



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

One Flock, One Family, Living and Sharing the Love of Christ

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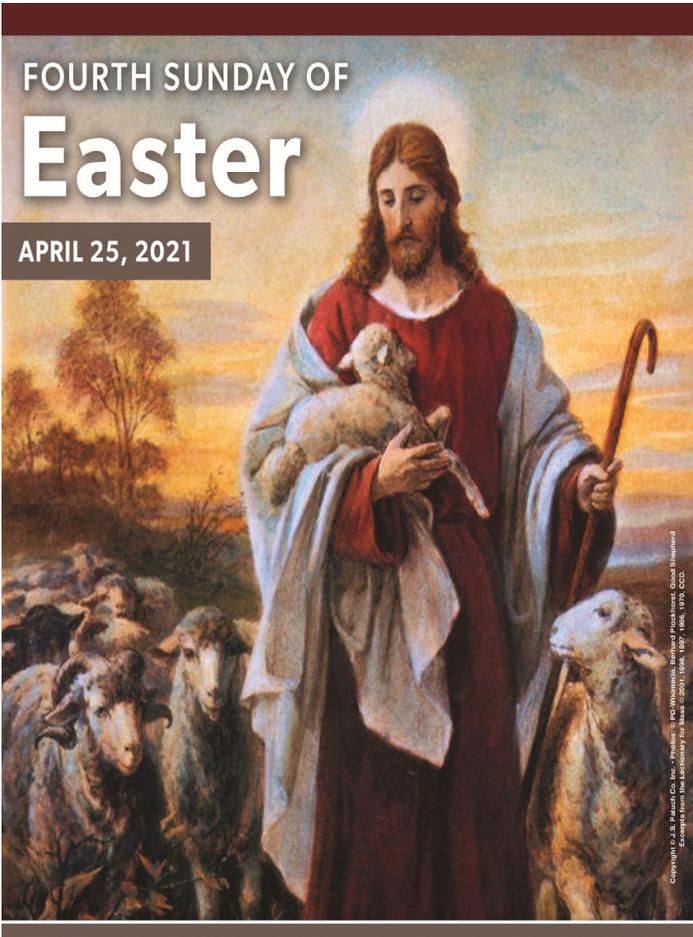


**THE CHURCH IS NOW REOPEN WITH 50% CAPACITY =
220 PEOPLE PER MASS OR SERVICE**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

APRIL 25, 2021



I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down
his life for the sheep.

John 10:11

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

First Fridays 8am-7pm

Confession

Fridays 8am-9am

Saturdays 4:00pm – 5:00pm

or by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK HOTLINE 510-259-8706

IV Easter Sunday, *The Good Shepherd*

This Sunday's Gospel presents the image of *the Good Shepherd*. An image that can evoke many things, but perhaps the one that most characterizes the office of shepherd is that we are before someone who is dedicated to caring. Jesus presents himself as one who surrenders unconditionally to the care of all who form the flock entrusted to him by his Father.

We no longer must feel abandoned or forgotten; despised or marginalized because there is someone—*Jesus, the Good Shepherd*—who is willing to do everything, even give up His life to avoid the mistreatment or humiliation of others. It is the confidence that the Good Shepherd transmits that speaks of care rooted in tenderness and love.

If we want to accomplish what Jesus did as a shepherd, and live and share the light of this Sunday's gospel, we could turn to the expression that Pope Francis has emphasized time and time again: "*smell of sheep*." It is true that many people find this to be an empty phrase and even childish, but it is an expression whose intention is to awaken a feeling that language can't yet describe.

Because *smell of sheep* is about accompanying the lives of many and giving us, his children, the opportunity to enter in communion with God and enjoy that loving reality that is divinity. *Smell of sheep* is tending to our wounds and healing our mistakes, bless all illusions and correct deceptions. *Smell of sheep* is accompanying those who are alone and lifting up those in poverty, encouraging, supporting, and sustaining. And it is the shepherd who *smells of sheep*, that believer who has heard God's alarming suggestion to give his life as an offering for others, and only for others.

The smell tells us, and reveals to us, that it is a source of knowledge by which the essence of life is reached. That is why *smell of sheep* in the style of the Good Shepherd of this Sunday's Gospel is to show, even more, the humanity that resides in us.

Deacon Gustavo



IV Domingo de Pascua. *El Buen Pastor*

El evangelio de este domingo nos presenta la imagen del *Buen Pastor*. Una imagen que puede evocar muchas cosas, pero quizá la que más caracteriza el oficio de pastor es que estamos ante alguien que se dedica a cuidar. Jesús se presenta como aquel que se entrega de forma incondicional al cuidado de todos los que forman el rebaño que su Padre le ha confiado.

