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Good Shepherd

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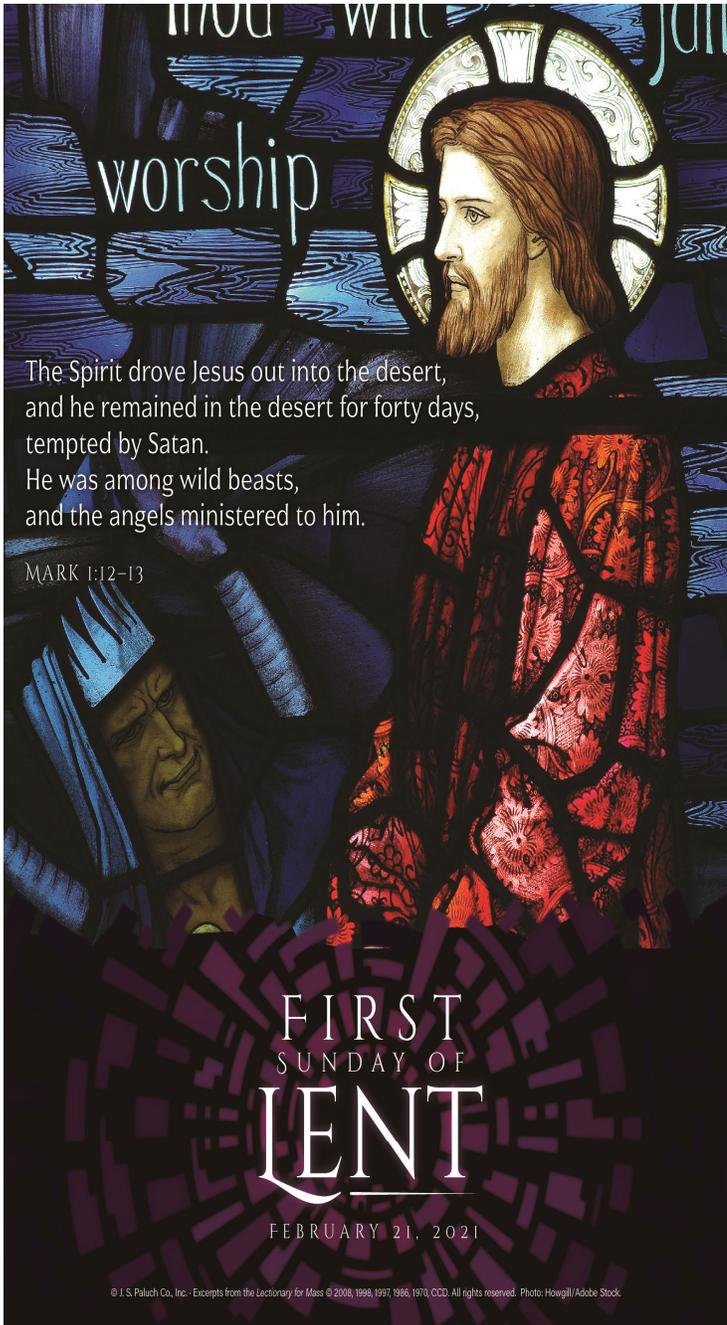
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The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

MARK 1:12-13

FIRST
SUNDAY OF
LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

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25% capacity = 150 People per Mass/Service

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

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,

Tuesdays 7pm-8pm during Lent

Saturdays 4:00pm – 5:00pm

ANOINTING OF THE SICK HOTLINE 510-259-8706



We are living in a very health conscious society. It is almost impossible these days to go an entire day without hearing something about health. Turn your TV on, and no matter what you watch, there will be a commercial about some product that is good for you. Yes, we are living in a very health conscious culture. But sadly, not many people care to have a healthy soul.

The Gospel of this 1st Sunday of Lent calls us to repent “*Repent, and believe in the gospel*” (Mk1:15). Repentance is not just sitting there crying out for our sins, but to change. Change the way we live, the way we think and the way we look at things. The liturgy today brings us out into the desert to meet with Jesus. What’s in the desert? Nothing: no cellphones, no internet, no TV, no distractions. While staying in the desert you will ask yourselves these basic questions: Who I am? What am I here on earth for? And where I am going from here? These questions help us know who we really are and how to improve our conditions.

In the desert, we feel ourselves identified with our Lord who was subjected to temptations. Out of his love, the Lord let himself be tempted to show his solidarity with us. He went to the desert to meet us and to bring us back. And just as the angels ministered to Jesus in this desert, so also does He send those angels to minister to us.

So whether your “desert” is only a slight agitation in life right now, or if it’s a struggle against complete despair, Jesus wants to meet you and bring you out. He conquered the desert once and for all and He is able to conquer any desert in your life also.

Lord, we believe that you love us enough to endure all suffering, to understand all suffering. May we let you be driven into the desert of our soul and there, as we encounter you, may we allow you to lead us to the cool and refreshing waters. Amen!

Lenten Blessings,

Fr. Thi Hoang



Feliz Cuaresma

Vivimos en una sociedad muy consciente de la salud. Es casi imposible en estos días pasar un día entero sin escuchar algo sobre salud. Enciende tu televisor y no importa lo que mires, habrá un comercial sobre algún producto que es bueno para ti. Sí, vivimos en una cultura de conciencia de la salud. Pero, lamentablemente, no muchas personas se preocupan por tener un alma sana.

