



CHURCH OF THE

*Good Shepherd*

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

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*Pentecost*

SUNDAY

MAY 31, 2020



**You Tube**  
**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**

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John 20:22-23

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Too often when we speak about the Holy Spirit, many people assume that some rather deeply emotional and visible experience needs to take place. Too many people think that they have not experienced the power of the Holy Spirit unless they have been made to fall on the ground or to begin speaking a strange language. For many, the Holy Spirit is unknown and often misunderstood.

In our readings today, there are two pictures of the Holy Spirit that clearly reveal God's identity as the third person of the Blessed Trinity who is intimately close in our lives. First, the Holy Spirit as the 'strong mighty wind' that filled the meeting place of the disciples. It means the Holy Spirit is powerful. Where the Spirit is, there also God shows His mighty power. Thus, the Holy Spirit also gives power to our lives. Come to think of it, we ask the Holy Spirit when we need wisdom, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, etc. It is Him whom we look up to during our exams, when we have difficulties and trials, in times of discernment and enlightenment. Furthermore, because of the Holy Spirit, our Church today is full of prophets, apostles, martyrs who are evidences of the power and strength that only God can provide. They show us how to confront our challenges and overcome our obstacles.

Second, the Holy Spirit is a gentle 'breath'. In today's Gospel, Jesus breathed on the disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit." It is this breath that gently blows us into friendship with God – in communion with Him through prayer and worship and service to others. This is the breath that silently blows in our hearts to transform us, heal us and rejuvenate us. It is He who sanctifies, inspires and consoles us and most especially assures us of His love that never leaves us.



In these difficult times, wherein we face so many crises brought about by this pandemic, let us turn to the Holy Spirit for His mighty power to confront this crisis and overcome the problems and trials that surround us. Let us turn to the Holy Spirit to continue to transform us and heal us in the midst of the threat of the coronavirus. And when this is over, let the Holy Spirit continue to guide us, inspire us and sanctify us praising and thanking God in our Church, in our homes and workplaces, and in our community.

*Fr. Chris*

P.S. Traditionally, Pentecost Sunday is also considered as the Birthday of the Church. And so, HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all of us!

P.S.S. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and prayers. Last week, I earned the degree of Master of Theology and Licentiate in Sacred Theology at Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University. My heartfelt gratitude to all of you. Maraming Salamat po!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1- The Contra Costa Health Services has extended the mandate of shelter in place through the end of May. The parish office will continue to be physically closed until May 31st. We are operating the office virtually through the telephone (925-432-6404), our website [www.goodshepherdpittsburg.org](http://www.goodshepherdpittsburg.org), or email at [office@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto: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](mailto:frthihoang@goodshepherdpittsburg.org) or 925-432-6404. Ext. 11

***WHAT ARE YOU DOING DURING THIS TIME OF QUARANTINE TO INCREASE YOUR FAITH?***

Father Thi has made available to us one of the most revolutionary multi-media resources for our faith available today. [Formed.org](http://Formed.org) is a wide and deep resource with readings – books, articles, blogs, videos – full-length feature films of the Saints, Christ, documentaries, TV shows and talks, educational videos, teaching and catechetical videos, lessons, multi-part devotionals, Bible and topical studies, video, and audio podcasts, breath-taking art from around the world, You can watch, listen to audiobooks and audio dramas, fiction and nonfiction on your computer, tablet, or smartphone. [Formed.org](http://Formed.org) offers a wealth of resources for youth as well. As a member of our parish family, we have paid for your subscription. Simply go to <http://goodshepherdpittsburg.formed.org> and register or go to our parish website at [goodshepherdpittsburg.org](http://goodshepherdpittsburg.org), click on the tab – FORMED - and get started. FREE.

Go ahead, satisfy your hunger to know and love your “real” Father. Learn your roots and all your other brothers and sisters – the Saints. Moses pleads for us to know the “House Rules” and someday Jesus, the “head of the church,” may give you a pop-quiz. Now you have a terrific resource to learn and know about your family – God’s Family. Take advantage of it today by registering and start what will be your greatest adventure.