Ya no hay porqué sentirse abandonado ni olvidado; despreciado ni marginado porque hay alguien - *Jesús, el Buen Pastor* que estará dispuesto a todo, incluso a entregar la vida, con tal de que nadie sea maltratado ni humillado. Y es que la confianza que trasmite el Buen Pastor nos habla de un cuidado desde la ternura y el amor.

Si se quiere llevar a cabo el pastoreo y el cuidado a la luz del evangelio de este domingo, habría que aplicar esa expresión que el papa Francisco no ha dudado en recalcar: "*oler a oveja*". Es cierto que a muchos les resulta insulsa e incluso infantil esta frase, pero no deja de ser una expresión cuya intención es despertar una sensación que el lenguaje no es capaz de describir.

Porque *oler a oveja* se trata de acompañar la vida de muchos y ofrecer la posibilidad de entrar en comunión con ese Dios de quien somos sus hijos para disfrutar de esa realidad amorosa que es la divinidad. *Oler a oveja* es escuchar heridas y sanar errores; bendecir toda ilusión y corregir engaños. *Oler a oveja* es acompañar a los que están solos y levantar pobrezas; alentar, apoyar, sostener. Y es que el pastor que *huele a oveja* es aquella persona creyente que ha escuchado la inquietante sugerencia de Dios para entregar su vida como ofrenda a favor de los demás, y solo para los demás.

El olor nos dice, nos cuenta y nos revela, es decir, es fuente de conocimiento por el cual se llega a la esencia de la vida. Por ello *oler a oveja* al estilo del Buen Pastor del evangelio de este domingo es mostrar, aún más, la humanidad que nos habita.

Diácono Gustavo



ADORATION

As a reminder Adoration is on the first Friday of every month followed by a Mass for the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. **This month's adoration is on May 7th the hours are as follows,**

Adoration - 8:30 AM to 6:45PM

Mass – 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Jesus said to His Apostles: "My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here and stay awake with me.' And going on a little further he fell on his face and prayed. 'My Father,' he said, 'if it is possible, let this cup pass me by. Nevertheless, let it be as you, not as I would have it.' He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, 'So you had not the strength to stay awake with me for one hour?

We need at least one person per hour to sit with the Blessed Sacrament, the signup book is in the vestibule as you enter the church on the right-hand side.

If you have any questions please call Bill or Ann (432-3995)



“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

The security gates are up.
We have begun securing the property daily and all of the broken windows have been replaced.

At this time, the gates are open from 6:30 am to 7 pm daily.

On weekends, we will open all the gates.

On the weekdays, we open the main gate for ingress and egress.

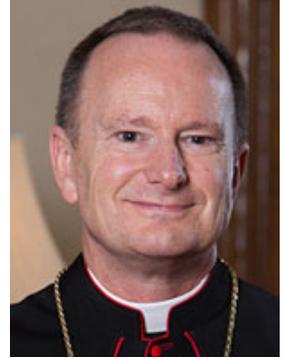
We will inform you of any changes as we monitor how this plan is working out.



An invitation: Come home to Mass

By Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ

I read an article recently where a bishop asks his people: “Are you going grocery shopping? Are you dining at restaurants? Are you going to the kids’ soccer games? To the beauty parlor or barbershop? To get-togethers with family and friends? If you answered ‘Yes,’ then it’s time to come back to Mass.”



At the height of the pandemic, we did suspend in-person worship for the sake of public health and safety. Out of caution, the best we could offer was live-stream Mass and “walk-up Holy Communion.” But virtual attendance is not the same as being there in person. I saw a newspaper cartoon recently. St. Peter is greeting a soul who has just died and wants to enter the Pearly Gates. Peter asks him, “Have you been attending Mass regularly?” “Yes,” the man replies, “but virtually.” Then St. Peter replies: “Well then, you’re welcome to enter heaven. Virtually.” We just celebrated the greatest feast of the Catholic year: Easter. Most pastors told me they were very encouraged by the turnout of people for Holy Week and Easter Masses.

It has been two full years since we were able to welcome you in-person for Easter Mass. Come and share the joy Mary Magdalene and the Apostles experienced when they saw the risen Lord. You need to see Him in the Body and Blood, the Host and the Chalice. Remember the Apostles’ experience on the road to Emmaus? They walked and talked with Jesus, although they did not know it was Jesus. When were their eyes opened? “They recognized Him in the breaking of the bread.” (Lk 24:35) In the Holy Eucharist. Same with us.

Gov. Newsom recently removed all attendance number restrictions on indoor worship in the State of California. That was because the US Supreme Court had reversed his previous decisions five times.

The Priests Council and I still believe health and safety precautions need to be taken for all our benefit. So we should continue to wear masks, wash our hands, refrain from shaking hands, not receive from the same chalice, and sit a reasonable distance from each other. But we can still come to Mass in person.

