



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

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

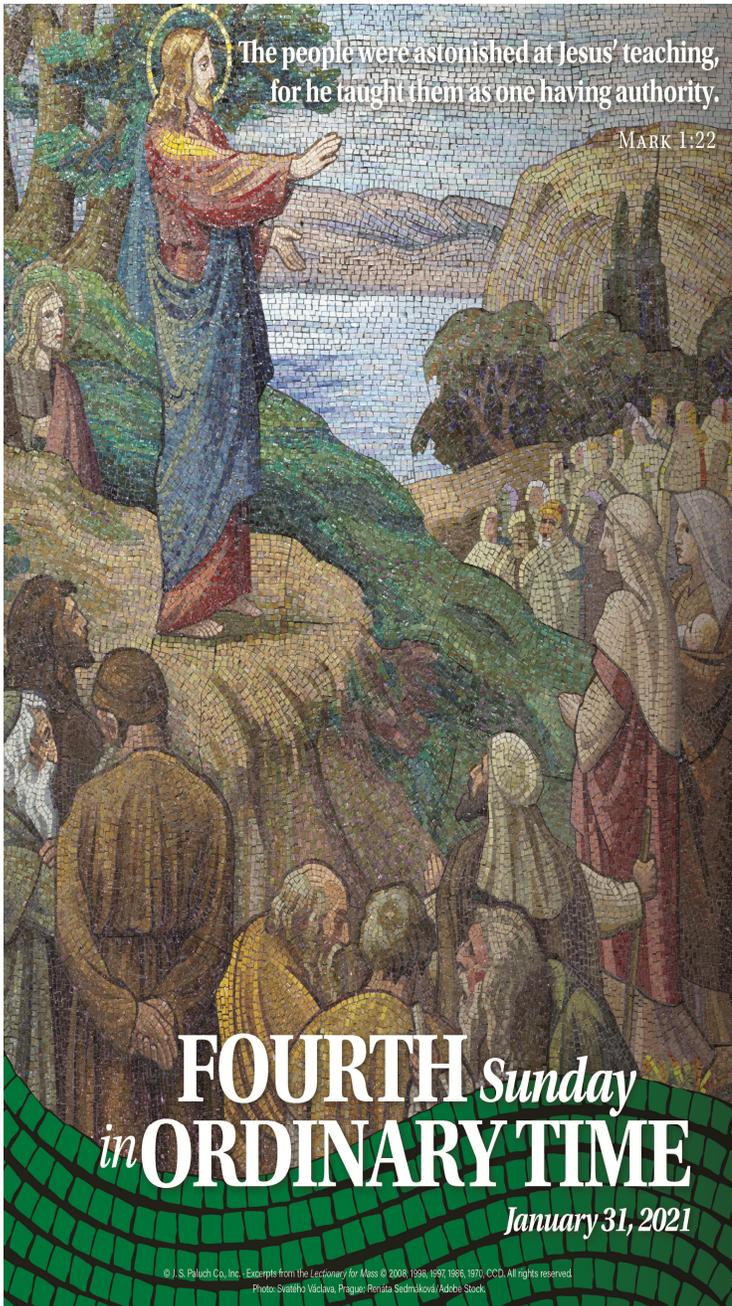
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MASS SCHEDULE

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



The readings of this 4th Sunday in Year B express the theme of *authority*. Who has it and who does not have it? The first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy gives us a comparison of a true prophet, Moses, who speaks with authority in the name of the Lord to whom people shall listen. Whereas, a false prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, you shall not listen to.

The gospel gives a comparing and contrasting of the teaching of Jesus with that of the scribes. Jesus' teaching with authority resonates with three distinguishing qualities, which the scribes do not have. His teaching is (a) from the heart and not just from the head; (b) it focuses on the spirit and not on the letter of the law, and (c) it brings about a visible change for the better.

Jesus' teaching goes from the hearer to the heart. He does not give people "a *motherhood and apple pie*" kind of talk. But his preaching stirs up people's minds and hearts, for he walks his talk. He practices what he speaks. Pope Paul VI once said: *"Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses."* Jesus has authority because He serves the people, He is close to people and He is clear, as opposed to the doctors of the law who consider themselves princes, threatening people to keep the law, lest they shall be condemned.

A second difference between the teaching of Jesus and that of the scribes lies in the content of the message. Whereas the scribes seek to apply the prescription of the Law to the letter, Jesus goes deeper to find out the spirit, the original intent of the law. People perceive the teaching of Jesus as liberating good news in contrast to that of the scribes which they perceive as a heavy burden.

