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## MARCH 2, 2025



### 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45

"No hay árbol bueno que produzca frutos malos, ni árbol malo que produzca frutos buenos. El hombre bueno dice cosas buenas, porque el bien está en su corazón, y el hombre malo dice cosas malas, porque el mal está en su corazón, pues la boca habla de lo que está lleno el corazón". - Lc 6, 43. 45

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
**Monday—Thursday: 8am-12pm & 1pm-4pm**  
**Fridays: 9am-12:pm & 1pm- 3pm**  
*(Fridays covered by volunteers with limited service)*  
**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**Sundays:** 8am, 10am (livestreamed)  
 12 noon, 3pm Espanol &  
 4:30pm (1st Sunday of month) French  
**Mon-Fri:** 7:30 am (livestreamed)  
**1st Fridays:** 7:00 pm—Sacred Heart (livestreamed)  
**Saturdays:** 8am (livestreamed) & 5:30 pm (Vigil)  
**Holy Days:** 7:30am (Ls), 6:30pm (Ls) & 7:30pm (Sp)  
**Morning Prayer:** Liturgy of the Hours/ Rosary 7:00 am  
**Confessions: Fridays:** 8 am-9 am  
**Saturdays:** 4pm-5 pm or by appointment  
**Adoration: Fridays:** 8 am-9 am  
**1st Fridays:** 8am-7pm  
**Adoration in the Chapel** (door code required ~call parish office).  
**Devotions:** Divine Mercy Monday-Friday after 7:30 am Mass  
 Our Lady of Fatima/Perpetual Help~1st Saturday  
 Santo Niño~2nd Saturday  
 Divine Mercy~3rd Saturday  
 Saint Padre Pio~4th Saturday  
 Healing Mass & OL of Manaoag ~5th Saturday  
*(All devotions take place following 8:00am Mass)*  
**Baptisms:** In order to make baptismal arrangements contact  
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**Marriages:** In order to make marriage arrangements  
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 prior to marriage date.  
**Funeral Arrangements:** Should be arranged by family,  
 church and mortuary. Normal Christian burial consists of  
 Vigil Service, Holy Mass and Burial in a Catholic Ceme-  
 tery. Any other arrangements should be discussed with parish  
 priest.

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### 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Jesus said in the Gospel of this 8th Sunday, “You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.” None of us wants to be known as a hypocrite for hypocrisy means acting. It’s like we are on stage taking on a character that is different from ourselves. Everything we do is only for a show. We have to fake and pretend ourselves like a story about a little boy who was lost at a large shopping mall. “Mommy, Mommy!” the boy cried. An elderly lady saw him and consoled him. “Come with me,” she said, “and I’ll buy you an ice cream. Then we will look for your Mommy.” A small girl heard this. She approached the boy and whispered, “I know where your Mommy is.” “Shh!” the boy whispered her. “I know where she is, too, but I’ve managed to get two free ice creams this morning, and I want a third!”

That’s called hypocrisy. Jesus is strongly against such a sin. He calls us to take off the mask and become our true self. Jesus wants us to know and to be who we are, a sinner that needs repentance. Yes, we are sinners. And that’s Ok. Pope Francis once said the church is not a museum of saints but a hospital for sinners. Thinking this way helps us remove the wooden beam in our eye and not pinpointing the splinter in our brother’s eye. Meister Eckhart, a great German mystic puts it so well: “You should bother less about what you want to do, and think more about what you want to be because if your being were good then your works would shine forth brightly.” That is so true! We can’t do good deeds unless our being is good. Jesus in the Gospel said the same thing. He invites us to look at ourselves and cultivate to perfect our being, to remove the wooden beam in our eye first before removing the splinter in our brother’s eye. The readings set up a great tone for us to enter Lent. Lent calls us to self-reflect, to be back to the basic to be the best version of ourselves so that we can go make the difference in the world.

### 8º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, Año C

Jesús dijo en el Evangelio de este 8º Domingo: “¡Hipócrita! Saca primero la viga de tu ojo, y entonces verás bien para sacar la paja del ojo de tu hermano”. Ninguno de nosotros quiere ser conocido como hipócrita, porque la hipocresía significa actuar. Es como si estuviéramos en un escenario asumiendo un personaje que es diferente de nosotros. Todo lo que hacemos es solo para un espectáculo. Tenemos que fingir y simular como en una historia sobre un niño pequeño que se perdió en un gran centro comercial. “¡Mami, mami!”, gritó el niño. Una señora mayor lo vio y lo consoló. “Ven conmigo”, le dijo, “y te compraré un helado. Luego buscaremos a tu mami”. Una niña pequeña escuchó esto. Se acercó al niño y le susurró: “Sé dónde está tu mami”. “¡Shh!” el niño le susurró. “Yo también sé dónde está, pero he conseguido dos helados gratis esta mañana, ¡y quiero un tercero!”.

