



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

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

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK HOTLINE 510-259-8706**



Dear Flock of the Good Shepherd,

The readings of this 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time are interconnected to give us a perfect story with a depressing beginning but a perfect ending. Truly it doesn't matter how it starts; but it is how it ends that matters most. No matter how difficult the problem is, there is always a solution. To reach the solution, we have to believe that there is a solution. So what is the problem? And what is the solution?

The first reading presents to us the problem of Job who says: *"Is not man's life on earth drudgery? My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again"* (Job 7:1). This reading is taken from the book of Job. I believe you are all familiar with the story of Job who was a good and faithful man. Satan once said to God that Job was a good man because he got every thing he wanted: family, wife, children, and livestock. If we took away all he had, maybe he would no longer be a good man. So God and Satan played a game on Job to test his faithfulness. Satan took all that Job had; and the result was that Job was still as faithful and good as he was before. Job expressed his feelings of despair, but never doubted about God's providence in his life: *"The Lord gives the Lord takes away," he said* (Job 1:21). He totally abided to this truth. The truth had set him free. Job found the solution for his puzzle of life. And he was rewarded for his faithfulness.

What about us? The tragedy of Job took place for a reason. It is to teach us an essential lesson of dealing with the heavy burdens that life can throw at us. It is to tell us that no matter how big a problem we face, there is always a solution. That solution is our Lord, Jesus Christ, who in the Gospel (Mk 1:29) healed St. Peter's mother-in-law and many other sick people. Jesus didn't open his clinic and stay there so people could come to him for treatment. He came to people in difference places, bringing good tidings to them. For this purpose has he come to the world.

Many of us experience restlessness and stress because we are divided within ourselves. There is conflict within us which St. Paul describes as *the good I want to do, I don't do it. The evil I want to avoid, I end up doing it.* (Rom 7:19-20). When we are in sin, we are troubled. We lose our peace for we become divided within. As we journey in this earthly world, we encounter countless distractions, varied directions and attractive choices. But let us never, even for a moment, let go of the hand of our heavenly Father. That is what Jesus did. No matter how busy and exhausted He was, He always had time to be alone and pray. That was His way of being united with the Father – and of finding peace, inspiration, direction and strength to continue and fulfill His mission.

When we are stressed and feel that the burden of life is just too much, perhaps it is a symptom that we are drifting away from the Father. We have to stop and find time to be with God in silence and in prayer. Jesus always invites us: *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest"* (Mt 11:28). May the peace and the loving presence of God be with us now and for forever. Amen!

Blessings

Fr. Thi Hoang



Querido Rebaño del Buen Pastor,

Las lecturas de este quinto Domingo en tiempo ordinario están interconectadas para darnos una historia perfecta con su deprimente inicio y termina perfectamente. Realmente no importa cómo empiece; pero lo que más importa es cómo termina. No importa lo difícil que sea el problema, siempre hay una solución. Para llegar a la solución, tenemos que creer que hay una solución. Entonces, ¿cuál es el problema? y cual es la solución?

La primera lectura nos presenta el problema de Job, quien dice: *“¿No es la vida del hombre en la tierra una fatiga? Mis días son más rápidos que la lanzadera de un tejedor; llegan a su fin sin esperanza. Recuerda que mi vida es como el viento; No volveré a ver la felicidad”* (Jb7: 1). Esta lectura está tomada del libro de Job. Creo que todos están familiarizados con la historia de Job, que era un hombre bueno y fiel. Satanás le dijo una vez a Dios que Job era un buen hombre porque tenía todo lo que quería: familia, esposa, hijos y ganado. Si le quitamos todo lo que tenía, tal vez ya no sería un buen hombre. Así que Dios y Satanás jugaron con Job para probar su fidelidad. Satanás se llevó todo lo que tenía Job; y el resultado fue que Job seguía siendo fiel y bueno como antes. Job expresó sus sentimientos de desesperación, pero nunca dudó de la providencia de Dios en su vida: *“El Señor da, el Señor quita”, dijo* (Jb 1:21). Él cumplió totalmente con esta verdad. La verdad lo había liberado. Job encontró la solución a su enigma de la vida. Y fue recompensado por su fidelidad.

