



St. Pius Roman Catholic Church

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3rd Sunday of Lent

March 20, 2022



Thank God for giving you another chance.

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Pastor

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Parochial Vicar

Reverend Edgardo Rodriguez
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Marc Nava
St. Pius School Principal

Leigh Masi
Preschool Director

Deacon Dario Rinaldi **Deacon Mynor Montepeque**
Assisting Deacons

Judy Giacometti
Parish Operations Manager

Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am *in person & livestreamed*
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 - 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.

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this week (event dates/times subject to change)

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

March 19 - 26, 2022

19 Saturday	St. Joseph, Husband of Mary	23 Wednesday	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
20 Sunday	3rd Sunday of Lent	24 Thursday	St. Oscar Arnulfo Romero
9:30 am	Sacramental Preparation Mass & Class	25 Friday	The Annunciation of the Lord
21 Monday	Weekday	10:00 am	Senior's Meeting (HC Sr Rm)
7:00 pm	Grief Ministry Support Group (C1-Conf Rm)	3:00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet (Adoration Chapel)
22 Tuesday	St. Nicholas Owen	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross - Bilingual (Church)
6:00 pm	Living Joy Series (HC)	26 Saturday	St. Catherine of Genoa
6:30 pm	Individual Reconciliation (Baptistry)	9:00 am	Parish Lenten Retreat (HC)
7:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (C1-Conf Rm)	2:00 pm	Talleres de Oracion y Vida (C1-Conf Rm)
		3:30 pm	Individual Reconciliation (Church)

Masks are recommended indoors.

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from the pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

On this Third Sunday of Lent, the Church rejoices, amidst this season of penance, fasting and almsgiving, to celebrate the Paschal Feast fast approaching. We have much for which to rejoice and to give thanks. On Saturday, March 12, I was privileged to celebrate Mass for the Sisters of the Presentation during their General Chapter, "For I know the plans that I have for you, a future full of hope" (Jer. 29:11), in San Francisco. I preached the following homily which I hope will assist you along this Lenten journey, to inspire you and our community to be people of courage, faith, hope and wisdom. May God continue to bless you along this privileged time of reflection and conversion.

"Master, it is good for us to be here." We will hear these words proclaimed in tomorrow's Lukan account of the Transfiguration. It is indeed good for us to be gathered together to celebrate the Eucharist within the context of your General Chapter. The prayer invoking the power of the Holy Spirit and grace upon your proceeding states, "Our dear God, who has called us throughout our lives, we put our concerns into Your keeping, into your heart's deep care. Give us courage, trust and hope, courage to take each step; trust that you will lead us and our entire congregation well and clearly; hope that we will travel together into your deeper heart of love..."

Courage...trust...hope...These are three indispensable components for any mission embarked upon and any life lived for the service of others. These elements take on an even deeper importance and significance when applied to the spiritual life.

The courage to take that initial step to daringly ask the Lord, "What is it that YOU seek of me?" Trust in placing one's very self into the Lord's hands and care, not knowing the outcome and certainly not being able to assure the outcome we seek, no matter how edifying that aspiration might be. Hope that the Lord, who calls us, will be with us as a constant companion through all the contours of life...moments of great joy and sorrow, times of profound communion and belonging and periods of isolation and loneliness, times of building up and times of paring down. An intimate knowledge of hope that the Lord in his providential love, who has begun all these things, will bring them to completion.

In a perhaps ironic way, today's Gospel from Matthew speaks to us about these foundational elements of courage, trust, and hope. Jesus - as he often does - rouses us out of our presumption of how things ought to be and calls us to a radical discipleship which naturally confounds the normative nature of things.

In a cultural anthropology with roots to the very beginning of human experience, the response to being threatened or wronged is to become instantly defensive. Adam blamed Eve for their disobedience. Thus began a defensiveness that is characteristic of human nature but contrary to God's ways.

You have heard that it was said, "*You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.*" This makes perfect sense to us. How many of us like to be around those who have hurt us or we simply don't like? No, we create situations and environments which are pleasant and non-threatening. We surround ourselves generally with people whose personalities, ideologies, interests are in sync with our own. I'm sure this is true in religious communities as well.

Jesus invites us each day to confound the typical ways in which we deal with one another in order to be "children of our heavenly Father." What does this mean for us in a practical way as companions of Jesus? Jesus the master teacher instructs us by his own example. Not once in his life did Jesus seek revenge or retribution against those who persecuted him. Even affixed upon the Cross, Jesus said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they are doing."

