



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

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

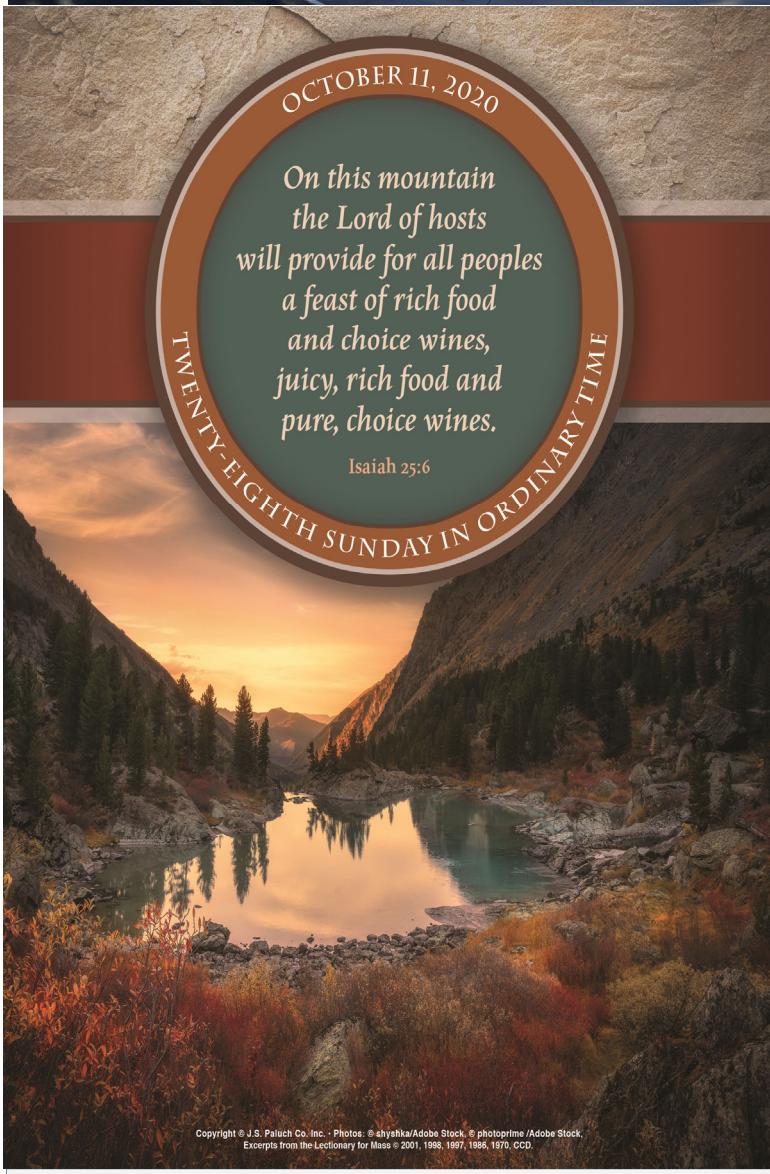
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The Parish Office is operating virtually during the pandemic. We will answer your phone calls and emails as soon as possible. Our telephone system is now up and running! Thank you for your patience.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday

7:30am

Saturday

8:00am; 5:30pm Vigil – Livestream

Sunday

8:00am (in the garden) - livestream

10:00am (in the garden) - livestream

12pm - Livestream

3pm (Spanish) - Livestream

Communion

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

Adoration

Fridays 8am – 9am

Confession

Fridays 8am-9am

Saturdays 4:00pm – 5:00pm

or by appointment

Our gospel today presents a celebration, a wedding reception or feast to describe the Kingdom of God. From the heart of God issues forth invitations for all. He wants his feast to be full of people he considers important to him. All are invited – sinners and righteous, unworthy and worthy persons. So, the problem here is not a failure or unwillingness by the host to invite. In fact, he expends all his energy in having his servants go to the streets to invite all who care to listen. You see, the problem is not the issuance of invitation. It is in the refusal to honor the invitation.

Every time that we go to mass and celebrate the Holy Eucharist, we partake in the great feast of the Kingdom of God. This is God's banquet, his wedding reception. That is why all the elements of a party are present in the Eucharist – songs, dialogues, eating and drinking, listening and talking, greeting one another. For all the beauty of the Eucharist, how many people truly understand the Eucharist so as to be excited to partake of it every week? Do we also give priority even in just one hour to God every Sunday?

Jesus explains that though the Kingdom of God is open to all, accepting the invitation means accepting the responsibility and challenge of Christian discipleship. If we accept the invitation, we must put on “wedding garments”. So, we must clothe ourselves in the garment of virtuous living or a good life, the garment worthy to partake in the feast, the Holy Eucharist.

Let us remember that mere membership in the church or in religious organizations and church ministries or charitable institutions does not guarantee us salvation. To own salvation, we must have a virtuous living. A virtuous living is a life that is centered on Jesus, following His commandment of love and of the teachings of the Church. It is not a life who does only lip service but putting into action the will of the Father. Acceptance of God's invitation must lead us to a change of heart and inner conversion.

