



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

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Sixth Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

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Brothers and sisters,
whether you eat or drink,
or whatever you do,
do everything for the

GLORY OF GOD.

1 Corinthians 10:31



With 25% capacity = 150 People per Mass/Service

Visit our parish website to sign up for weekend Mass you want to attend.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday - Friday

7:30am

Saturday

8:00am and 5:30pm Vigil

Sunday

8:00am, 10:00am, 12pm, 3pm Spanish

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK HOTLINE 510-259-8706



6th Sunday's Reflection (Mk 1:40-45) Healing of the Leper

You would never find any disease that brings about such suffering as leprosy. The lepers not only suffer from their physical pain, for they feel day by day the virus nibble their bodies; but also undergo the discrimination and abandonment of the society. They are in fact the poorest of the poor and the most miserable of all.

They must live alone outside the camp; they go with rent clothes, bared head, and as they go, they must cry out, "Unclean, unclean!" as written in the book of Leviticus in the first reading. We see the same thing in the Middle Ages when the priest, wearing his stole and carrying a crucifix, led the leper into the church, and read the burial service over him. This means the leper is already dead, though still alive. Worse still, he was also cut off from the worshipping community, banned from Masses and services in the church.

In the midst of abandonment, the leper came to Jesus, saying: *"Lord! if you wish, you can make me clean."* The leper is not demanding, not insisting, he is acknowledging the Lordship of Jesus: *"thy will be done, not mine."* The leper did not say: *"please Jesus, make me clean, please heal me, but he said: if you wish..."* This is to say that he did not ask for his own benefit, but humbly opened to the will of Jesus: *If it is your will, you can make me clean; if it is not, I accept it.* The wise leper totally surrendered himself to the will of God; and he was made clean.

There is no leprosy nowadays, but there are still lots of lepers who are longing for a touch or a hug: the poor, the sick, the homeless, the afflicted, the marginalized. They are the images of Christ. When we embrace them, we redeem the divinity of ourselves and theirs as well. After receiving a healing, the leper went away and began to publicize the whole matters, spreading the good news to all regions. This reminds us when we experience healing miracles in our life, we feel an inner obligation to tell the world about it. Evangelization only becomes successful when one starving person tells another starving person where to find bread. We experience God's love, we don't hide it, but make it known to the world.

3 takeaways from this Gospel reading

1st: learn from the leper, saying "If you wish..." When we pray to God, pray for God's will to be done, for his kingdom come, not ours.

2nd: learn from Jesus who touches the leper, we must touch the outcast and associate with them with our loving care.

3rd: be thrilled to share our healing experience at home, at work and in society. Be evangelists at all times.

Happy Valentine's Day

Many blessings, Fr. Thi Hoang

Reflexión del VI domingo (Mc 1, 40-45)

Curación del Leproso



Nunca encontrarás ninguna enfermedad que provoque un sufrimiento como la lepra. Los leprosos no sólo sufren de su dolor físico, pues sienten día a día que el virus muere sus cuerpos; pero también sufren la discriminación y el abandono de la sociedad. De hecho, son los más pobres de los pobres y los más miserables de todos.

Deben vivir solos fuera del campamento; van con ropa rasgada, con la cabeza descubierta, y mientras van deben gritar: "¡Inmundo, inmundo!" como está escrito en el libro de Levítico en la primera lectura. Vemos lo mismo en la Edad Media cuando el sacerdote, vestido con su estola y con un crucifijo, llevó al leproso a la iglesia y leyó el funeral sobre él. Esto significa que el leproso ya está muerto, aunque todavía está vivo. Peor aún, también fue aislado de la comunidad de adoración, prohibido de misas y servicios en la iglesia.

En medio del abandono, el leproso se acercó a Jesús y le dijo: "¡Señor! si lo deseas, puedes limpiarme". El leproso no exige, no insiste, está reconociendo el señorío de Jesús: "hágase tu voluntad, no la mía". El leproso no dijo: "por favor Jesús, límpiame, por favor sáname, pero dijo: si quieres..." Es decir que no pidió para su propio beneficio, sino que se abrió humildemente a la voluntad de Jesús: Si es tu voluntad, puedes limpiarme; si no es así, lo acepto. El leproso sabio se entregó totalmente a la voluntad de Dios. Y quedó limpio.

Hoy en día no hay lepra, pero todavía hay muchos leprosos que anhelan un toque o un abrazo: los pobres, los enfermos, los sin techo, los afligidos, los marginados. Son las imágenes de Cristo. Cuando los abrazamos, redimimos la divinidad de nosotros mismos y de ellos también. Después de recibir una curación, el leproso se fue y comenzó a dar a conocer a todo el mundo, difundiendo la buena nueva a todas las regiones. Esto nos recuerda que cuando experimentamos milagros curativos en nuestra vida, sentimos la obligación interna de contarle al mundo sobre ello. La evangelización solo tiene éxito cuando una persona hambrienta le dice a otra persona hambrienta dónde encontrar pan. Experimentamos el amor de Dios, no lo ocultamos, sino que lo damos a conocer al mundo.

