



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.**

## 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

O God, you are my God whom I seek;  
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts  
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

PSALM 63:2

**THIRTY  
SECOND  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

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The gospel parable tells us about the ten virgins waiting for the coming of the bridegroom. What does the behavior of the ten bridesmaids in the gospel reading tell us? These are the challenges that we must face and fulfill in life that we may, in the end, rejoice with the groom, our Lord Jesus Christ, in that heavenly garden, God's kingdom.

First, be ready always. Yes, we have so many concerns and worries in life. There are so many things to do in this busy world, so many deadlines to meet and tasks to accomplish. However, the only thing that we should be concerned about is our desire to be in God's kingdom and we do not know when that will happen. So as long as we have the time, we must be prepared and be ready always. Let us also remember, like the bridegroom, Jesus would come to us in unexpected time and ways.

Second, be patient and persevering. Just as the ten bridesmaids waited for the groom, in our life there is a lot of waiting to do. There is a lot of work, with sacrifices and sufferings to bear. There are many trials to face. Thus, we should persevere and be patient. In these difficult times, we all need to be patient and persevering. We should continue to hold on to our faith amid crises and pandemic, patiently waiting and persevering until all of this is over. Furthermore, with our perseverance when facing sacrifices and sufferings, in our waiting and in our work, we manifest our fidelity and faithfulness to God. With our patience with the people around us, we become charitable to them and we show our love to them.

Finally, participate in God's heavenly banquet. The wedding feast symbolizes entry into heaven. God wants us to be with him. He desires our union with him. He does everything so that we can be with him. But we must do our share. The wise virgins are not being selfish; they cannot simply give oil to the foolish ones. There are some things that cannot be done for us by others. We must do our part to cooperate in the plans God has for us. Each of us is personally responsible for our own inner life. We cannot blame anyone else if we are not able to join the groom in his wedding feast. Thus, we must do our part, participate, and cooperate with the will of God for us. And we can only participate in God's celebration of the heavenly banquet when we are always ready and prepared, when we persevere and are patient in his ways and willingly cooperate in doing His will.

When our time comes to meet the groom, our Lord Jesus Christ, we are assured that we face Him with our oil burning, the flame of our love for Him alive in our hearts, for we are ready and persevered in waiting for Him and can participate faithfully in His eternal banquet.



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The Groom is here!  
come out and  
greet him!

*Fr. Chris*

*P.S. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!" 2 Cor. 9:15*

*A week from now, I will embark on another mission. It is not easy to leave a parish that has been generous to me for the past two and a half years. However, the life of a priest is a life that is sent to where the Lord sends him. You have been a wonderful gift of God to me. Just as the Church of the Good Shepherd was a gift to me from God, the new mission is also a gift. So, thank you very much, my dear Church of the Good Shepherd. Thank you Fr. Thi for accepting me at this blessed parish with wonderful and faithful parishioners. Your generosity and love kept me strong in the ministry that God gave me, in my studies and in the parish ministry. I will embark on this new mission and receive this gift with a grateful heart because of all of you. Let us continue to pray for one another and give thanks to God for the gift of one another. Thank you, thank you, thank you!*

## 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](mailto:dina@goodshepherdpittsburg.org)) or Aylin ([aylin@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto:aylin@goodshepherdpittsburg.org))**

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



## FATHER CHRIS

goodbye coda  
 thank you bye-bye  
 regards Auf-wiedersehen  
 sayonara adieu  
 ciao seeya  
 cheers godspeed  
 farewell toodle-oo  
 adios Arrivederci  
 so long conclusion  
 culmination

## 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>



## FAMILY BIBLE CHALLENGE

Encounter Scripture  Encounter Christ

**Engage your family with 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/>

La parábola del evangelio nos habla de las diez vírgenes que esperan la llegada del esposo. ¿Qué nos dice el comportamiento de las diez mujeres de honor en la lectura del evangelio? Estos son los desafíos que debemos enfrentar y cumplir en la vida para que al final podamos regocijarnos con el novio, nuestro Señor Jesucristo, en ese jardín celestial, el reino de Dios.

Primero, prepárate siempre. Si, tenemos tantas preocupaciones y preocupaciones en la vida. Hay tantas cosas que hacer en este mundo ajetreado, tantas fechas límite que cumplir y tareas que cumplir. Sin embargo, lo único que debería preocuparnos es nuestro deseo de estar en el reino de Dios y no sabemos cuándo suceder. Entonces, mientras tengamos tiempo, debemos estar preparados y estar siempre listos. Recordemos también, como el novio, que Jesús vendría a nosotros incluso en tiempos y formas inesperadas.

En segundo lugar, sé paciente y perseverante. Así como las diez mujeres de honor esperaban al novio, en nuestra vida hay mucha espera por hacer. Hay mucho trabajo, con sacrificios y sufrimientos que soportar. Son muchas las pruebas que afrontar. Por tanto, debemos perseverar y ser pacientes. En estos tiempos difíciles, todos debemos ser pacientes y perseverantes. Debemos seguir aferrándonos a nuestra fe en medio de crisis y pandemias, esperando pacientemente y perseverando hasta que todo esto termine. Además, con nuestra perseverancia ante los sacrificios y sufrimientos, en nuestra espera y en nuestro trabajo, manifestamos nuestra fidelidad y fidelidad a Dios. Con nuestra paciencia con las personas que nos rodean, nos volvemos caritativos con ellos y les mostramos nuestro amor.

