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Sharing the Love of Christ

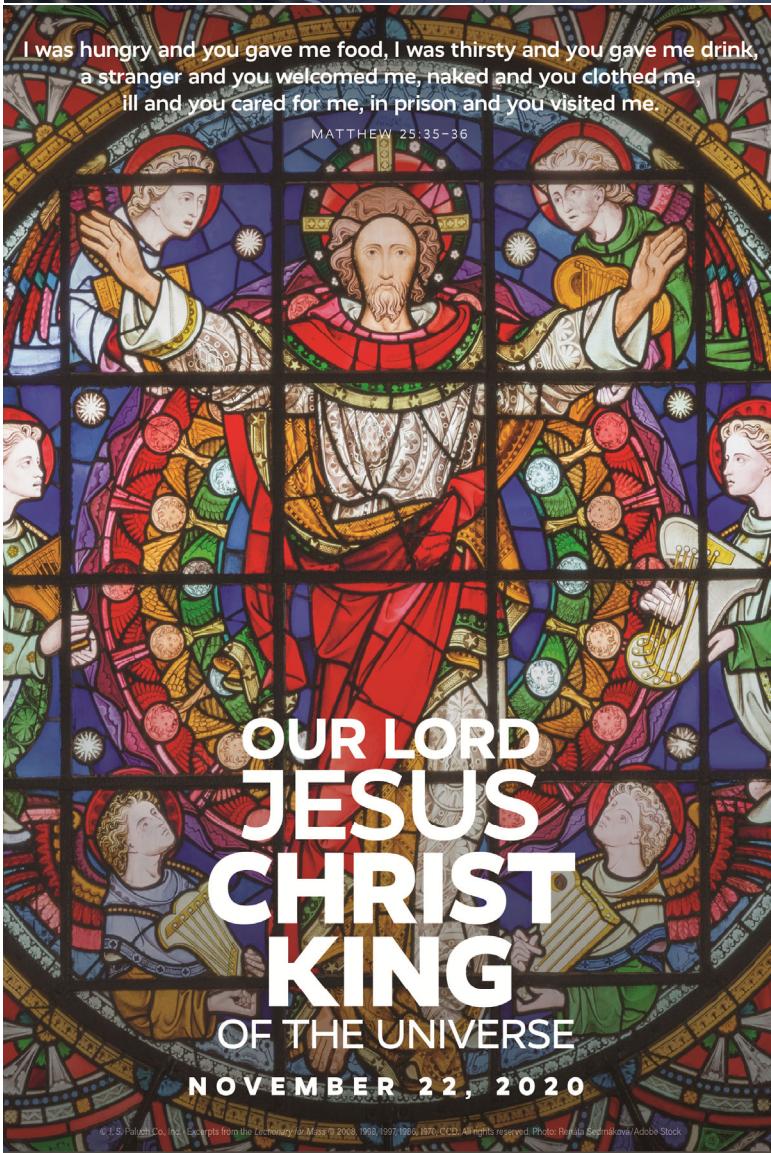
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**The Parish Office is operating virtually
during the pandemic.
We will answer your phone calls and
emails as soon as possible.**

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Updated 11/17/20

Monday - Friday

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10:00am (in the garden) - Livestream

12pm (in the garden) - Livestream

3pm (Spanish) - Livestream Only

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Fridays 8am – 9am

Confession in Front of the Church

Fridays 8am-9am

Today is the last Sunday of Ordinary Time and at the same time it also is the last day of the liturgical year, Cycle A. Next Sunday we begin the time of Advent and the new liturgical year, Cycle B.

Every liturgical year we end by celebrating the feast of the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This festival was instituted by Pope Pius XI on December 11, 1925.

In today's Gospel, Jesus shows us an evocation of the final judgment of all peoples. The whole scene of this gospel focuses on a long dialogue between the Judge, who is no other than the risen Jesus, and two groups of people: **those who have relieved the suffering of those most in need and those who have denied them help.**

Over the centuries we Christians have seen in this dialogue "the best recapitulation of the Gospel", "**the absolute praise of supportive love**" or "the most serious warning for those who live refugees falsely in their own self."