God invites us to unite ourselves to Him and enter to his friendship. He will never stop inviting us to be with him, to enter heaven. But let us remember that his invitation demands serious response from us. We have to respond to Him personally and not through others just like the man in our story. Once we respond to his invitation, we have to change our lifestyle, be contrite and transform ourselves according to His plans for us. We have to participate faithfully to the feast, in the Eucharist. We have to act with love, mercy and compassion and fulfill his will and words completely and unconditionally.

Let us accept the invitation of God to His feast in the Holy Eucharist with full of mind and heart to Him. Let us come to this feast every Sunday and make it a priority in our lives.

Fr. Chris

Nuestro evangelio de hoy presenta una celebración, una recepción de boda o una fiesta para describir el Reino de Dios. Del corazón de Dios surgen invitaciones para todos. Quiere que su fiesta esté llena de personas que considera importantes para Él. Todos están invitados? pecadores y justos, indignos y dignos. Entonces, el problema aquí no es un fracaso o falta de voluntad por parte del anfitrión para invitar. De hecho, gasta toda su energía en hacer que sus sirvientes salgan a la calle para invitar a todos los que quieran escuchar. Verás, el problema no es la emisión de la invitación. Está en la negativa a honrar la invitación.

Cada vez que vamos a misa y celebramos la Sagrada Eucaristía, participamos de la gran fiesta del Reino de Dios. Este es el banquete de Dios, la recepción de su boda. Por eso todos los elementos de una fiesta están presentes en la Eucaristía, canciones, diálogos, comer y beber, escuchar y hablar, saludarse. A pesar de toda la belleza de la Eucaristía, cuántas personas realmente comprenden la Eucaristía para emocionarse de participar de ella cada semana? También le damos prioridad incluso en una hora a Dios todos los Domingos?

Jesús explica que aunque el Reino de Dios está abierto a todos, aceptar la invitación significa aceptar la responsabilidad y el desafío del discipulado cristiano. Si aceptamos la invitación, debemos ponernos vestidos de boda?. Por lo tanto, debemos revestirnos con el manto de una vida virtuosa o una buena vida, el vestido digno de participar en la fiesta, la Sagrada Eucaristía.

Recordemos que la mera membresía en la iglesia o en organizaciones religiosas y ministerios de la iglesia o instituciones de caridad no nos garantiza la salvación. Para poseer la salvación, debemos tener una vida virtuosa. Una vida virtuosa es una vida que se centra en Jesús, siguiendo su mandamiento del amor y de las enseñanzas de la Iglesia. No es una vida que sólo sirve de labios para afuera, sino que pone en acción la voluntad del Padre. La aceptación de la invitación de Dios debe llevarnos a un cambio de corazón ya una conversión interior.

Dios nos invita a unirnos a Él y entrar en su amistad. Nunca dejará de invitarnos a estar con Él, a entrar al cielo. Pero recordemos que su invitación exige una respuesta seria de nuestra parte. Tenemos que responderle personalmente y no a través de otros como el hombre de nuestra historia. Una vez que respondemos a su invitación, tenemos que cambiar nuestro estilo de vida, ser contritos y transformarnos de acuerdo con sus planes para nosotros. Tenemos que participar fielmente en la fiesta, en la Eucaristía. Tenemos que actuar con amor, misericordia y compasión y cumplir su voluntad y sus palabras de manera completa e incondicional.

Aceptemos la invitación de Dios a su fiesta en la Sagrada Eucaristía con la mente y el corazón fijos hacia Él. Vengamos a esta fiesta todos los Domingos y hagamos de ella una prioridad en nuestras vidas.

Padre Chris

FAITH FORMATION NEWS!

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.

AN INVITATION TO OUR PARISHIONERS

St. Vincent de Paul invites all parishioners to “Blessed Mary and Vincentian Women – a day of reflection with Fr. Tom Bonacci, C.P.”, to be held via Zoom, on Saturday, October 17, 2020, beginning at 10 am. Join us as we celebrate our ministry in a special way connecting our Blessed Mary with our Vincentian Women. As did our Blessed Mother Mary, our Vincentian Women emptied themselves and allowed themselves to be filled with God. Please refer to the flyer for more information and how to RSVP. If you have any questions please contact John Proctor at: jproctor@svdp-alameda.org.

POPE FRANCIS' NEW ENCYCLICAL *FRATELLI TUTTI*

Pope Francis introduced a new encyclical on Sunday about our world going backwards and how we can reverse that course.

