



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

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

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The Parish Office is physically closed due to the pandemic. Our staff is working virtually from home. Email works best this week while our phone system is being upgraded.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Monday- Friday

7:30am in the Garden- No livestream

Saturday

8:00am in the Garden- No livestream

5:30pm Vigil – Livestream Only

Sunday

8:00am (in the garden)- livestream

10:00am (in the garden)- livestream

12pm (Spanish) - Livestream Only

Communion

Drive through communion after each Mass
in front of the church.

Adoration

Fridays 8am– 9am in the garden

Confession

Fridays 8am-9am in the garden

Saturdays 4:00pm – 5:00pm

or by appointment

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2020

Thus says the Lord:

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!

You who have no money,

come, receive grain and eat;

Come, without paying and without cost,

drink wine and milk!

Isaiah 55:1

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Dearest Good Shepherd's Flock,

The Gospel of this 18th Sunday, Year A, tells us Jesus feeds five thousand people with five loaves and two fish. But he didn't just produce bread from thin air to feed the crowd. He made a miracle out of 5 loaves and two fish provided by the disciples.

By saying to his disciples, "*give them something to eat,*" Jesus wants us to teamwork with him because we can't go to heaven by just calling the name of Lord, but by doing something good for others. God needs our "five loaves and two fish" in order to perform the amazing miracle of feeding the five thousand.

Too often we think that giving our lives to God is like taking a \$1,000 bill and laying it on the altar, saying, "Here's my life, Lord. I'm giving it all to you." But the truth of the matter is that God sends us to the bank and tells us to cash that \$1,000 bill for quarters. And then we go through life, giving away twenty-five cents here, fifty cents there, and so on. We are called to reach out to others in need. Instead of watching a ball game, we spend some time visiting a lonely person in a nursing home who has no family. Instead of drinking coffee and reading the newspaper, we get dressed and go to teach Sunday school. Instead of playing games on the computer, we listen to a friend who wants to tell us about her problems, even though we're tired and have problems of our own to deal with.

These are the moments in which the grace of God can work through us to help others, to feed the hunger of the heart and spirit. They may not be spectacular miracles, but these are the things we can do to bring meaning and significance to our lives. As individuals, as communities and as a world, we suffer all kinds of hunger – for food, for love, for peace. God is able and willing to satisfy all our hungers. But God is waiting for us who believe enough to give up our lunch pack, our "five loaves and two fish" which God needs to make the miracle possible.

Together with God's help we go out to heal the world as a song says: *Heal The World. Make It A Better Place For You And For Me, And The Entire Human Race. There Are People Dying. If You Care Enough For The Living, Make A Better Place For You And For Me. Amen!*

Blessings,

Fr. Thi Hoang

**HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY TO FR. CHRIS WHO
CELEBRATED TURNING ?? ON JULY 30TH!
(Hint: It starts with a 4 and ends with a 4)
PLEASE BE SURE TO WISH HIM WELL AND KEEP HIM IN
YOUR PRAYERS.**



Shepherd's Closet Procedure During Covid-19

Due to the Covid-19 virus, Shepherd's Closet will continue to be closed until further notice. We will only be available in emergency situations. If you need help, you can call Ann and Bill Abitz at (925) 432-3995. Leave your name, phone number and a short message, and we will get back to you as soon as we can.



Shepherd's Closet Supporters

We, at Shepherd's Closet, sincerely appreciate your many donations of food, clothes, diapers, etc. Because we will remain closed until the pandemic is over, we ask you not to bring any donations to the church. Our trailers are full, and there is no place for any more items (big or small). If you want to continue helping us during this crisis, we will still accept monetary donations. If you can, please mark your donation, "Shepherd's Closet," on the memo line of your check. This donation should not take the place of your regular donation, but be an addition to it. Thank you!

Announcements updated July 30

Monday to Friday Masses are held in the Garden at 7:30am. **No livestream.**

Saturday: 8am in the garden— No livestream
5:30pm Vigil - Livestream Only

Sunday: 8am in garden and livestream
10am in the garden and livestream
12pm Spanish – Livestream Only

You still need to sign up to go to 8am and 10am Masses in the garden on our website at www.goodshepherdpittsburg.org. There are now 200 seats available for each of these two masses.

