



CHURCH OF THE

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

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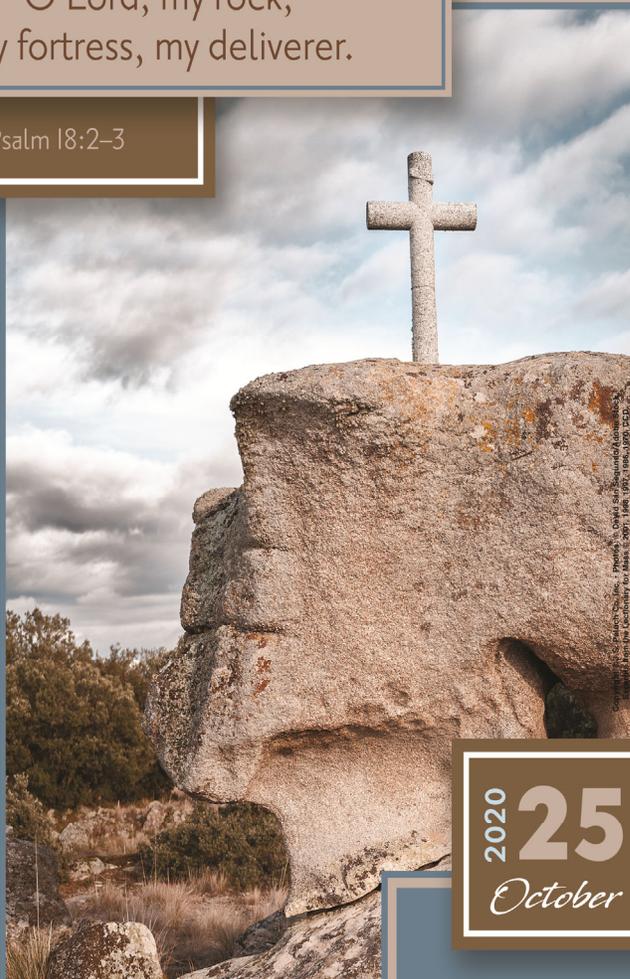
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I love you, O Lord, my strength.
O Lord, my rock,
my fortress, my deliverer.

Psalm 18:2-3

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



2020 **25**
October

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

XXX Sunday Ordinary Time

Paul, in his letter to the Thessalonians, proposes a new way of life. A different attitude where discernment, gratuitousness, and the consciousness of being free, constitute the foundation of the relationship with God and with neighbor.

The Gospel of Matthew points precisely in the same direction by showing us that, for Jesus, the foundation of the relationship with God and neighbor is solidarity and love. **Jesus synthesizes the decalogue and almost the whole law in his principle of brotherly and reciprocal love.**

Today we live in a society that has many more rules than the Jewish people in their day. Many times, our church has so many rules or laws that it prevents us from seeing Jesus' commandment.

We also live in a world that has many millions poorer, oppressed, and under international usury than the oppressed poor who cried out to the Old Testament prophets.

The Word of Jesus that we remember and update today in the Gospel is an invitation to shake our passivity, to regain ethical indignation at the intolerable situation of this modern and civilized world, and to return to the essentials of the Gospel, the desire to recover the values that the Gospel brings; that there is life, humanity, and happiness for all.

Neither politics, nor technology, nor often religion responds to this worldwide yearning, to this cry of the earth and to the many helpless people, who everyday become stronger and more demanding.

It is the voice of Pope Francis today, who calls us incessantly to return our lives to the love of God, to love and to the service of those most in need. We cannot separate God from ourselves, nor can we separate ourselves from God and the place where we live.

I invite you to live the call of Jesus: **You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.** This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: **You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

Deacon Gustavo

Engage your family with Bible Challenge to see how much you know about the Scripture.



FAMILY BIBLE CHALLENGE

Encounter Scripture ✦ Encounter Christ

Go on this website to try it. It has a Spanish version as well. <https://familybiblechallenge.org/>

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation for children and young people needing First Holy Communion and Confirmation has begun!

There is still time to sign up by contacting Dina (dina@goodshepherdpittsburg.org) or Aylin (aylin@goodshepherdpittsburg.org)

Also, any adults wishing to become Catholic or needing to complete their Sacraments of Initiation should also contact the parish office.



It is bitter-sweet that we say farewell to

FR. CHRIS

Fr. Chris will celebrate all of the masses the weekend of November 7/8

to say farewell to Good Shepherd.

He will be heading back to the Philippines to continue his priestly ministry in his own diocese, which is sad for us, but he will be returning to be with his own family, which is wonderful for him!

LET US PRAY FOR FR. CHRIS FOR SAFE TRAVELS AND IN HIS CONTINUED



In 2014 we owed the Oakland Diocese over \$80,000 in past due assessment payments, while still being responsible for each subsequent year's assessment. On October 15th, with the your help and the direction of our priests, Robert Calone, and our Finance Council, we are now debt free AND we are current on this year's assessment payments. Congratulations to us! And thank you for all of your help and support. This is reason to celebrate!