To be children of God is to learn to forgive...a very tall order even in the best of circumstances. To be children of God challenges us to be gracious...to shrug off slights real or imagined; to stretch our imagination and welcome into our circle of comfort those who would challenge us to grow and see the world through a fresh set of eyes. In calling his followers to a new way of proceeding, Jesus said, "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." The perfection of which Jesus speaks is not the absence of making mistakes or falling down but of living a disposition of love and generosity. Jesus is saying to us, love as your father loves. Be reconciled and merciful as your father is with you. Welcome the stranger, take care of the orphan and widow - those who are most vulnerable and the least able to pay for their care.

What helps to meld the hallmarks of courage, faith and hope and the contradictions of our will and that of God is the gift of wisdom. Wisdom is predicated upon the reality that we do not have all the tools and insight to conform ourselves more closely to Jesus Christ. Wisdom is not simply the acquisition of empirical knowledge but rather is a disposition of the heart. Wisdom helps us to discern the things of God juxtaposed to the things of earth. In discernment, we can reflect upon our attachments and willfulness and so pray for the grace and wisdom to let go and follow God's plan for us.

As you continue these privileged days of prayer, discernment, dialogue and communion, I leave you with these words of Maya Angelou: "My life has been long, and believing that life loves the liver of it, I have dared to try many things, sometimes trembling, but daring still." This may indeed be said of each of you Sisters of the Presentation. You exemplify in a multitude of ways the perfection of which Jesus speaks. You have and will continue to change hearts and minds...to be courageous, faith-filled and hopeful women...perfecting wisdom by a lifetime of prayer, commitment, generosity and daring. May God continue to bless each of you in your apostolates and may it be said of each one of you always: be the embodiment of the words of foundress Nano Nagle: "*Non Vox, Sed Votum*", "Not words, but deeds."



prayer and worship

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

(✠=deceased; INT=special intention)

<i>Saturday, March 19</i>	5:00 pm	Iliana Carrara ✠
<i>Sunday, March 20</i>	8:00 am	Cortopassi Family
	9:30 am	Branislav (Bob) Stankovic ✠
	11:30 am	Nubia Ramirez ✠
	5:00 pm	People of St. Pius
<i>Monday, March 21</i>	8:00 am	Albert Tafoya (INT)
<i>Tuesday, March 22</i>	8:00 am	James Reardon ✠
<i>Wednesday, March 23</i>	8:00 am	Lito Duque ✠
<i>Thursday, March 24</i>	8:00 am	Jack Condrott ✠
<i>Friday, March 25</i>	8:00 am	Constancia Luz Nunez Dungo ✠

This Sunday's Readings

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15;
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12;
Luke 13:1-9



Please pray for our faithful departed



Herbert Donabedian
Sandy Ginter
Scott Malman
Brendan Ward

In this month of March, on the anniversary of their deaths, please remember in your prayers the priests of the Archdiocese and those priests who have ministered here.

May we commend them to God's tender mercies and thank them for their priestly ministry to the People of God. Please also continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

"For the harvest is plenty, but the laborers are few."

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**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.*

Stephanie Carrillo
Presita Condrott
Joe Cornish
Edmundo Cortes
Francesco DiFede
John Hernandez
Susan (Renstrom) Klass

John Malanca
Anita Martin
Fr. Bill McCain
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prayer and worship

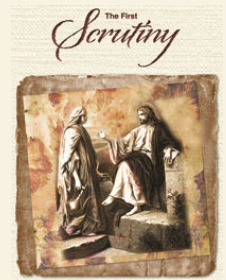
What are the "Scrutinies"?

The Scrutinies are very special rites of self-searching and repentance celebrated on the middle three Sundays of Lent, at the liturgy where the Elect are present; 9:30 am. The Elect are those in our midst who are preparing for Baptism. Part of their journey to the Baptismal font is that they have been received among us, the Rite of Acceptance, and they have been enrolled in the Book of the Elect in the Rite of Election.

Although scrutinies have returned fairly recently to Catholic parishes, they originated early in church history. The moral preparation of Catechumens included prayers of exorcism, to drive out the spirit of evil which kept them from embracing Christ as their light. Today's scrutinies are less intense. They still include an exorcism, in which the Priest or Deacon prays that the spirit of evil may be replaced by the spirit of good. Their purpose is not so much to examine the candidates' mental readiness, but their spiritual readiness. Scrutinies offer the Catechumens the support they need to approach the waters of baptism worthily. For those who are already Baptized, the scrutinies invite us to embrace the same spirit of self-searching and repentance.

