



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

One Flock, One Family, Living and
Sharing the Love of Christ

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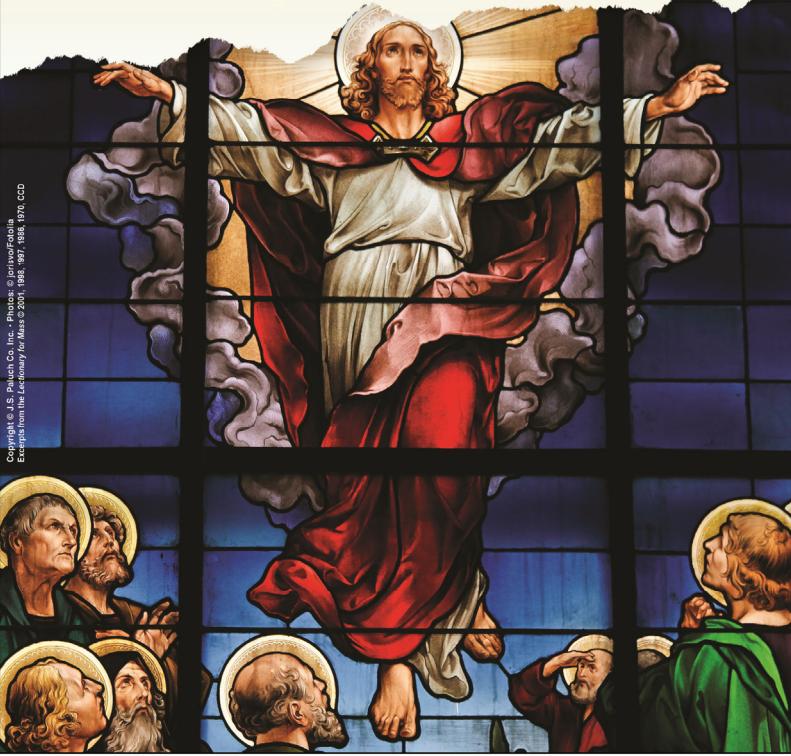
May 24
2020

ASCENSION OF THE

Lord

MEN OF GALILEE, WHY ARE YOU STANDING THERE STARING AT THE SKY? THIS JESUS WHO HAS BEEN TAKEN UP FROM YOU INTO HEAVEN WILL RETURN IN THE SAME WAY AS YOU HAVE SEEN HIM GOING INTO HEAVEN.

Acts 1:11



YouTube
LIVESTREAM

Online Live Stream Mass Schedule. Links are available on our website and our facebook

Monday– Friday

3:00pm

(With the chaplet of Divine Mercy at
2:50pm)

Saturday

8:am and 5:30pm (Vigil)

Sunday

10am; 12:00pm;

3:00pm (Spanish)

Drive through Confession in front of the Church

**Saturdays 4pm– 5pm
or by appointment**

ANOINTING OF THE SICK HOTLINE 510-259-8706 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ASSISTANCE LINE 925-432-6404—Ext. 25

VII Sunday of Easter

The celebration of this last Sunday in Easter Time is special. After realizing that the Lord had returned to the Father, the Apostles, some women, including Mary, the mother of Jesus, and his relatives remained together in a house in Jerusalem. Praying assiduously, they waited for the gift of the Spirit promised by the Lord. Today, we are preparing for the renewal of the grace of Pentecost, which will be celebrated next Sunday.

In every liturgy Christ is present, He is the only high priest who, by the ministry of the Church, convenes and presides over the assembly. He is the one who prays in our midst through his Spirit, which is poured out into our hearts. The Gospel of this Sunday shows Him in the exercise of his priestly function. When it came time to be glorified, surrounded by his disciples, and raising his eyes to heaven, he pronounced a thanksgiving addressed to His Father and prayed for those He left behind in the world. The page of the Gospel according to St. John that we read this Sunday reminds us that whenever we celebrate the Eucharist, we do it with Christ, sitting to the right of the Father.