All of us, men and women, without exception will be judged by the same criteria. What is worth in life is not the social status, personal talent or success achieved over the years. **The decisive thing is practical and supportive love for people in need.**

This love translates into very concrete facts. For example, "**to feed," "give drink to the thirsty," "welcome the immigrant," "dress the naked," "visit the sick or incarcerated.**" What is decisive before God is not religious actions, but these human gestures of helping those in need.

Jesus taught us the most important commandment, to **love God and your neighbor**; He also left us the **Beatitudes**, which are the tools to live as Christians. Today He tells us that **if we live the Beatitudes**, we can be chosen to enter the Kingdom of God.

Why is it so crucial to help those in need and so damnable to deny them help? Because, as the Judge (Jesus) reveals, what is done or ceases to be done to them is being done or ceased to make God himself incarnate in Christ. When we abandon a needy person, we are abandoning God. When we alleviate their suffering, we are doing it with God.

This amazing message makes us all look at those who suffer. There is no true religion, no progressive politics, no responsible proclamation of human rights if it is not defending those most in need, alleviating their suffering and restoring their dignity.

In every person who suffers, Jesus goes out to meet us, looks at us, interrogates us and pleads with us. Nothing brings us closer to Him than learning to look closely at the faces of those who suffer with compassion. Nowhere can we more truly recognize the face of Jesus.

Brothers and sisters, this is Jesus' cry to all of us, to all mankind: Let us take care of those who suffer, take care of the little ones, give company to the sick, to the one who is in prison, let us give a smile to the afflicted, a welcoming to the immigrant... if we live this, it is as if we are doing it to Jesus Himself and this is our passport to live in the Kingdom of God.

Dn. Gustavo

Hoy es el último domingo del tiempo ordinario y al mismo tiempo es el último día del año litúrgico del ciclo A. El próximo domingo comenzamos el tiempo del Adviento y el nuevo año litúrgico del ciclo B.

Cada año litúrgico lo acabamos celebrando la fiesta de la Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del universo. Esta fiesta fue instituida por el Papa Pío XI el 11 de diciembre de 1925.

Jesús en el evangelio de hoy nos muestra una evocación del juicio final de todos los pueblos. Toda la escena de este evangelio se concentra en un diálogo largo entre el Juez que no es otro que Jesús resucitado y dos grupos de personas: **los que han aliviado el sufrimiento de los más necesitados y los que han vivido negándoles su ayuda.**

A lo largo de los siglos nosotros los cristianos hemos visto en este diálogo "la mejor recapitulación del Evangelio", "**el elogio absoluto del amor solidario**" o "la advertencia más grave para quienes viven refugiados falsamente en su propio yo".

Todos nosotros, hombres y mujeres sin excepción seremos juzgados por el mismo criterio. Lo que vale en la vida no es la condición social, el talento personal o el éxito logrado a lo largo de los años. **Lo decisivo es el amor práctico y solidario a las personas necesitadas.**

Este amor se traduce en hechos muy concretos. Por ejemplo, "**dar de comer**", "**dar de beber**", "**acoger al inmigrante**", "**vestir al desnudo**", "**visitar al enfermo o encarcelado**". Lo decisivo ante Dios no son las acciones religiosas, sino estos gestos humanos de ayuda a los necesitados.

Jesús nos enseñó el mandamiento más importante, **amar a Dios y a su prójimo**; también nos dejó **las bienaventuranzas**, que son las herramientas para vivir como cristianos. Hoy nos dice que, **si vivimos las bienaventuranzas**, podremos ser escogidos para entrar al Reino de Dios.

¿Por qué es tan decisivo ayudar a los necesitados y tan condenable negarles la ayuda? Porque, según revela el Juez (Jesús), lo que se hace o se deja de hacer a ellos, se le está haciendo o dejando de hacer al mismo Dios encarnado en Cristo. Cuando abandonamos a un necesitado, estamos abandonando a Dios. Cuando aliviamos su sufrimiento, lo estamos haciendo con Dios.

Este sorprendente mensaje nos pone a todos mirando a los que sufren. No hay religión verdadera, no hay política progresista, no hay proclamación responsable de los derechos humanos si no es defendiendo a los más necesitados, aliviando su sufrimiento y restaurando su dignidad.

En cada persona que sufre Jesús sale a nuestro encuentro, nos mira, nos interroga y nos suplica. Nada nos acerca más a Él que aprender a mirar detenidamente el rostro de los que sufren con compasión. En ningún lugar podremos reconocer con más verdad el rostro de Jesús.

