



CHURCH OF THE

*Good Shepherd*

One Flock, One Family, Living and  
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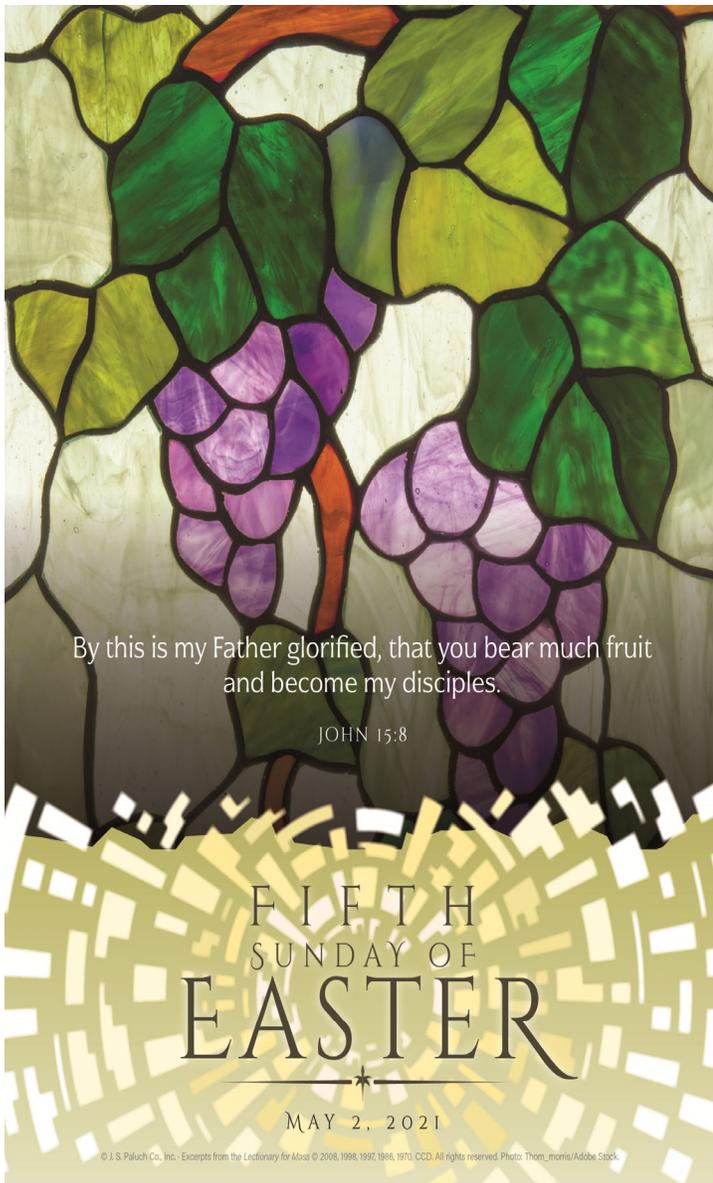
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**THE CHURCH IS NOW REOPEN WITH 50% CAPACITY =  
220 PEOPLE PER MASS OR SERVICE**



By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit  
and become my disciples.

JOHN 15:8

FIFTH  
SUNDAY OF  
EASTER

MAY 2, 2021

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### **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**



*"I am the vine, you are the branches" (John 15:1-8)*

We don't have to know very much about gardening to realize that a tree, or any plant as far as that goes, depends on the trunk and the roots to be healthy and fruitful. Jesus says, *"Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me."* Jesus is talking about the very special relationship between him and us. We are dependent upon him for everything we need in our daily life - from food, health, family and friends, to love, forgiveness, hope, comfort and eternal life. Apart from him, we would be the dead branches, bearing no fruits. Apart from him, we can't grow up to be the people we are meant to be.

Human beings are like vine branches; we need a vine to graft and root ourselves in. Whatever vine we hooked our lives in, determines who we are. Vines come in many shapes and colors. They can be pleasure or power or money or fame. These are among the most popular vines of our times. Once we identify and root ourselves in these false vines, we will lose our eternal life. Jesus stands out to be a true vine. If we remain in him, we will bear much fruit. At baptism we were grafted into the true vine, Jesus. We were closely connected to him, and received from him all that we need to sustain our lives. We are connected to him when we come to Mass to worship, and when we hear his Word. We are connected to him when we receive his body and blood in Holy Communion. We are kept healthy and alive because we are connected to the source of life.