When we remember the Passover of the Lord, dead and risen, we receive communion in his body, delivered by us, and in the chalice of his blood, shed for the forgiveness of sins. We cannot stop thinking that there are still brothers and sisters in the world today, entire Christian communities, victims of suffering of all kinds, of violent or overlapping persecution in the name of Christ.

Let us pray that his courage, and that of all the persecuted righteous, give glory to God, and that we have the strength and grace to live our daily trials with that same spirit. May the Lord inspire us with words and attitudes that help our neighbor, our suffering friends, in the body or in the spirit.

Deacon Gustavo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1- The Contra Costa Health Services has extended the mandate of shelter in place through the end of May. The parish office will be continue to be physically close until May 31st. We are operating the office virtually through the telephone (925-432-6404), our website www.goodshepherdpittsburg.org, or email at office@goodshepherdpittsburg.org.

All masses are live streamed, but the chapel is available 24 hours a day to provide a place of prayer and solace. Contact us for the code to enter the chapel. We appreciate your understanding in this matter and praying for your health and safety and a swift end to this crisis.

2- Anointing of the Sick Hotline: 510-259-8706. St. Vincent de Paul Assistance Line 925-432-6404 ext. 25

3- Our Youth Confirmation Mass originally scheduled for May 22th is postponed until further notice. The Diocese will let us know the date and we will keep you updated.

4- First Holy Communions originally scheduled for the weekend of April 25-26 are now moved to weekend of June 13th-14th– Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

5- All First Holy Communions scheduled for the month of May are moved to the month of July.

6- Sacraments for RCIA and RCIC Candidates will be tentatively celebrated on the Feast of the Trinity, June 7th at 10am if the circumstance allows us to do so. We will keep you updated if there are any changes.

If you have any question, feel free to contact me at frthihoang@goodshepherdpittsburg.org or 925-432-6404. Ext. 11

With great sadness, I would like to inform you that I just lost my dear brother Van Hoang.

He had a motorcycle accident on the way home from work in the early morning. He was 47 years old. He was my older brother (I have two brothers and three sisters). He was a hard working handy, skillful man. He quit school after 8th grade and helped my parents do farming. As a grown up, he did all kinds of jobs to earn his living. He started out as a farmer, then a fisherman, then a vendor, then a mason (he built his own house), and then a worker in a factory. He was survived by his loving parents (my mom and dad), his two brothers and three sisters, his wife, his two daughters and two grandchildren.

I always feel I owe him a big thank you because in my family, I am the only one who went to college. The rest quit at their young ages to help my parents do farming. He did sacrifice a lot for me. He was a humble, quiet man, but good looking. Some “senior” people said that I am good looking. I would tell them, “Wait until you see my brother.” Lol!

I really miss my brother, especially when I can't be there with my family for his funeral due to Covid-19. Vietnamese government does not allow foreigners to enter the country at this moment. If they do, a strict 14 day quarantine is applied. So please keep my brother, Van Hoang, his wife and his children, in your prayers. I also ask you to pray for my parents, especially my Mom who was just found to have diabetes and now suffers this unexpected loss. It is heart breaking when you have to bury your own child.

My brother's funeral Mass was held on Monday, May 18 (the day of my 7th Anniversary as a priest) at 8 am in Vietnam, which was 6 pm Sunday, in the U.S.

Thank you and God Bless you all, Fr. Thi Hoang

SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER

With mass attendance down due to the Coronavirus, we ask that you consider signing up for Electronic Fund Transfer so that we can keep the parish up and running during this difficult time. EFT is a safe, convenient way to give to the parish even when you are unable to attend mass or you are away on vacation. Simply fill out the bottom portion of this page and return it to the parish office at 3200 Harbor St., Pittsburg, CA 94565 or a form can be mailed or emailed to you. You can also visit our web site at www.goodshepherdpittsburg.org and conveniently donate through the DONATION NOW BUTTON. If neither of these manners of giving suit you, you can mail in your contributions any time you will not be present at mass or place them through the mail slot in the parish office door. Thank you for helping keep our parish afloat during this very difficult time.

