



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**



Go into the whole world and
proclaim the gospel to every creature.

Mark 16:15

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

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord



Life is a journey and we are all travelers. *“Where are we going?”* If heaven is not the answer, then all that we do is truly in vain. Jesus ascending to heaven reaffirms our hope for a life eternal. St. Ambrose once said: *“If our risen Lord was not ascending to the heaven, then our sufferings for him are truly useless, because we have no reason to do it.”* Jesus ascending to heaven is not like a spaceship to the sky. It means it is a transformation of this earthly reality into the heavenly dimension as Jesus has transformed himself into the mystical body after resurrection. Whatever it is, we still may wonder why Ascension? Why did Jesus “leave” his disciples?

I am sure you all know the expression: “Leaving for a good cause,” or as we sometimes call it, a necessary goodbye. There are at least two reasons why Jesus decides to leave his disciples. First, as long as Jesus stays with them in his present form, he is actually very limited in his physical presence. But with his spirit presence, we can meet him anywhere at any time. It is through the Spirit that he can continue to be with his people at all times and in any place. Second, if Jesus stuck around, then he would be the one doing the entire mission. We might just follow him. Since Jesus left, each one of us becomes Jesus, doing His mission.


The Feast of the Ascension reminds us of our eternal home –Heaven. What is heaven? Where is it located? Heaven is not a place in time and space. Where there is God, there is heaven. It is everywhere. There is not only a heaven in heaven, but there is also a heaven on earth. Where do we find heaven on earth? Right here at the Mass. Each time we celebrate the Mass, heaven is manifested. Bread and wine become heaven. So if you feel Mass is boring, I don’t think you will enjoy heaven when you go there. Truly, there is no heaven in heaven without heaven on earth. When you see a baby smile, it is heaven. When an elderly couple loves and feeds each other, heaven is manifested. When you see here and there people help and sacrifice for others, heaven becomes a reality. Do you ever feel that Jesus has left us? Maybe we do. That’s Ok. It is a human thing. But whatever it is, let’s not forget what he tells us as he told his disciples: *“I will be with you always until the end of the ages.”*

Let’s cast all our worries and burdens into his divine providence. It is said: *“Angels can fly not so much because they have wings, but because they carry no burdens.”* Here’s praying that we be freed from burdens that tie us down and confine us. Let us continue to pray to the Risen Lord to set our spirits free and to cleanse our hearts of sin, fear, attachments, and short-sightedness. May the Ascended Lord help us carry on successfully His mission here on earth so that the gates of heaven will be open for us when we say goodbye to this world. Amen!

Dearest Parishioners,

Our current piano is 99 years old. It is pretty much out of tune. It is time for us to buy a new piano to provide good music for our worship. We found a used, but very good, Baby Grand Yamaha piano (see the photo). They sell it for just \$6,000, which is very reasonable. So we ask you if you can help us with any \$\$\$ amount you can to purchase this piano. Your help is very much appreciated it. We also sell Banh Mi– Vietnamese sandwiches to raise fund for this purpose. Please help buy and promote this fundraising. Thank you so much for your support!

Fr. Thi Hoang

 Your donation is greatly appreciated





Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor

La vida es un viaje y todos somos viajeros. *"¿A dónde vamos?"* Si el cielo no es la respuesta, entonces todo lo que hacemos es verdaderamente en vano. Jesús ascendiendo al cielo reafirma nuestra esperanza de una vida eterna. San Ambrosio dijo una vez: *"Si nuestro Señor resucitado no estaba ascendiendo al cielo, entonces nuestros sufrimientos por él son verdaderamente inútiles, porque no tenemos ninguna razón para hacerlo"*. Jesús ascendiendo al cielo no es como una nave espacial hacia el cielo. Significa que es una transformación de esta realidad terrenal en la dimensión celestial como Jesús se transformó en el cuerpo místico después de la resurrección. Lo que sea que es. Todavía podemos preguntarnos por qué la Ascensión. ¿Por qué Jesús "dejó" a sus discípulos?

Estoy seguro de que todos conocen la expresión: "Partir por una buena causa". O lo llamamos un adiós necesario. Hay al menos dos razones por las que Jesús decide dejar a sus discípulos. Primero, mientras Jesús permanezca con ellos en su forma actual, en realidad está muy limitado en su presencia física. Pero con su presencia espiritual, podemos encontrarnos con él en cualquier lugar y en cualquier momento. Es a través del Espíritu que puede seguir estando con su pueblo en todo momento y en cualquier lugar. En segundo lugar, si Jesús se queda, entonces él sería el que haría toda la misión. Podríamos simplemente seguirlo. Desde que Jesús se fue, cada uno de nosotros se convierte en Jesús, cumpliendo su misión.