So the Gospel of this 5th Sunday of Easter invites us to stop identifying ourselves with false vines, rather, we should see ourselves in terms of our oneness with Christ, just as the vine branch and the vine are one. Then and only then we shall be able to bear good fruit, the same type of fruit that Christ himself bears.

We are still in the Easter season. Because the vine lives, so do the branches. As Jesus said, *"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit...."* May the life-giving sap of Christ's love make us all fruit bearing branches.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Dearest Friends,

No word can express our gratitude to you for your love for me and my family as we mourn the loss of Grandma. I have received lots of prayers, thoughts and condolences from you via email, call, text, and card. Thank you so much. Your prayers and thoughts have brought a great comfort to my family. I also offer my heartfelt thanks to those who gave donations to help my family in this difficult time. As the family, we got nothing to repay you for your kindness, but we pray that the Almighty God bless you abundantly. Please continue to pray for my family as we heal and move forward.

With sincere gratitude,  
The Hoang Family



“Yo soy la vid, ustedes las ramas ”(Juan 15: 1-8).

No tenemos que saber demasiado sobre jardinería para darnos cuenta de que un árbol, o cualquier planta en la medida en que crezca, depende del tronco y la raíz para ser saludable y fructífero. Jesús dice: *“Los que permanecen en mí, y yo en ellos, darán mucho fruto; porque no puedes hacer nada sin mí ”*. Jesús está hablando de la relación muy especial entre él y nosotros. Dependemos de él para todo lo que necesitamos en nuestra vida diaria, desde la comida, la salud, la familia y los amigos, hasta el amor, el perdón, la esperanza, el consuelo y la vida eterna. Aparte de él, seríamos las ramas muertas, sin frutos. Aparte de él, no podemos llegar a ser personas como se supone que debemos ser.

Los seres humanos somos como ramas de vid; necesitamos una vid para injertar y enraizarnos. Cualquiera que sea la vid en la que conectamos nuestras vidas, determina quiénes somos. Las enredaderas vienen en muchas formas y colores. Pueden ser placer, poder, dinero o fama. Estas se encuentran entre las cepas más populares de nuestro tiempo. Una vez que nos identifiquemos y nos arraiguemos en estas vides falsas, perderemos nuestra vida eterna. Jesús se destaca por ser una vid verdadera. Si permanecemos en él, daremos mucho fruto. En el bautismo fuimos injertados en la vid, Jesús. Estábamos estrechamente conectados con él y recibimos de él todo lo que necesitamos para mantener nuestras vidas. Estamos conectados con él cuando vamos a Misa a adorar y cuando escuchamos su Palabra. Estamos conectados con él cuando recibimos su cuerpo y sangre en la Sagrada Comunión. Nos mantienen sanos y vivos porque estamos conectados a la fuente de la vida.

Por eso, el Evangelio de este quinto Domingo de Pascua nos invita a dejar de identificarnos con falsas vides, más bien debemos vernos en términos de nuestra unidad con Cristo, así como el sarmiento y la vid son uno. Entonces, y sólo entonces, seremos capaces de dar buenos frutos, el mismo tipo de fruto que el mismo Cristo da.

Todavía estamos en la temporada de Pascua. Porque la vid vive, también las ramas. Como dijo Jesús: *“Yo soy la vid, ustedes son las ramas. El que permanece en mí y yo en él, dará mucho fruto ...”* Que la sabiduría vivificante del amor de Cristo nos haga a todos ramas fructíferas.

Padre Thi Hoang

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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)

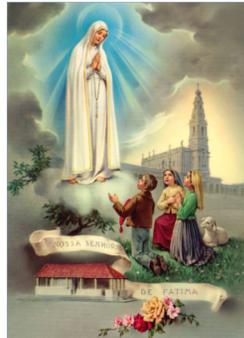


## Multilingual Rosary Prayer & Mass

Dear Friends in Christ,

Traditionally, the Church dedicates the Month of May to honor the Blessed Lady, and to commemorate her first apparition in Fatima, May 13th, 1917. In response to such a beautiful tradition, our family of the Good Shepherd will have a multilingual Rosary Prayer and Mass to honor our Blessed Mother and to pray for respect life and peace in the world. **The Rosary & Mass will be held on Thursday, May 13th at 7:00pm.** The family that prays together, stays together. Come and join us in this special holy event. This is a good opportunity to come together as a Good Shepherd family to pray for one another and for the world.