Eso se llama hipocresía. Jesús está firmemente en contra de ese pecado. Nos llama a quitarnos la máscara y convertirnos en nuestro verdadero yo. Jesús quiere que conozcamos y seamos quienes somos, un pecador que necesita arrepentimiento. Sí, somos pecadores. Y eso está bien. El Papa Francisco dijo una vez que la iglesia no es un museo de santos sino un hospital para pecadores. Pensar de esta manera nos ayuda a sacar la viga de madera de nuestro ojo y no a señalar la paja en el ojo de nuestro hermano. Meister Eckhart, un gran místico alemán, lo expresa muy bien: “Deberías preocuparte menos por lo que quieres hacer y pensar más en lo que quieres ser porque si tu ser fuera bueno, tus obras brillarían intensamente”. ¡Eso es tan cierto! No podemos hacer buenas obras a menos que nuestro ser sea bueno. Jesús en el Evangelio dijo lo mismo. Nos invita a mirarnos a nosotros mismos y a cultivarnos para perfeccionar nuestro ser, a sacar primero la viga de nuestro ojo antes de sacar la paja del ojo de nuestro hermano. Las lecturas nos dan un gran tono para entrar en la Cuaresma. La Cuaresma nos llama a la autoreflexión, a volver a lo básico para ser la mejor versión de nosotros mismos para que podamos hacer la diferencia en el mundo.

**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5.**

**Here is Mass schedule: 6:30am Ash Service Only; 7:30am Mass;; 12pm Mass; 4:30pm Mass (CCD– Children ); 6pm Mass; 7:30pm Mass (Spanish).**

**Don’t forget to fast on this day. 1 big meal only and 2 small meals. And no meat of course.**

**Happy Lent!**





## 2025 Lenten & Easter Celebrations

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES DURING LENT

**ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE:** March 5 @ 6:30am (Ash service only); 7:30am Mass; 12pm Mass; 4:30pm Mass (CCD); 6pm Mass; & 7:30pm Mass (Spanish)

**Confessions:** Fridays 8-9 am; Saturdays 4-5 pm and every Tuesday during Lent from 7-8 pm

**Lenten Parish Reconciliation:** April 9 @ 7pm (Bilingual)

**Adorations:** Fridays 8 am– 9 am; First Friday from 8am to 7pm followed by a Mass

**Lenten Study:** Thursdays during Lent starting March 6 @ 7pm in Parish Hall.

**Stations of the Cross:** All Fridays of Lent @ 7 pm & 6:30pm on 1st Fridays & April 11

**Lenten Dinners: On Fridays @ 5:30pm, March 7, 14, 21, & 28; April 4 & 11**

March 16 1:30pm retiro de cuaresma y 3pm Misa en Español with Fr. Ponce

April 5 7pm Spring Dinner Dance in the hall

April 6 7pm Opening Passion Play Performance 1

April 7 & 8 7:00pm Lenten Retreat with Fr. Daniel

*(This event is livestreamed as well on our YouTube Channel)*

April 9 7pm Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service

April 11 7pm Lenten Taize Prayer after Stations of the Cross @ 6:30pm

### HOLY WEEK

April 12- Palm Sunday Vigil 5:30pm Mass; 7 pm Passion Play Performance 2

April 13- Palm Sunday 8am, 10am, 12pm, 3pm (Spanish); 5:00pm Passion Play Performance 3

April 16- Holy Wednesday 6pm—Passion Play Performance 4

April 17 -Holy Thursday 7:30am Morning Prayer/Liturgy of the Hours

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of Feet followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Mid-Night.

April 18 -Good Friday 7:30am Morning Prayer/Liturgy of the Hours

12pm Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross

3:00pm Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross (Spanish)

6:00pm Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross

7:30pm Opening Passion Play Performance 5

### EASTER VIGIL/ EASTER

April 19 -Holy Saturday 8:00am—Morning Prayer/ Liturgy of the Hours

8:00pm Easter Vigil (*livestreamed*)

April 20 -Easter Sunday 7:00am Mass; 8:30am Mass; 10am Mass (*livestreamed*)

12:00pm Mass; 3:00pm Mass – Spanish



### Celebraciones de la Cuaresma y la Pascua para la Comunidad Hispana

Retiro de Cuaresma: 16 de Abril a las 1:30pm y 3:00pm la Misa en Español con Padre Ponce

Confesiones Parroquial de Cuaresma: 9 de Abril a las 7:00pm(sacerdotes en español)

Via Crucis: Todos los Viernes a las 7pm y a las 6:30 el 21 de marzo antes de las misa Guadalupana a las 7pm

Cenas de Cuaresma: Los viernes a la 5:30pm, marzo 7, 14, 21 y 28 Abril 4 y 11.

