



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

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

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**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Philippians 2:3-4

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The Parish Office is operating virtually during the pandemic. We will answer your phone calls and emails as soon as possible. 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

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XXVI Sunday Ordinary Time

Jesus continues to give us his message through parables. Today's parable is quite simple. However, it is not aimed at the group of children running around him, but at the high priests and elders of the village who harass him as he approaches the temple.

According to the story, a father asks two of his children to go to work in his vineyard. The first replies, "I will not go," but does not forget the father's call and ends up working in the vineyard anyway. The second replies, "Yes, I am going," but everything is left in words; no one will see him working in the vineyard.

The message of this parable is clear. Religious leaders who listen to Jesus also agree. For God, the important thing is not to "talk" but to "do, to act." To fulfill God's will. The deciding factor is not words, promises, and prayers, but actions in everyday life.

What is surprising about all this, is the application of Jesus' words. He is harsh. Only He has this freedom in front of religious leaders. Jesus tells them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you."

Jesus is speaking from his own experience. Religious leaders have said "yes" to God. They are the first to talk about him, his law, and his temple. But when Jesus calls them to "seek the Kingdom of God and his justice," they close off to the message and do not enter that path. They say "no" to God with their resistance to Jesus.

Collectors and prostitutes have said "no" to God. They live outside the law; they are excluded from the temple. However, when Jesus offers them God's friendship, they listen to His call and take steps toward conversion. For Jesus, there is no doubt, the collector Zacchaeus, the prostitute who has watered her feet with tears and so many others, go ahead on the path of the Kingdom of God.

On the path to the Kingdom of God, those who open wholeheartedly to Jesus, taking concrete steps of conversion to God's project; go forward. I invite you to bring to your daily lives the message of Jesus. Live with the actions of love that He, the Father, has taught us.

Deacon Gustavo

FAITH FORMATION NEWS!

On October 4th we will administer all of the Sacraments of Initiation to our RCIA, CIC and Adult Confirmation candidates at 10am Mass.

If you or any member of your family should be a part of this celebration and you have not yet been contacted, please call the parish office at 925-432-6404, ext. 20 or email Dina Russell (dina@goodshepherdpittsburg.org) or Aylin Gonzalez (aylin@goodshepherdpittsburg.org) for further details.

NEW CATECHISM YEAR REGISTRATION NEWS!

First Communion

Class registration begins the 14th of September for any students 6 years old or older wanting First Holy Communion.

More information on our website.

Confirmation

Exciting news. Confirmation is now a two year program!

Class registration starts the 14th of September for any teen, grades 9-12. All lifeteen students who attended our class here last year will be in their second year of confirmation.

More information on our website.

RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children)

Class registration for any child at the age 7 or older that wants Baptism begins Sept 14. More information on our website.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adult)/ Adult Confirmation

Class registration for any adults 18 or over that wants Baptism or Confirmation begins Sept 14th. More information on our website.

XXVI Domingo Tiempo Ordinario

Jesús continúa dándonos su mensaje a través de parábolas, la parábola de hoy es bien simple. Sin embargo, no está dirigida a un grupo de niños que corretea a su alrededor, sino a los sumos sacerdotes y ancianos del pueblo que lo acosan cuando se acerca al templo.

Según el relato, un padre pide a dos de sus hijos que vayan a trabajar a su viña. El primero le responde: “no quiero ir”, pero no se olvida de la llamada del padre y termina trabajando en la viña. El segundo le responde: “ya voy Señor”, pero todo se queda en palabras; nadie lo verá trabajando en la viña.

El mensaje de la parábola es claro. También los dirigentes religiosos que escuchan a Jesús están de acuerdo. Ante Dios, lo importante no es “hablar” sino “hacer, actuar”. Para cumplir la voluntad de Dios, lo decisivo no son las palabras, promesas y rezos, sino los hechos en la vida cotidiana.

Lo sorprendente de todo esto, es la aplicación de Jesús. Sus palabras no pueden ser más duras. Sólo Él tenía esa libertad frente a los dirigentes religiosos, Jesús les dice: “Yo les aseguro que los publicanos y las prostitutas se les han adelantado en el camino del Reino de Dios”.

Jesús está hablando desde su propia experiencia. Los dirigentes religiosos han dicho “sí” a Dios. Son los primeros en hablar de él, de su ley y de su templo. Pero, cuando Jesús los llama a “buscar el Reino de Dios y su justicia”, se cierran a su mensaje y no entran por ese camino. Dicen “no” a Dios con su resistencia a Jesús.

