



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

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

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**Thirty-Third
Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

All of you are children of the light
and children of the day.
We are not of the night
or of darkness.
Therefore, let us not sleep
as the rest do, but let us
stay alert and sober.

1 Thessalonians 5:5-6

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

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday

7:30am

Saturday

8:00am; 5:30pm Vigil – Livestream

Sunday

8:00am - Livestream

10:00am (in the garden) - Livestream

12pm (in the garden) - 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



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Escapes from the Sanctuary of Mass. #245, 1/26, 1/27, 1/28, 1/29, 1/30, 1/31, 1/32.

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November



The parable of the talents we hear on this 33rd Sunday tells us that God gives each person a different amount of talents: to one he gives 5, to another 2, to another 1. Some use them and make profits; some do not use them at all. The parable reminds us that it is not our talents which matter. What matters is how we use them. God never demands from us abilities we don't have, but he does demand that we should use our abilities to the fullest. We are not equal in talent but we can be equal in effort. The man with the one talent in the gospel did not lose his talent; he simply did nothing with it. It is always a temptation for us to say, *"I have so small a talent and I can do so little with it. It is not worth to try at all."* But God tells us that whatever talent we have, little or great, we must lay it at the service of God. If we don't use it, we will have to answer God when we see him face to face.

Talents are not just money, a high IQ, or ability to compose music, to paint beautiful pictures, or to play sports well. It is a capacity to love and to care for others. We don't need a high IQ to love someone. God doesn't care about status or popularity. He cares about our hearts and souls, and how we serve others to the best of our abilities with the gifts he has given to us. He wants us to use them for the good of others, not to just bury them or keep them to ourselves. God has a special purpose for us and if we only look deeply within ourselves, we will see that we were created specifically to be someone meaningful.

Not everyone is destined to be the president, nor a doctor or lawyer. Not everyone has the gift to be a beautiful singer, poet, or artist. But each of us can be something much greater: a Saint! All we have to do is to use what God has given to us, our unique gift, develop that gift, and then constantly share it with others. Let's be saints. What else is there? Lord, help us make good use of the talents you have given us for the good of others and for your greater glory. Amen.

Fr. Thi Hoang



**Farewell to Fr. Chris, we wish you all the best.
May God bless your new mission.**



La parábola de los talentos que escuchamos este treceavo Domingo nos dice que Dios le da a cada uno una cantidad diferente de talentos: a uno le da 5, a otro 2, a otro 1. Pero algunos los usan y obtienen ganancias; algunos no los usan en absoluto. La parábola nos recuerda que no son nuestros talentos los que importan; lo que importa es cómo los usamos. Dios nunca nos exige habilidades que no tenemos; pero exige que utilicemos al máximo las habilidades que tenemos. No somos iguales en talento; pero podemos ser iguales en esfuerzo. El hombre con un talento en el evangelio no perdió su talento; simplemente no hizo nada con él. Siempre es una tentación para nosotros decir: “Tengo un talento tan pequeño y puedo hacer tan poco con él. No vale la pena intentarlo en absoluto. “Pero Dios nos dice que cualquier talento que tengamos, pequeño o grande, debemos ponerlo al servicio de Dios. Si no lo usamos, tendremos que responderle a Dios cuando lo veamos cara a cara.

Los talentos aquí no son solo dinero o un alto coeficiente intelectual. o habilidad para componer música, pintar bellos cuadros o practicar deportes. Es la capacidad de amar y cuidar a los demás. No necesitamos un coeficiente intelectual alto para amar a alguien. A Dios no le importa el estatus o la popularidad. Él se preocupa por nuestros corazones y almas, y por cómo servimos a los demás lo mejor que podemos con los dones que nos ha dado. Quiere que los usemos para el bien de los demás, no solo para enterrarlos o guardarlos para nosotros. Dios tiene un propósito especial para nosotros y si solo miramos profundamente dentro de nosotros mismos, veremos que fuimos creados específicamente para ser alguien significativo.

