

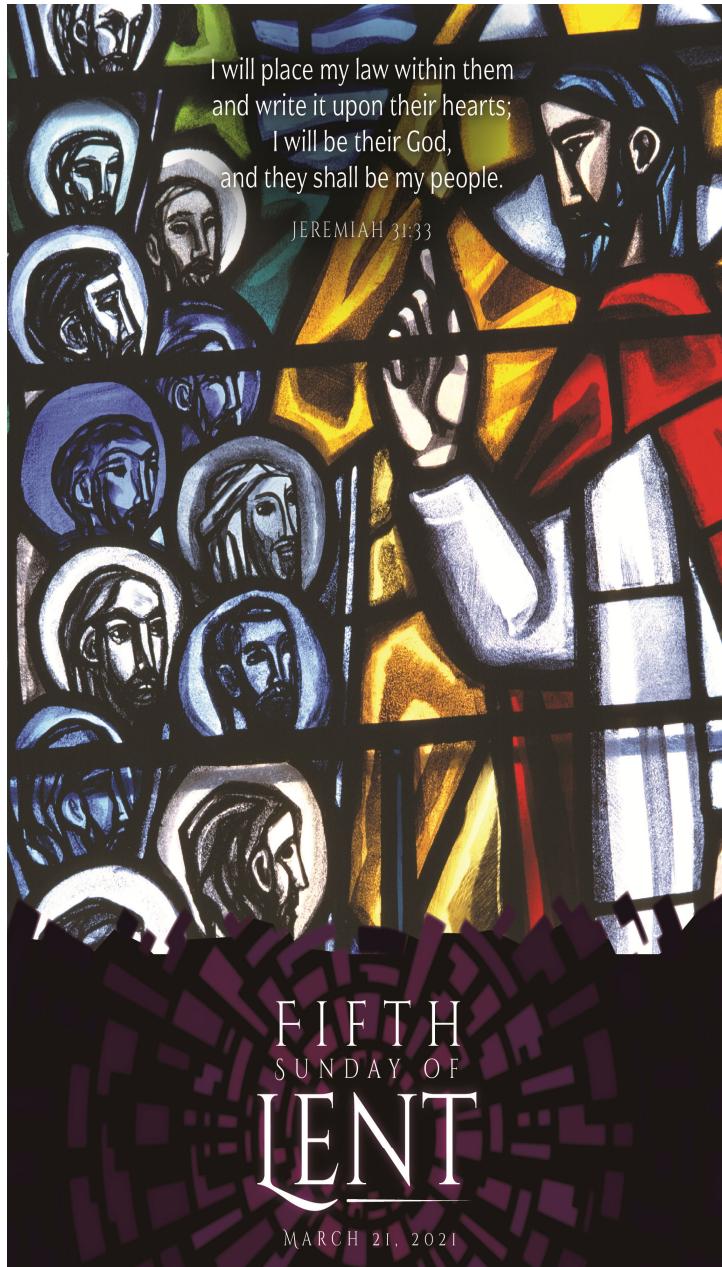


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25% capacity = 150 People per Mass/Service

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

Saturdays 4:00pm – 5:00pm
or by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK HOTLINE 510-259-8706



Dear friends in Christ,

We are in the 5th Sunday of Lent. The gospel of today presents to us one of the greatest paradoxes of all time: the Paradox of the Cross - to gain life through death, gaining success through failure. Jesus' death has brought us life. His crown of thorns has become our crown of glory. His pierced heart has given us a new heart. His horrible humiliation has brought us incredible dignity.

To understand this Cross' paradox, Jesus invites us to look at the law of nature as he says: "*Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit*" (John 12:3).

The lowest, the darkest, and the most painful hour in the life of the seed is the hour in which it dies. Yet it is in this deadly hour that new life is born. It is an amazing contradiction: Life comes from death. Winston Churchill once said: "*We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.*" Our highest value of life does not consist in self-expression, but in self-sacrifice. Jesus said: "*the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.*" What hour is he referring to? The hour of his death. It was an hour of his total self-giving to atone for our sins. From the worldly point of view, the hour was an hour of failure, of shame and humiliation. But for God, it was the hour of grace poured out for the human race.

