

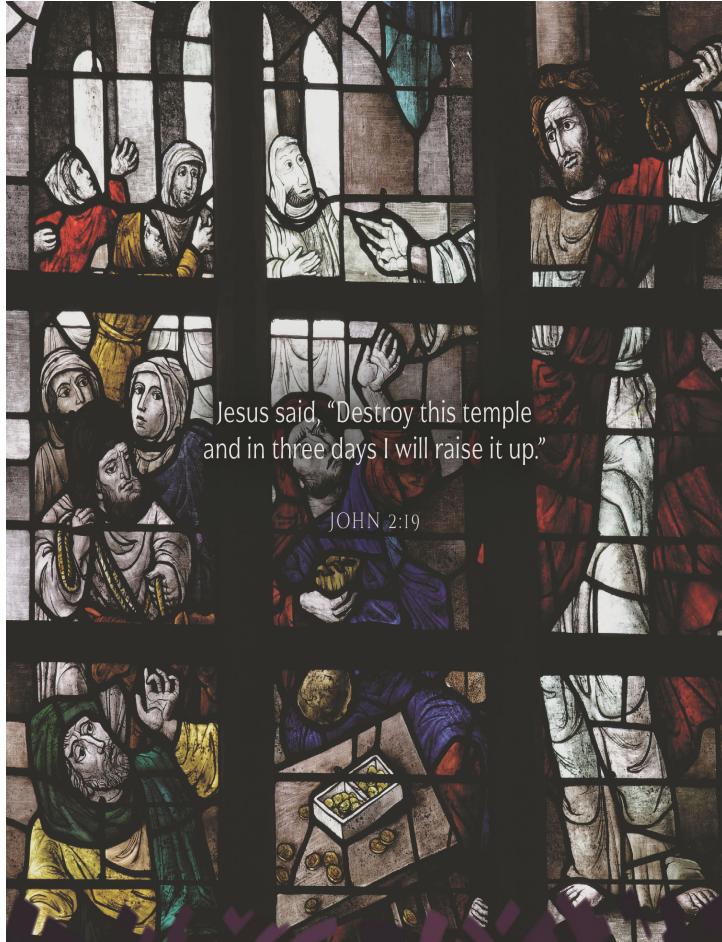


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THIRD
SUNDAY OF
LENT

MARCH 7, 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

Saturdays 4:00pm – 5:00pm

or by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK HOTLINE 510-259-8706



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How is your Lent going so far? Lent is always an awesome season. It stirs up our Catholic identity. It brings us back to our rich tradition of the Catholic Church with praying Stations of the Cross on Fridays, giving things up for Lent, fasting and giving alms. It reminds us of the covenants God makes with His people. The covenant with Noah is presented on the first Sunday. We hear the covenant with Abraham on the second Sunday. This third Sunday, the liturgy focuses on the covenant with Moses. God promised to set his people free from bondage, giving them land, and prosperity. In return, they had to keep the commandments. That is to worship one God with all their hearts, minds, and souls. But they broke the promises. They used God's name in vain. They worshiped other gods. They turned God's house into a marketplace, using God for their own purposes. Seeing their evil ways of worship, Jesus bursted with anger. He overturned their tables and drove them out of the temple.

Here comes an important point: We see Jesus' anger. Is anger a sin? Yes and no. Anger is a God given emotion, closely allied to our instinct for right. The person who cannot feel anger at evil is a person who lacks enthusiasm for good. If you cannot hate wrong, I would say that it's very questionable whether you really love righteousness. Yes, anger is one of the seven deadly sins along with: pride, greed, lust, envy, anger, gluttony and sloth. When we lose our control and dump our anger on others, offending, accusing them falsely. that is a sin. But there is a righteous anger which does not lead us to sin.

We need to learn how to express anger in a safe way. A woman may be angry at home with her husband and children when they mess up the place because cleanliness is a value for her. A husband maybe angry to hear his wife criticize his parents for he values them immensely. Similarly, a child unallowed to go to his friend's house maybe angry at his parents because he values his friendship. Our Lord Jesus values the sanctity of the temple, which prompted his aggressive behavior. But Jesus' anger was a righteous one. It was not from a result of Him losing His temper. It was not the result of His out of control emotions. No, Jesus was fully in control of Himself and exercised His wrath as a result of a powerful passion of love. In this case, His perfect love was manifested through the passion of anger. It was a hatred for sin and love for the sinner that drove Him to this holy wrath. By turning over the tables and driving people out of the Temple, Jesus made it clear that He loved His Father and He loved the people and he didn't want them to sin. The goal of His action was their conversion.