No todo el mundo está destinado a ser presidente, ni médico o abogado. No todo el mundo tiene el don de ser un bello cantante, poeta o artista. Pero cada uno de nosotros puede ser algo mucho más grande, ¡un Santo! Todo lo que tenemos que hacer es usar lo que Dios nos ha dado, nuestro don único, desarrollar ese don y luego compartirlo constantemente con los demás. Seamos un santo. ¿Qué más hay? Señor, ayúdanos a hacer un buen uso de los talentos que nos has dado para el bien de los demás y para tu mayor gloria. Amén.

Fr. Thi Hoang



Virtual encuentro para compartir “Fratelli Tutti”

El pasado 4 de octubre en la fiesta de San Francisco de Asís, el Papa Francisco firmó su nueva encíclica “Fratelli Tutti” “Sobre la Fraternidad y la Amistad Social”. La encíclica nos llama a todos a amarnos y a cuidarnos unos a otros como una familia humana. La encíclica tiene 8 capítulos. Vamos a abrir un foro en línea virtual para leer y compartir ideas sobre esta carta encíclica del Papa. Nos vamos a reunir una vez a la semana los lunes a las 7pm, comenzando el 23 de noviembre. No necesita inscribirse.

Lea la encíclica aquí: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/es/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html

Este es el link para participar: <https://zoom.us/j/98655845021>

ZOOM MEETING DISCUSSION ON FRATELLI TUTTI

As you know, on Oct 4, the Feast Day of St. Francis, our Holy Father issued the new encyclical called Fratelli Tutti– All Brothers. The encyclical calls us to love and care for one another as a human family. There are 8 chapters in the encyclical. We, Church of the Good Shepherd, are going to open an online forum to read and discuss this papal letter via the ZOOM Meeting format.

We will meet once a week on Thursdays at 7pm, starting Nov. 19. Here is the ZOOM link: <https://zoom.us/j/97050699697>

There is no need to register for the forum.

Make sure you read the encyclical. Here is the link.

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

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS 10 AM IN THE GARDEN— BILINGUAL

Bring something from your family
dinner to be blessed.

FALL RAFFLE DRAWING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING



LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR RCIA AND ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

We will begin our RCIA and Adult Confirmation class on Monday, November 16 at 7pm via ZOOM. If you haven't registered for the class, you still have chance to do so. Contact Aylin at:

aylin@goodshepherdpittsburg.org



FAMILY BIBLE CHALLENGE

Encounter Scripture  Encounter Christ

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

Go on this website to try it. It has a Spanish
version as well.

<https://familybiblechallenge.org/>

3RD SUNDAY 10AM YOUTH MASS IS NOW RESUMED

All, especially youth people, are
invited to attend our Youth Mass at
10am this Sunday, November 15
in the garden.

Come in, come all
and be healed!



BEAUTIFUL CLOTH MASKS FOR SALE JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Donated by the Padre Pio Ministry

Wouldn't you love a colorful mask that expresses your faith or celebrates the season? Masks are on sale for just \$10 each or 3 for \$25 outside of mass today. Buy one for yourself or give one as a gift! We're pretty sure this is Fr. Thi's

favorite one!



ADORATION

As a reminder, Adoration is on the first Friday of every month fro 8 AM to 6:45 PM, followed by a Mass for the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at 7 PM.

We need at least one person per hour to sit with the Blessed Sacrament. If you have any questions please call Bill or Ann (432-3995)

Jesus said to His Apostles: "My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here and stay awake with me." And going on a little further he fell on his face and prayed. 'My Father,' he said, 'if it is possible, let this cup pass me by. Nevertheless, let it be as you, not as I would have it.' He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, 'So you had not the strength to stay awake with me for one hour?'





Giving Tree 2020

Christmas is the time of giving and this year it feels more important than ever to extend a helping hand.

Please consider purchasing gift cards for distribution to our families in need this Christmas.

Any gift card will be gratefully accepted, however the ideal gift cards will be from stores that provide clothing, toys and food.

In addition cash/check or online donation may be made to Good Shepherd to purchase gift cards.

Simply place gift cards in second collections or drop off at the parish office. **DEADLINE to donate gift cards is December 13th.**

GOOD SHEPHERD GIVING TREE PROGRAM - 2020

Are you, or do you know of, a family interested in the Giving Tree Program? All information will be kept confidential. **Due to the pandemic we will only be providing gift cards for each family.**

Our goal this year is for each family to equitably receive gift cards from local stores. Each family may use the gift cards to purchase individual gifts for their children as well as providing for a blessed Christmas dinner.