The Parish Office continues to operate remotely.

The Parish phone system is now up and running! Give us a call if you need anything. We are here to serve you. Just leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible as we are now receiving phone messages directly to our emails.

We are selling Banh Mi- Vietnamese Sandwiches TODAY. Please help buy and promote our fundraisers so we can collect some money to build the fence to prevent vandalism on our property. Thank you so much for your support.

Drive through communion after the Mass in front of the church for those who attend the Mass online.

Baptisms/ Weddings/Quinceaneras/Funerals are still ON schedule. They will be held in the garden with 100 person limit.

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.

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.

FROM THE CHAPEL

The Chapel has been temporarily closed due to coronavirus restrictions.

We will keep you updated in the bulletin of a re-opening date.

For Questions: Call Bill Abitz at 925-872-5852

Anuncios

Las misas en inglés de lunes a viernes serán en el Jardín a las 7:30am. No habrá transmisión virtual en vivo.

Las misas de fin de semana serán así:

Sábados en inglés: 8am en el jardín y 5:30pm la Vigila,
Transmisión virtual en vivo

Domingos en inglés: 8 y 10 am en el jardín con transmisión
virtual en vivo

Usted todavía necesita registrarse para ir a las misas de las
8am y 10am en el jardín en nuestro sitio web.

En español: La Misa de las 3pm se mueve temporalmente a
las 12m con transmisión virtual en vivo. Comenzando con
el próximo domingo 26 de julio hasta nueva orden.

Compartiremos la Sagrada Comunión después de la Misa en el
frente del templo en sus carros.

Todas las misas de la Primera Comunión y confesiones previs-
tas para julio se posponen hasta nuevo aviso.

Los bautismos, matrimonios y quinceañeras se seguirán ha-
ciendo en el jardín en los horarios programados.

La oficina parroquial está cerrada hasta nuevo aviso. Nuestro
personal está trabajando desde casa a través de correos elec-
trónicos.

Los teléfonos de la parroquia tienen problemas. Estamos ac-
tualizando un nuevo sistema. Le agradecemos su paciencia.
Mientras tanto, estamos operando la oficina a través de sitio
web y correo electrónico. Esperamos que estén funcionando
para el 27 de julio por la tarde.



Querido Rebaño del Buen Pastor,

El Evangelio de este Decimoctavo Domingo del Año A nos dice que Jesus alimenta a cinco mil personas con cinco panes y dos peces. Pero no solo produjo pan de la nada para alimentar a la multitud. Realizo un milagro con 5 panes y dos peces proporcionados por los discípulos.

Al decirles a sus discípulos: "denles algo de comer", Jesus quiere que trabajemos en equipo con El porque no podemos ir al cielo simplemente llamando el nombre del Señor, sino haciendo algo bueno por los demás.

Dios necesita nuestros "cinco panes y dos peces" para realizar el asombroso milagro de alimentar a los cinco mil.

Demasiado a menudo pensamos que dar nuestras vidas a Dios es como tomar un billete de \$1,000 y ponerlo en el altar, diciendo: "Aqui esta mi vida, Señor. Te lo doy todo". Pero la verdad del asunto es que Dios nos invita al banco y nos dice que cobremos esa factura de \$1,000 por trimestres. Y luego pasemos por la vida, regalando veinticinco centavos aqui, cincuenta centavos alla, y asi sucesivamente. Estamos llamados a alcanzar a otros que lo necesitan. En lugar de ver un juego de pelota, pasamos un tiempo visitando a una persona solitaria en un hogar de ancianos que no tiene familia. En lugar de tomar cafe y leer el periodico, nos vestimos y vamos a enseñar en la escuela dominical. En lugar de jugar juegos en la computadora, escuchemos a una amiga que quiere contarnos sobre sus problemas, a pesar de que estamos cansados y tenemos nuestros propios problemas.

