

CHURCH OF THE

*Good Shepherd*

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

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## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2020



# THE SEED SOWN ON RICH SOIL

is the one who hears the word of the kingdom and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Matthew 13:23



### Office Hours:

**Monday-Thursday: 9am-12 pm & 1-4 pm**

### Schedule of Masses

**Sundays: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12 noon & 3:00pm Spanish**

**Monday through Friday: 7:30 am**

**1st Fridays: 7:00 pm**

**3rd Fridays: 7:00 pm (Spanish)**

**Morning Prayer: (Liturgy of the Hours) 7:00 a.m.**

**Saturdays: 8:00 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)**

**Holy Days: 7:30 am & 7:00 pm**

**Confessions: Fridays after 7:30 a.m. Mass**

**Saturdays from 4-5 p.m. or by appointment**

**Adoration: Fridays after 7:30 am Mass until 9 am**

**Devotions: Divine Mercy: Monday-Friday after 7:30am Mass,**

**Our Lady of Fatima/Perpetual Help- 1st Saturday**

**Santo Nino 2nd Saturday**

**Divine Mercy 3rd Saturday**

**Saint Padre Pio 4th Saturday**

**Healing Mass 5th Saturday**

*(All devotions take place following 7:30am am Mass)*

**Baptisms:** In order to make baptismal arrangements contact [carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto:carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org)

**Marriages:** In order to make marriage arrangements contact [carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto:carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org) 6 months prior to marriage day.

**Funeral Arrangements:** Should be arranged by family, church and mortuary. Normal Christian burial consists of Vigil Service, Holy Mass and Burial in a Catholic Cemetery. Any other arrangements should first be discussed with parish priest.

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*15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

In today's Gospel (Mt. 13, 1-23) we hear of the parable of the sower and the many ways of receiving the seed, the Word of God. In the parable, Jesus is the Sower; the Seed, the Word of God or His teachings. The soil symbolizes the various types of people who hear and give responses to God's word. And so it is that there are those who receive it without depth (the seed on the path). There are those who receive it without fruits (the seed sown on rocky ground and among thorns). And finally, there are those who receive it with fruits (the seed on good soil).

The question that we should ask ourselves is this: How many of us are truly living the Word of God in our lives? We oftentimes forget that The Bible is there for us to read, listen to what God is trying to speak to us and to act it out and live it. The Bible is not just part of the decor in our homes displayed on one of our shelves or even on our altar. It is meant to be read, reflected upon and lived out. That is what God wants of us. If we can afford to waste our time in shopping malls or even in front of our TVs, laptops, tablets and gadgets, we hope that we could also spend time reading the Bible and reflecting upon God's words. This pandemic time is our opportunity to have time to read the Word of God, ponder on what God is saying to us and practice what we have learned and reflected from His words.

We can also listen to the Word of God every time we celebrate the Eucharist. Our Church has reopened and God is inviting us to partake in His Word and in His Body in the Eucharist. Let us listen attentively in the Mass where our God speaks to us. Let us receive Him in the Eucharist as our response to live His words in our lives. In this way, we become the good soil. The good soil that is attentively listening to God and wholeheartedly responding to God's word in day-to-day living.

The Word of God is the seed being planted in us, in our hearts. We must not only hear it. We must know it by heart. We must understand it and much more live it. After all, God's word should not end only in listening but also in living. The Sower, our God, is generous to sow His words in our hearts. May we listen to God's word, receive it in our hearts and generously live it in our lives.

