

St Pius X Catholic Church

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Rev. Higinio Garcia, Pastor

Mass Schedule

First Friday 7:00 pm

First Saturday 9:00 am

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am, 11:00 am,
& 12:30 pm (Spanish)

Weekdays 7:30 am

Tuesday through Friday
(except First Friday)

No Mass on Mondays

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 pm
(or by appointment)



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(PSALM 102/103)

Mission Statement

“A Tiny Church with a Big Heart” We, the people of God at St. Pius X Church in Jamul, Seek to live the Christian life by celebrating God’s Word, Living the Eucharist, and reaching out in peace and justice to all of God’s People. We are to build a loving supportive community in Jamul, By listening and sharing with each other. We believe, with God’s grace, the power of Jesus’ example, and the gifts of the Spirit, we will fulfill Christ’s Mission to love one another and establish the Kingdom of God on earth.

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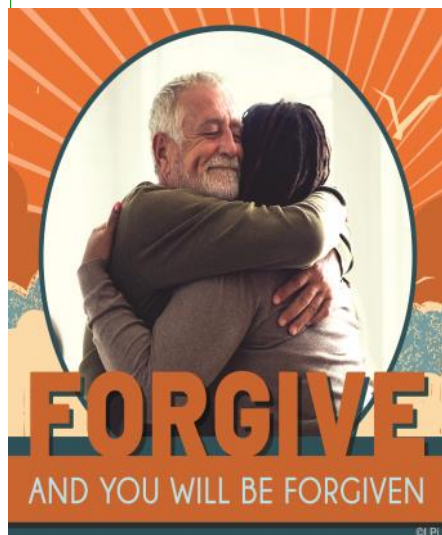
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Gospel Meditation

ENCOURAGE YOURSELF TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage.

After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood. That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid *owed* me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us? We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He *remembers* — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

— Father John Muir —

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The Hateful Things We Hug Tight

At the end of "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King," Gollum fights with Frodo for possession of the One Ring. He wins the fight, but in doing so topples over the edge of the mountain ledge, falling into the cavernous fires of Mount Doom. As he falls, we see him smile, and clutch the ring to his chest. He is happy. He has won what he spent his life pursuing. It is only in the last millisecond before his face slips below the lava that we see his eyes widen in terror as he realizes the truth: the thing he clutches to his heart is the thing that killed him. In choosing the ring, he chooses death. Sin, and the fallen nature of this world, makes us addicted to something that kills us. Like any addiction, it is a vicious cycle. The less we forgive, the more hardhearted we become ... and the less we seek forgiveness ourselves. What breaks the cycle? Reconciliation with God — or, Confession, as we call it. In fact, it does more than break the cycle. It turns it backward. Not only does it detoxify our souls of sin, it weakens our addiction to sin's effects — anger, vengeance, unforgiveness. The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works, said St. Augustine. Ultimately, I view our whole human life as a struggle on the ledge of a mountaintop. It is certain that we will choose sin — we always do. We will tumble over the side, toward ruin. But let us be Frodo, and not Gollum. Let us cling to the rock of the sacraments and accept the hand that would drag us away from the flames. "Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight." — Sirach 27:30 ©LPI

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: Sirach teaches that the Lord desires us to be forgiving and merciful to each other. In doing so, the Lord will show us mercy and forgiveness in return. To whom could you show mercy and forgiveness this week?

Second Reading: Paul instructed the Romans that Jesus was the Lord of all — both the living and the dead. How should this reality impact our daily living?

Gospel: Jesus tells the parable of the unforgiving servant to teach the disciples the importance of compassion and forgiveness, especially toward those who sin against you. How do you deal with friends or co-workers who have wronged you? ©LPI

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ST. PIUS X JAMUL
Meets every Tuesday at 6:30pm
(Fun, Religion and Snacks)



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Every Saturday at 4:00 pm
or by Appointment

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month
at 6:30pm
Contact Olga McInvale at 619.468.9269

CHILDREN'S CRY ROOM
ST PIUS X JAMUL
This room is designated for infants and toddlers accompanied by their parents or guardians. Thank you for reserving this room for their exclusive use.

HEALING MASS
Every three months
on the third Tuesday
at 7:00pm

Coffee and donuts
All are invited to join us for Coffee, Donuts and Fellowship every Sunday!

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Every Thursday
8:30am
—
5:00pm

Photo taken from an open door at St. Pius X Jamul vestibule



Altar flowers are compliments of Bill Hendrickson in memory of his wife Caroline's many years of service to our parish.