As of this writing, about 25% of Californians have received vaccination. Having received it myself, I feel “liberated.” I encourage everyone to get it.

Come home to Mass. Come and recognize Jesus Christ Our Lord in the Eucharist. I realize if you are not feeling well, have underlying health conditions, or your age makes you especially vulnerable, it is best to stay home.

But notice this: All ages, ethnic groups, socioeconomic classes and segments of society have reported a rise in depression, anxiety and mental health issues due to COVID-19. All groups except one: those who attend Church regularly.

Our faith in Christ gives us a security and comfort “unknown by those of this world.” He alone has conquered death and overcome all sin by His own death and resurrection. And He wants to take us with Him in His resurrection. St. Peter says Christ “is the reason for the hope within us.” (1 Peter 3:15)

You’ll find him most explicitly on earth in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There you will be able to experience “Christ in you, our hope of glory.” (Col 1:22) Welcome back!



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.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People 65 years of age or older 	
<p>those the work on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IHHS Workers (Home Health Care Aid) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers or Child care work (formal or informal) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restaurant or grocery stores 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm work or landscape 	

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

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



The 2021 Bishop's Appeal has officially launched!

Our goal this year is: \$35,600

Please help us reach our goal!



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 a c ú n a t e C o n t r a e l 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.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personas de 65 años o mas 	
<p>quello s q u e t r a b a j a n e n :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trabajadores de IHHS (Servicios de salud en casa) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maestros o Cuidado infantil (babysitting) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restaurante o tiendas de comida 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trabajo del campo o jardinería 	

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

Si prefiere, puede llamar al (925)363-2000 y hacer cita.

Confirmed in Christ Friday, April 23, 2021

Agbo, Nichelle
Alas, Gabriel
Alesna, Frederick Francis
Bautista, Lorena
Bonilla, Ashley
Buena, Alyssamae
Cabading, Alexes
Calderon, Gabriel
Capistrano, Mary
Cardona, Adrian
Carrillo, Isaac
Castro, Jiselle
Castro, Julianna
Corona, Josue
Curiel, Angelina
Del Carmen, John Alexander
Diaz-Huitron, Luz
Duran, Avariella
Escajeda, Sophie
Ferris, Nicholas
Gallo, Natalia
Garcia, Pedro
Gerona, Alexia
Gutierrez, Erica
Guzman, Cindy
Guzman, Dayan
Hart, Elijah
Hawke, Nataly
Hawke, Nicolas
Ignacio, Ryzel
Illumin, Christine
Inaldo, Jacob
Jimenez-Nieves, Katelyn
Kang, Jalen
Lopez, Andres
Mejia-Navarrete, Ofelia
Mendez, Bianca
Montes-Limon, Jazmyn
Munoz-Castaneda, Jesus
Orta, Joaquin
Pena, Leonardo
Phan, Yen
Rodriguez, Isaiah Joseph
Rubio, Aeline
Santos, Kiara
Sualez, Briseida
Taylor, Angelica
Vargas, Juan
Williams, Tamia
Windham, Ryan Michael



First Holy Communion
Saturdays at 10 am in the Garden

May 1 in English
&
May 8 in Spanish



This week we celebrated funerals, quince's and baptisms~We are an Easter People!



Mass Intentions

April 26-May 2

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Mon	7:30 am	Petra Solis † ^
Tue	7:30 am	Mary Khoa † *
Wed	7:30 am	Peter Mgniem † *
Thu	7:30 am	Reyes Bustillos † ^
Fri	7:30 am	Capupus Family *
Sat	8:00 am	Dolores & Lolo Dodo Sevilla & Birthday of Fely L. Vito †
Sat	5:30 pm	Sancho Alesna Sr. †
Sun	8:00 am	Cita Herschelman †
	10 am	Capupus Family
	12 pm	Martha de la Torre & Socorro Bernal Patiño †
	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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**ACTS 9:26-31, 1 JOHN 3:18-24
JOHN 15:1-8**

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

BUILDING MAINTENANCE



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**Gifted to Give
500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines**



As we celebrate 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines, we are selling this combo souvenir mug and mask for just \$20. Please support this fundraiser to help our parish in these difficult times.

Mug + Mask for \$20.00

We accept cash or check made payable to Church of the Good Shepherd

We also sell these new beautiful designed masks after Masses on Sundays

\$5.00 each

Below is contact information of people you can order your items.
Thanks for you support.



Lelani Andes
925-212-8408

Tammy Vo
925-698-4559

HAPPY FEAST DAY TO ALL OF US!

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as the Good Shepherd Sunday. We are honored to be the flock of the Good Shepherd. We resolve once again to live our faith as one flock, one family, living and sharing the love of Christ.

May the Risen Lord, the Good Shepherd, bless us all.

Happy Feast Day! Alleluia!