Blessings, Fr. Thi Hoang



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

**Our goal this year is: \$35,600**

**We are at 27% of Goal**

**Please help us reach  
our goal!**

## **Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ: statement on guilty verdict in trial of Derek Chauvin**



Today's verdict offers our country an opportunity to face the horrific evil inflicted by the sin of racism.

While the trial of Derek Chauvin has finished and our justice system moves forward, we must still face the reality that racism is not finished. I fear there will be more killings of African Americans, Asians and Pacific Islanders, Latin Americans, indeed any refugee or migrant seeking peace and a better life here.

These are our sisters and brothers. The evil of racism must stop.

It will only stop if each one of us makes a deep commitment to conversion.

As my brother bishops wrote last May, "Racism is not a thing of the past or simply a throwaway political issue to be bandied about when convenient. It is a real and present danger that must be met head on. As members of the Church, we must stand for the more difficult right and just actions instead of the easy wrongs of indifference. We cannot turn a blind eye to these atrocities and yet still try to profess to respect every human life. We serve a God of love, mercy, and justice.

"As we said ... in our most recent pastoral letter against racism, *Open Wide Our Hearts*, for people of color some interactions with police can be fraught with fear and even danger. People of good conscience must never turn a blind eye when citizens are being deprived of their human dignity and even their lives. Indifference is not an option. "As bishops, we unequivocally state that racism is a life issue."

I echo the prayer of the bishops of Minnesota that was released today, in which they said, "Let us pray that through the revelation of so much pain and sadness, that God strengthens us to cleanse our land of the evil of racism which also manifests in ways that are hardly ever spoken, ways that never reach the headlines. Let us then join in the hard work of peacefully rebuilding what hatred and frustration has torn down. This is the true call of a disciple and the real work of restorative justice. Let us not lose the opportunity to pray that the Holy Spirit falls like a flood on our land again, as at Pentecost, providing us with spiritual, emotional, and physical healing, as well as new ways to teach, preach, and model the Gospel message in how we treat each other."

# COME HOLY SPIRIT

PARACLETE 911.org

FR. JAMES BLOUNT



**CHURCH OF GOOD SHEPHERD**  
3200 HARBOR STREET, PITTSBURG, CA 94565

## Saturday, May 22

5:30PM Mass - Talk after Mass  
300 Seating COVID-19 Limits  
Register at: [www.GoodShepherdPittsburg.org](http://www.GoodShepherdPittsburg.org)

## Sunday, May 23

10:00 AM Mass & 12:00 PM Talk after Mass  
Outdoor Masses - Registration Required  
Register at: [www.GoodShepherdPittsburg.org](http://www.GoodShepherdPittsburg.org)



Fr. James Blount, is an internationally known Exorcist Priest of the Society of Our Lady of the Trinity (SOLT) – Georgia Mission. A very gifted Spiritual Director and Confessor, Fr. Jim is a bold charismatic preacher endowed and empowered with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. He speaks of living a life in relationship with each of the Persons of the Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. His teachings depict his deep love for the Eucharist and his intimate relationship, love and devotion to Jesus and Mary draws many souls to also fall in love with them. Father is a powerful instrument of the Holy Spirit as evidenced by so many stories of miracles, healings and conversions. Dedicated to his healing and deliverance ministry, Father travels preaching and proclaiming the Gospel whenever and wherever he can, in the United States and abroad.

**Must wear masks for all events listed.**

**CONTACT NUMBER**  
(209) 687-1973

For any questions regarding event  
CDC Guidelines Followed.

**FREE ADMISSION**  
Donations Greatly Appreciated!



Pope Leo XIII

*"We ought to pray to and invoke the Holy Spirit, for each one of us greatly needs His protection and His help. The more a man is deficient in wisdom, weak in strength, borne down with trouble, prone to sin, so ought he the more to fly to Him who is the never-ceasing fount of light, strength, consolation, and holiness."*

*The following children received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 1st in the Spiritual Garden*