Electronic Funds Transfer The Easy Way to Tithe!

**Church of the Good Shepherd offers a FREE tithing option more convenient for many of our members
–Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Program.**
The program has been a great success since we started it several years ago.

- You Tithe No More Than You Normally Do.
 - You Control How You Tithe.
 - You Choose A Tithe Frequency: Weekly, Semi-Monthly, Or Monthly.
 - You Choose When You Want Your Account Debited.

ENROLLMENT IN ELECTRONIC DONATION TRANSFER FOR SUNDAY GIVING

Please enter the amount you wish to give and how often:

\$ Weekly (Transferred every Monday)

\$ Semimonthly (Transferred on 1st & 15th)

\$ Monthly (Transferred on 1st or 15th—indicate preference)

\$ _____ I wish to give this amount electronically weekly for 2nd collections using the same account information.

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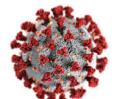
CHECKING ACCOUNT OPTION

Simply attach voided check

I authorize Good Shepherd Church to process entries from my credit card or checking account as noted above. This authority shall remain in effect until I give reasonable notification to terminate this authorization.

COVID-19

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Bishop Barber: "I WILL REOPEN THE CHURCHES FOR MASS WHEN IT IS SAFE TO DO SO."

By Most. Rev. Michael C. Barber, SJ

People are asking me, "Bishop, when are you going to reopen our churches for public Mass?"

I have received many beautiful and respectful emails and letters from our parishioners expressing great longing to go to Mass and receive Our Lord in Holy Communion. One lady approached me in the Cathedral, when we reopened the doors for private prayer following a live-streamed Sunday Mass. Wearing a mask, she went down on her knees and begged me to receive Holy Communion.

My answer: I will reopen the churches for Mass in our diocese when it is safe to do so.

I understand the deep and holy desire to come together to worship the Lord in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and to receive His Body and Blood in the Blessed Sacrament. But I do not want to put people at risk of sickness and even death by unnecessarily exposing them to the coronavirus.

In order to make my decision, I am following the advice of a devout Catholic who is a physician and Rear Admiral in the U.S. Public Health Service. I am also following the advice of the USCCB and the Thomistic Institute, which has assembled a team of experts in medicine, science, public health, and the sacraments and liturgy -- to give guidelines on how to safely administer Holy Communion and the sacraments with minimum risk.

This does not mean we can go back to "business as usual" immediately. We are envisioning a phased approach: limiting attendance, observing social distancing in seating, wearing masks, cleaning pews after each Mass, carefully distributing Holy Communion so as not to touch the communicant, etc. We are also looking at holding Mass outdoors, as they did during the Spanish Flu epidemic of 1918.

When it comes to the political situation, the Catholic bishops of California are working with the Governor's Office in Sacramento. When we last wrote Governor Newsom we advised him it would be very painful for the religious communities of California to witness a recovery process in which large retail stores and office buildings are open in the coming months, yet public worship would still be prohibited, as some recommend. As bishops, we believe this would be unjust and counterproductive to rebuilding California.

On the city and county scene, I am working with an ecumenical coalition of 37 pastors of Protestant churches in Oakland to dialogue with the Mayor and Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

In the meantime, we continue to live stream Sunday and daily Masses. Some pastors are administering Holy Communion outside of Mass, following strict safety guidelines. I participated in a parking lot Sunday service, with Exposition, Liturgy of the Word, homily and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, at Santa Maria Parish in Orinda. We had about 90 cars in the lot, and the parishioners were very appreciative.

Another pastor has commenced First Holy Communion inviting three children and their parents to attend Mass every weekday evening, social distanced, etc. It will take him about six weeks to get through the whole class.

I performed an Ordination to the Diaconate for the Capuchin Franciscan Friars last weekend -- with only 10 in attendance, and live streamed. There are creative things we can do to safely worship God and practice our Faith, until we can fully reopen.