DOM Jose Olivares reeducation@stpiusxjamul.com
Faith FORMATION

MOTHER MARY'S LADIES GUILD
Meets 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00pm
Contact Ana Knudsen: ana.knudsen@cox.net

Meets every Monday at 7:00pm (except on Holiday's)
BIBLE STUDY
Contact David Block: p620d124@gmail.com

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GATHERING
Come and join the men of the parish to make new friends and get to know your brothers in Christ.
Meets First Saturday of the month at 7:30am

Knights of Columbus
Meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm
Grand Knight—Joe Coppola
Deputy Grand Knight-Jose Franco

THE YEAR OF GRACE



"For the Beauty of the Earth!"

2nd Annual Season of Creation Youth & Young Adult Visual Art Contest


Submissions due 11:59PM September 24th

- Open to grades 4-12 throughout the diocesan schools and faith formation programs as well as to young adults
- Recognition and cash prizes for the top two places in each age category will be awarded!
- Register at any time, but final submissions of drawings, paintings, or videos in digital form must be received by 11:59PM on Sunday, September 24th.
- Winners will be announced October 1st and will be invited to our Feast of Saint Francis Festival on October 8th to receive their awards.

For more information and registration, go to <https://bit.ly/SOCart2023> or scan:




Last year's 4th-6th winner, Nathaniel O'Berg



OFFICE FOR FAMILY LIFE & SPIRITUALITY

DIVORCE SUPPORT MINISTRY

The Recovering from Divorce program accompanies divorced and separated Catholics. This free ministry is designed to confidentially help participants heal through the light of living their faith. Join us this fall at the Diocesan Pastoral Center (3888 Paducah Drive San Diego, CA 92117).



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October is *Respect Life Month*, and a time to reflect on the sanctity of human life. Throughout this month you can congratulate pregnant women for having said, "Yes to Life," support your local Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC), or sign up for vigil hours during the 40 Days for Life campaign.

Find your local PRC at <https://sd catholic.org/chooselife/> and the 40 Days for Life locations at <https://sd catholic.org/40-days-for-life-campaign/>.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP	
September 10, 2023	
Envelope Giving	\$1,608.00
Plate Giving	\$1,683.00
Online Giving	\$975.81
Total	\$4,266.81
Weekly funds needed for church operations	\$5,000.00
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Readings for the week of September 17, 2023

Sunday:	Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Observances for the week of September 17, 2023

Tuesday:	St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Wednesday:	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
Thursday:	St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Saturday:	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest ©LPI



Daily Prayer for Vocations

Jesus, Lord of the harvest, Look with love on this portion of your vineyard. Bless the Diocese of San Diego with more priests to shepherd your people, Priests with hearts like your own.
Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.
Sunday: Rev. Danilo Valdepenas
Monday: Rev. Jesus Valenzuela Alcantar, FSSP
Tuesday: Rev. Matthew Vasquez
Wednesday: Rev. Albino Vecina, CRSP
Thursday: Rev. Romeo Velos
Friday: Rev. Nelson Vencilao
Saturday: Rev. Thomas Verber, OSA



September 17	Sunday	8:30am	+ Carl Davies Knudsen
September 17	Sunday	11:00am	+ Tom Manzella
September 17	Sunday	12:30pm	For the Parishioners
September 18	Monday	N O	M A S S
September 19	Tuesday	7:30am	+ Fr Mark Beard
September 20	Wednesday	7:30am	(SI) Steve & Denise Espinosa
September 21	Thursday	7:30am	(SI) Joseph Peter Garcia
September 22	Friday	7:30am	(SI) Joseph Peter Garcia
September 23	Saturday	5:00pm	(SI) Cecilia Callahan

WELCOME BACK FAITH FORMATION



BIENVENIDOS FORMACIÓN DE FE

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

We are in need of volunteers for Adoration on Thursdays from 1:00 pm–2:00 pm & 3:00 pm– 4:00 pm
If interested, please contact the Parish Office or Laura Dray.

LIVE THE LITURGY

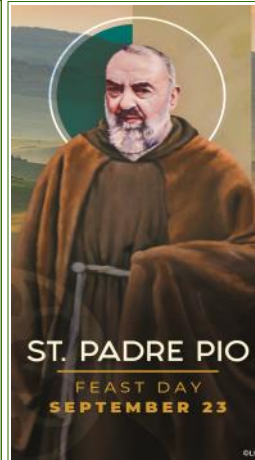
Take some time to reflect on the enormity of what Christ offers us in salvation. Can we find the strength to offer just a fraction of that to our brothers and sisters? ©LPI

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Psychics and Mediums

Question: Are Catholics allowed to visit psychics? Why or why not?