Los recaudadores y prostitutas han dicho “no” a Dios. Viven fuera de la ley, están excluidos del templo. Sin embargo, cuando Jesús les ofrece la amistad de Dios, escuchan su llamada y dan pasos hacia la conversión. Para Jesús, no hay duda: el recaudador Zaqueo, la prostituta que ha regado con lágrimas sus pies y tantos otros... van por delante en el camino del Reino de Dios.

En el camino del Reino de Dios van por delante aquellos que se abren de todo corazón a Jesús dando pasos concretos de conversión al proyecto de Dios. Les invito a que llevemos a nuestra vida diaria el mensaje de Jesús, viviendo con nuestras acciones el Amor del Padre que Él nos enseñó.

Diácono Gustavo

NOTICIAS DE EDUCACION RELIGIOSA!

El día 4 de Octubre a las 10am se llevaron a cabo los sacramentos de iniciación para aquellas personas que estaban en nuestras clases de RICA, RCIC y Confirmación de adultos.

Si usted o algún miembro de su familia debe ser parte de esta celebración y aun no ha sido contactado, por favor comuníquese con alguna de las encargadas de los sacramentos con:

Dina Russell (dina@goodshepherdpittsburg.org)

Aylin González (aylin@goodshepherdpittsburg.org) o llamen a la oficina parroquial al 925-432-6404 ext.20.

¡INSCRIPCIONES PARA NUEVO AÑO DE CATECISMO!

Primera Comunión:

Inscripciones empiezan el día 14 de Septiembre para cualquier niño de 6 años en adelante que necesite su Primera Comunión.

Para más información vaya a nuestro sitio web. (GoodShepherdPittsburg.org)

Confirmación:

Buenas noticias para nuestra parroquia... ¡Nuestro programa de confirmación ahora es de 2 años! Las inscripciones empezaran el día 14 de septiembre para cualquier adolescente de grados 9-12. Todos los estudiantes que asistieron su primer año con nosotros el año escolar pasado estarán en su segundo año de confirmación.

Para más información visite nuestro sitio web. (GoodShepherdPittsburg.org)

RCIC (*Ritual de Iniciación Cristiana para Niños*):

Clase para niños de 7 años en adelante que necesiten ser bautizados.

Inscripciones empiezan el día 14 de septiembre.

Para más información visiten nuestro sitio web. (GoodShepherdPittsburg.org)

RICA (*Ritual de Iniciación cristiana para Adultos*) y Confirmación de Adultos:

Clases para adultos mayores de 18 años que necesiten bautismo o confirmación.

Inscripciones empiezan el día 14 de septiembre.

Para más información visiten nuestro sitio web. (GoodShepherdPittsburg.org)

ANNOUNCING THE OPENING OF THE 2021 MASS BOOK!

We will be opening the 2021 Mass Book this Thursday, October 1st. Due to the pandemic, we will take mass intention requests this year via email or in written form beginning Thursday, prioritizing them in the order we receive them. PLEASE NO PHONE CALLS so that we can maintain a written, prioritized list as the requests come in. We ask that you make sure your email address or telephone number are included in your request so that we may contact you if there are conflicts with the date requests.

Donation request remains \$10 per mass intention. In accordance with Diocesan policy, only the Saturday morning 8 am mass may be double-booked for intentions. Initially we are limiting the number of requests per family to 12 maximum so that everyone has a fair opportunity for one mass intention per month.

Mass intentions are available for Monday through Friday masses at 7:30 am, Saturday morning masses at 8 am, our weekend schedule of Saturday at 5:30 pm, Sunday at 8 am, 10 am , 12 noon and 3 pm in Spanish.

We also have mass intentions available on the 1st Friday of the month at 7 pm, the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10 am at Diamond Ridge, 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10 am at Stoneman Village and the 3rd Friday of each month at 7 pm in Spanish if you'd like to request any of those.

Please feel free to use the form provided. You can email this form, mail this form, put it in any collection basket or place it in the mail slot in the parish office door.

2021 Mass Intention Request Form

Requested by: _____

Email/Phone: _____

Date Time Intention (Living or Deceased)

Date Time Intention (Living or Deceased)

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Date Time Intention (Living or Deceased)

Date Time Intention (Living or Deceased)

Amount owed \$

Amount paid \$

Please print legibly!