**Brissa Alvarado-Flores**  
**Gianna Baglieri**  
**James Belleci**  
**Kevin Bermejo-Lopez**  
**Roman Cabrera-Newsom**  
**Julio Cortes**  
**Adrianna Crespo**  
**Maddox Alexander Delacruz**  
**Peyton Ryan Delacruz**  
**Jordyn Eusebio**  
**Kylie Eusebio-Punla**  
**Aleena Fernandez-Tendencia**  
**Rhonelle Fernandez-Tendencia**  
**Layla Franco**  
**Heriberto Gonzalez**  
**Jimena Gonzalez**  
**Leilani Gonzalez**  
**Pablo Gonzalez**  
**Kaylee Hernandez**  
**Keira Lacy**  
**Maria Landa**  
**Roberto Landa**  
**Ydan Liwag**  
**Jocelin Lopez**



**Cristian Maciel**  
**Jiselle Maeda**  
**Jovanni Maeda**  
**Reinna Malicdem**  
**Kyleo Mallari**  
**Nicole Margarito-Bravo**  
**Vincent Mazares**  
**Xavier Menendez**  
**Julianna Newsom**  
**Nathan Ngo**  
**Chido Onyeador**  
**Alexa Pena**  
**Nathan Petate**  
**Haley Pete**  
**Iris Ramirez**  
**Royce Ramos**  
**Zoey Ramos**  
**Lorenzo Rodriguez**  
**Dylan Rodriguez-Carmona**  
**Marco Saldivar-Huerta**  
**Amari Santos**  
**Aliyah Simeon**  
**Aivi Tran**  
**Abigail Vaohea**  
**Gloria Vaohea**  
**Petelo Vaohea**  
**Dellarose Viray**

*Spanish First Holy Communion*  
*Saturday, May 8 at 10 am in the Garden*



## Mass Intentions

May 3-9

# Mass Intentions For The Week

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Mon	7:30 am	Neno & Jo Aiello †
Tue	7:30 am	Capupus Family
Wed	7:30 am	Nick Gonzalez †
Thu	7:30 am	Peter & Mary Nguyen †
Fri	7:30 am	Jose Solis †
Sat	8:00 am	Violet Aiello †
Sat	5:30 pm	Elaine Calone †
Sun	8:00 am	Mateo & Pina Romero †
	10 am	Frances Ferrante Thomas †
	12 pm	Bernda Francisco †
	3 pm	For the People #

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## MEN'S POWER CONFERENCE

Love like Christ  
fight like a warrior



Honorable guest,  
Bishop Michael Barber,  
Diocese of Oakland.

\$25 (18 and older)  
(under 17 access free)



Brentwood, CA.

# May 14-15, 2021



## JESSE ROMERO

Info

(925)597-0206  
(510)698-9505

Registration at

[catholiclife4u.com](http://catholiclife4u.com)

**MASS-CONFESSION-ADORATION  
REGISTER NOW**

## LIVE THEATRE RETURNS

Steven Sondheim's Musical

# COMPANY

Presented by

**PITTSBURG COMMUNITY THEATRE**

June 11 at 7 pm

June 12 at 2 pm and 7 pm

June 13 at 2 pm

**At Good Shepherd's Spiritual Park**

For tickets, visit [PCTCA.org](http://PCTCA.org)

or call 925-439-7529

Tickets are \$20 each. Advanced sales required.

Additional performances held in:

**PINOLE**

June 18-20, 2021

[PINOLEPLAYERS.org](http://PINOLEPLAYERS.org)

**BRENTWOOD**

June 25-27, 2021

[GHOSTLIGHTTE.org](http://GHOSTLIGHTTE.org)

All performances outdoors. Masks required.

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48,  
1 JOHN 4:7-10, JOHN 15:9-17**

### NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

**SHEPHERD'S CLOSET**



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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

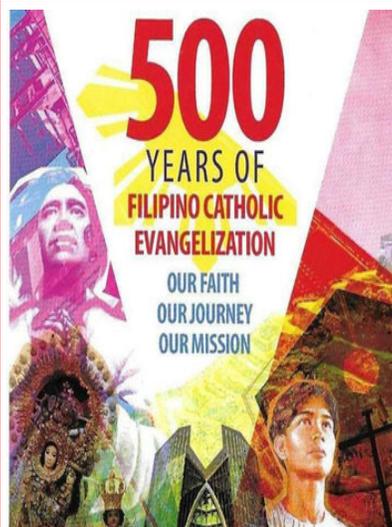
**\$5.00 each**

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



**Mass Celebrating 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines at Good Shepherd Church on June 12, 2021 at 10:30 am in the Spiritual Garden. Everyone is invited to join the celebration. For mass sponsorship information please contact Cecille Perez at 925-300-6234 or Cynthia Auza at 925-427-0778.**