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Good Shepherd

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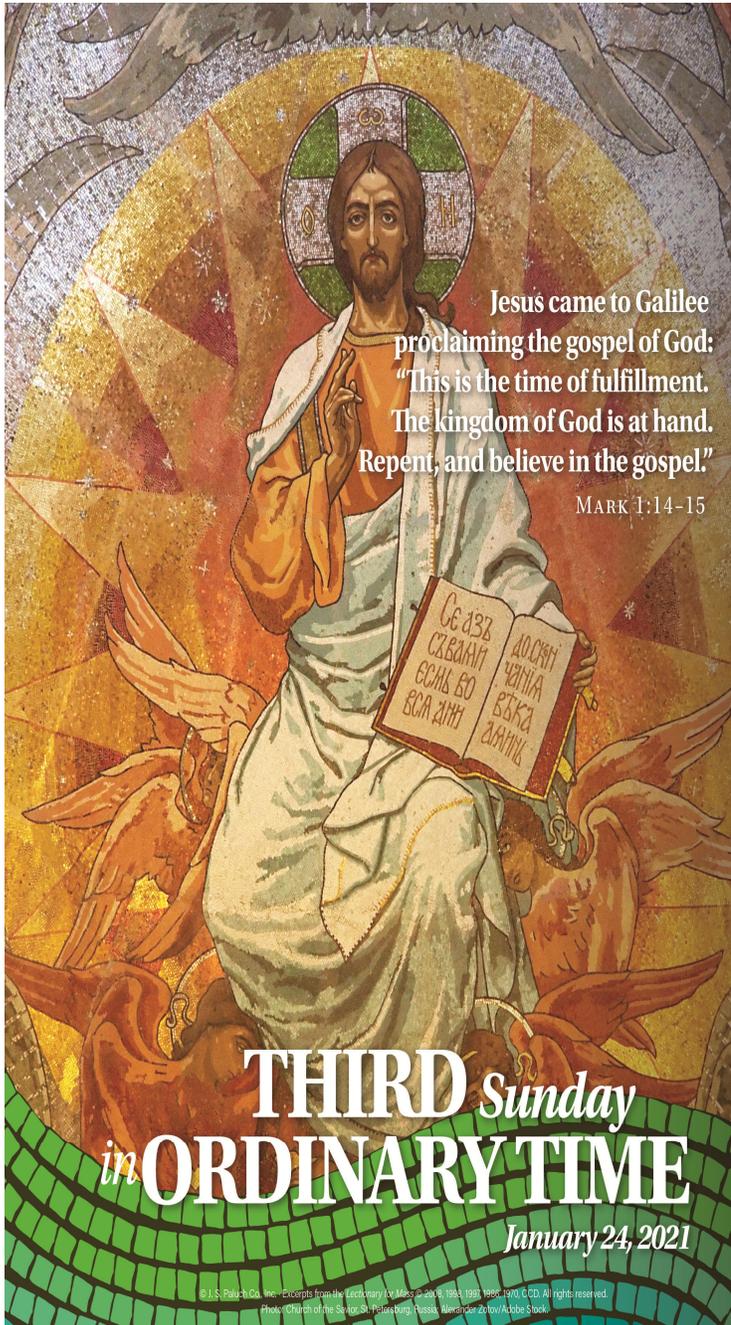
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Jesus came to Galilee
proclaiming the gospel of God:
"This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel!"

MARK 1:14-15

THIRD *Sunday*
in **ORDINARY TIME**

January 24, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE

ALL MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL: Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd, Pittsburg, CA

Monday - Friday

7:30am - Livestream

Saturday

8:00am - Livestream

5:30pm Vigil - Livestream

Sunday

8:00am Re-livestream 5:30pm Mass

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

All other sacraments like Baptism, wedding, funeral... will take place outdoor either in the garden or in front of the church.

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“The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Today's liturgy proposes two topics: the first is conversion; the second is the vocation.

Conversion

Conversion is proclaimed by the prophet Jonah, to which God sent a great city, Nineveh: “Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed, “because of his sins.” Jonah's announcement came to an outcome: “They became of their sins, and for this reason the Lord does not send the announced punishment.”

Conversion is also proclaimed by Jesus Christ: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Good News.” In one case after another, conversion means estrangement from evil, from sin. In the first case, the estrangement from evil is imposed out of fear of punishment (Jonah). Instead, Jesus invites conversion through the closeness of God and his kingdom.