El Evangelio de este primer Domingo de Cuaresma nos llama al arrepentimiento *"Arrepentíos y creed en el evangelio"* (Mc 1,15). Arrepentirse no es simplemente sentarse allí clamando por nuestros pecados, sino también para cambiar. Cambiar la forma en que vivimos, la forma en que pensamos y la forma en que miramos las cosas. La liturgia de hoy nos lleva al desierto para encontrarnos con Jesús. ¿Qué hay en el desierto? Nada: sin teléfonos celulares, sin internet, sin televisión, sin distracciones. Mientras permanezcas en el desierto te harás estas preguntas básicas: ¿Quién soy? ¿Para qué estoy aquí en la tierra? ¿Y a dónde voy desde aquí? Estas preguntas nos ayudan a saber quiénes somos realmente y cómo mejoramos nuestras condiciones.

En el desierto, nos sentimos identificados con nuestro Señor que fue sometido a las tentaciones. Por su amor, el Señor se dejó tentar para mostrar su solidaridad con nosotros. Se fue al desierto para encontrarnos y traernos de regreso. Y así como los ángeles ministraron a Jesús en este desierto, también Él envía a esos ángeles para ministrarnos.

Entonces, ya sea que su "desierto" sea solo una leve agitación en la vida en este momento, o si es una lucha contra la completa desesperación, Jesús quiere encontrarse contigo y sacarte de ahí. Él conquistó el desierto de una vez por todas y también es capaz de conquistar cualquier desierto en tu vida.

Señor, creemos que nos amas lo suficiente como para soportar todo sufrimiento, para comprender todo sufrimiento. Que te dejemos llevarnos al desierto de nuestra alma y allí, cuando te encontremos, te permitamos conducirnos a las frescas y refrescantes aguas. ¡Amén!

Bendiciones de Cuaresma,

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 Buildings and Grounds 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 and securing our buildings and grounds. This will help the parish stay safe and save money in the long run by not having to make more damage repairs to the

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COVID & MERCY

LENTEN EVENING RETREAT WITH FR.
CHRISTOPHER ALAR
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10
6PM - 8PM
ON ZOOM AT

<https://zoom.us/j/95660944319>

This link is posted on our parish website as well.



Chris M. Alar, MIC "Father Joseph" - Director of the Association of Marian Helpers
Father Chris Alar, MIC, is a priest with the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception

of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. Fr. Chris wrote and produced the popular "Divine Mercy 101" DVD and is the author of the book *After Suicide: There is Still Hope for Them and You*. He is an international speaker and is a regular host and guest on EWTN. He also hosts the online "Divine Mercy Matters" series. Currently he serves as "Fr. Joseph, MIC," the director of the Association of Marian Helpers, and is the head of Marian Press, located on the grounds of the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

COME ONE, COME ALL
AND BE HEALED!

There is no need to register to attend the retreat.

WELCOME TO LENT!

You probably did not get that greeting from your priest today, and you probably did not expect it. Isn't Lent a time of reflection and repentance? Somber purple, no "Alleluias"? Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving; attending to one's relationship with God?

True enough; however, there are Lenten practices that have a festive air woven into these penitential elements. One example is in the Church's retrieval of ancient Lenten practices that made up the final preparation of persons elected to receive the Easter sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and eucharist. Jesus' urgent preaching in today's passage from Mark comes soon after his own baptism and reminds us that these sacraments still signal a dramatic change in a person's life: they have responded to Jesus' preaching of the kingdom and are now publicly professing themselves to be disciples of the Lord and fully initiated members of his visible church. The prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent were part of that preparation. Repentance was then, and remains today, important also for those already fully initiated; the work of repentance, of prayerfully examining our lives and making changes in anticipation of God's reign, is an ongoing aspect of our life in Christ.

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE

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.

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.

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: Livestreamed 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>

Parish Lenten 33 Day Consecration to St. Joseph, beginning Feb 22 at 8pm on Zoom at

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March 9

7pm Spanish Lenten Evening of Reflection

March 10

6pm English Lenten Evening of Reflection

March 15

7pm Lenten Reconciliation Service

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

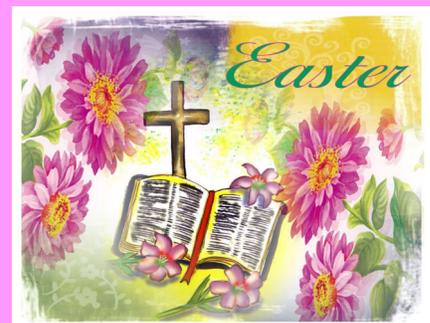
EASTER

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



ANOTHER BUSY WEEK IN THE LIFE OF OUR PARISH!



The 2021 Bishop's Appeal has officially launched!

Our goal this year is: \$35,600

Please help us reach our goal!



HEALING THE SICK

BAPTIZING NEW MEMBERS



CELEBRATING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR!



WORKING TOGETHER

Mass Intentions

Feb 22-28

Mass Intentions For The Week

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| Mon | 7:30 am | Carmela Aiello † # |
| Tue | 7:30 am | Fr. Louis Dabovich † * |
| Wed | 7:30 am | James Moelk Jr. † * |
| Thu | 7:30 am | Violet Aiello † # |
| Fri | 7:30 am | Violet Aiello † * |
| Sat | 8:00 am | Isidro Labian † * |
| Sat | 5:30 pm | Sancho Alexna Sr. † * |
| Sun | 8:00 am | Violet Aiello † # |
| | 10 am | Marilou M. Rodriguez † * |
| | 12 pm | Sofronio Capupus † * |
| | 3 pm | For the People of the Parish [^] |

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

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 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18
ROMANS 8:31B-34, MARK 9:2-10

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>

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH 33 Day Consecration to St. Joseph

**Please join us to pray a 33 Day Consecration to St. Joseph by
Father Calloway, beginning Monday, Feb 22 at 8:00pm on
Zoom at**

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**The link is available on the parish website. Each prayer session
takes about 15-20 minutes.**

**This prayer meeting is hosted by Joseph Ortiz and the family.
All are invited.**