3 conclusiones de esta lectura del Evangelio

1º: aprende del leproso, diciendo "si quieres ..." Cuando oramos a Dios, oramos para que se haga la voluntad de Dios, para que venga su reino, no el nuestro.

2º: aprende de Jesús que toca al leproso, debemos tocar al marginado y asociarnos con él con nuestro amoroso cuidado.

3º: estar emocionado de compartir nuestra experiencia de sanación en casa, en el trabajo y en la sociedad. Sed evangelizadores en todo momento.

Feliz día de San Valentín

Muchas bendiciones,

Padre Thi Hoang

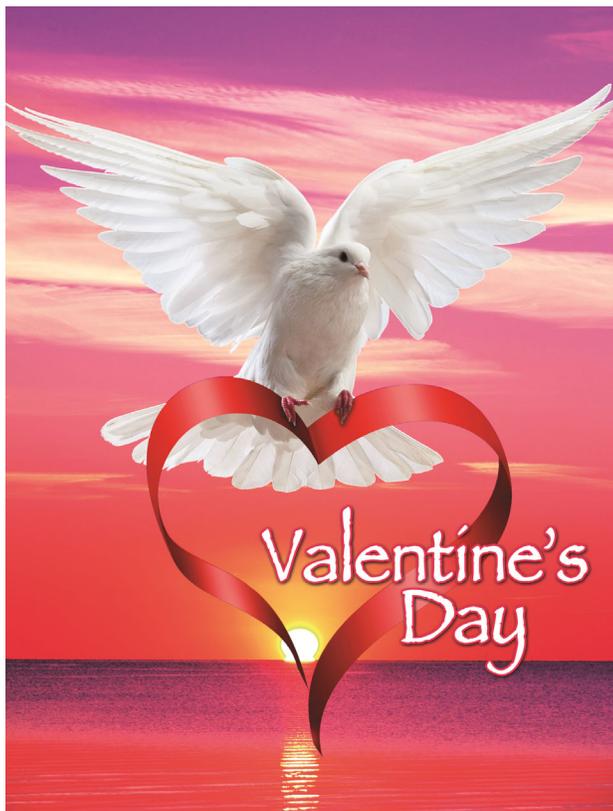
**The Parish Office
is operating
virtually during the
pandemic.
We will answer
your phone calls
and emails as soon
as possible.**

**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.

**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.**

*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.*



**COVID –19 VACCINATION POLICY–
Bishop Barber's Statement**

The Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the US Catholic Conference of Bishops and the CA Catholic Conference of Bishops have all approved as morally acceptable the vaccinations now available (Pfizer and Moderna) as well as two likely to become available soon (Johnson & Johnson and Astra Zeneca). Pope Francis has received the vaccination. Beyond protecting their own health and safety, Catholics also have an obligation to protect their family, friends, co-workers and community by vaccinating as soon as feasible.

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 in front of the church.

Lenten Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year until the beginning of their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory for all who have completed their 14th year of age. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare to share more fully and celebrate more readily his Resurrection. Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence (from meat) for all who have completed their 14th year. As always, anyone for whom fasting or abstinence would pose a health risk is excused.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT ON FRIDAYS

All are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 7pm in the church. Come and be healed.

**PRESIDENT'S DAY
MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 15
IS A DIOCESAN
HOLIDAY.
THE PARISH
OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED.**



THANK YOU



We extend our deep gratitude to the generous donors who donated the livestream camera for us. We started streaming with the new camera last weekend. We received lots of positive feedback from people watching the Mass online. The picture and the sound are very clear. With this professional camera, we will continue to livestream the Mass even when we fully reopen the church in order to bring the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to the sick and the homebound. God is good....

2021 Lenten and Easter Celebrations

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES DURING LENT

Confessions: Fridays 8-9 am; Saturdays 4-5 pm and every Tuesday during Lent from 7-8 pm

Adorations: Fridays 8 am– 9 am; First Friday from 8am to 6:30 pm followed by 7pm Mass

Stations of the Cross: All Fridays of Lent @ 7 pm

Parish Lenten Study Series: Robert Baron on the Eucharist Beginning February 18 at 7 pm

On Zoom @

<https://zoom.us/j/98302298313?pwd=azc2TFFqaDgzSDVJRUdsc2hieDY0UT09>

March 9

7pm Spanish Lenten Evening of Reflection

March 10 (Tentative)

7pm English Lenten Evening of Reflection

March 19

Feast of St. Joseph, Mass at 7:30am & 7pm

HOLY WEEK

March 27-Palm Sunday Vigil 5:30 pm mass

March 28– Palm Sunday 8am, 10am, 12pm & 3pm (Spanish)

April 1-Holy Thursday

8:00am Morning Prayer/Liturgy of the Hours
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of Feet followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Mid-Night.



