



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

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

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Nineteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 9, 2020

Peter said to Jesus,
"Lord, if it is you,
command me to come to you on the water."

Matthew 14:28

Christ Summoning Saint Peter
to Walk on the Water, after 1627
After Giovanni Lanfranco, Italian, 1562-1647
Chicago Institute of Art (CIC)

The Parish Office is operating virtually during the pandemic. We will answer your phone calls and emails as soon as we possibly can. Our telephone system is now up and running! Thank you for your patience.

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

What's our attitude when we are confronted with trials, problems, crises or storms of life buffet us? Would we be scared like Peter in today's Gospel? What do you think is going on in the mind of Peter at that time?

In today's gospel the disciples are terrified of the storm even if they are seasoned fishermen. They are more terrified when they see a ghost! Worst of all, they even consider Jesus a ghost. But when Jesus tells them that it is He, St. Peter wants to walk on the water with Jesus. He is already taking a few steps when suddenly he notices that he starts to sink. He starts to sink because when instead of focusing on himself getting to Jesus, he focuses on the wind. He starts to sink when his attention is not on Jesus, but on the strong wind. He looks down instead of looking up to God. This is also what happens to us when we focus less on Jesus and more on our problems and difficulties.

Whether we are in a serious financial problem, a life-threatening sickness, a floundering business, an unjust treatment at home or at work, or a pandemic like we have right now, God allows these disturbances to strengthen our faith in Him. When things get stormy in life, I believe that God is asking us to trust in Him. Amid the pandemic where fear is present here and there because of the invisible enemy, the corona virus, God is telling us not to lose our focus on Him. This is the time that we have to fix our eyes not on the crisis, not on the storms, but on Jesus.

In the Gospel, Peter lacked faith and he began to sink. However, the beauty of it is that at the moment of his fear of the storm and the wind, at the moment of his failure, he still got up and did not lose hope. He called on to Jesus to save him. When we fail, fall into sin or are overwhelmed by the storms in life, we should not walk away from God but rather strive to change and be converted for God.

Let us not doubt our Lord in times of trials and problems. Times of problems and pains are the occasion for us to focus our attention on Jesus. Sometimes the Lord calms the storm. Sometimes also He lets the storm rage and calms His child. So, look up to God. Don't look up at the storm. Stay focused on Jesus. Let us remember that in every crises, in every storm that shakes our heart, there is always an invitation of Jesus, "It is I, do not be afraid!"

In every trial and trouble that disturbs us, in every problem that gets in the way, Jesus is always there for us watching us, walking towards us, lifting us up by His hand and working miracles for us. May we put our faith in Jesus, be not afraid and remain focused on Him, especially in these difficult times of pandemic, in the midst of the storms of our lives.

Fr. Chris

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

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.

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 previstas para julio se posponen hasta nuevo aviso.

Los bautismos, matrimonios y quinceañeras se seguirán haciendo 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 electrónicos.

Los teléfonos de la parroquia tienen problemas. Estamos actualizando 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.

Cuál es nuestra actitud cuando nos enfrentamos a pruebas, problemas, crisis o tormentas de la vida? ¿Tendríamos miedo como Pedro en el Evangelio de hoy? ¿Qué crees que le pasa a Peter en ese momento?

En el Evangelio de hoy, los discípulos están aterrorizados por la tormenta, incluso si son Pescadores experimentados. ¡Están más aterrorizados cuando ven un fantasma! Lo peor de todo es que incluso consideran a Jesús, un fantasma. Pero cuando Jesús les dice que es Él, San Pedro quiere caminar sobre el agua con Jesús. Ya está dando algunos pasos cuando de repente se da cuenta de que comienza a hundirse. Comienza a hundirse porque cuando en lugar de enfocarse en Jesús, se enfoca en el viento. Comienza a hundirse cuando su atención no está en Jesús sino en el fuerte viento. Él mira hacia abajo en lugar de mirar a Dios. Esto también es lo que nos sucede cuando nos enfocamos menos en Jesús y nos enfocamos más en nuestros problemas y dificultades.

Ya sea que estemos en un problema financiero grave, una enfermedad que pone en peligro la vida, un negocio inestable, un tratamiento injusto en el hogar o en el trabajo, o una pandemia como la que tenemos en este momento, Dios permite que estos disturbios fortalezcan nuestra fe en Él. Cuando las cosas se vuelven tormentosas en la vida, creo que Dios nos está pidiendo que confiemos en Él. En medio de la pandemia donde el miedo está presente aquí y allá debido al enemigo invisible, el coronavirus. Dios nos está diciendo que no perdamos nuestro enfoque en Él. Este es el momento en que debemos fijar nuestros ojos no en la crisis, no en las tormentas, sino en Jesús.