In the time of Jesus, conversion always meant a turning back, Jesus changes the meaning. Not because He has fun changing the names of things, but because things have changed with His coming. Conversion no longer means going back to the old covenant and to observing the law, but rather means taking a leap forward and entering the Kingdom of God.

Conversion is a key moment in the inner life of each of us. This is done at various periods of our lives. Conversion is in an intimate bond with divine mercy.

Vocation

The first reading also speaks of God's vocation of man: “Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you.” Jonah got up and left.

The Gospel recalls the call of the first Apostles. In the two cases mentioned there are two brothers: first Simon (Peter) and Andrew; then James and John, sons of Zebedee, fishermen. Jesus called them and they left everything and followed him, they saw in their blindness their vocation. Vocation means following God's call, feeling his love, and living this love in constant action in our lives.

Jesus calls each of us

Jesus calls each of us to follow Him no matter what we have done in the past, the time is now, it is now that we have the opportunity to respond to Jesus, to convert and to find our vocation in life, to be religious, to be married, to be single, or to any path where the Lord call us.

Today we read in the second reading Paul's letter to the Corinthians; but I would like to recall that tomorrow, January 25, the church celebrates the Conversion of Paul. Paul first had his conversion on his way to Damascus and only after that, he finds his vocation to live and proclaim the Reign of God; Paul converted, believed, and lived the good news; and we all know how Paul brought God's Mission to all the peoples of his day. The early Apostles answered Jesus' call, converted, and then found their calling.

Let us ask ourselves: Have I answered God's call, if I have not, will I? Sisters and brothers, it is time for conversion, it is time to find our vocation, it is time to live the Mission of God.

“Está cerca el reino de Dios: convertíos y creed la Buena Noticia” La liturgia de hoy propone dos temas: el primero de ellos es la conversión; el segundo, la vocación.

La conversión

La conversión es proclamada por el profeta Jonás, al que Dios envió a una gran ciudad, Nínive: “Dentro de Cuarenta días Nínive será arrasada” a causa de sus pecados. El anuncio de Jonás obtuvo resultados: “Se convertían de sus pecados” y, por esto, el Señor no envía el castigo anunciado.

La conversión es proclamada también por Jesucristo: “Se ha cumplido el plazo, está cerca el reino de Dios: Convertíos y creed la Buena Noticia” En uno y otro caso la conversión significa alejamiento del mal, del pecado. En el primer caso el alejamiento del mal se impone por miedo al castigo (Jonás). En cambio, Jesús invita a la conversión por la cercanía de Dios y de su reino.

En la época de Jesús, convertirse significaba siempre un volver atrás, Jesús cambia el significado. No porque Él se divierta en cambiar los nombres de las cosas, sino porque con su venida han cambiado las cosas. Convertirse ya no significa más volver hacia atrás, a la antigua alianza y a la observancia de la ley, sino que significa, más bien, dar un salto hacia adelante y entrar al Reinado de Dios.

La conversión es un momento clave de la vida interior de cada uno de nosotros. Ésta se realiza en diversos períodos de nuestra vida. La conversión está en íntimo vínculo con la misericordia divina.

La vocación

Sobre la vocación del hombre por parte de Dios habla también la primera lectura: “Levántate y vete a Nínive, la gran capital y pregonadora allí el mensaje que te diré” Jonás se levantó y se fue...

El Evangelio recuerda la llamada de los primeros Apóstoles. En los dos casos allí citados se trata de dos hermanos: primero Simón (Pedro) y Andrés; luego Santiago y Juan, hijos de Zebedeo, eran pescadores. Jesús los llamó y ellos dejaron todo y lo siguieron, vieron en su ceguera su vocación. La vocación significa seguir el llamado de Dios, sentir su amor y vivirlo en acción constante en nuestra vida.

Jesús nos llama a cada uno

Jesús nos llama a cada uno de nosotros a seguirlo, no importa que hayamos hecho en el pasado, es ahora, es en estos momentos que tenemos la oportunidad de responderle a Jesús, a convertirnos y a encontrar nuestra vocación en la vida, sea religiosa, sea al matrimonio, sea a la soltería, o a cualquier camino donde nos llame al Señor.

Hoy leímos en la segunda lectura, la carta de Pablo a los corintios; pero me gustaría recordar que mañana 25 de enero, la iglesia celebra la Conversión de Pablo. Pablo primero tuvo su conversión en camino a Damasco y solo después de eso encontró su vocación de vivir y proclamar el Reinado de Dios; Pablo se convirtió, creyó y vivió la buena nueva; y todos sabemos cómo Pablo llevó la Misión de Dios a todos los pueblos de su época. Los primeros apóstoles respondieron al llamado de Jesús, se convirtieron y después encontraron su vocación.