Jueves Santo: 17 de Abril a las 7:00pm Misa de la Última Cena del Señor y Lavatorio de Pies seguido de Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento hasta media noche.

Viernes Santo: 29 de Marzo a las 3:00pm Liturgia y veneración de la cruz en español.

VIGILIA PASCUAL / PASCUA

Sábado Santo: 19 de abril a las 8:00pm

Domingo de Resurrección: 20 de abril a las 3:00pm Misa en Español



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## ONLINE GIVING

Dearest Parishioners,  
No words can express our gratitude to you for your generous hearts to give your time, talents and treasures, helping us keep our parish up and running smoothly.

- To make your giving easy and convenient, we have created a QR code for your Online Donations
- Once again thank you so much for your generosity. God bless your good hearts. God is good! all the time!

## Lenten Studies

Come and join us for our Lenten Studies this Jubilee Year of Hope. We are going to study the Church history: *A Journey Through Church History* presented by Fr. Thi and friends. The class will take place on Thursdays during Lent at 7pm in the parish hall.

Our first session will be on Thursday March 6 at 7pm.

No need to register. Just show up and enrich our knowledge of faith to welcome the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025.

## Important Items Needed for Lent & Easter

We are looking for donors for Palm leaves used for Palm Sundays and a Easter Candle.

Palm Leaves = \$300

Thank you to those parishioners who are helping to pay for our Palms.

Easter Candle = \$400

Thank you to the generous parishioner who donated the full amount for our Easter Candle.

If you feel called to donate for these items, please contact Fr. Thi

Thank you so much for your generous hearts.

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## Used Palms Collections

We are collecting your used palm leaves from last year to burn to get ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please use can either drop them off at the parish office or at the church vestibule.

### DEANERY 10 RECONCILIATION SERVICE FOR LENT 2025

#### Immaculate Heart of Mary

April 1 @ 7pm

#### St. Anthony

April 3 @ 6:30pm

#### Our Lady Queen of the Word

April 7 @ 7pm

#### Church of the Good Shepherd

April 9 @ 7pm

#### St. Peter Martyr

April 10 @ 7pm

#### Most Holy Rosary

April 11 @ 7pm



**Spring Dinner & Dance Party**

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
3200 HARBOR ST., PITTSBURG, CA

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025  
DOOR OPENS @ 6:30 PM  
\$30 per sperson

Menu: pork belly, chicken, pancit, and many more....  
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Dear All Civilly Married Couples,  
 You might have chosen not to marry in the Church for various reasons. Now, worry no more. Let's get your marriage convalidated! **IT IS ALL FREE O CHARGE!**

We are going to have a group marriage convalidation here in our church on **Saturday, August 23 at 12pm.** To prepare for this celebration, we will have an "on site" marriage preparation session which will take place on

**Saturday, March 15 from 9am to 2pm.**

If you are interested in getting your marriage convalidated in the church, please contact our parish office for registration.

Attention!

We accept only couples that are currently civilly married, and have never been previously married or divorced.

Queridas parejas que están casadas por el civil, tenemos buenas noticias. Tal vez no han tenido la oportunidad de poder casarse por la iglesia. Ahora, no se preocupe más. Tendremos boda comunitaria. **SIN NINGÚN COSTO.** La ceremonia será el **30 de Agosto a la 12:00pm** (en español).

**La clase prematrimonial será el 22 de Marzo de 9:00 a 2:00pm.**

Si están interesados, llamar a la oficina para registrarse y recibir más detalles. Únicamente parejas que están casadas por el civil y que no hayan estado casadas antes o divorciados.

## Come and join us for our Friday's Night Lenten Dinners during Lent every Friday at 5:30pm in the hall.

The first dinner begins on March 7. Menu— Calamari. \$20/ Adult  
 Please contact the parish office to make reservations. 925-432-6404

## The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,  
 may the *faith* you have given us  
 in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
 and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
 in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
 reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
 for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
 into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
 May those seeds transform from within both hu-  
 manity and the whole cosmos  
 in the sure expectation  
 of a new heaven and a new earth,  
 when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
 your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
 reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
 a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread  
 the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
 throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
 be glory and praise for ever. Amen

MICHAEL C. BARDER, S.J.  
 BISHOP OF OAKLAND



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February 10, 2025

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2025 Holy Year Jubilee of Hope. As I mentioned in my previous Letter to the Diocese on January 10, 2025 ([Letter link here](#)), the Presbyteral Council and I met and have arranged the following churches in our diocese as designated pilgrimage sites on specific days where one may obtain the Holy Year Plenary Indulgence.