¿Qué pasa con nosotros? La tragedia de Job tuvo lugar por una razón. Es para enseñarnos una lección esencial sobre cómo lidiar con las pesadas cargas que la vida puede arrojarnos. Es para decirnos que no importa cuán grande sea el problema al que nos enfrentamos, siempre hay una solución. Esa solución es nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que en el Evangelio (Mc 1, 29) curó a la suegra de San Pedro y a muchos otros enfermos. Jesús no abrió su clínica y se quedó allí, por lo que la gente acudió a él para recibir tratamiento. Vino a personas en lugares diferentes, trayendo buenas nuevas para ellos. Con este propósito ha venido al mundo.

Muchos de nosotros experimentamos inquietud y estrés porque estamos divididos dentro de nosotros mismos. Hay un conflicto dentro de nosotros que San Pablo describe *como el bien que quiero hacer, no lo hago. El mal que quiero evitar, termino haciéndolo.* (Romanos 7: 19-20). Cuando estamos en pecado, estamos turbados. Perdemos nuestra paz porque nos dividimos por dentro. Mientras viajamos en este mundo terrenal, nos encontramos con innumerables distracciones, direcciones variadas y opciones atractivas. Pero nunca, ni siquiera por un momento, dejemos ir la mano de nuestro Padre celestial. Eso es lo que hizo Jesús. No importa lo ocupado y agotado que estuviera, siempre tenía tiempo para estar solo y orar. Esa fue Su manera de estar unido al Padre, y de encontrar paz, inspiración, dirección y fuerza para continuar y cumplir su misión.

Cuando estamos estresados y sentimos que la carga de la vida es demasiado, tal vez sea un síntoma de que nos estamos alejando del Padre. Tenemos que detenernos y encontrar tiempo para estar con Dios en silencio y en oración. Jesús siempre nos invita: *“Venid a mí todos los que estáis trabajados y agobiados, y yo os haré descansar”* (Mt 11, 28). Que la paz y la presencia amorosa de Dios estén con nosotros ahora y por siempre. ¡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.

**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.*



***RCIA RITE OF  
WELCOME***

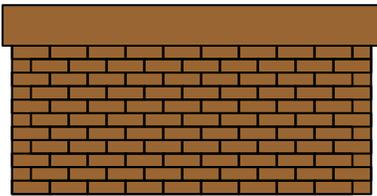
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## ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 17, 2021



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.



## 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.



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

Father Jimmy Macalinao, Parochial Vicar at Holy Rosary parish was recently appointed Director of the Office of Faith Formation and Evangelization.

For more information about Fr. Jimmy, visit the diocesan website: <https://oakdiocese.org/news/father-jimmy-macalinao-director-of-the-office-of-faith-formation-and-evangelization>

**CONGRATULATIONS!**





Fr. Thi'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 striping. 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!**

### 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.

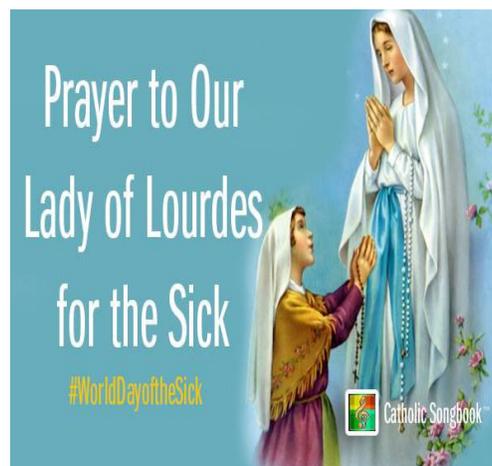
### HEALING MASS/ MASS OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In honor of our Lady of Lourdes  
(February 11th)

Mother and Healer of the Sick.

We will offer a Healing Mass  
FEBRUARY 13, 2021 AT 11 AM  
IN THE SPIRITUAL GARDEN  
Come In; Come All and Be Healed!