La fiesta de la ascensión nos recuerda nuestro hogar eterno: el Cielo. ¿Qué es el cielo? ¿Dónde está localizado? El cielo no es un lugar en el tiempo y el espacio. Donde está Dios, está el cielo. Está en todas partes. No solo hay un cielo en el cielo, sino que también hay un cielo en la tierra. ¿Dónde encontramos el cielo en la tierra? Aquí mismo en la Misa. Cada vez que celebramos la Misa, el cielo se manifiesta. El pan y el vino se convierten en el cielo. Entonces, si sientes que la misa es aburrida, no creo que disfrutes del cielo cuando vayas allí. En verdad, no hay cielo en el cielo sin cielo en la tierra. Cuando ves a un bebé sonreír, es el paraíso. Cuando una pareja de ancianos se ama y se alimenta, el cielo se manifiesta. Cuando ves aquí y allá que la gente ayuda y se sacrifica por los demás, el cielo se convierte en una realidad. ¿Alguna vez has sentido que Jesús nos ha dejado? Quizás lo hagamos. Está bien. Es cosa de humanos. Pero sea lo que sea, no olvidemos lo que nos dice a sus discípulos: *"Estaré con ustedes siempre hasta el fin de los tiempos"*.

Pongamos todas nuestras preocupaciones y cargas en su divina providencia. Se dice: *"Los Ángeles pueden volar no tanto porque tengan alas, sino porque no llevan cargas"*. Aquí está orando para que seamos liberados de las cargas que nos atan y nos encierran. Continuemos orando al Señor Resucitado para que libere nuestro espíritu y limpie nuestro corazón del pecado, el miedo, los apegos y la miopía. Que la ascensión del Señor nos ayude a llevar a cabo con éxito su misión aquí en la tierra para que las puertas del cielo se abran para nosotros cuando nos despedamos de este mundo. ¡Amén!

Padre Thi Hoang

FEMA IS OFFERING FUNERAL ASSISTANCE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Helpline is now accepting applications for financial assistance for COVID-19 related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020. Visit the FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Page to learn more about how to apply, eligibility, documentation and more. FEMA's Frequently Asked Questions about the program are available in the link below. Applications can be made by calling FEMA's COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Helpline 844-684-6333, Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Read the update from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services here: <http://www.oesnews.com/fema-covid-19-funeral-assistance-now-available-apply-today/>.

Funeral Assistance Page: <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>
 Funeral Assistance Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance/faq>

La Línea de Ayuda de Asistencia Funeraria COVID-19 de la Agencia Federal para el Manejo de Emergencias (FEMA) ahora está aceptando solicitudes de asistencia financiera para los gastos funerarios relacionados con COVID-19 incurridos después del 20 de enero de 2020. Visite la página de asistencia funeraria DE FEMA COVID-19 para obtener más información sobre cómo solicitar, elegibilidad, documentación y más. Las preguntas frecuentes de FEMA sobre el programa están disponibles en el siguiente enlace. Las solicitudes se pueden realizar llamando a la línea de ayuda de asistencia funeraria COVID-19 de FEMA 844-684-6333, de lunes a viernes de 6 a.m. a 6 p.m. Lea la actualización de la Oficina de Servicios de Emergencia del Gobernador de California aquí: <http://www.oesnews.com/fema-covid-19-funeral-assistance-now-available-apply-today/>.

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Retrouvaille a Marriage program that helps couples in struggling marriages restore and rebuild a healthy and loving marriage. The Oakland Retrouvaille Program will be hosting a VIRTUAL Weekend Program starting Thursday, June 24 - Sunday, June 27, 2021. For more information or to register, please check the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or leave a message at (510) 709-6063.

*Retrouvaille provides marriage help!
 You are not alone!*

With love and gratitude,

**Edda & Gus Rivera
 Oakland
 Retrouvaille
 Coordinators
 510. 709-6063**

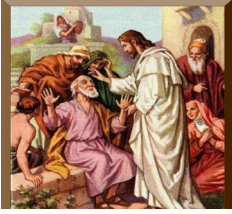


**The 2021 Bishop's Appeal
 has officially launched!**

Our goal this year is: \$35,600

We are at 30% of Goal

**Please help us reach
 our goal!**



HEALING MASSES RETURN!

June 26 / September 25 / November 20



HAPPY 8th SACREDTOAL ANNIVERSARY TO FR. THI WHO CELEBRATES HIS ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD ON MAY 18th
May the Lord continue to bless him in his holy ministry.

Faith Formation Registration for 2021-22 begins July 26 ~ Details to follow!

Ordination to the Priesthood

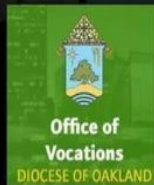
*Deacon Huang Minh
Deacon Cardelario Jimenez*

SATURDAY, MAY 22 AT 10:00 AM

CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIGHT
2121 HARRISON STREET
OAKLAND, CA 94612

(BY RESERVATION ONLY
BIT LY/522ORDINATION)

CELEBRANT:
MOST REVEREND MICHAEL BARBER
BISHOP OF DIOCESE OF OAKLAND



LIVE-STREAMED FROM CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIGHT
[FACEBOOK.COM/CTLCATHEDRAL.ORG/](https://www.facebook.com/ctlcathedral.org/)

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

or call 925-439-7529

Tickets are \$20 each. Advanced sales required.