En el Evangelio, Pedro carecía de fe y comenzó a hundirse. Sin embargo, la belleza de esto es que en el momento de su miedo a la tormenta y al viento, en el momento de su fracaso, todavía se levantó y no perdió la esperanza. Llamó a Jesús para que lo salvara. Cuando fallamos, caemos en el pecado o somos abrumados por las tormentas de la vida, no debemos alejarnos de Dios, sino esforzarnos por cambiar y convertirnos para Dios.

No dudemos de nuestro Señor en tiempos de pruebas y problemas. Los tiempos de problemas y dolores son la ocasión para que centremos nuestra atención en Jesús. A veces el Señor calma la tormenta. A veces también deja que la tormenta se enfurezca y calma a su hijo. Entonces, mira a Dios. No mires a la tormenta. Mantente enfocado en Jesús. Recordemos que en cada crisis, en cada tormenta que sacude nuestro corazón, siempre hay una invitación de Jesús: "¡Soy yo, no tengas miedo!"

En cada prueba y problema que nos perturba, en cada problema que se interpone en el camino, Jesús siempre está ahí para que nos mire, camine hacia nosotros, nos levante de la mano y haga milagros para nosotros. Que podamos poner nuestra fe en Jesús, no tener miedo y permanecer enfocados en Él, especialmente en estos tiempos difíciles de pandemia, en medio de las tormentas de nuestras vidas.

Padre Chris

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, 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](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, 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.

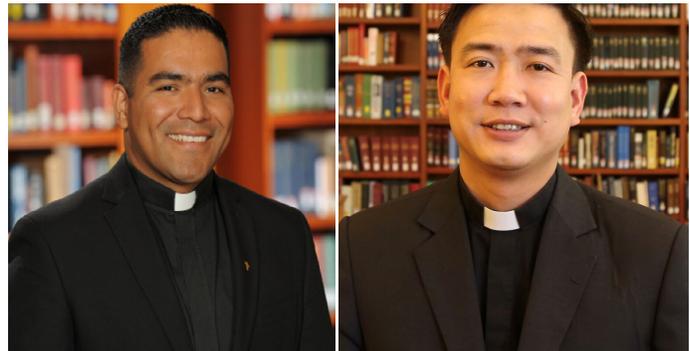


We are so honored and privileged to host the Diaconate Ordination Mass here at our church on August 8 at 8:30am.

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 10-16

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Mon	7:30 am	7 Year Death Anniversary of Rui-Jose V. Fernandez † #
Tue	7:30 am	Romeo De Guzman † *
Wed	7:30 am	Norma Borromeo #
Thu	7:30 am	Death Anniversary of Herbert Roberts † *
Fri	7:30 am	Birthday of Roice Natividad#
Sat	8:00 am	Barbara Franger † 7 Year Wedding Anniversary Rosario & Oliver Kellow #
Sat	5:30 pm	Birthday of Maria Bustillos *
Sun	8:00 am	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH #
	10 am	Sancho Alesna Sr. † Frances Ferrante Thomas † *
	12 Noon	Gladys Mosca de Alvarez † *

*=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

**ISAIAH 56:1, 6-7, ROMANS 11:13-15, 29-32,
MATTHEW 15:21-28**

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

HYMN BOOKS & MUSIC LICENSES

A **BIG** thank you to everyone who took orders, worked and supported our Bánh Mi fund raiser last Sunday. It was another

GREAT success.

We netted a little over \$3,000!



DONATIONS REQUEST TO BUY TWO TENTS FOR THE GARDEN

With the spiking of the Covid-19 everyday, it seems like we will continue to have Masses in the garden for at least few more months. For this reason, we have decided to buy two more tents to accommodate the needs of the Mass goers. After the pandemic these tents will be very useful for us at our Flock Parties and other outdoor parish events.



*Outdoor 20 Ft. W x 20 Ft. D Steel Party Tent
Cost is \$429 each*

We are reaching out to you to see if you can donate to the purchase of these tents. Thank you so very much for your generous hearts! God bless you all. Fr. Thi

INCOME FOR JULY, 2020

Plate Collections	\$ 44,601
Catholic Voice	65
Unrestricted Donations	2,235
Restricted Donations	1,177
Parish Events (Covid Food Sales)	3,105
Ministry Income	1,460
Diocesan Interest	2
Other income	1,376
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 54,021

EXPENSES FOR JULY, 2020

Administration	\$ 26,912
Parish Property	10,759
Rectory Living	1,611
Priests	6,190
Liturgy & Music	6,602
Children, Youth & Adult Formation/CYO	1,214
Other Ministries	100
Parish Events	0
Depreciation	2,238
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 55,625

MONTH RECAP

INCOME	\$ 54,021
EXPENSES	\$ 55,626

INCOME OVER EXPENSES AT MONTN END:
\$1,605