Answer: It's part of human nature to experience some sense of unease and fear about the future. This can lead some people to seek out the services of psychics or consult horoscopes or turn to other occult practices or resources (e.g. Ouija boards or tarot cards). The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear that Catholics should avoid such practices: "Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone" (no. 2116). Despite the uncertainties we might feel, we are called to have faith and trust in God, confident of God's desire for what is best for us. This means that we are called to surrender, to pray and to reflect on how we can best move into the future in hope, knowing that God is with us. ©LPI



St. Pius of Pietrelcina September 23
Best known as Padre Pio, St. Pius was born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. As a young boy he suffered many illnesses including typhoid. He joined Capuchin Franciscans at 15 and took the name of Pius or "Pio" in honor of Pope Pius I. He was ordained in 1910, and at this time he received the marks of stigmata, the wounds of Christ, but they eventually healed. Frequent illnesses continued to plague him as a young man. Padre Pio served in the Italian Medical Corps during World War I, but he was discharged early because of illness, which was likely tuberculosis. He was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo. In 1918, while continuing to serve at the friary, the stigmata appeared again, and this time remained until his death. Many faithful came to see him at the friary, his days were long, beginning with Mass at 5 a.m. then hearing confessions all day with breaks to bless the sick. A simple man, content to do God's will on earth and with the ardent desire to serve the sick and poor in whom he saw Christ, he urged a hospital, Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza (House for the Relief of Suffering), to be built in San Giovanni Rotondo. It opened in 1956. Padre Pio died at the age of eighty-one in 1968 and in 2002 Pope John Paul II proclaimed him "St. Pio of Pietrelcina." ©LPI

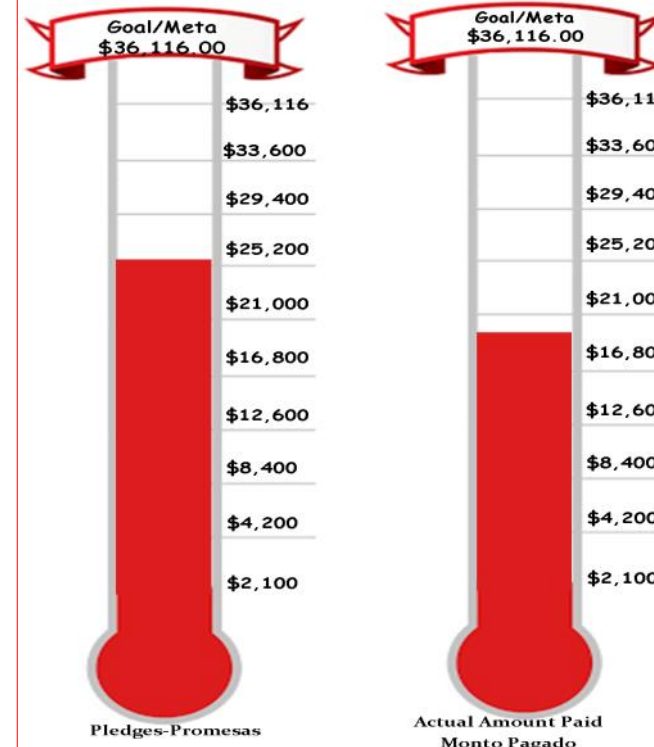
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THE YEAR OF GRACE



St. Pius X Jamul Youth Ministry Calendar September 2023
 Subject to Change

17 Sun	7:30-10:00 AM Youth Serving Breakfast in Keenan Hall, First day of Faith Formation
19 Tues	6:30 PM Youth Gathering in Youth Room (Fun, Religion and Snacks)
26 Tues	6:30 PM Youth Gathering in Youth Room (Fun, Religion and Snacks)-The Chosen

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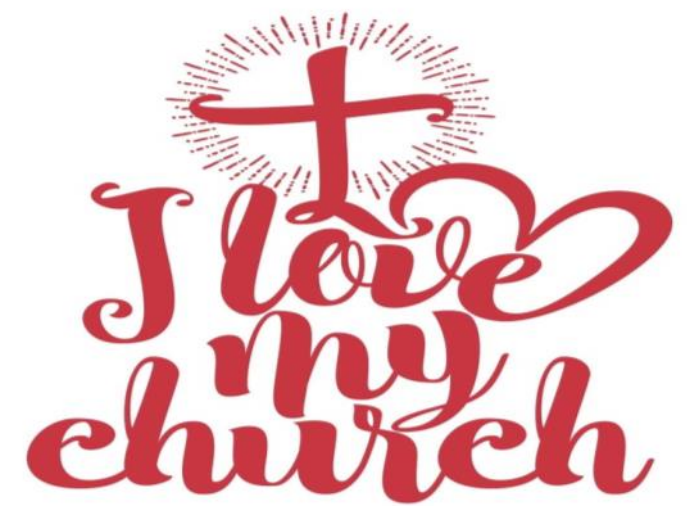
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September, 2023



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