*Fr. Chris*

INCOME FOR JUNE, 2020

Plate Collections	\$ 36,686
Catholic Voice	950
Unrestricted Donations	1,050
Restricted Donations	1,620
Parish Events (Covid Food Sales)	8,103
Ministry Income	295
Other income	481
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 49,185</b>

EXPENSES FOR JUNE, 2020

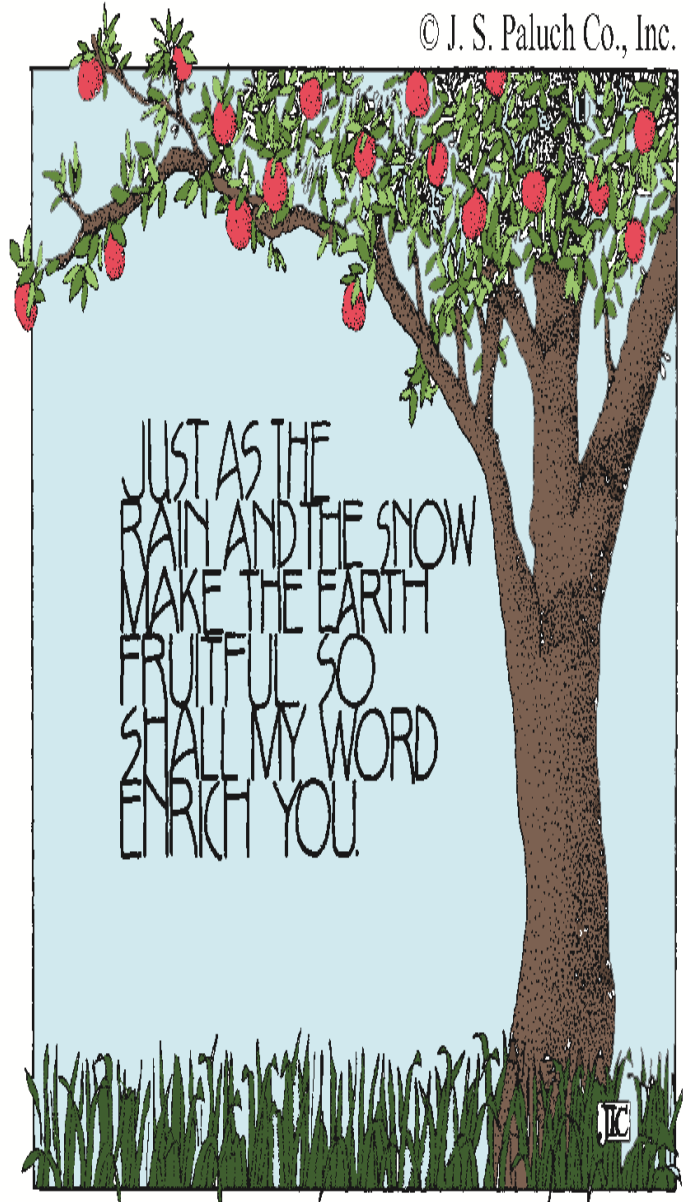
Administration	\$ 20,973
Parish Property	6,938
Rectory Living	1,945
Priests	4,142
Liturgy & Music	0
Children, Youth & Adult Formation/CYO	0
Other Ministries	0
Parish Events	0
Depreciation	4,005
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 38,003</b>

MONTH RECAP

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 49,185</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 38,003</b>

**INCOME OVER EXPENSES AT MONTN END:**  
\$11,182

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**On July 2, 2020 Governor Newsom's Office issued a new order concerning singing and chanting in "Places of Worship" effective immediately.**

This order also applies to priests, deacons, and cantors. Other than this one change, indoor Masses that comply with the current diocesan regulations are still permitted.

*Places of worship must therefore discontinue singing and chanting activities and limit indoor attendance to 25% of building capacity or a maximum of 100 attendees, whichever is lower. Local Health Officers are advised to consider appropriate limitations on outdoor attendance capacities, factoring their jurisdiction's key COVID- 19 health indicators.*

Places of worship must comply with all Cal/OSHA standards and be prepared to adhere to its guidance as well as guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).



**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.

## 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**

**NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

**Sign up for Sunday Masses:** To ensure that we do not exceed the 100 person capacity in the church and in the garden and that no one is turned away at the door we are asking that you make a reservation for seats. A reservation is needed to enter. Go on our website to sign up at [www.goodshepherdpittsbur.org](http://www.goodshepherdpittsbur.org) and click on the link next to the big orange ticket. Reservations will close on Saturdays at 12 noon and then reopen on Monday at 9 am for the next weekend.