GARDEN BRICKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE! USE THIS FORM

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
SPIRITUAL GARDEN



The *Good Shepherd Spiritual Garden* was the brain-child of our Pastor, Fr. Helmut Richter, so that the people of our community would have a place to pray, celebrate, socialize and play. We are truly blessed that we have it as a place to worship during this time of pandemic. Many of you have asked about placing a memorial brick in the garden now that you have seen its beauty and have spent time there.

If you wish to commission a brick for the garden in honor or in memory of a loved one or friend, you may do so for just \$55 for one or \$100 for two bricks..

Please fill out the portion below and return it along with your payment to the parish office or email it to yvette@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

Name of person ordering tile _____	Date _____
Address: _____	
Phone: _____	Payment Amount: _____
Send Acknowledgement to: _____	
Address: _____	

Please fill in only one (1) character per space.

There are three (3) lines of fourteen (14) characters each. Punctuation counts as a space.

Mass Intentions

Sept 28-Oct 4

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Mon	7:30 am	Emilio & Tomasa Porcalla † *
Tue	7:30 am	Alfred Franger † #
Wed	7:30 am	Vincent Tran † *
Thu	7:30 am	Joseph Tran †
Fri	7:30 am	Anniversary of Michelle & Dean Quiambao
	7:00 pm	Emma Gutierrez
Sat	8:00 am	Anniversary of Jimmy & Roma Roberts
Sat	5:30 pm	Sancho Alesna, Sr. †
Sun	8:00 am	Yolanda Orozco †
	10 am	Henry Gonzales † & Birthday of Flavio Martinez Jr
	12 Noon	For the People of the Parish#

*=Fr. Thi, #=Fr. Christopher

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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

Les invitamos a vivir un retiro espiritual: “Encontrándome con Cristo” que es un proceso de 5 semanas de formación espiritual intensa de personas que quieren ser discípulos de Cristo para dar un mayor servicio dentro de su parroquia, a su familia y a la iglesia universal.

Fecha: jueves de 7 a 9 PM. Del 1 al 29 de octubre, 2020

Este es el Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/93485729759>

Meeting ID: 934 8572 9759

Los esperamos, por favor comparta esta información con la comunidad.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**ISAIAH 5:1-7, PHILIPPIANS 4:6-9,
MATTHEW 21:33-43**

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

THE CATHOLIC VOICE

WE CELEBRATED THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN THE GARDEN THIS WEEKEND! PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN AS THEY GROW IN FAITH.

Darion Aguba
Kenya Balcazar Pulido
Leslie Balcazar
Lucero Becerra
Luis Becerra
Humberto Cabrales
Marcelo Carreno-Alvarez
Astrid Castaneda
Anthony Castillo
Anthony Castillo
Yandel Castro Castro
Hailey Cousin
Emiliano De Santiago
Manuel De Santiago
Natalia De Santiago
Viviana De Santiago
Natalie Delgado
Alexis Duarte
Giovanni Duran Murillo
Thania Duran Murillo
Daniel Duran-Murillo
Jaylah Fears
Eric Flores-Soto
Ezequiel Gamez-Navarrete
Isaac Garcia
Arkin Gatchalian
Israel Geronimo Zuniga
Abdiel Gomez
Ismael Gomez
Stafani Gonzalez
Anthony Gonzalez-Galvan
Bianne Guzman
Jayden Guzman
Isaac Garcia
Arkin Gatchalian
Israel Geronimo Zuniga
Abdiel Gomez
Ismael Gomez
Stafani Gonzalez
Anthony Gonzalez-Galvan
Bianne Guzman
Jayden Guzman
Emma Hawke
Alexa Hernandez
Angel Hernandez
Joanna Herrera Belmontes
Ashley Iniguez
Javier Lemus-Gonzalez
Alberto Lopez-Roldan
Carlos Lopez-Roldan

Aaron Mercado
Rojelio Munoz
Vicente Munoz-Gomez
Jazelle Navarro
Santiel Perez-Limon
Giselle Ponce
Aimar Quirino
Juan Ramirez
Cesar Renteria
Emmanuel Renteria
Santiago Emanuel Rivera
Bethany Rodriguez
Luis Antonio Rubio-Rivera
Jasmin Torres
Jared Torres-Martinez
Giselle Torres-Reyes
Vien Tran
Valentina Valle
Alberto Vargas Marin
Luis Vazquez
Samuel Vazquez
Alfonso Zaragoza-Munoz
Kevin Zavala-Diaz
Ashley Zuno
Daniel Zuno