This is the same with our life. Our odd moments of darkness and failure can prove to be moments of change and growth, if we die to ourselves and stay open to God's will. Just as the grain of seed must die in order to bear fruit, we must die to ourselves, so we may live fully and fruitfully.

In deed, by dying to some of our old attitudes and forms of behaviors we will discover a new way of life. We have to die to our self-centeredness to make room for a happy life with our partner in marriage. We have to die to bad habits for the good ones to come. All these daily deaths bring fresh energy into our life.

Being a Catholic has convinced me of two things: 1) That I am absolutely worthless and sinful to my core. 2) That I am loved and considered precious and priceless before my Lord. That's the paradox that I experience in my life. Each day, it seems I recognize my own sinfulness more and more. I disappoint myself every day, "for I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate." (Romans 7:15).

But, instead of sinking into despair over my condition, with each passing day, I become happier and happier. I realize I am bad; I put myself lower, and exalt the Cross higher. With each abandonment of self, I come to know myself better. With each experience of dying to myself, I come more alive. With each day that I put my own happiness aside in favor of the glory of God, I find more happiness than I ever imagined. Amen!

Lenten Blessings

Fr. Thi Hoang



Queridos Amigos en Cristo,

Estamos en el quinto Domingo de Cuaresma, el evangelio de hoy nos presenta una de las paradojas más grandes de todos los tiempos: la Paradoja de la cruz: ganar vida a través de la muerte, obtener éxito a través del fracaso. La muerte de Jesús nos ha dado vida. Su corona de espinas se ha convertido en nuestra corona de gloria. Su corazón traspasado nos ha dado un corazón nuevo. Su horrible humillación nos ha traído una dignidad increíble.

Para entender esta paradoja de la Cruz, Jesús nos invita a mirar la ley de la naturaleza como dice: "*Amén, amén, les digo que si un grano de trigo no cae al suelo y muere, queda sólo un grano de trigo. ; pero si muere, da mucho fruto*"(Juan 12: 3).

La hora más baja, más oscura y más dolorosa de la vida de la semilla es la hora en que muere. Sin embargo, es esta hora mortal en la que nace una nueva vida. Es una contradicción asombrosa: la vida viene de la muerte. Winston Churchill dijo una vez: *Nos ganamos la vida con lo que obtenemos; Hacemos una vida por lo que damos*. Nuestro mayor valor de la vida no consiste en la autoexpresión, sino en el autosacrificio. Jesús dijo: *Ha llegado la hora de que el Hijo del Hombre sea glorificado*. ¿A qué hora se refiere? La hora de su muerte. Fue una hora de su entrega total para expiar nuestros pecados. Desde el punto de vista mundial, la hora fue una hora de fracaso, de vergüenza y humillación. Pero para Dios, fue la hora de la gracia derramada para la raza humana.

Lo mismo ocurre con nuestra vida. Nuestros extraños momentos de oscuridad y fracaso pueden resultar ser momentos de cambio y crecimiento, si morimos a nosotros mismos y nos mantenemos abiertos a la voluntad de Dios. Así como el grano de semilla debe morir para dar fruto, debemos morir a nosotros mismos, para que podamos vivir plena y fructíferamente.

De hecho, al morir a algunas de nuestras antiguas actitudes y formas de comportamiento, descubriremos una nueva forma de vida. Tenemos que morir a nuestro egocentrismo para dejar espacio para una vida feliz con nuestra pareja en el matrimonio. Tenemos que morir a los malos hábitos para que los buenos vengan. Todas estas muertes diarias traen nueva energía a nuestra vida.