In the meantime, we have postponed our diocesan Ordinations to the Priesthood, originally scheduled for May 29, to Saturday, Sept. 5, at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral. We are postponing the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress from this summer until the Feast of Corpus Christi, June 6, 2021. As of now, we are still planning on ordaining our transitional deacons on Saturday, Aug. 8 -- but it still remains unclear as to how many we can invite to attend.

Just as going to Safeway is essential for the health of our bodies, so going to Mass and Communion is essential for the health of our souls. Health care workers in particular are writing me saying they need to receive Holy Communion to receive the spiritual strength to perform their essential work of saving lives. The charitable work of the Church continues in our St. Vincent de Paul soup kitchens, food pantries, Catholic Charities social work, and Catholic Worker outreach to the homeless. I am pressing for the day when we can safely reopen our churches to engage in divine worship -- so we can love God with the same fervor as we are currently loving our neighbor.

Guarda la fecha! ANUNCIO

Debido al Covid-19, hemos decidido trasladar la celebración de los sacramentos para los Candidatos de RCIC y RCIA a la Trinidad Domingo, el 7 de Junio a las 10:00 pm.

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN UNCIÓN DE LO ALTO- Viernes 7-9pm en las oficinas parroquiales y Sábados de 10:30 am-11:30 am en la Capilla con el Santísimo. Para mas información por favor contactar a **Laura y Alvin Alvarez 925-765-0231**. Si tienes talentos musicales y tocas la guitarra ven acompañalos.

GRUPO ESCUELA DE LA CRUZ Cristo te espera, ven a descubrir su amor divino y su misericordia! te esperamos los Miercoles 7:30pm-8:30pm (Oficina Parroquial). Para más información, por favor comuníquese con **Romeo Gonzalez 925-565-9320**.

EL GRUPO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA -

Miercoles 6pm-7pm en la Capilla y

Jueves 6:30pm-8:30pm, en el salón de la oficina. Para más Información, por favor comuníquese con **Lidia Castañeda 925-705-3045**.

LA VIRGEN PEREGRINA - Las Familias que desean inscribirse después de la Misa para llevarse a la Virgen

ATENCIÓN MONAGUILLOS

Si les gustaría participar en la sagrada Misa y aprender aún más de su FE, comuníquense con **Rebeca & Bulmaro al 925-286-2276**, ellos los guiarán y enseñarán el bello ministerio de ser monaguillos.

ATENCIÓN COMUNIDAD HISPANA

Si algún miembro de la comunidad Hispana **esta interesado en recibir visitas a domicilio o comunión a los enfermos**, por favor comuníquese a la oficina parroquial para hablar con Carmen y establecer este servicio para nuestros miembros enfermos y confinados a casa.

Reflexión de Cuaresma: "Encontrándome con Cristo"

Encontrándome con Cristo, es un proceso de formación espiritual intenso para la Cuaresma buscando una relación personal con Jesús. Esta formación está basada en:

"Si el Ministerio no fluye desde un encuentro personal y de una relación continua con el Señor, entonces, no importa cómo lo ha logrado, ese Ministerio carece de alma vital y fuente necesaria para dar frutos duraderos"

Inscríbase con Carmen en las oficinas o al final de cada Misa con alguno de los facilitadores.

- ♦ **Las cartas del 2019 de donación de impuestos están disponibles llamando a la oficina parroquial al 925-432-6404. por favor, indique si desea recogerla o que se la envíemos por correo.**
- ♦ **¡NUEVO PARA EL 2020!**
Misas trimestrales para la "Unción de los Enfermos" tendrán lugar los Sábados a las 10am, comenzando Agosto 10 y Noviembre 7

VII Domingo de Pascua

La celebración de este último Domingo del Tiempo Pascual es especial. Después de comprender que el Señor había vuelto junto al Padre, los apóstoles, algunas mujeres, entre ellas María, la madre de Jesús y otros parientes suyos permanecieron juntos en una casa de Jerusalén. Orando asiduamente, esperaban el don del Espíritu prometido por el Señor. Hoy, nosotros nos preparamos para la renovación de la gracia de Pentecostés, que se celebrará el próximo domingo.