The first Scrutiny is held today, March 20th, the 3rd Sunday of Lent.
At the Mass for the Elect (9:30 am) we use the Cycle A readings:

Exodus 17:3-7
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42



Pauline Book Fair

March 26 & 27, 2022

The Daughters of St. Paul, women religious who communicate Christ using all forms of media, will be at St. Pius after all the Masses.

The Sisters have a wide variety of Bibles, books, music, rosaries for children and adults. They have something for the whole family!

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Together let us pray the
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Join Fr. Maurice
every Friday at 3:00 pm
in the Adoration Chapel

Please bring your rosary to follow along



Lent

fast • give • pray

2022 Lenten Services



Of Gods and Men: A Eucharistic Cinematic Retreat

St. Pius Lenten Retreat presented by
Sr. Nancy Usselman, FSP, Director,
Pauline Center for Media Studies

Saturday, March 26, 2022
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Cost: \$15 includes breakfast and lunch.



Please scan the QR code or go to bit.ly/SPretreat2022 for more information and to register and pay or drop off your check in the Parish Center.



Living Joy Discussion Series

6:00 pm

Tuesdays during Lent: March 22, 29, April 5 & 26

Every success in life is meaningless without joy. Joy is God's dream for you. Heaven is called a "wedding banquet." And Jesus' whole mission was to share that joy with you. He said it himself. "I've told you these things so my joy may be in you." Think about that. The joy of GOD in YOU. The experience of that joy eternal starts now. And it doesn't start with a change in your circumstances but a change in you.

Join Karen Chang and Joe Martin as they lead us in a Discussion Series on Living Joy.

Signup today at pius.flocknote.com/signup/81506

THREE PILLARS OF LENT

PRAYER More time given to prayer during Lent will draw us closer to the Lord.	FASTING "Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind."	ALMSGIVING a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us.
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these 40 days



The Light is on for You

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation "The Light Is On For You"

Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Saturdays 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
(and by appointment)

No Reconciliation during Holy Week



Stations of the Cross Bilingual

March 25
April 8



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Spend some time with Jesus in
Adoration Chapel

Open daily 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

stewardship

Sunday Collections

July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 (annual goal)	\$505,000.00	
July 1, 2021 - March 13, 2022 (goal to date)	\$366,372.52	2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Campaign \$113,069.00
July 1, 2020 - March 13, 2022 (actual rec'd)*	\$317,827.23	2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (received) \$ 4,475.00
Sunday Collection - March 13, 2022		Campaign Goal less payments received \$108,594.00
Collection for our Parish	\$ 5,024.00	
Second Collection - March 13, 2022		
Easter Flowers	\$ 2,338.00	

*includes electronic contributions to February 28, 2022

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2nd Collection next weekend March 26 & 27 Catholic Relief Services

Your donation will provide assistance to families affected in Ukraine.

As Ukrainians flee their homes due to the conflict with Russia, CRS partner Caritas Poland assists Ukrainians crossing into Poland for safety. CRS and Caritas partners on the ground are preparing across Ukraine and in bordering countries, ready to provide safe shelter, hot meals, hygiene supplies, transport to safe areas, counseling support and more.

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10:00 am on Monday for the following Sunday.

(Items submitted may be edited for content & space.)

Given our current health situation, events may be canceled or rescheduled on short notice.

Please make sure to go to our website at pius.org, call the Parish Center at (650) 361-1411, or check with the contact name provided to reconfirm the event.

other events



Discernment – Praying with Jesus Through His Passion A Silent Day Retreat

Vallombrosa Center, Menlo Park

Saturday, March 26, 2022 • 8:30 am

"My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?"

Because in the midst of abandonment and powerlessness, Christ accomplished the will of the Father, discernment in the Christian life is also rooted in this obedient cry.

Dr. Anthony Lilles will unfold this theme to invite retreatants into a deeper silence as we approach Holy Week.

The day is only \$45.00 which includes continental breakfast, a simple lunch, Holy Mass at 4:00 pm and quiet time for reflection.

This is the final of three day long silent retreats leading to a 5 Night Silent Retreat May 1-7. Registration for May is also available on the website below and you do not have had to attend any of the three day retreats to attend the 5 Day retreat.

To register visit Vallombrosa.org/calendar. Questions? Please call (650) 325-5614.



Spring Campaign Now through April 10, 2022

The Redwood City community is taking part in 40 Days for Life.
Will you join us this Lent to pray for the end to abortion?