Ser Católico me ha convencido de dos cosas: 1) Que soy absolutamente inútil y pecador hasta la médula. 2) Que soy amado y considerado precioso e invaluable ante mi Señor. Esa es la paradoja que experimento en mi vida. Cada día, parece que reconozco cada vez más mi propia pecaminosidad. Me decepciono cada día, "porque no hago lo que quiero, sino lo que odio" (Romanos 7:15)

Pero, en lugar de hundirme en la desesperación por mi condición, cada día que pasa, me vuelvo más y más feliz. Me doy cuenta de que soy malo; Me pongo más bajo y exalto la Cruz más alto. Con cada abandono de mí mismo, llego a conocerme mejor a mí mismo. Con cada experiencia de morir para mí mismo, cobro más vida. Cada día que dejo de lado mi propia felicidad en favor de la gloria de Dios, encuentro más felicidad de la que jamás imaginé. ¡Amén!

Bendiciones de Cuaresma

Padre Thi Hoang

HAVE YOU NOTICED SOMETHING NEW ON OUR PROPERTY?!

We are very happy to let you know that a parish family purchased a beautiful sign that is now hung above our garden gates, naming it:

*FR. HELMUT RICHTER'S
SPIRITUAL GARDEN*

We have always loved this beautiful space on our property but we didn't fully appreciate its full potential until we were faced with the pandemic.

We have been able to continue celebrating masses and sacraments in this beautiful space. If it weren't for Fr. Helmut's vision and foresight, we would not have been able to do so

This sign is a way of saying

THANK YOU!

We appreciate what you have done for us.

We also appreciate the family who thought of and paid for this tribute.

"Pray the LORD of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." (Matthew 9:38)



If you are a young man considering a priestly vocation, contact Fr. Carl Arcosa at 510-267-8356



SECURITY GATE UPDATE

As you may have noticed, the security gates are up. We have begun securing the property daily and have replaced the broken windows. At this time, the plan is to have the gates open daily from 6:30 am to 7 pm. On weekends, we will open all the gates. On the weekdays, we plan on opening the main gate for ingress and egress. We will inform you of any changes as we monitor how this plan is working out.

TAX DAY IS COMING SOON!

**2020 TAX DONATION
LETTERS ARE NOW
AVAILABLE UPON
REQUEST BY
CALLING THE
PARISH OFFICE
(432-6404) OR BY
EMAILING**

yvette@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

OR

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Take care and protect your family



Vaccinate against COVID-19!

La Clínica is offering the Covid-19 Vaccine to **Contra Costa** residents.
Eligible candidates include those under the following categories.

• People 65 years of age or older	
Those who work on the following:	
• IHHS Workers (Home Health Care Aid)	
• Teachers or Child care work (formal or informal)	
• Restaurant or grocery stores	
• Farm work or landscape	

Sign-up in the interest list to be referred, La Clinica staff will contact you to schedule an appointment.

If you prefer call (925)363-2000 to make an appointment.



C u í d a t e y p r o t e g e a t u f a m i l i a



¡V acú nate C ontra el C O V I D - 1 9 !

La Clínica ofrece la vacuna a la comunidad del condado de **Contra Costa**.
Son elegibles las personas que cumplen con una de las siguientes categorías.

• Personas de 65 años o más	
quienes trabajan en:	
• Trabajadores de IHHS (Servicios de salud en casa)	
• Maestros o Cuidado infantil (babysitting)	
• Restaurantes tiendas de comida	
• Trabajo del campo o jardinería	

Inscríbase en las lista de interés para referirle, personal de La Clínica le llamará para darle una cita.

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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: in the church and livestreamed all Fridays of Lent @ 7 pm

Parish Lenten Study Series: Robert Baron on the Eucharist, Thursdays 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

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77020066086?>

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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

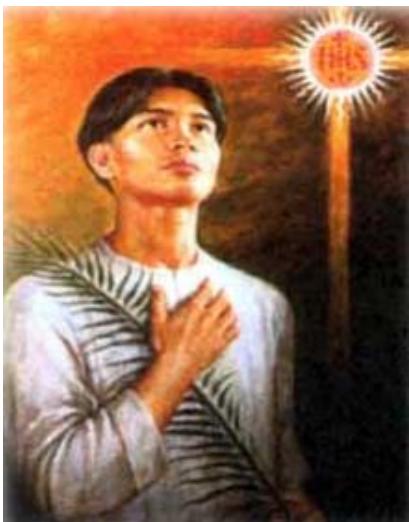
12 pm Mass

3 pm Spanish Mass



FEAST OF SAN PEDRO CALUNGSOD

We are going to celebrate the Feast of San Pedro Calungsod this year on March 27, 2021, Saturday, at 8 am mass in the church. There will be no food reception. For information about mass sponsorship please contact: Cecille Perez at 925-300-6234, Cynthia Auza 925-597-1178, Lani Andes 925-212-8408.