To register to receive Christmas gift cards, please send the following information to gsgivingtree@gmail.com

1. Family name (Note: an identification document will be needed to pick up gift cards)
2. The number of children, 16 and under, in the family.
3. Phone number(s).

Deadline to register November 22nd.

Gift cards will be distributed to families on or before December 18 (information to follow).

Arbol de Dar de Navidad 2020



La Navidad es el momento de dar y este año es más importante que nunca extender una mano de ayuda.

Considere comprar tarjetas de regalo para distribuir las a nuestras familias necesitadas esta Navidad.

Cualquier tarjeta de regalo será aceptada con gratitud, sin embargo, las tarjetas de regalo ideales serán las de las tiendas que ofrecen ropa, juguetes y comida.

Además, se puede hacer una donación en efectivo / cheque o en línea a Good Shepherd para comprar tarjetas de regalo.

Simplemente coloque las tarjetas de regalo en la segunda colección durante la misa o déjalas en la oficina parroquial. **La fecha más tardar para donar tarjetas de regalo es el 13 de diciembre.**

PROGRAMA de BUEN PASTOR DANDO ARBOL para Navidad - 2020

¿Usted, o conoce, una familia interesada en el Programa Giving Tree? Toda la información se mantendrá confidencial. **Debido a la pandemia, solo proporcionaremos tarjetas de regalo para cada familia.**

Nuestro objetivo este año es que cada familia reciba de manera iguales tarjetas de regalo de las tiendas locales. Cada familia puede usar las tarjetas de regalo para comprar obsequios individuales para sus hijos, así como para ofrecer una cena de Navidad bendecida.

Para registrarse para recibir tarjetas de regalo de Navidad, envíe la siguiente información a gsgivingtree@gmail.com

1. Nombre de la familia (Nota: se necesitará un documento de identificación para recoger las tarjetas de regalo)
2. El número de niños, de 16 años o menos, en la familia.
3. Número (s) de teléfono.

Inscribirse más tardar el 22^{de} noviembre.

Las tarjetas de regalo se distribuirán a las familias a más tardar el 18 de diciembre (información a continuación).

Mass Intentions

November 16-22

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Mon	7:30 am	Winifreda & Santiago Dabuet † *
Tue	7:30 am	Birthday of Querubin E. Fernandez † *
Wed	7:30 am	Tomaso & Lorenzo Amigo Sr. † *
Thu	7:30 am	Ramon Iniguez † #
Fri	7:30 am	Mary & Peter Linh † *
	7:00 pm	Irma Martinez † *
Sat	8:00 am	Eulalio Trevino & Ray Valde † *
Sat	5:30 pm	Michael Hernandez † *
Sun	8:00 am	Tony & Rose Contreras † *
	10 am	Mercedes Reidy Family & Friends & Bonnie Bergholtz†*
	12 pm	Tarcela & Caloigon Pepito † #
	3 pm	For the People ^

*=Fr. Thi, #=Fr. Helmut, ^=Fr. Salvador

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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

**EZEKIEL 34:11-12, 15-17, 1 CORINTHIANS
15:20-26, 28, MATTHEW 25:31-46**

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT**

PLEASE NOTE OUR CURRENT MASS LOCATION CHANGES

Daily at 7:30 am-Church
Saturday at 8 am & 5:30 pm-Church
Sunday 8 am-Church
Sunday 10am & 12 Noon-**Garden**
Sunday at 3 pm Spanish-Church

We will periodically change Mass locations depending on weather.



SIMBANG GABI NEWS!

We will celebrate our yearly tradition of Simbang Gabi masses on December 16-24, 2020 with some changes. The mass will start at 5:30 am and follow current guidance and protocols for indoor masses and it is also going to be livestreamed. There will be no reception after the mass, only mass sponsorships. For inquiries, please contact:

**Cecille Perez at 925-300-6234 ,
Cynthia Auza at 925-427-0778, or
Leilani Andes at 925-212-8408.**

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@goodshephrdpittsburg.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.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 8am in the church –100
 - ⇒ Sunday Mass 10am and 12pm in the Spiritual Garden-Unlimited
 - ⇒ 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 some 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.