**Weekend Mass Schedule:** Saturday 5:30pm Vigil: Sunday: 8am and 10am (in the garden), 12pm and 3pm (Spanish). (All but 5:30pm are live streamed). Drive in Communion is available after each Mass.

The parish office has already opened for business with all social distancing protocols in place. If you do need to visit the parish office, please make sure to wear a mask and be patient with us as we navigate this new normal. Wait times may be increased. We are always available through telephone or email particularly if you need something in a hurry. Office hours are Monday–Thursday from 9am–4pm. Closed for lunch between 12–1pm.

**First Communion and Confession schedule:****Rehearsal/Confessions**

July 7	6 pm	for
July 8	6 pm	for
July 15	6 pm	for
July 22	6 pm	for

**First Holy Communion**

July 11 2 pm Spanish
July 11 10 am and 12 noon English
July 18 at 12 Noon English
July 25 at 12 Noon & 2 pm Spanish

August 2 is reserved for overflow

Other sacramental celebrations such as baptisms, weddings, funerals and quinceaneras are resumed with a limited participation of 100 people per Mass.

***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](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.

## 15° domingo del tiempo ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy (Mt. 13, 1-23) escuchamos sobre la parábola del sembrador y las muchas formas de recibir la semilla, la Palabra de Dios. En la parábola, Jesús es el sembrador; La Semilla, la Palabra de Dios o Sus enseñanzas. El suelo simboliza los diversos tipos de personas que escuchan y dan respuestas a la palabra de Dios. Y así es que hay quienes lo reciben sin profundidad (la semilla en el camino). Hay quienes lo reciben sin frutos (la semilla sembrada en suelo rocoso y entre espinas). Y finalmente, hay quienes lo reciben con frutos (la semilla en buena tierra).

La pregunta que debemos hacernos es esta: ¿Cuántos de nosotros estamos realmente viviendo la Palabra de Dios en nuestras vidas? Muchas veces olvidamos que la Biblia está ahí para que la leamos, escuchemos lo que Dios está tratando de hablarnos y para representarlo y vivirlo. La Biblia no es solo parte de la decoración de nuestros hogares que se muestra en uno de nuestros estantes o incluso en nuestro altar. Está destinado a ser leído, reflexionado y vivido es lo que Dios quiere de nosotros. Si podemos permitirnos perder el tiempo en centros comerciales o incluso frente a nuestros televisores, computadoras portátiles, tabletas y dispositivos, esperamos que también podamos pasar tiempo leyendo la Biblia y reflexionando sobre las palabras de Dios. Este tiempo de pandemia es nuestra oportunidad de tener tiempo para leer la Palabra de Dios, reflexionar sobre lo que Dios nos está diciendo y practicar lo que hemos aprendido y reflejado de Sus palabras.

También podemos escuchar la Palabra de Dios cada vez que celebramos la Eucaristía. Nuestra Iglesia ha reabierto y Dios nos está invitando a participar en Su Palabra y en Su Cuerpo en la Eucaristía. Escuchemos atentamente en la Misa donde nuestro Dios nos habla. Recibámoslo en la Eucaristía como nuestra respuesta para vivir Sus palabras en nuestras vidas. De esta manera, nos convertimos en el buen suelo. La buena tierra que escucha atentamente a Dios y responde de todo corazón a la palabra de Dios en la vida cotidiana.

La Palabra de Dios es la semilla que se planta en nosotros, en nuestros corazones. No solo debemos escucharlo. Debemos saberlo de memoria. Debemos entenderlo y mucho más vivirlo. Después de todo, la palabra de Dios no debe terminar solo en escuchar sino también en vivir. El Sembrador, nuestro Dios, es generoso al sembrar Sus palabras en nuestros corazones. Que podamos escuchar la palabra de Dios, recibirla en nuestros corazones y vivirla generosamente en nuestras vidas.