This mass is sponsored by  
St. Padre Pio Prayer Ministry



INCOME FOR JANUARY, 2021

Plate Collections	\$ 42,523
Catholic Voice	935
Unrestricted Donations	2,096
Restricted Donations	24,551
Ministry Income	3,006
Other income	1,829

**TOTAL INCOME**

\$ 74,940

EXPENSES FOR JANUARY, 2021

Administration	\$ 27,878
Parish Property	12,072
Rectory Living	1,035
Priests	9,156
Liturgy & Music	8,608
Children, Youth & Adult Formation/CYO	3,385
Other Ministries	530
Depreciation	2,282

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

\$ 61,947

MONTH RECAP

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 74,940</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 61,947</b>

INCOME OVER EXPENSES AT MONTH END:**\$ 12,993**

(Thank you, your fence donations have helped us achieve income over expenses this month!)



Thank you for your generous donations for the Bishop's Appeal last year. We achieved 98% of our goal.

This year 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!

Thank You/ Muchas Gracias!

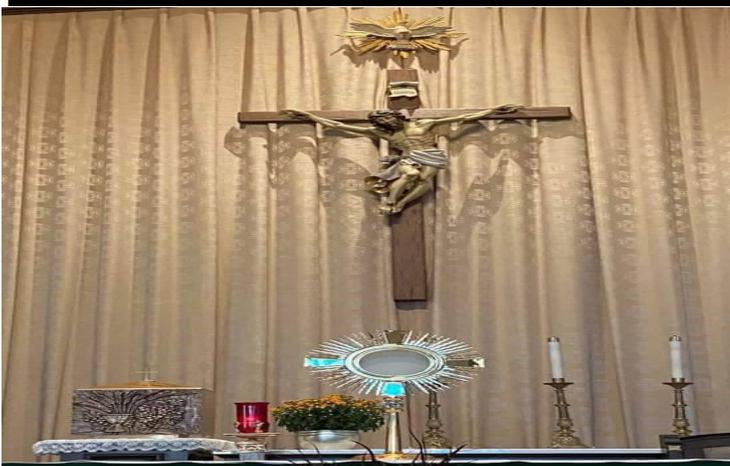


Don't let Covid keep you from taking time for your relationship. Join us for a virtual WWME experience from the comfort of your home. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend offers married couples an opportunity to get off the treadmill of life and focus on each other. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends. 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.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

*In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering. Pope Benedict XVI.*

**First Friday Adoration all day from 8am to 7pm followed by 7pm Mass of Sacred Heart of Jesus.**



## Mass Intentions

Feb 8-14, 2021

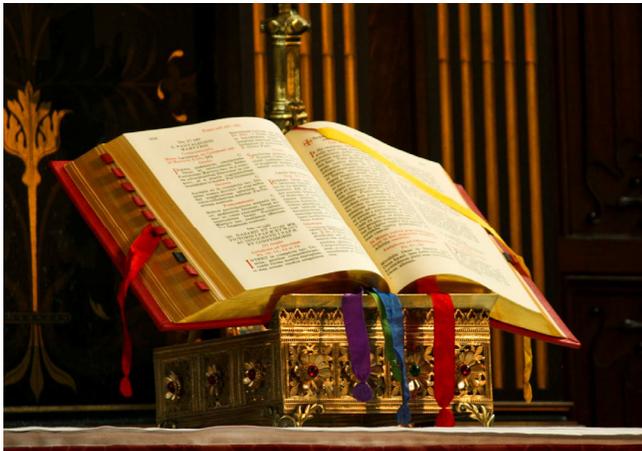
# Mass Intentions For The Week

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Mon	7:30 am	James Bruno † #
Tue	7:30 am	Rochell Continente Doble † *
Wed	7:30 am	Rochell Continente Doble † *
Thu	7:30 am	Capupus Family & Our Lady of Guadalupe #
Fri	7:30 am	Rachel Dias † *
Sat	8:00 am	Benigna Labian † *
Sat	5:30 pm	Ms. Minnie Bridgewater † *
Sun	8:00 am	Bernadette Fabolan † Sam † & Mildred Seals Wedding Anniversary *
	10 am	Gloria & Tony Giambalvo † *
	12 pm	Sofronio Capupus † *
	3 pm	For the People ^

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



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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 1:29-39**

## NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

**BUILDING FUND**



*Gen. 9:12 And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: 13 I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.*

Photo Credit: Chelo Gonzalez



## 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 break, 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>