The final difference between the teaching of Jesus and that of the scribes is that Jesus' teaching is always intended to bring about a visible change for the better, not just to make the people feel bad. The scribes condemn the sinners; Jesus forgives their sins and sets them free. That is the difference. That's is what we call speaking with authority.

What is our attitude to the word of God we hear? Do we allow it to challenge us and bring about a difference in our lives or is it simply to satisfy some intellectual curiosity? Through Jesus' words, devils come out, storms are stopped, the sick are healed, sinners are forgiven. What power do our words have over people and nature? Do our words heal, and forgive, destroy or build up people? May the Lord inspire us with his word so we may also speak with authority by believing what we speak and practicing what we believe. Amen!

Blessings,

Fr. Thi Hoang



Las lecturas de este 4º Domingo del Año B destacan el tema de la autoridad. ¿Quién la tiene y quién no? La primera lectura del libro de Deuteronomio nos da una comparación de un verdadero profeta Moisés que habla con autoridad en el nombre del Señor a quien la gente escuchará. Mientras que un falso profeta que habla en nombre de otros dioses. No le escucharán.

El Evangelio da una comparación y contraste de la enseñanza de Jesús con la de los Escribas. La enseñanza de Jesús con autoridad resuena tres cualidades distintivas que los Escribas no tienen. Su enseñanza es (a) del corazón y no solo de la cabeza; (b) se centra en el espíritu y no en la letra de la ley, y (c) produce un cambio visible para el bien mejor.

La enseñanza de Jesús es del oído al corazón. No le da a la gente una especie de charla de “maternidad y pastel de manzana”. Pero su predicación fortalece las mentes y los corazones de las personas, porque sigue lo que predica. Practica lo que habla. El Papa Pablo VI dijo una vez: "El hombre moderno escucha con más gusto a los testigos que a los maestros, y si escucha a los maestros es porque son testigos". Jesús tiene autoridad porque sirve al pueblo, está cerca de las personas y es claro, a diferencia de los doctores de la ley que se consideran príncipes, amenazando a las personas con guardar la ley para que no sean condenados.

Una segunda diferencia entre la enseñanza de Jesús y la de los Escribas reside en el contenido del mensaje. Mientras que los Escribas buscan aplicar la prescripción de la Ley al pie de la letra, Jesús profundiza para descubrir el espíritu, la intención original de la ley. La gente percibe la enseñanza de Jesús como una buena noticia liberadora en contraste con la de los Escribas, que perciben como una pesada carga.

La última diferencia entre la enseñanza de Jesús y la de los Escribas es que la enseñanza de Jesús siempre tiene la intención de producir un cambio visible para mejor, no solo para hacer que la gente se sienta mal. Mientras que los Escribas condenan a los pecadores, Jesús perdona sus pecados y los libera. Esa es la diferencia. Eso es lo que llamamos hablar con autoridad.

¿Cuál es nuestra actitud hacia la palabra de Dios que escuchamos? ¿Permitimos que nos desafíe y produzca una diferencia en nuestras vidas o es simplemente para satisfacer alguna curiosidad intelectual? A través de las palabras de Jesús, salen los demonios, se detienen las tormentas, se curan los enfermos, se perdona a los pecadores. ¿Qué poder tienen nuestras palabras sobre las personas y la naturaleza? ¿Nuestras palabras sanan y perdonan, destruyen o edifican a las personas? Que el Señor nos inspire con su palabra para que también podamos hablar con autoridad al creer lo que hablamos y practicar lo que creemos. ¡Amén!

Bendiciones

Padre Thi Hoang

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

FEBRUARY 2021—2ND COLLECTION UPDATE

Please be informed that all of our parish's 2nd collections in February for the Bishop's 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 by not having to make damage repairs to the property.

Note: All the extra money collected from the fence project will be used to seal and stripe our back parking lot, which is estimated to be around \$7,500.

2020 TAX DONATION LETTERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST BY CALLING YVETTE OR CARMEN IN THE PARISH OFFICE (432-6404) OR BY EMIALING

yvette@goodshepherdpittsburg.org OR carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCE FOR RECEIVING THEM BY REGULAR MAIL OR EMAIL.

Please note: Under the Cares Act, if you are taking the standard deductions on your 2020 taxes, you can deduct \$300 per person in charitable giving for 2020.



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.

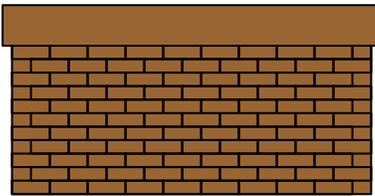
Buy one for yourself or give one as a gift!