**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](http://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.

**CREDIT CARD OPTION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card Type \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

**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**

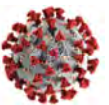
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**We appreciate your understanding in this matter and praying for your health and safety and a swift end to this crisis.**



Con demasiada frecuencia cuando hablamos del Espíritu Santo, muchas personas asumen que es necesario tener una experiencia bastante profunda emocional y visible. Demasiadas personas piensan que no han experimentado el poder del Espíritu Santo a menos que se les haya hecho caer al suelo o para comenzar a hablar un idioma extraño. Para muchos, el Espíritu Santo es desconocido y a menudo incomprendido.

En nuestras lecturas de hoy, hay dos imágenes del Espíritu Santo que revelan claramente la identidad de Dios como la tercera persona de la Santísima Trinidad que está íntimamente cerca en nuestras vidas. Primero, el Espíritu Santo como el "fuerte viento poderoso" que llenó el lugar de encuentro de los discípulos. Significa que el Espíritu Santo es poderoso. Donde está el Espíritu, también Dios muestra su poderoso poder. Por lo tanto, el Espíritu Santo también da poder a nuestras vidas. Pensándolo bien, le pedimos al Espíritu Santo cuando necesitamos sabiduría, comprensión, conocimiento, fortaleza, etc. Es Aquel a quien volvemos nuestra mirada al tomar nuestros exámenes, cuando tenemos dificultades y pruebas, en tiempos de discernimiento e iluminación. Además, gracias al Espíritu Santo, nuestra Iglesia de hoy está llena de profetas, apóstoles, mártires que son evidencias del poder y la fuerza que sólo Dios puede proporcionar. Nos muestran cómo enfrentar nuestros desafíos y superar nuestros obstáculos.

Segundo, el Espíritu Santo es un suave 'respiro'. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús respiró sobre los discípulos: "Reciban el Espíritu Santo." Es este aliento el que suavemente nos lleva a la amistad con Dios, en comunión con él a través de la oración, la adoración y el servicio a los demás. Este es el aliento que sopla silenciosamente en nuestros corazones para transformarnos, sanarnos y rejuvenecernos. Es Aquel que nos santifica, nos inspira y nos consuela y sobre todo nos asegura su amor que nunca nos deja.

En estos tiempos difíciles, en los que nos enfrentamos a tantas crisis provocadas por esta pandemia, volvamos nuestra mirada al el Espíritu Santo en busca de su poderoso poder para enfrentar esta crisis y superar los problemas y las pruebas que nos rodean. Volvamos nuestra mirada al Espíritu Santo para que el siga transformándonos y sanándonos en medio de la amenaza del coronavirus. Y cuando esto termine, que el Espíritu Santo nos siga guiando, inspirándonos y santificándonos alabando y agradeciendo a Dios en nuestra Iglesia, en nuestros hogares y lugares de trabajo, y en nuestra comunidad.

P. Chris

P.D. Tradicionalmente, el Domingo de Pentecostés también se considera como el Cumpleaños de la Iglesia. Y así, FELIZ CUMPLEAÑOS a todos nosotros!

P.S.S. Me gustaría aprovechar esta oportunidad para agradecerles a todos por su apoyo y oraciones. La semana pasada, obtuve el grado de Maestría en Teología y Licenciatura en Teología Sagrada en la Escuela Jesuita de Teología de la Universidad de Santa Clara. Mi más sincera gratitud a todos ustedes. Maraming Salamat po!



