permitir a los seres humanos compartir su amor".

Mientras continuamos nuestra reflexión sobre la luz durante esta temporada de Adviento, mi agradecimiento a nuestro increíble personal parroquial y escolar y a los muchos, muchos feligreses cuyas vidas ejemplifican traer a Cristo al mundo. Estoy especialmente agradecido a todos nuestros ministerios y ministros litúrgicos. Gracias también a la increíble generosidad y el espíritu positivo exhibidos de manera tan edificante por todos nuestros voluntarios. ¡Tú eres verdaderamente Cristo manifestado entre nosotros!

prayer and worship

Mass Intentions

(**†**=deceased; INT=special intention)

Saturday, Dec. 9	5:00 pm	Cortopassi Family
Sunday, Dec. 10	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:30 am 5:00 pm	Sal Hernandez 🕆 Nora Bostrom 🕆 People of St. Pius Ivica Milicevic 🕆 (Fr. Tom)
Monday, Dec. 11	8:00 am	Albert Tomalino 🕏
Tuesday, Dec. 12	8:00 am 7:00 pm	Claudio Jospeh Corradetti 🕈 Elodia "Yoya" Gonzalez 🕏
Wednesday, Dec. 13	8:00 am	David Patrick 🕈
Thursday, Dec. 14	8:00 am	John Wallace 🕈 (Fr. Tom)
Friday, Dec. 15	8:00 am	Nam Ho Baek 🕏

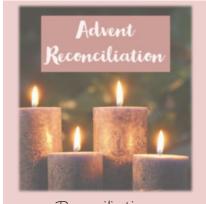
This Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8



Please pray for our faithful departed

Thomas Rich



Reconciliation:
Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm
or by appointment - please
call the Parish Center at
(650) 361-1411 to make an
appointment.

The Advent Wreath

In the Bible, Christ is referred to as the "Light of the World" contrasted with the darkness of sin.

As his Advent, or "coming," draws nearer another candle is lit, with each candle dispelling the darkness a little more.



The second Sunday of Advent symbolizes Faith and we light the second purple candle.

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.

Juan Facundo Mahmud
Filomena Guzzo
Richard Hamlin
John Hernandez
Lucrecia Machinandiarena
Anita Martin
Joseph Martinez



Josefina Mendez
Richard Morton
Rita Morton
Nancy Reynoso
Mario Sanchez
Christopher Vaughan
Peter Welsh

prayer and worship



Novena a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

through Monday, December 11, 2023 7:00 pm in Church

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 5:00 pm Serenada 7:00 pm Spanish Mass

Reception to follow in Homer Crouse

16th Annual Simbang Gabi Commissioning Mass

Heralding the beginning of Simbang Gabi Masses celebrated in various parishes in the Archdiocese.

Wednesday, December 13, 2023 • 6:30 pm St. Mary's Cathedral

Simbang Gabi - Advent Novena Masses

Fri., Dec. 15th	7:00 pm	St. Raymond Church
Sat., Dec. 16th	5:00 pm	Mount Carmel
Sun., Dec. 17th	5:00 pm	St. Pius Church
Mon., Dec. 18th	7:00 pm	Church of the Nativity
Tues., Dec. 19th	7:00 pm	St. Denis Church
Wed., Dec. 20th	5:00 pm	Vallombrosa Chapel
Thurs., Dec. 21st	7:00 pm	Mount Carmel
Fri., Dec. 22nd	5:00 pm	St. Charles Church
Sat., Dec. 23rd	5:00 pm	St. Raymond Church



Donations will benefit Street Life Ministries.org

Join us as we pray the Rosary for Vocations at 7:30 am, Monday - Wednesday

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations - and teaching young people how to discern God's call - is a serious duty, but also a joyful one.

Rosary for Vocations

other events

Women's Retreat Healing After Abortion

Friday - Sunday, December 15 - 17, 2023 Confidential Location

Bilingual (English/Spanish) Led by Father Vito Perrone, COSJ and Father James Liebner, SVD.

The event will include Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and counseling.

To sign up or for more details, visit <u>sfarch.org/rachel</u>, call (415) 614-5567 or email <u>projectrachel@sfarch.org</u>.