Estos son los momentos en los cuales la gracia de Dios puede obrar a traves de nosotros para ayudar a otros, alimentar el hambre del corazon y el espíritu. Puede que no sean milagros espectaculares, pero estas son las cosas que podemos hacer para dar sentido y significado a nuestras vidas. Como individuos, como comunidades y como mundo, sufrimos todo tipo de hambre: por comida, por amor, por paz. Dios puede y esta dispuesto a satisfacer todas nuestras hambrunas. Pero Dios nos esta esperando que creamos lo suficiente como para renunciar a nuestro paquete del almuerzo, nuestros "cinco panes y dos peces" que Dios necesita para hacer posible el milagro.

Junto con la ayuda de Dios, salimos a sanar el mundo como dice una cancion: Sana al Mundo. Haz que sea un lugar mejor para ti y para mi, y para toda la raza humana. Hay gente muriendo. Si se te preocupas lo suficiente por la vida, hazlo un lugar mejor para Ti y para Mi. Amen!

Bendiciones,

Fr. Thi Hoang

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](https://goodshepherdpittsburg.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, breathtaking 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](https://goodshepherdpittsburg.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, 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.

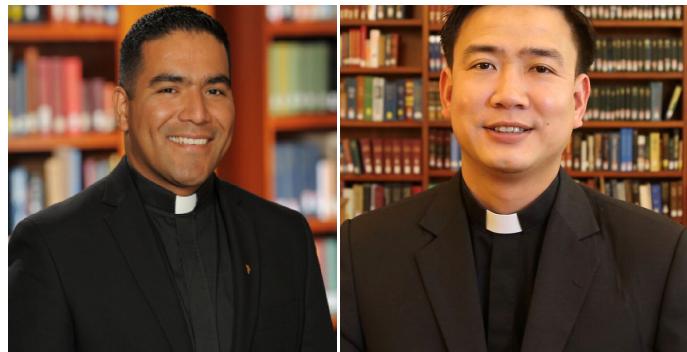


We are so honored and privileged to host the Diaconate Ordination Mass here at our church on August 8 at 8:30am.

Due to the Covid– 19 shutdown, Bishop Barber has asked if he could use our Garden for this special event. We are blessed to have such a beautiful garden and we are happy to share it with our Diocese in times of need.

There will be two Seminarians receiving the diaconate ordination on that day.

Mr Huong Dinh (Vietnamese) and Mr. Candelario Jimenez (Hispanic). We congratulate them and we pray for their faithfulness to the vocation and to be good and holy priests.



Candelario Jimenez

Huong Dinh

Mass Intentions

Aug 3-9

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Mon	7:30 am	Birthday of Lawrence Natividad
Tue	7:30 am	Birthday of Pamela Alfaro
Wed	7:30 am	Birthday of Paige Natividad
Thu	7:30 am	Birthday of Nicole Natividad
Fri	7:30 am	Birthday of Fidela Gandola
	7:00 pm	Faustino Cruz †
Sat	8:00 am	Anna & Joseph Nugyen † Fidel & Amelia Martinez †
Sat	5:30 pm	Anna Tran †
Sun	8:00 am	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
	10 am	Anthony Giambalvo † Emiglio & Anastacia Llorente †
	12 Noon	All Souls in Purgatory

*=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

**1 KINGS 19:9A, 11-13A, ROMANS 9:1-5
MATTHEW 14:22-33**

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

YOUTH FORMATION



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Bánh Mì- SALE



Bánh Mì - Combo + Water

Please help buy and promote this Banh Mi sale so we can raise some fund to build up the fence to prevent vandalisms in our church properties. Thank you so very much for your support..



Bánh Mì –Grilled Pork + Water

ORDER DATE
Order by Friday
July 31, 2020

We accept cash or check made payable to Church of the Good Shepherd

*Net Proceeds benefit
Church of the Good Shepherd*

PICK UP DATE

Date: Sunday, August 2, 2020

Pick-up Time: 9:30am –1pm

Place: At the Hall

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

PLACE ORDER

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

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