Finalmente, participa en el banquete celestial de Dios. La fiesta de bodas simboliza la entrada al cielo. Dios quiere que estemos con él. Él desea nuestra unión con él. Hace todo lo posible para que podamos estar con él. Pero debemos hacer nuestra parte. Las vírgenes prudentes no son egoístas; no pueden simplemente dar aceite a los necios. Hay algunas cosas que otros no pueden hacer por nosotros. Debemos hacer nuestra parte para cooperar en los planes de Dios para nosotros. Cada uno de nosotros es personalmente responsable de su propia vida interior. No podemos culpar a nadie más si no pudieramos unirnos al novio en su fiesta de bodas. Por lo tanto, debemos hacer nuestra parte, participar y cooperar con la voluntad de Dios para nosotros. Y solo podemos participar en la celebración de Dios del banquete celestial cuando estemos listos y preparados siempre, perseveremos y somos pacientes en sus caminos y cooperamos voluntariamente en hacer su voluntad.

Cuando llegue el momento de encontrarnos con el novio, nuestro Señor Jesucristo, estaremos seguros de que lo enfrentaremos con nuestro aceite ardiendo, que la llama de nuestro amor por Él vive en nuestros corazones porque estaremos listos y perseverantes en esperarlo y poderemos ser participes fielmente en su banquete eterno.

Padre Chris

## 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](mailto:dina@goodshepherdpittsburg.org)) o Aylin ([aylin@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto: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.

### ATTENTION LECTORS!



The new *Lector Workbooks* have arrived!

Please go to the altar server sacristy and pick up the copy with your name on it located on the piano.

We pray for you all as you prepare and proclaim the Word of God for our community of faith.

### ADORATION

Now that the church is reopened, we'll start our first Friday Adoration again in the Church on November 6<sup>th</sup> and thereafter on the first Friday from 8 AM to 6:45 PM. Adoration will be 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?

INCOME FOR OCTOBER, 2020

Plate Collections	\$41,862.96
Catholic Voice	1,375.00
Unrestricted Donations	2,410.28
Restricted Donations	27,091.89
Ministry Income	6,798.98
Other income	4,643.51
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 84,182.62</b>

EXPENSES FOR OCTOBER, 2020

Administration	\$ 25,545.18
Parish Property	8,134.81
Rectory Living	1,127.97
Priests	4,835.10
Liturgy & Music	4,265.13
Children, Youth & Adult Formation/CYO	4,552.63
Fundraising	4,481.86
Depreciation	2,237.76
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 55,180.44</b>

MONTH RECAP

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 84,182.62</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 55,180.44</b>

INCOME OVER EXPENSES AT MONTH END:

\$29,002.18



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

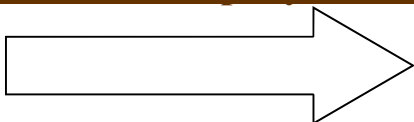
Wouldn't you love a colorful mask that expresses your faith or celebrates the season?

Masks are on sale for just \$10 each, 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!

We extend our **BIG THANK YOU** to the *St. Padre Pio Ministry* for donating these specially designed masks to us so that we can sell them to raise funds to build the fence. God bless your good hearts. St. Padre Pio, pray for us!



# Veterans Day



**This Wednesday, November 11, we honor our veteran's, both living and deceased, who fought for our freedoms. One of those freedoms is religious liberty. Let us pray for the men and women who have served our country and those who continue**

*Thank You  
Salamat*

## ZOOM MEETING DISCUSSION ON FRATELLI TUTTI

As you know, on Oct 4, 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 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 ZOOM Meeting format.

We will meet once a week on Thursdays at 7pm, starting Nov. 19. We will provide the Zoom link on our next bulletin. 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>

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! SALAMAT! TO FATHER CHRIS

From the bottom of our hearts, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to Fr. Chris for his dedicated service to our parish. What a blessing for us to have a doctor –priest like him for more than two years. He has brought a great impact to our community with his friendly personality, his inspiring preaching skill, his beautiful singing voice and his gentle care for souls. We are going to miss him a lot. His leaving is a big loss for us, but it is a gain for his home Diocese in the Philippines. His Bishop has called him back to be a professor in a seminary. We all wish him well. May God bless his new mission and adventure. And hopefully we will see him again during the summer when there is no school. He can come and stay with us for three months. With sincere and deep gratitude,

Fr. Thi, Deacon Gustavo, parish staff and GS parishioners,

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**Thank you. Yvette 925-432-6404 ext. 12**



## Mass Intentions

November 9-15

# Mass Intentions For The Week

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Mon	7:30 am	Mike & Mae Giambona † #
Tue	7:30 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory † Members of FOSS *
Wed	7:30 am	Death Anniversary of Cerilina Trias † *
Thu	7:30 am	Deceased Members of the Riva Family † #
Fri	7:30 am	Bernardo Mendoza † *
Sat	8:00 am	Birthday of Alicia Rodolfo † Vinnie Di Maggio † #
Sat	5:30 pm	Orazio & Olga Aiello Death Anniversary † *
Sun	8:00 am	Robert Carpino † *
	10 am	Agapito & Erlinda Bonifacio †
	12 pm	Jennifer C. Escobar † *
	3 pm	For the People ^

\*=Fr. Thi, #=Fr. Chris, ^=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

**PROVERBS 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31,  
1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-6,  
MATTHEW 25: 14-30**

## NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

**CATHOLIC VOICE**

## 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.**



**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](mailto: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](http://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.