Fall Fundraiser

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@goodshepherdpittsburg.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.

XXX Domingo Tiempo Ordinario

Pablo en su carta a los Tesalonicenses, propone un nuevo estilo de vida, una actitud diferente, donde el discernimiento, la gratuidad y la conciencia de ser libres, constituyen el fundamento de la relación con Dios y con el prójimo.

El evangelio de Mateo apunta, precisamente, en la misma dirección al mostrarnos que para Jesús, el fundamento de la relación con Dios y el prójimo es el amor solidario. **Jesús sintetiza el decálogo y casi toda la ley, en su principio de amor fraternal y recíproco.**

Nosotros vivimos hoy en sociedades que tienen muchas más normas que el pueblo judío en su época; incluso, muchas veces, nuestra iglesia tiene tantas normas o leyes que impiden ver el mandamiento de Jesús. Vivimos también en un mundo que tiene muchísimos millones más de pobres oprimidos bajo la usura internacional, que los pobres oprimidos por los que clamaron los profetas del Antiguo Testamento.

La Palabra de Jesús que hoy recordamos y actualizamos en el Evangelio, es una invitación a sacudir nuestra pasividad, a recuperar la indignación ética ante la situación intolerable de este mundo llamado moderno y civilizado, y a volver a lo esencial del Evangelio, al deseo de recuperar los valores que aporta el Evangelio: que haya vida, humanidad, felicidad para todos.

Ni la política, ni la tecnología, ni muchas veces la religión responde a este anhelo mundial, a este grito de la tierra y de muchos desamparados, que cada día se hacen más fuerte e insistente.

Es la voz del Papa Francisco hoy, que nos llama incesantemente a volver nuestra vida al amor de Dios, al amor y al servicio de los más necesitados. No podemos separar a Dios de nosotros ni podemos nosotros separarnos de Dios y del lugar en donde vivimos.

Les invito a que vivamos el llamado de Jesús: **Amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con toda tu mente.** Éste es el más grande y el primero de los mandamientos. Y el segundo es semejante a éste: **Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo.**

Diácono Gustavo

Celebremos en medio de la Pandemia el “Día de los Muertos”

Les invitamos a que traigan las fotografías de sus seres queridos fallecidos a la Misa de las 3PM del domingo 1 de noviembre para colocarlas en el altar que haremos para ellos, y así poder rezar por ellos el día de los muertos, el 2 de noviembre. Les recordamos que solamente se aceptan 100 personas por Misa y que tiene que inscribirse en la oficina para poder asistir.

Let us celebrate in the midst of the Pandemic “the Day of the Dead”

We invite you to bring the photos of your deceased loved ones to the 3PM Mass on Sunday, November 1, to place them on the altar we will make for them, therefore, we can pray for them on the day of the dead, on November 2. We remind you that only 100 people are accepted per Mass and that you must register with the office to attend.



Información de Catecismo

Clases de para niños y jóvenes que necesitan primera comunión y confirmación comienzan por línea esta semana. Todavía hay tiempo de inscribirse. Contacten a

Dina (dina@goodshepherdpittsburg.org) o

Aylin (aylin@goodshepherdpittsburg.org)

Además, cualquier adulto que desee convertirse en católico o que necesite cualquier sacramento de iniciación (bautizo, primera comunión, confirmación) también puede comunicarse con la oficina parroquial.

ANOTHER BUSY WEEK IN THE LIFE OF OUR PARISH!



Quincenera on Oct 17



Kick off Confirmation Program Oct 18



12pm Mass Choir sings virtually on Youtube
<https://youtu.be/zpNHe3gVSQw>



Amelia Orta's First Holy Communion



Memorial Mass of Josephine Aiello

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: _____

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

October 26-November 1

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Mon	7:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory † Members of FOSS #
Tue	7:30 am	Sam Seals † #
Wed	7:30 am	St. Jude The Capupus Family #
Thu	7:30 am	Fe Gomez & Rosario Flores Espiritu † #
Fri	7:30 am	Nora Figueroa † #
Sat	8:00 am	Peter Morrero Orias & Vince Di Maggio † *
Sat	5:30 pm	Senior Cirilo & Lucila Alcantara Death Anniverary † *
Sun	8:00 am	Frances Ferrante Thomas †
	10 am	Sancho Alesna Sr. †
	12 pm	Cesario & Alfreda Bubon Jr. & Sr. †
	3 pm	Maria Herrera †

* = 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

**REVELATION 7:2-4, 9-14, 1 JOHN 3:1-3,
MATTHEW 5:1-12A**

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

ALL SAINTS



All Saints Day, November 1 Sunday Mass Schedule

All Souls Day, November 2 Masses at 7:30 am & 7 pm

Please go to our website:
www.goodshepherdpittsburg.org
to register for a seat at any of these masses.



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>

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.goodshepherdpittsburg.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.