Sign up for an hour or two each week to pray! Invite a friend! 40-Days always welcome new participants! Sign up at 40daysforlife.com/en/redwoodcity. Our peaceful sidewalk prayer vigil is in front of Planned Parenthood at 2907 El Camino Real in Redwood City.

Local Contact Info: Jessica Munn (650) 918-9119 or themunns@yahoo.com

Please visit sanmateoprolife.com for more information.



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This month's Choose Love virtue is FORGIVENESS.

God calls us to Forgive. Easier said than done.
Meditate on some of the benefits of forgiveness this week and be encouraged:



- Lower blood pressure
- Less anxiety and stress
- Improved mental health
- Healthier relationships
- Fewer symptoms of depression
- A stronger immune system
- Improved heart health
- Improved self-esteem
- Increase in positive thinking
- A greater sense of hope
- Strengthened spirituality

choose love
movement

parish teens



parish school

St. Pius School Accreditation Update

St Pius Catholic School is always seeking the best and most effective ways to educate children for the 21st century, infusing education with a strong and vital Catholic identity, while supporting parents in their role as the primary educators of their children.

Every six years we have the opportunity for a very specific Self Study process leading to the re-accreditation of the school. During the 2020-2021 school year, the school involved various shareholders – faculty, staff, parents, students and parishioners – in this process using a specific protocol outlined by the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA). The faculty completed a yearlong in-depth Self Study that was submitted to the Archdiocese at the start of the new year. This week, March 23-25, a Visiting Committee from WCEA will review our Self Study document, including our Action Plan, for ongoing improvement, and will determine our accreditation status for the next six years.

Please pray for St. Pius School, its students and staff as we complete our Self Study and Accreditation process this coming week. We thank you for your continued support, feedback and prayers for the success of this process.

For more details about our school community and the previous Self Study and Report of findings, please visit our school website at stpiusschool.org.

St. Pius X, Pray for us!



All You Need is Love St. Pius School Auction

Saturday, May 7, 2022

The St. Pius School Auction team is looking for **donation items** for our annual school auction!! Tickets will go on sale March 28th.

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Please reach out to the St. Pius Auction Team at stpiusschoolauction@gmail.com with any questions.

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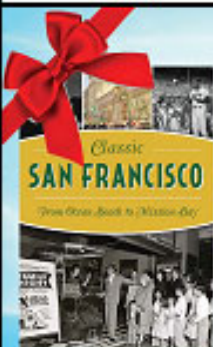
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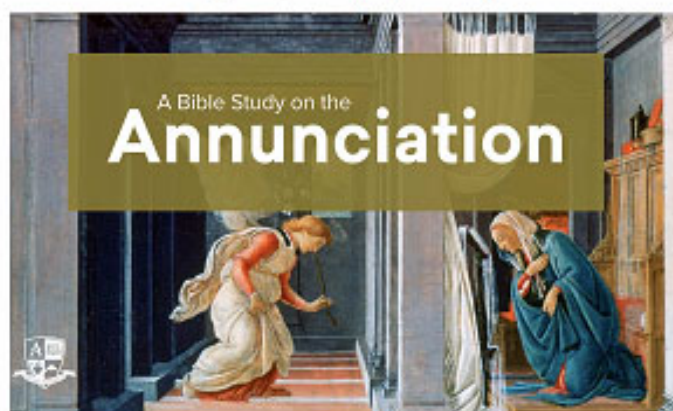
Misconceptions surrounding mental illness can prevent us from responding well to those suffering. This eight-session course explores the realities of mental illness, as well as the need for faith-based conversations about this topic. Featuring stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists.



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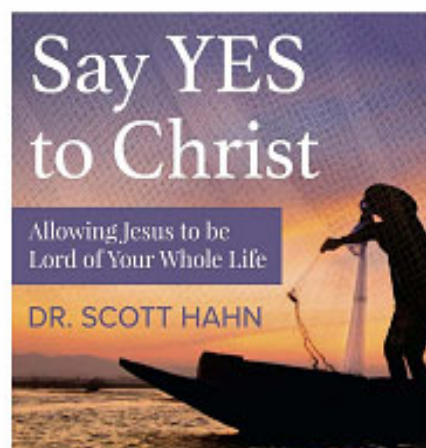
In this video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26-38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.



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SAY YES TO CHRIST: ALLOWING JESUS TO BE THE LORD OF YOUR WHOLE LIFE BY SCOTT HAHN

Mary conformed the entirety of her life to the Divine Will. In doing so, she became the model of perfect discipleship. In this talk, Dr. Scott Hahn discusses why we too should surrender our lives to the Lord.



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