April 2-Good Friday

8am Morning Prayer/Liturgy of the Hours
12pm Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross
3:00pm Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross (Spanish)
7:00pm Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross

EASTER

April 3-Holy Saturday

8am Morning Prayer/Liturgy of the Hours
8:30am Easter Vigil Rehearsal
8:00pm Easter Vigil

April 4 –Easter Sunday

7 am Mass
8:30 am Mass
10 am Mass
12 pm Mass
3 pm Spanish Mass



A HUGE

thank you to a good and faithful parishioner, who wishes to remain anonymous, who saw it in her ❤️ to donate \$10,000 for the building fund of our parish.

GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!

This week we adored Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and we performed Corporal Works of Mercy



The 2021 Bishop's Appeal will officially launch February 13 & 14, ahead of Ash Wednesday.

Our goal this year is: **\$35,600**

Please help us reach our goal!



- ◆ Don't let Covid keep you from taking time for your relationship. Join us for a virtual WWME experience from the comfort of your home.
- ◆ Want to put the romance back into your relationship?
- ◆ The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend offers married couples an opportunity to get off the treadmill of life and focus on each other.
- ◆ It is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God.
- ◆ Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends.
- ◆ Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://wwme.org/> to see when the next virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends from the safety of your home are happening or call Ray & Roberta Montes at 916-806-4601.

Mass Intentions

Feb 15-21, 2021

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Mon	7:30 am	Lucille Vitalie † *
Tue	7:30 am	Lamberto Manalang † *
Wed	8:00 am	Filomena Andrade † *
	6:00 pm	Capupus Family *
	7:30 pm	FOR THE PEOPLE *
Thu	7:30 am	Lamberto Manalang †#
Fri	7:30 am	Lorraine Rodella † *
Sat	8:00 am	Joseph Navera *
Sat	5:30 pm	Neno & Mamie Russo † *
Sun	8:00 am	Solis & Hurtado Families
	10 am	Marilou M. Rodriguez † *
	12 pm	Auza Family Thanksgiving † *
	3 pm	For the People ^

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

Correction: The mass intention for February 10 was incorrectly stated as being for Rochell Continente Doble, when in fact the correct intention was for Rochell De Stefano.

I asked for strength and
God gave me difficulties to make me strong.

I asked for wisdom and
God gave me problems to solve.

I asked for prosperity and
God gave me brawn and brains to work.

I asked for courage and
God gave me dangers to overcome.

I asked for patience and
God placed me in situations where I was
forced to wait.

I asked for love and
God gave me troubled people to help.

I asked for favors and
God gave me opportunities.

I received nothing I wanted
I received everything I needed.

My prayers have all been answered.

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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

**GENESIS 9:8-15, 1 PETER 3:18-22,
MARK 1:12-15**

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

BUILDING FUND

Bishop Robert Barron's Series on the Eucharist for Lenten Spiritual Renewal

SATAN RECOGNIZES CHRIST'S BODY. DO WE? Join us for Bishop Robert Barron's series on the Eucharist.

In the early Church, 2,000 years ago the common understanding among all Catholics was that Christ is actually, truly present under the appearance of bread and wine. If one did not believe that you could not be a member of the Church. A few years ago a Pew Research survey reported that 69% of Catholics believe the Eucharist is only symbolic. What happened? A lack of good catechesis is one likely answer. Bishop Barron has published a study series on the Eucharist that brings history and Church teaching together to teach what Jesus taught – that on the night before he was crucified he took bread, broke it, saying “this is my body...” and that He literally meant it. Join us for this 8 session series where we will learn from history, the early Church Fathers what Jesus and his Church taught about the Eucharist and how and why it is our spiritual food for the journey. Meetings will be held via Zoom by facilitators who will lead us through a very fascinating, and even fun topic as we explore and recapture what the Church has always taught about the Eucharist. **The first meeting will be held Thursday February 18, the day after Ash Wednesday at 7 pm.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98302298313?pwd=azc2TFFqaDgzSDVJRUdsc2hieDY0UT09>



REOPENING OF OUR CHURCH

The US Supreme Court has determined that we can now open the church with limited capacity of 25% **(150 people)** for indoor services. We ask that you comply with the following procedures as we move indoors.

- ◆ Attendance at all Sunday masses requires a reservation through our website at www.goodshepherdpittsburg.org
 - ◆ Our mass schedule will be as follows:
 - ⇒ Daily Mass, Mon– Fri at 7:30 am
 - ⇒ Saturday Mass 8 am, 5:30pm Vigil
 - ⇒ Sunday Mass 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm, 3pm Spanish
 - ⇒ ALL MASSES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED on our Youtube Channel.
 - ◆ 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.