1. The Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland and Mission San Jose in Fremont are permanently designated sites for each and every day of the Holy Year. Pilgrims may come as individuals, or arrange group pilgrimages with their parish, school, or clubs: Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Knights of Columbus, Confirmation Classes, Divine Mercy, Youth Groups, Legion of Mary, Cursillo & Charismatic Prayer groups, etc.

If you are making a pilgrimage as a group, please contact the Cathedral or Mission San Jose parish offices to make prior arrangements.

2. In order to make the Holy Year pilgrimage indulgence available to as many people as possible, the following churches and chapels in the various regions of the diocese are "Designated Pilgrimage Sites" for one day only:

|                    |  |             |
|--------------------|--|-------------|
| January 19 (Sun)   | Holy Year Opening Mass<br>Cathedral of Christ the Light*<br><a href="http://www.ctlcathedral.org">www.ctlcathedral.org</a> | Oakland     |
| February 7 (Fri)   | St. Bonaventure<br><a href="http://www.stbonaventure.net">www.stbonaventure.net</a>  | Concord     |
| March 7 (Fri)      | Corpus Christi - Region 1 Central<br><a href="http://www.corpuschristipiedmont.org">www.corpuschristipiedmont.org</a>      | Piedmont    |
| April 11 (Fri)     | Mission San Jose*<br><a href="http://www.saintjosephmsj.org">www.saintjosephmsj.org</a>                                    | Fremont     |
| May 13 (Tue)       | Saint Perpetua - Region 2 Northwest<br><a href="http://www.stperpetua.org">www.stperpetua.org</a>                          | Lafayette   |
| June 22 (Sun)      | Monastery of Discalced Carmelite Nuns<br><a href="http://www.carmelofkensington.org">www.carmelofkensington.org</a>        | Kensington  |
| July 3 (Thu)       | Saint Anthony - Region 3 Northeast<br><a href="http://www.stanthonyoakley.com">www.stanthonyoakley.com</a>                 | Oakley      |
| August 1 (Fri)     | Saint Joseph Basilica<br><a href="http://www.sjbalameda.org">www.sjbalameda.org</a>  | Alameda     |
| September 12 (Fri) | Saint Isidore - Region 4 Southeast<br><a href="http://www.sichurch.com">www.sichurch.com</a>                               | Danville    |
| October 7 (Tue)    | Cathedral of Christ the Light*<br><a href="http://www.ctlcathedral.org">www.ctlcathedral.org</a>                           | Oakland     |
| November 7 (Fri)   | Saint Felicitas - Region 5 Southwest<br><a href="http://www.stfelicitaassl.org">www.stfelicitaassl.org</a>                 | San Leandro |
| December 28 (Sun)  | Cathedral of Christ the Light*<br>Holy Year Closing Mass<br><a href="http://www.ctlcathedral.org">www.ctlcathedral.org</a> | Oakland     |

\*The Cathedral and Mission San Jose are planning special Masses and/or services on these days. Although they are designated sites for the entire Holy Year, they are included on this list for convenience.



### MARCH 3 - MARCH 9

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|-----|------------------|---|
| Mon | 7:30am           | Westley Hart ( <i>Birthday</i> )                          |
| Tue | 7:30am           | Lucia Vioria Nepomuceno †<br>( <i>Death Anniversary</i> ) |
| Wed | 7:30am           | Carlos Inductivo †  |
| Thu | 7:30am           | Edmund Aguba † ( <i>40 day Death Ann.</i> )               |
| Fri | 7:30am<br>7:00pm | Hope Stockwell †<br>Sonny Miguel †                        |
| Sat | 8:00am           | The Boyle Family<br>Paul Cotton, Jr.                      |
|     | 5:30pm           | Deceased Members of the<br>Riso Family †                  |
| Sun | 8:00am           | Daniel & Isabella Guzman<br>( <i>11th Birthday's</i> )    |
|     | 10:00am          | Gloria & Tony Giambalvo †                                 |
|     | 12:00pm          | Dr. Eleuterio G. Acosta, Jr. †                            |
|     | 3:00pm           | FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH                              |

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Are now available upon request, by calling or emailing the Parish Office.

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### Weekend of February 23, 2025

**1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 14,198.97**

**2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 2,286.80**

Please help contribute for the smooth operation and good services of our parish. We appreciate your generosity and for making Good Shepherd a part of your family. Also, please remember Good Shepherd when planning your last Will and Testament.

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**DEUTERONOMY 26:4-10**

**ROMANS 10:8-13**

**LUKE 4:1-13**

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

**MARCH 2 - BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

**MARCH 5 - ASH WEDNESDAY**

**MARCH 9 - DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT**



Pilgrimage to Italy, Feb 10-20  
Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi, and Rome.



Our choir members performed in New York.



Soon to be a saint, Carlo Acutis, his canonization will be on April 27, 2025. Saint Carlo, pray for us!