Preguntemonos: ¿He respondido al llamado de Dios?, si no lo he hecho, ¿lo voy a hacer? Hermanas (os), es tiempo de conversión, es tiempo de encontrar nuestra vocación, es tiempo de vivir la Misión de Dios.

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

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO THE DIACONATE?

Classes will be starting in the Diocese of Oakland. For more information, interested men and their wives are invited to attend one of the following information meetings on Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8745798692>
 or by phone at 1-408-638-0968, Meeting ID: 874 579 8692#
 Tuesdays from 7-8 pm on January 19 or 26, 2021
 or
 Saturdays from 11 am-Noon on January 16, 23 or 30, 2021

2020 TAX DONATION LETTERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST BY CALLING YVETTE OR CARMEN IN THE PARISH OFFICE (432-6404) OR BY EMAILING yvette@goodshepherdpittsburg.org OR carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCE FOR RECEIVING THEM BY REGULAR MAIL OR EMAIL.

**FEBRUARY 2021
2ND COLLECTION UPDATE**

Please be informed that the Diocese is managing the 2021 Bishop Appeal Collection this year through the Chancery. Therefore, all of our parish's 2nd collections in February for the Appeal will be changed to Fence Fund Raising. Unfortunately it is too late to make a printing change to the envelopes you will be receiving for the month of February. So please make sure you understand that any collection monies we receive in the Appeal envelopes will be re-directed to the very important project of paying for our new security fence. This will help the parish stay safe and save money in the long run in not having to make damage repairs to the property.

**ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS FLOWER
FUND DONATIONS**

**Elvi Sapaindante
Joel Ascuncion**

**ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE
FEBRUARY 17, 2021**

6:30am -Ash Service
 8:00am Mass
 12pm- Ash Service
 6:00pm Mass
 7:30pm Mass in Spanish

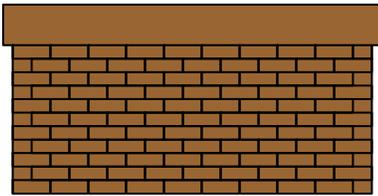
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BEAUTIFUL CLOTH MASKS FOR SALE!

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 \$5 each outside of mass today. Buy one for yourself or give one as a gift!

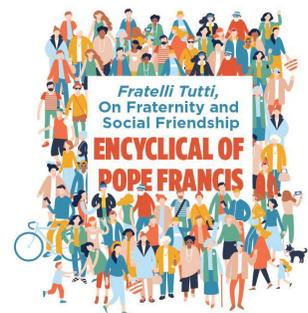


GARDEN BRICK UPDATE

Due to the high volume of brick orders, we are still working to complete the setting of all orders in the garden. Many of you have asked for an update. Bricks were engraved and placed in the order they were received. A lot of them were placed around Christmastime. We are happy to report that the installer worked two days this week installing more. We hope to have the project completed very soon. We thank you for your patience.

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. Here is the Zoom Link:



<https://zoom.us/j/97050699697?pwd=NDVJSWplZ0s1NU55UVRuMDJWYWpBdz09>

There is no need to register for the forum.

SECURITY FENCE FUND RAISING UPDATE



\$50,000

\$40,000

\$30,000

\$20,000

\$10,000

50,000

Our goal

THANK YOU!

This week brought in \$6,600 for our security fence project!

Donations Collected YTD: \$39,804.26

Amount Needed: \$50,000.00

Needed to Make Goal: \$10,195.74

Please discern how you can help us meet our goal and watch our thermometer rise to the top! Remember, equal sacrifice, not equal giving. Thank you!

WE ARE ALMOST THERE!

Together we can do this! I am confident that we can make the goal because we have so many generous people in our church. Please remember our fence project when you receive the \$\$\$ stimulus from the government. We ask that if you can help us with just 10% of your stimulus, or any amount you can. You can write us a check or do the online giving on our website. Thank you so much.





FEAST OF SANTO NINO JANUARY 17



ENTRANCE PROCESSESION



Many families brought their statues from home to be blessed by Fr. Thi



Thank you to everyone who planned and participated in this special yearly event!