**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 comunícate 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 comuníquense 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”*

Inscríbese 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 enviemos 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**



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## SUNDAY

MAY 31, 2020

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### THE SPIRIT MOVES US

Today we celebrate Pentecost, the day when the Holy Spirit was given by Jesus and received by the disciples. The readings from Acts and the Gospel of John offer accounts of that day while First Corinthians offers an analysis of the many gifts that resulted from the infusion of the Holy Spirit. The psalm and the sequence read today are filled with praise for the work of the Spirit. Today represents a culmination of all the difficult days that have gone before, the triumph of Holy Thursday, the death and despair of the Cross, the astonishing Resurrection, and the appearances of a familiar but transformed Jesus to his disciples. It represents the pivotal transition for the disciples from people of uncertainty and fear to people of commitment and action. The Spirit moves the disciples and moves us as well.

### SAFETY IN NUMBERS

The apostles and all the believers in Jesus have been through a tumultuous time. They have experienced the heights of Holy Thursday and the depths of Good Friday, the uncertainties of Easter Sunday, and the multiple appearances of Jesus after his death and resurrection. They have not recognized Jesus, and when they have, they have demanded reassurance from him. Throughout most of this time they have stayed together. Acts describes them all in one place, together, when wind fills the house and tongues of fire rest on each of them. They then find themselves able to communicate with and be understood by those who had not understood them. Everyone recognizes this as a mighty act of God. John reminds us and the disciples that receiving the Spirit brings with it peace and the need for action. They receive the Spirit so they can be sent into the world to forgive sins.

### ACTION IN THE SPIRIT

When our world has been turned upside down, when we are faced with uncertainties about what is real, when we are unsure about what lies ahead for us, when we don't know what we should do next, we do not want to be alone. Neither did the apostles and all those who loved Jesus. They wanted to be together when they needed to make sense of what was happening to them and what was going to be asked of them. There is safety in numbers but neither the apostles nor we can remain huddled together. The Spirit requires that we act. All the manifestations of the Spirit are given in order to benefit us and our world. The many different gifts given by the Spirit demand that we do many kinds of work, many forms of service. But we do not work alone. The Spirit is always with us.

### TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:1-11  
 Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34  
 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13  
 John 20:19-23

## Mass Intentions

June 1-7

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

- Mon** Capupus Family  
**Tue** Peter Dong †  
**Wed** Carlos Bustillos †  
**Thu** In Thanksgiving Auza Family &  
Fr. Ernesto Santos, SBD †  
**Fri** Francisco Melquiades & Birthday of  
Felina Masalinto †  
**Sat** 5:30 pm Manuel Aniban, Ronald Miller &  
Death Anniversary of Anthony  
Calceta †  
**Sun** 10am De Martino Family &  
Living & Deceased Members of  
The Bergholtz Family †  
 12 pm Death Anniversary of  
Tony Cabasaan †  
 3:00pm FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

## 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

**EXODUS 34:4B-6, 8-9, 2 CORINTHIANS  
13:11-13, JOHN 3:16-18**

## NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE**





Thank you very much to the Spanish Ministry, especially Uncion Del Altar—Charismatic Prayer Group and everyone who helped with last weekend's taco fund raiser and to all who participated! We made a net profit of \$2,640.00.  
MUCHOS GRACIAS! God Bless us all.



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## PANCIT & ADOBO SALE



**Pancit** is a staple Filipino dish consisting of stir-fried noodles with meat and vegetables: carrots, onions, garlic, and cabbage. ...

**Chicken Adobo** is a Filipino dish made by braising *chicken* legs (thighs and/or drumsticks) in a sauce made up of vinegar, soy sauce, garlic, and black pepper. It's tangy, salty, garlicky, slightly sweet, and spicy. The *chicken* is slowly simmered in the sauce making it flavorful and incredibly tender.

### ORDER DATE

Order by Friday by 7pm  
May 29, 2020

**Pancit, Adobo and Rice  
for \$5.00**

We accept cash or check made payable  
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### PICK UP DATE

**Date: Sunday, May 31, 2020**

**Pick-up Time: 11am-2pm**

**Place: At the Hall**

### PLACE ORDER

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

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925-207-9836

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