We encourage everyone to read this very important document by going to:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-10/pope-francis-fratelli-tutti-introduce-angelus-fraternity-friend.html>

Baptism

Braylon Jackson
 Brayden Manzano
 Luciano Maghuyop
 Jeremiah Martinez
 Abraham Martinez-Flores
 April Martinez-Flores
 Allen Mendoza
 Ebony Munoz
 Juan Munoz
 Izabella Plascencia
 Juan Plascencia
 Leilani Tangitau
 Mariahnytes Tangitau
 Maria Vargas
 Sophia Mendez

**First Communion**

Jose Gonzalez
 Amy Gonzalez
 Jocelyn Hernandez-Solis
 Braylon Jackson
 Brayden Manzano
 Luciano Maghuyop
 Jeremiah Martinez
 Abraham Martinez-Flores
 April Martinez-Flores
 Allen Mendoza
 Ebony Munoz
 Juan Munoz
 Izabella Plascencia
 Juan Plascencia
 Leilani Tangitau
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 Maria Vargas
 Sophia Mendez

**Confirmation**

Jose Gonzalez
 Sebastian Diaz
 Stephanie Diaz
 Jose Galdamez-Jimenez
 Eleazar Munoz-Gomez
 Alejandro Novoa
 Jocelyn Hernandez-Solis



LET US PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO RECEIVED SACRAMENTS LAST WEEKEND!

NOTICIAS DE EDUCACION RELIGIOSA!

¡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)

Les invitamos a vivir un retiro espiritual: “**Encontrándome con Cristo**” que es un proceso de 5 semanas de formación espiritual intensa de personas que quieran 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](https://zoom.us/j/93485729759)

Meeting ID: 934 8572 9759

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

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 and prioritize them in the order we receive them. No phone calls please 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: _____

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

October 12-18

Mass Intentions For The Week



Mon	7:30 am	In Thanksgiving Auza Family *
Tue	7:30 am	Mary Dong † #
Wed	7:30 am	Mary Dong † *
Thu	7:30 am	Joseph Vu † #
Fri	7:30 am	Teresa Masturzo & Illuminada & Jose Rotol (Death Anniversary) † *
	7:00 pm	Teresa Custodio †
Sat	8:00 am	Birthday of Cecille Quiambao Faustino & Maria Cruz † #
Sat	5:30 pm	3rd Death Anniversary of Querubin E. Fernandez † *
Sun	8:00 am	Aurora Cardona † #
	10 am	Richard Zocchi
	12 pm	Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus * *
	3 pm	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

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 45:1, 4-6, 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-5B,
MATTHEW 22:15-21**

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

INCOME FOR SEPTEMBER, 2020

Plate Collections	\$35,598
Catholic Voice	15
Unrestricted Donations	1,600
Restricted Donations	5,424
Ministry Income	3,328
Other income	252
 TOTAL INCOME	 \$ 46,217

EXPENSES FOR SEPTEMBER, 2020

Administration	\$25,048
Parish Property	12,289
Rectory Living	1,842
Priests	3,703
Liturgy & Music	3,602
Children, Youth & Adult Formation/CYO	4,214
Depreciation	2,238
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 \$ 52,937

MONTH RECAP

INCOME	\$ 46,217
EXPENSES	\$ 52,936

EXPENSES OVER INCOME AT MONTN END:
\$6,719



Have you received your raffle tickets in the mail yet? Would you like to sell some on behalf of the church or purchase more for a better chance to win? Please contact Yvette in the parish office by emailing

yvette@goodshephrdpittsburgh.org

or calling 432-6404 ext 12 and she will help you out. We look forward to having lots of support and happy winners! 1st prize \$1,000, 2nd prize \$500 and 3rd prize \$250. Tickets are \$5 each or a book of 6 for \$25.

REOPENING OF OUR PARISH CHURCH

The county has determined that we can now open the church with limited capacity of 100 people for indoor services. We ask that you comply with the following procedures as we move indoors.

- ◆ Attendance at all masses requires a reservation through our website at www.goodshepherdpittsburgh.org
- ◆ Our mass schedule will be as follows:
 - ⇒ Daily Mass at 7:30 am in the Church-100
 - ⇒ Saturday Mass 8 am in the Church-100
 - ⇒ Saturday Mass 5:30 pm in the Church-100
 - ⇒ Sunday Mass at 8 am and 10 am in the Spiritual Garden-Unlimited with social distancing
 - ⇒ Sunday Mass at 12 pm in the Church-100
 - ⇒ Sunday Mass at 3 pm in the Church-100
 - ⇒ ALL WEEKEND MASSES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED
- ◆ Please take the following measures when attending Mass
 - ⇒ Prior to coming to mass please take your temperature and ask yourself the following questions:
 - 1. *Have you or anyone in your household traveled domestically or internationally by air or cruise ship in the last 14 days?*
 - 2. *Do you or anyone in your household have the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, temperature over 100 degrees, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, loss of taste or smell?*
 - 3. *Have you or anyone in your household been notified of being exposed to someone with Covid 19 or respiratory illness in the last 14 days?*
 - 4. *Are you or anyone in your household currently under quarantine?*

If you answer "yes" to any of these questions PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS.

- ⇒ Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth
- ⇒ Come to Mass 15 minutes early to check in
- ⇒ Sanitizer will be available as you enter but we recommend that you bring your own
- ⇒ Follow the ushers instructions for seating-Families may sit together but maintain social distancing from all others
- ⇒ No worship aids will be provided but you may follow the Mass with your own book or on your mobile phone as long it is on silent mode.
- ⇒ Follow the ushers direction to receive Holy Communion-Please receive in the hand.
- ⇒ Follow directions when leaving the church.
- ⇒ Please, only one person at a time in the restroom.