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

All Masses/ Services will take place outdoors, either in the garden or in front of the church.



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.

MORE MONEY COMING IN FOR THE FENCE!

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE DIVINE MERCY MINISTRY IN OUR PARISH FOR DONATING \$720 FOR THE FENCE!

AND THE FOLLOWING DONORS WHO DONATED MONEY THROUGH THE SANTO NINO PRAYER MINISTRY.

**Arellano, Lucy/Primo; Bondoc, Josephine; Buzon, Silvia
Garcia, Rose/Bruno; De Los Santos, Norma; Perez, Hilario/Marife**



St. Vincent De Paul needs YOU!

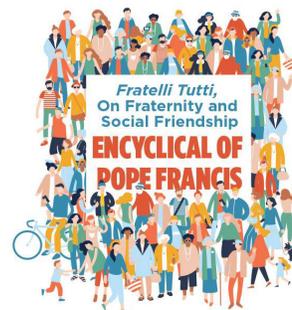
Please come to our back parking lot on Saturdays from 11 am to 1 pm to volunteer in feeding the needy in our community.

YOUR REWARD WILL BE GREAT IN HEAVEN!

*This weekend at the 10 am Mass we celebrate the **RITE OF WELCOME** of our RCIA Candidates! Let us pray for them as they journey toward the holy sacraments at Easter Vigil.*

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



WE DID IT!

50,000.0

Our goal

THANK YOU!

Fr. This's Fence Update Message:

My dear beloved Flock of the Good Shepherd:

We can never say thank you enough for good hearts and generosity to help out with the fence project. We started the appeal a month ago, and within that time we made our goal. Wow! This shows how much you love and support our church. Thank you so very much.

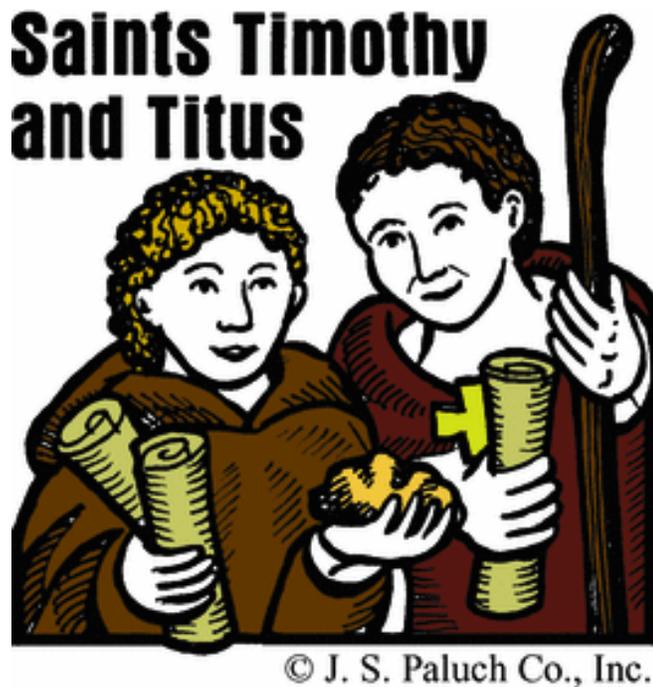
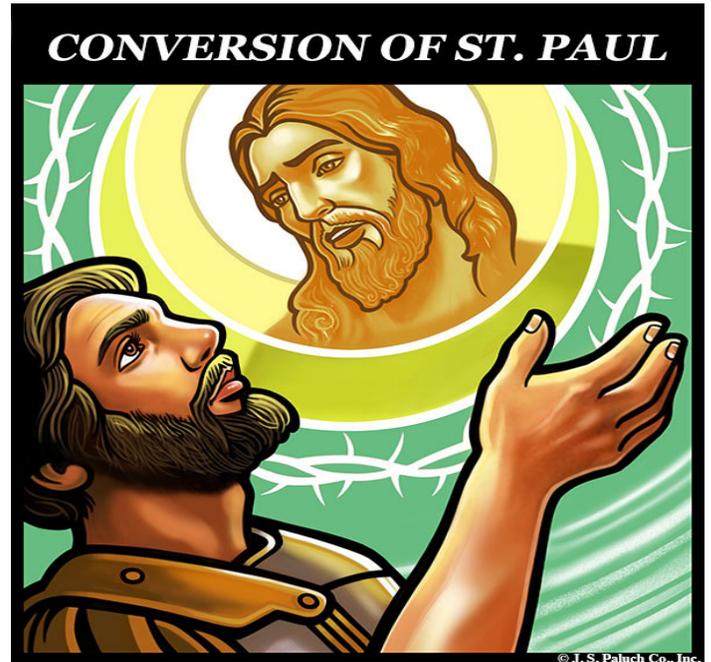
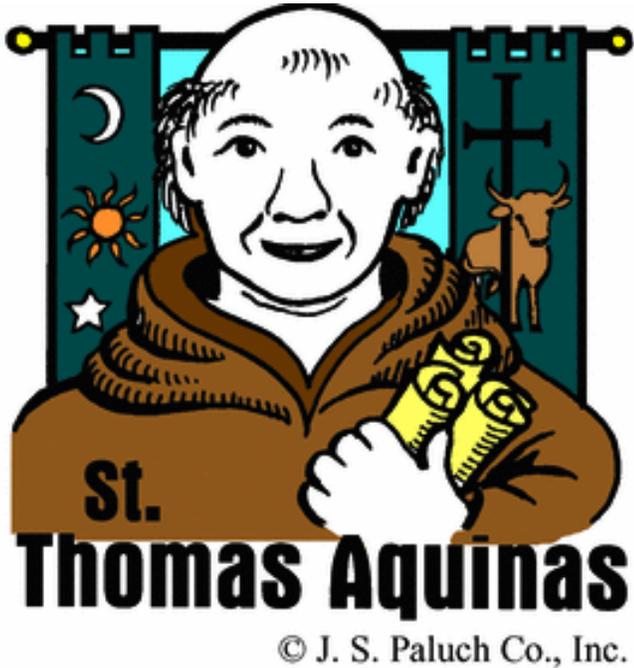
All the extra money we collect from this project will be used to fix our back parking lot. It has been five years since we paved the back parking lot. It's time to maintain it with sealing and stripping. We hope to do it around June. The estimate cost is \$7,500.