Additional performances held in:

PINOLE

June 18-20, 2021

PINOLEPLAYERS.org

BRENTWOOD

June 25-27, 2021

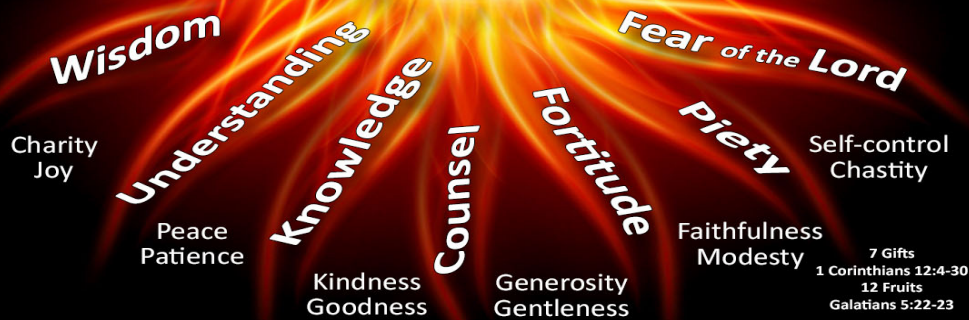
GHOSTLIGHTTE.org

All performances outdoors. Masks required.

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

Sunday, May 23

10:00 AM Mass & 12:00 PM Talk after Mass
Outdoor Masses - Registration Required
Register at: 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."



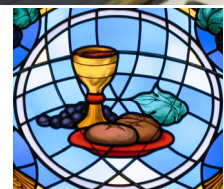
MOTHER'S DAY 2021
A token of appreciation for
our mothers!



Pray for our children



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
MAY 8, 2021



Mass Intentions

May 17-23

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Mon	7:30 am	Marina Manguera † ^
Tue	7:30 am	Chad Encarnacion † *
Wed	7:30 am	May Plata-Thanksgiving *
Thu	7:30 am	Lolita Punla † *
Fri	7:30 am	Dominador Salvo † ^
Sat	8:00 am	Birthday of Hunter Garcia Living & Augusto Viart † *
Sat	5:30 pm	Vince & Jennie Russo † #
Sun	8:00 am	Ivan Dale Atkinson † *
	10 am	Carol De Pasquale † #
	12 pm	A.L. Ortiz/Rolly Danny Brofas Family #
	3 pm	For the People *

*=Fr. Thi, ^=Fr. Helmut, #=Fr. Blount

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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 2:1-11, 1 CORINTHIANS 12:3B-7, 12-13, JOHN 20:19-23

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

COMMUNICATIONS & SOCIAL CONCERNS



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Bánh Mì- SALE



Bánh Mì - Combo + Water

Please help buy and promote this Banh Mi sale so we can raise some fund to buy a piano for the church. Thank you so very much for your support.



Bánh Mì -Grilled Pork + Water

BUY 1 FOR \$5.00

ORDER DATE
Order by Saturday
May 22, 2021

We accept cash or check made payable to
Church of the Good Shepherd
*Net Proceeds benefit
Church of the Good Shepherd*

PICK UP DATE
Date: Sunday, May 23, 2021
Pick-up Time: 9:30am -1pm

Place: At the Hall
Church of the Good Shepherd, 3200 Harbor St. Pittsburg, CA 94565

PLACE ORDER

Place your order via email or call or text (we prefer text to call)

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carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org
925-207-9836

Tammy Vo
tammyhairtrends@gmail.com
925-698-4559



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CELEBRATE

500

**YEARS OF FILIPINO
CATHOLIC EVANGELIZATION**

1521- 2021

Our Faith, Our Journey, Our Mission

You are cordially invited to join us for the celebration of 500 Years of Filipino Catholic Evangelization here at the Church of the Good Shepherd



June 12th, 2021
10:30 am
In the Spiritual Garden

gifted to give
500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES

Our Mass *our Entertainment * Our Reception
(Free lunch bag to go!)

Barong/ Filipinana attire is encouraged!
Observe the Covid 19 Protocol by wearing mask and social distancing!

For mass sponsorship information, please contact:

Cecille Perez at (925) 300-6234
or Cynthia Auza at (925) 427-0778

Come and Celebrate!

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FILIPINO MINISTRY

MASS SPONSORSHIP for Filipino Feast/Masses

DATE	SATURDAY, June 12, 2021 10:30 A.M.
MASS (indicate feast name or "San Pedro Calungsod")	500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines
DONATION AMOUNT: If in check, please use "Church of the Good Shepherd" as payee	\$
NAME/s of SPONSOR/s (Please write the name legibly and as you want it read at mass or shown in program)	
INTENTION/s:	
	For inquiries, please "TEXT" Cecille Perez at 925-300-6234, Lelani Andes 925-212-8408, or Cynthia Auza 925-597-1178
Signature of Sponsor	
Sponsor's Telephone No.	