Retiros para mujeres Sanar después de un Aborto

Viernes - Domingo, 15 - 17 de deciembre de 2023 Ubicación Confidencial

Bilingüe (inglés/español) Dirigido por el padre Vito Perrone, COSJ y el padre James Liebner, SVD.

El evento incluirá una Misa, el sacramento de reconciliación y asesoramiento.

Para imscrobirse o para más detalles, visite sfarch.org/es/rachel, llame al (415) 614-5567 o envié un email a projectrachel@sfarch.org

community life



St. Pius Men's Club General Meeting & Dinner

Wednesday, December 13, 2023
Doors open at 6:00 pm
(December meeting is a week early)

The Chef's Crew will have a delicious feast ready to feed us all. This is not your mama's typical meatloaf & mashed potatoes.

Dinner Meetings are \$30/ Seniors \$10. First Meeting is free.

Questions? Please contact mensclub@pius.org.



Volunteer at St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room!

St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room provides food boxes and hot meals to our less fortunate neighbors; no fees, no questions and no one is turned away.

St. Pius Parishioners volunteer every 3rd Saturday of the month to help with food sorting and preparation and the lunch service and food distribution.



Next date: Saturday, December 16th!

If you are interested in volunteering or have additional questions please contact Cam Dickinson at camdickinson@icloud.com.



Giving Tree

Thank for participating in the Advent Giving Tree!

Please deliver all gifts to the Parish Center on weekdays (9:00 am-4:00 pm) or to the church <u>this</u> weekend by <u>Sunday, December, 11th at 5:00 pm.</u>

Please DO NOT wrap gifts and please write the \$ amount on gift cards.



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stewardship

Sunday Collections

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 (annual goal)	\$525,000.00	2023 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Campaign	\$122,646.00
July 1, 2023 - Dec. 3, 2023 (goal to date)	\$236,764.53	2023 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (received)	\$ 91,594.00
July 1, 2023 - Dec. 3, 2023 (actual rec'd*)	\$182,566.78	Campaign Goal less payments received	\$ 31,052.00

Sunday Collection - December 3, 2023 Collection for our Parish \$ 5,668.00 Second Collection - December 3, 2023

Christmas Flowers \$ 2,113.00

*includes electronic contributions to October 31, 2023





2nd Collection this weekend December 9 & 10 Retirement Fund for Religious



"Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90.

Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have

dedicated their lives to serving others.

Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

Help Save a Life this Winter

The weather is changing and sadly, our homeless friends who sleep on the cold streets do not have the option to go home and warm up. Unfortunately, many homeless in our area will be unable to survive the cold and wet weather because they lack critical survival necessities such as sleeping bags, coats, hats, gloves, scarves and other cold-weather gear to protect themselves from exposure to hypothermia and other potential life threatening conditions.

With your help, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Homeless Help Centers can continue to provide these cold-weather essentials to our homeless brothers and sisters.

Visit <u>svdpsm.org</u> or mail a check payable to St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County to 50 North B Street, San Mateo CA 94401 and note "stay warm" to give the gift of warmth this holiday season.

God Bless.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Pius Conference

Thank you to our fellow Parishioners for the generous support provided during the recent Thanksgiving holiday!

Because of your generosity, we were able to help 110 families, including 255 adults and 154 children, enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner, by providing a turkey or a chicken, along with the additional groceries necessary to prepare a complete and healthy family meal.

As we move into the winter months and the season of Advent, many of our neighbors continue to experience food insecurity, as well as the lingering effects of the COVID Pandemic. During these difficult times, the St. Pius Conference of the SVdP Society will continue to provide food and other important assistance to the needy, the forgotten and the marginalized in our Parish community.

Donations of non-perishable items such as rice, beans, canned fruits and vegetables, cereals and soups would be gladly accepted and greatly appreciated. These items will be included in our upcoming Christmas Food Distribution Program. Non-perishable donations may be placed in the baskets located by the front entrance to the church or dropped off at the Parish Center.

Any donation made will be used to provide nutritious food to a struggling family.

Again, please accept our sincere thanks for your generosity and your continued support.

parish school

St. Pius School Fall Direct Donation Campaign through December 15th!

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For more information visit stpiusschool.org or call (650) 368-8327.

- * St. Pius School, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school.
- * St. Pius School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color and national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in the administration of educational polices, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.
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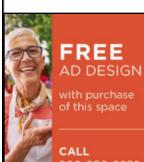
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