St. Paul's tells us in the second reading that *God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom and his weakness is stronger than human strength*. God's foolishness is love. Love is what prompted him to send his son into the world to suffer and die for our sins. And no human wisdom would understand that. God's weakness is his love for us, which is stronger than human strength. We can be angry with God if we find difficult to understand his ways. We can be angry with our family members when their actions are not in accord with our values. We can be angry with our friends when they do not live up to our expectations. But that does not mean we hate them and divert our attention from God and his commandments.

So Jesus' anger reminds us that anger is not always a sin. It is a God given emotion driven for justice. Sometimes our anger can be justified especially when we need to express ourselves to set things right. The Ten Commandments in which worshiping one God takes priority and the act of the cleansing of the Temple, reminds us of our true worship, of our attitude when we go to Mass. What drives us to go to church? What sacrifices do we offer to God? Remember God wants mercy, not sacrifice. He wants our sincerity of heart and conversion of soul. Lord, we know that we are sinners who are in need of Your mercy and, at times, in need of Your holy wrath. Help us to humbly receive Your tough love and to allow You to drive all sin from our lives. Have mercy on us, Lord. Please have mercy.

Lenten Blessings,
Fr. Thi Hoang



Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

¿Cómo va tu Cuaresma hasta ahora? La Cuaresma es siempre una temporada maravillosa. Revuelve nuestra identidad católica. Nos lleva de regreso a nuestra rica tradición de la Iglesia Católica con rezar el Vía Crucis los Viernes, rendirse para la Cuaresma, ayunar y dar limosna. Nos recuerda los convenios que Dios hace con su pueblo. El pacto con Noé se presenta el primer Domingo. Escuchamos el pacto con Abraham el segundo Domingo. Este tercer Domingo, la liturgia se centra en la alianza con Moisés. Dios prometió liberar a su pueblo de la esclavitud, dándoles tierra y prosperidad. A cambio, tenían que guardar los mandamientos. Eso es adorar a un solo Dios con todo su corazón, mente y alma. Pero rompieron las promesas. Usaron el nombre de Dios en vano. Adoraban a otros dioses. Convirtieron la casa de Dios en un mercado, usando a Dios para sus propios propósitos. Al ver sus malos caminos de adoración, Jesús se enfureció. Volcó sus mesas y los expulsó del templo.

Aquí viene un punto importante: vemos la ira de Jesús. ¿Es la ira un pecado? Sí y No. La ira es una emoción dada por Dios. Estrechamente aliado a nuestro instinto de derecho. La persona que no puede sentir ira por el mal es una persona que carece de entusiasmo por el bien. Si no puedes odiar el mal, diría que es muy cuestionable si realmente amas la justicia. Sí, la ira es uno de los siete pecados capitales junto con: orgullo, codicia, lujuria, envidia, ira, glotonería y pereza. Cuando perdemos nuestro control y descargamos nuestro enojo sobre los demás, ofendiéndolos, acusándolos falsamente. Eso es pecado. Pero hay una justa ira que no nos lleva al pecado.

Necesitamos aprender a expresar la ira de manera segura. Una mujer puede estar enojada en casa con su esposo e hijos cuando arruinan el lugar porque la limpieza es un valor para ella. Un esposo tal vez se enoje al escuchar a su esposa criticar a sus padres porque los valora inmensamente. De manera similar, un niño al que no se le permite ir a la casa de su amigo puede estar enojado con sus padres porque valora su amistad. Nuestro Señor Jesús valora la santidad del templo, lo que motivó su comportamiento agresivo. Pero la ira de Jesús fue justa. No fue el resultado de que él perdiera los estribos. No fue el resultado de sus emociones fuera de control. No, Jesús estaba completamente en control de sí mismo y ejerció su ira como resultado de una poderosa pasión de amor. En este caso, su perfecto amor se manifestó a través de la pasión de la ira. Fue el odio por el pecado y el amor por el pecador lo que lo llevó a esta santa ira. Al voltear las mesas y expulsar a la gente del templo, Jesús dejó en claro que amaba a su Padre y amaba a la gente que no quería que pecara. El objetivo de su acción fue su conversión.

San Pablo nos dice en la segunda lectura que *la necesidad de Dios es más sabia que la sabiduría humana y su debilidad es más fuerte que la fuerza humana*. La necesidad de Dios es el amor. El amor es lo que lo impulsó a enviar a su hijo al mundo para sufrir y morir por nuestros pecados. Y ninguna sabiduría humana lo entendería. La debilidad de Dios es su amor por nosotros, que es más fuerte que la fuerza humana. Podemos enojarnos con Dios si nos cuesta entender sus caminos. Podemos enojarnos con los miembros de nuestra familia cuando sus acciones no están de acuerdo con nuestros valores. Podemos enojarnos con nuestros amigos cuando no cumplen con nuestras expectativas. Pero eso no significa que los odiamos y distraigamos nuestra atención de Dios y sus mandamientos.