Mass Intentions

January 25-31, 2021

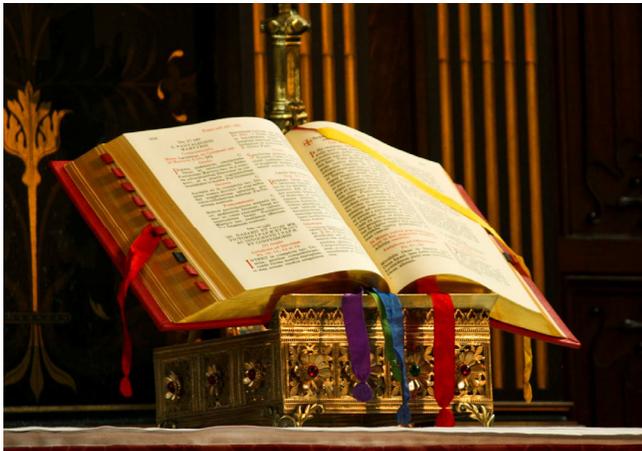
Mass Intentions For The Week

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Mon	7:30 am	Brenda Nierves † #
Tue	7:30 am	The Ancestors † *
Wed	7:30 am	1 Year Death Anniversary of Leonard D'Agostino † *
Thu	7:30 am	Leonard D'Agostino † #
Fri	7:30 am	Jose Louis (Lou) Solis † *
Sat	8:00 am	Christina Labian, Joaquina B. Villaflores † & Auza Family Thanksgiving *
Sat	5:30 pm	Mr. Jack Carter † *
Sun	8:00 am	Deolinda Roberts † *
	10 am	Judy Mori † *
	12 pm	Capupus Family *
	3 pm	For the People ^

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



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20,
1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-35, MARK 1:21-28**

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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.

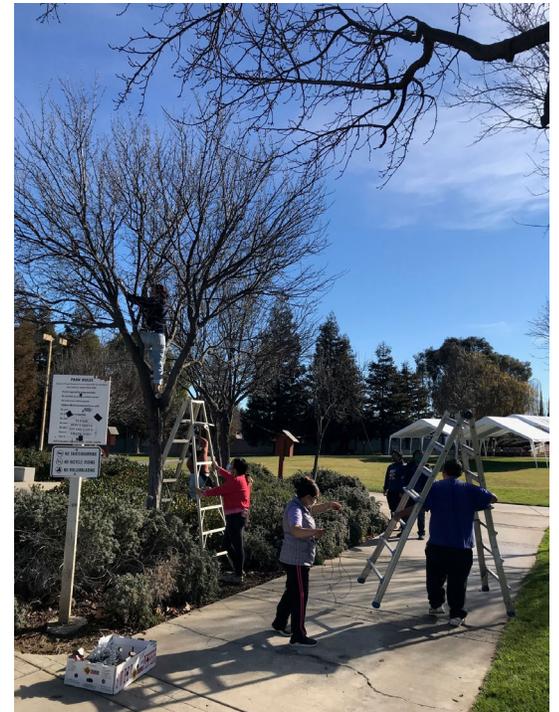
NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Flock's Activities



Christmas clean up volunteers



Taking down Christmas

THANK YOU

We would like to congratulate our Filipino Ministry for the success of the Santo Nino fiesta celebration on Sunday, January 17. We are able to find ways to celebrate the feasts despite the epidemic.

Our heartfelt appreciation to members of our Filipino Community and specifically to our event coordinators: Henry and Ofelia, Alma, Cecilia, Feli, and Cynthia and all members of the Santo Nino Family Prayer Ministry from within and outside our parish who have been supporting the parish through all these years. In addition to the Mass Sponsors whose names were mentioned during the Santo Nino feast mass on January 17th, we would like to acknowledge the following people who sent in their donations along with the Santo Nino group for our fence project:

Rhoda & Boyet Adajar, Recel Al-Mesned, Josie Arellano, Rose Arellano, Marris & Sal Arquines, Edgar & Rose Berdiago, Lilibeth & Rudy Cabero, Malou & Bert Calalang, Leo & Elsie Calara, Mariano & Catalina Cuenca, Cathy & Ricky De Guzman, Cyd Domantay, Mila & Rey Evangelista, Chit & Jimmy Hernandez, Liling & Manny Hernandez, Esther &, Joey Llagan, Hector & Grace Jorge, Corazon Legaspi, Jessica & Tony Los Banos, Rod & Carol Navarrete, Whelma Nilo, Romeo Razo, Fatima Rubio, Dalisay & Nerio Torres, Sheila & Donato Turgo, Linda Umali, Ninfa & Val Valones, Rosario Velasco, Andy & Mary Ann Villanueva, Rey & Lulu Wong.

We have collected a total amount of \$7,300 for our fence project. Wow! Thank You so much to all beloved sons and daughters of Santo Nino. Viva Santo Nino! Mabuhay.