CYO BASKETBALL NEWS

The CYO Board will be recognizing 8th grade players with a drive by event on March 27th at 11 am in our parking lot.

These young people did not get to complete their final year of GSCYO because of the pandemic.

They will be receiving a recognition award package.

Let us pray for these and all of our young people who have been through so much this year.



The 2021 Bishop's Appeal has officially launched!

Our goal this year is: \$35,600

Please help us reach our goal!

La Eucaristía: Renovación Espiritual en la Cuaresma. Obispo Robert Barron

En la Iglesia primitiva, los católicos creían certamente que Cristo estaba realmente presente bajo las especies del pan y del vino. Si una persona no creía esto, no podía ser miembro de la Iglesia. Hace unos años, una investigación de "Pew" informó que el 69% de los católicos cree que la Eucaristía es sólo simbólica. ¿Qué ha pasado? La falta de buena catequesis es una respuesta probable.

El Obispo Barron ha publicado una serie de estudios sobre la Eucaristía que reúne la historia y la enseñanza de la Iglesia para enseñar lo que Jesús enseñó: **que la noche antes de ser crucificado, tomó pan, lo rompió, diciendo "este es mi cuerpo..."** y que Jesús literalmente quiso decir eso.

Únase a nosotros para ver esta serie de videos de 4 sesiones donde miraremos la historia, y aprenderemos de lo que los primeros Padres de la Iglesia entendían lo que era la Eucaristía, y cómo y por qué es nuestro alimento espiritual.

Los encuentros losaremos a través de Zoom los viernes 5, 12, 19, 26 de marzo de 7:30 a 9:00pm.

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/95910382482>

Meeting ID: 959 1038 2482

Mass Intentions

March 22-28

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Mon	7:30 am	Death Anniversary of Gilmore Usman & 80th Birthday of Marie Flores † #
Tue	7:30 am	Renate Kobold † *
Wed	7:30 am	Brenda Francisco † *
Thu	7:30 am	Florentino Rodolfo † #
Fri	7:30 am	Rufina Sevilla †
Sat	8:00 am	Rodolfo Daligdig † *
Sat	5:30 pm	Daniel Gonzalez† *
Sun	8:00 am	John Thomas Galvan † *
	10 am	Deceased Members of the Passion Play Team: Stephen Day, Rosie Coan, Richard Mills, Joey Hatch Jonathan Rodriguez † *
	12 pm	Martha De La Torre † *
	3 pm	For the People ^

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

This weekend at our 10 am Mass, we will have the 3rd scrutiny for our RCIA Candidates. Please continue to pray for them as they prepare for the Easter Sacraments.

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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

ISAIAH 50:4-7, PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11,
MARK 14:1-15:47

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

EASTER FLOWERS

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.

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 meetings will be held on Thursdays at 7 pm.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98302298313?pwd=azc2TFFqaDgzSDVJRUDsc2hiDY0UT09>

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 every evening at 8:00pm on Zoom at

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77020066086?
pwd=TTJoN3NkRE9nTzhNckZzVTImT2Jqdz09#success](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77020066086?pwd=TTJoN3NkRE9nTzhNckZzVTImT2Jqdz09#success)

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.



UPDATE ON THE PASSION PLAY

The second collection today is for the Passion Play. Though there will not be a Passion Play this year, we ask that you support it in this collection. We have bills from last year, when we unfortunately had to cancel the play after ordering supplies, t-shirts, etc. We also anticipate having the play next year, and this will help us get a head start toward preparing a wonderful presentation. Thank you for your continuing support of this parish tradition!