Hermanos y hermanas, éste es el grito de Jesús a todos nosotros, a toda la humanidad: Ocupémonos de los que sufren, cuidemos a los pequeños, demos compañía al enfermo, al que está en la cárcel, demos una sonrisa al afligido, una bienvenida al extranjero... si vivimos esto, es como si lo estuviéramos haciendo al mismo Jesús y este es nuestro pasaporte para vivir en el Reino de Dios.

Dn. Gustavo

Virtual encuentro para compartir “Frattelli Tutti”

El pasado 4 de octubre en la fiesta de San Francisco de Asís, el Papa Francisco firmó su nueva encíclica “Frattelli 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
THE MASS!**



We congratulate and welcome to our community 5 babies who were baptized last Saturday, November 14 in our church.



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 from 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?



Hosting an in-person celebration?

- Remind guests to stay home if they feel sick, wear face coverings, practice social distancing & dress for an outdoor gathering.
- Keep the gathering small (3 households maximum) & short (2 hours or less).
- Plan activities to minimize contact between guests.
- Outdoors is safer than indoors. Try to plan your gathering during the warmest part of the day, have blankets available, or use patio heaters to make it more comfortable.
- If you have to move indoors, open windows & doors to improve airflow.

The holidays are coming and many people are trying to decide how to safely celebrate. Here are a couple of suggestions for you.





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 distribuirlas 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 23-29

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Mon	7:30 am	Leonor Duya † #
Tue	7:30 am	Pedro Ernesto Labian † *
Wed	7:30 am	Pedro Allan Labian † *
Thu	10:00 am	Hilario Reyes † *
Fri	7:30 am	Birthday of Rui-Jose V. Fernandez † *
Sat	8:00 am	Ricardo Cicadron & Danilo Sagayap † *
Sat	5:30 pm	1st Death Anniversary of Joan Marie Mayjoffo † *
Sun	8:00 am	FOR THE PEOPLE *
	10 am	Robert LeVine † *
	12 pm	Daphne Borromeo *
	3 pm	3rd Year Death Anniversary Of Juan Plascencia † ^

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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

SHEPHERD'S CLOSET CHRISTMAS GIVE-AWAY

Due to the continued spread of the Covid-19 virus, Shepherd Closet participants do not feel it is safe to have our annual Christmas Give-away this year. To prevent disappointment to the families who depend on us each year, we will give Shepherd Closet gift cards to our clients. We'll give cards to the many families who are registered with Shepherd Closet throughout the year.

Shepherd Closet families must have a registration card on file. Families receiving gift cards from Shepherd Closet are not the same families as those being served by the 2020 GIVING TREE, but we will use the same method to distribute gift cards to our families. Our goal is to provide families enough cards for them to purchase gifts for their children.

We are asking for donations to purchase gift cards for each family we help. We ask that you make your donation to Good Shepherd Church, second collection (memo: Shepherd's Closet). You can also use online donations, or purchase your own gift cards, and drop them off at the parish office. If you purchase a card separately, please write Shepherd Closet on the front of the card or envelope.

The last date to deliver gift cards to the office is Thursday, December 9th. Participants must register for Shepherd's Closet gift cards, please call Ann Abitz at (925) 432-3995 or text messages to Bill Abitz (925) 872-5852. Please include your full name, card number and phone number. Gift cards will be distributed on December 15th. The last date to register for Shepherd Closet is December 1. (Information to follow.)

We know that you are the best parishioners in the world. When we call for help, you're always there. This pandemic has hurt so many families. We need your help to give hope to hopeless families. Let's make it a "Merry Christmas" for those families. Give what you can to either ministry. If possible, don't choose one ministry over the other. Both ministries need your help!

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Saturdays 4:00pm – 5:00pm

or by appointment

All other sacramental celebrations like weddings, baptisms, and funerals will be held outdoors.

Fall Fundraiser

Have you purchased your raffle tickets yet? This is your last chance to purchase them after mass this weekend or through the office by Wednesday morning at 9 am. The Drawing is Thursday after 10 am mass and we look forward to having lots of happy winners!

Thank you to our magnificent raffle prize donors:

1st Prize \$1,000 by

Betty & Isabel Viloria

2nd Prize \$500 by Elizabeth Pittman

3rd Prize by Helen Cuya

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.

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