El Padre Chris





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**Bienvenidos de nuevo a la parroquia del Buen pastor  
para las Misas Dominicales**

La Familia del Buen Pastor se complace en informarles que reabriremos la parroquia a partir del 1 de julio para las Misas en el Templo siguiendo las pautas de capacidad limitada del Condado de Contra Costa: **No más de 100 personas por misa**. Para garantizar que no superemos la capacidad de 100 personas y que nos mantengamos seguros, le solicitamos que siga las siguientes instrucciones:

**1- Regístrese para obtener una boleta de entrada**

- Ir a nuestro sitio web: [www.goodshepherdpittsburg.org](http://www.goodshepherdpittsburg.org) para inscribirse y obtener la boleta de entrada
- O envíe un correo electrónico: [yvette@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto:yvette@goodshepherdpittsburg.org)
- O llame a la oficina parroquial 925-432-6404 para obtenerla

**2- Cuando venga a la parroquia**

- Use una máscara todo el tiempo (Su máscara debe cubrir la boca y la nariz).
- Llegue por lo menos con 15 minutos de anticipación a la Misa.
- Muestre su boleta a uno de los ministros de bienvenida.
- Desinfectante de manos estará disponible a la entrada, pero le recomendamos que traiga su propio desinfectante.

**3- Mantenga su distancia**

- Siéntese sólo en las bancas indicadas.
- Las familias pueden sentarse juntas.
- Mantenga una distancia segura con los demás.
- Solo una persona puede utilizar el baño a la vez.

**4- Al participar en la Misa cuide su seguridad y la de los demás**

- No se facilitarán los misales en las bancas. Puede seguir las lecturas en su teléfono, pero manteniéndolo en silencio.
- Siga las instrucciones de los ministros que dirigen la distribución de la Sagrada Comunión.
- Mantenga la distancia social en la línea para recibir la Sagrada Comunión.
- Reciba la Sagrada Comunión en la mano.
- Cuando termine la Misa, salga por las puertas delanteras.

## Mass Intentions

Jul 13-19

# Mass Intentions For The Week

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Mon	7:30 am	Carlos Francisco † #
Tue	7:30 am	Francisco Del Rosario † *
Wed	7:30 am	Birthday of Martha Marin *
Thu	7:30 am	Birthday of Rose Sorci #
Fri	7:30 am	Ted Rodella †
	7:00 pm	Matthew Capupus & Family*
Sat	8:00 am	Eulalio Trevino & Ron Chambers † #
Sat	5:30 pm	Jose Family Thanksgiving †*
Sun	8:00 am	Gus Ochoa †*
	10am	Evelyn Lamport † #
	3:00 pm	For the People of the Parish#

\*=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

WISDOM 12:13, 16-19, ROMANS 8:26-27,  
MATTHEW 13:24-43

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

ADULT FAITH FORMATION





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## WELCOME BACK TO GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH FOR SUNDAY MASSES

The Family of Good Shepherd is excited to advise you that we will reopen the church on July 1<sup>st</sup> for public worship following limited capacity guidelines of Contra Costa County: **No more than 100 people per Mass.**

To ensure we do not exceed the 100 person capacity and to keep each other safe, we ask you to consult these following instructions:

### 1- Sign Up for Tickets

- Go to our website: [www.goodshepherdpittsburg.org](http://www.goodshepherdpittsburg.org) to sign up for tickets
- Or email: [yvette@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto:yvette@goodshepherdpittsburg.org)
- or call parish office 925-432-6404 to get them.

### 2- Come to the Church

- Wear a mask at all times (Your mask must cover your mouth and your nose).
- Come at least 15 minutes before the Mass begins.
- Show your ticket to an usher as you enter.
- Hand sanitizer will be available upon entrance, but we recommend you bring your own sanitizer.

### 3- Keep Your Distance

- Sit only in the indicated pews.
- Families may sit together.
- Maintain a safe distance from all others.
- One person uses the restroom at a time.

### 4- Participate Safely in the Mass

- No worship aids will be provided. You can follow the readings on your phone, but keep it silent.
- Follow ushers' directions for Communion. Maintain social distances in the Communion line.
- Receive Communion in the hand.
- Leave the Church through front side doors.