Entonces, la ira de Jesús nos recuerda que la ira no siempre es un pecado. Es una emoción dada por Dios impulsada por la justicia. A veces, nuestra ira se puede justificar, especialmente cuando necesitamos expresarnos para arreglar las cosas. Los 10 mandamientos en los que la adoración a un solo Dios tiene prioridad y el acto de la limpieza del templo nos recuerdan nuestra verdadera adoración, nuestra actitud cuando vamos a misa. ¿Qué nos impulsa a ir a la iglesia? ¿Qué sacrificios ofrecemos a Dios? Recuerda que Dios quiere misericordia, no sacrificio. Quiere nuestra sinceridad de corazón y conversión de alma. Señor, sabemos que somos pecadores que necesitamos tu misericordia y, a veces, necesitamos tu santa ira. Ayúdanos a recibir humildemente Tu amor duro y permitirte expulsar todo pecado de nuestra vida. Señor, ten piedad de nosotros. Por favor ten compasión.

Bendiciones de Cuaresma,

Padre Thi Hoang

**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.

INCOME FOR FEBRUARY, 2021

Plate Collections	\$46,313
Catholic Voice	139
Unrestricted Donations	3,825
Restricted Donations	17,030
Ministry Income	295
Other income	658
 TOTAL INCOME	 \$68,260

EXPENSES FOR FEBRUARY, 2021

Administration	\$19,343
Parish Property	18,241
Rectory Living	425
Priests	5,537
Liturgy & Music	3,152
Children, Youth & Adult Formation/CYO	3,424
Depreciation	2,282

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$52,404
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MONT RECAP

INCOME	\$ 68,260
EXPENSES	\$ 52,404

INCOME OVER EXPENSES AT MONTN END:

\$ 15, 856

COVID ALERT!

On Monday we were informed by the Contra Costa County Health Department that someone who attended one of our Ash Wednesday Services was infectious with Covid 19. Because we don't know the specific person or the time they attended mass that day, we are giving a parish-wide notice as directed by the County.

Although we are now passed the 10 day quarantine period from Ash Wednesday, and everyone exposed should be safe at this point, it is recommended that you get tested as a precautionary measure if you are not feeling well. That decision, however, is up to each person's own discretion.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and pray that we are all well and safe.

A deep cleaning of the church has taken place.



SECURITY GATE UPDATE

As you may have noticed, the security gates are up. We have begun securing the property daily and will begin replacing the broken windows soon.

At this time, the plan is to have all of the gates open on weekend. On the weekdays, we plan on opening the main gate from 6:30 am to 7 pm for ingress and egress. We will inform you of any changes as we monitor how this plan is working out.

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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!

Free Admission. No Registration Needed.

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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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



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 of mass sponsorship please contact Cecille Perez at 925-300-6234, Cynthia Auza 925-597-1178, Lani Andes 925-212-8408.



**The 2021 Bishop's Appeal
has officially launched!**

Our goal this year is: \$35,600

Please help us reach our goal!



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.

Reflexión de Cuaresma *“Tiempo de Cuaresma, fuerza y sabiduría de Dios”*

Les invitamos a unirnos en reflexión virtual con el Diácono Candelario Jimenez el próximo martes 9 de marzo de

7:00 a 9:00 PM

vía Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/91899009024>

(presione en el link)

Zoom ID: 918 9900 9024

**No necesita inscribirse,
les esperamos.**

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 8-14

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Mon	7:30 am	Evan De Castro #
Tue	7:30 am	Francisco Zamora † *
Wed	7:30 am	Jennifer Fiore † *
Thu	7:30 am	Daniel & Isabella Guzman †#
Fri	7:30 am	Helga Huffman † *
Sat	8:00 am	Cesar & Rebecca Luna & Phillip & Carmella Aiello † *
Sat	5:30 pm	Roland & Evelyn Barnes † *
Sun	8:00 am	Dominic Vu † *
	10 am	Matilde Hurtado † *
	12 pm	Zach Capupus *
	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.*

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**2 CHRONICLES 36:14-16, 19-23,
EPHESIANS 2:4-10, JOHN 3:14-21**

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

BISHOP OVERSEAS APPEAL

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.



We extend our sincere gratitude to Lina Badeo, owner of Angel's Love RCFE LLC for donating \$1,000 for the two projector screens in the church.

May God bless her generous heart!