Again, thank you for your generous hearts to support our church. May God repay you abundantly. May we all be safe.

Donations Collected YTD:	\$ 50,804.26
Amount Needed:	\$ 50,000.00

WE DID IT!

Some of you may not know that we celebrate the saints on their feast days throughout the week. Just in the week leading up to this Sunday we celebrated:



Who is your favorite saint?
Do you know when we celebrate his or her feast day?

Mass Intentions

Feb 1-7, 2021

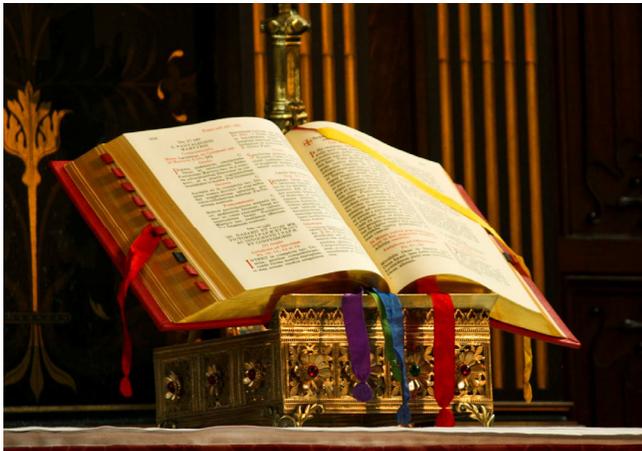
Mass Intentions For The Week

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Mon	7:30 am	Andrew Riva † #
Tue	7:30 am	Andrew Riva † *
Wed	7:30 am	Joseph & Anna Nguyen † *
Thu	7:30 am	Sofronio Capupus † #
Fri	7:30 am	Capupus Family *
Sat	8:00 am	Birthday of Roma Roberts Capupus Family *
Sat	5:30 pm	Marianna Mercurio † *
Sun	8:00 am	Gunzie Aceves † *
	10 am	Frances Ferrante Thomas † *
	12 pm	Elizabeth Troia † *
	3 pm	For the People *

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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 READINGS

**JOB 7:1-4, 6-7,
1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-19, 22-23,
MARK 11:29-39**

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

BUILDING FUND

WE EXTEND OUR BIG THANK YOU TO JULIO AND FRINEDS FROM OUR SPANISH COMMUNITY FOR HELPING US TRIM THE OLEANDERS, KEEPING OUR HOLY GROUND NICE AND NEAT!



OUR FLOCK IS GROWING!
January 23rd Baptisms



WELCOME!
Ethan Lauren I. Daatio
Blaise Napoleon Ortiz