En toda liturgia Cristo está presente, Él es el único sumo sacerdote que, por el ministerio de la Iglesia, convoca y preside la asamblea. Él es quien ora en medio de nosotros por medio de su Espíritu, que ha derramado en nuestros corazones. El evangelio de este domingo muestra a Jesús en el ejercicio de su función sacerdotal. Cuando llegó la hora de ser glorificado, rodeado de sus discípulos y levantando los ojos al cielo, pronunció una acción de gracias dirigida a su Padre y oró por aquellos que dejaba en el mundo. La página del Evangelio según San Juan que leemos este domingo nos recuerda que siempre que celebramos la Eucaristía lo hacemos con Cristo, sentado a la derecha del Padre.

Cuando hacemos memoria de la Pascua del Señor, muerto y resucitado, comulgamos en su cuerpo, entregado por nosotros, y en el cáliz de su sangre, derramada para el perdón de los pecados. No podemos dejar de pensar que todavía hoy hay en el mundo hermanos y hermanas, comunidades cristianas enteras, víctimas de sufrimientos de todo tipo, de persecuciones violentas o solapadas en el nombre de Cristo.

Oremos para que su valor, y el de todos los justos perseguidos, den gloria a Dios, y para que nosotros tengamos la fuerza y la gracia de vivir con ese mismo espíritu nuestras pruebas cotidianas. Que el Señor nos inspire palabras y actitudes que ayuden a nuestro prójimo, a nuestros amigos que sufren, en el cuerpo o en el espíritu.

Diácono Gustavo

Mass Intentions

May 25-31

3pm Daily Livestream on the Good Shepherd Facebook Page & YouTube

Mon	Mario Alfaro † Birthday of Adelfa Labian-Dabueet In Thanksgiving Fr. Eligio Santos, SBD*
Tue	Isabel Calimbas & All Departed Calimbas Family Members †#
Wed	Virgilio & Primrose Capupus*
Thu	Tomas & Paciencia Baluyut † #
Fri	1st Death Anniversary of Jose Buena † In Thanksgiving Esther Escudero #
Sat	5:30 pm St. Anthony & The Capupus Family Francisco Melquiades & Emilio Santos†#
Sun	10am FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Frances Ferrante Thomas† *
	12 pm 1st Death Anniversary of Jose Buena†#
	3:00pm Hector Bonilla †*

*=Fr. Thi, #=Fr. Christopher

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Please help contribute to the smooth operation and services of our parish, especially during this most difficult time. You can give your donations to any staff member or place in the mail slot in the ministry building door.

We appreciate your generosity and for making Good Shepherd a part of your family.

Fr. Thi

Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**ACTS 2:1-11, 1CORINTHIANS 12:3B-7, 12-13,
JOHN 20:19-23**

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



**THANK YOU
TAMMY VO & FRIENDS FOR THE
WONDERFUL BANH MI FUND RAISER
BENEFITTING OUR PARISH DURING THIS
DIFFICULT TIME.
1,000 SOLD FOR A PROFIT OF OVER \$5,000!
LET'S DO IT AGAIN THIS WEEK WITH
TACOS!**

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Tacos al Pastor Sales



Al pastor, also known as tacos al pastor, is a taco made with spit-grilled pork. It features a flavor palate that combines traditional Middle Eastern spices with those indigenous to central Mexico. Please help us buy and promote this food sales for the support of the church in these difficult times. Thank you!

**ORDER DATE
Order by Friday by 7pm
May 22, 2020
3 Tacos for \$5.00
Cash Only**

PICK UP DATE

Date: Sunday, May 24, 2020

Pick-up Time: 11am-2pm

Place: At the Hall

Church of the Good Shepherd, 3200 Harbor St. Pittsburg, CA 94565

(Net Proceeds benefit
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PLACE ORDER

Place your order via email or call or text (we prefer text to call)

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