



CHURCH OF THE

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



Pentecost

SUNDAY

MAY 23, 2021

There appeared to them tongues as of fire,
which parted and came to rest on each one of them.
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:3-4

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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

Pentecost

Happy birthday to each one of us. On a day like today, the Holy Spirit filled the apostles and disciples with love, with such force that they went out to share what Jesus taught to all the world.

Pentecost is the feast of the Holy Spirit. The book of Acts of the Apostles says that the disciples, gathered in prayer, received the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission of proclaiming to all mankind the Good News of a new law: the law of universal love taught and instituted by Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit is the life-giving breath of God.

The Holy Spirit makes possible the birth and development of the Church.

The Holy Spirit makes communication possible thanks to the language of love.

Let us look at each one of them:

The Holy Spirit is the life-giving breath of God.

The first biblical description of creation says that in the beginning *"the Spirit (the ruah, that is, the wind, or the breath) of God moved with a divine wind sweeping over the waters"* (Gen 1:2) and God shaped man from the soil of the ground and *blew the breath of life into his nostrils*, and man became a living being (Gen 2:7). In the Acts (2:2) there is talk of a *strong wind*; Psalm 103 refers to *the breath of God the giver of life*, and in the Gospel (John 20:22) he says that *Jesus blew upon his disciples*.

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Pentecost is the feast of the birth of the Church, the People of God composed of many different members encouraged by the Holy Spirit, from which come the gifts we receive.

The Holy Spirit makes communication possible thanks to the language of love.

The whole story of God's creative and saving action is a step from Babel's incommunicado to the communication of Pentecost. Despite of the plurality and diversity of languages and peoples, there is a language and a way of life that makes it possible for all human beings to understand each other when we put it into practice: *the language of love*.

The Gospel tells us that Jesus introduces himself to the disciples and greets them in the most common way used at that time *"Peace be with you"*, in other words: *"may they be free of problems" or rather "God fills them with all good."* He also tells them: *"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."*

In this we see Jesus' message to the Church, then:

Jesus counts on the church, counts on us to transmit the Message of the Father to all mankind, as

St. Paul says, "the church is the body of Christ" so that Jesus depends on us to carry his message.

The church needs Jesus. We need "The Message" to be able to share it, without it, the church has no message, so the church depends on Jesus.

Jesus sends the church just as the Father sent Him. We who are the messengers/missionaries must know the message to transmit it.

As we celebrate this feast of Pentecost, let us unite in prayer as the first disciples were, asking the Lord to renew the communication of the Holy Spirit, repeating within us: *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

Deacon Gustavo



Pentecostés

Feliz cumpleaños a todos y cada uno de nosotros. Un día como hoy el Espíritu Santo llenó de amor a los apóstoles y discípulos con tal fuerza que ellos salieron a compartir lo enseñado por Jesús a todo el mundo.

Pentecostés es la fiesta del Espíritu Santo. El libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles cuenta que, los discípulos reunidos en oración recibieron el Espíritu Santo para realizar la misión de proclamar a toda la humanidad, la Buena Noticia de una nueva Ley: la ley del amor universal enseñada e instaurada por Jesucristo.

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El Espíritu Santo hace posible la comunicación gracias al lenguaje del amor.

Veamos cada uno de ellos:

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El primer relato bíblico de la creación dice que en el principio “el Espíritu (la ruah, es decir el soplo, el viento o el aliento) de Dios se movía o aleteaba sobre las aguas” (Gn 1:2) y que el Señor “formó al hombre de la tierra, *sopló en su nariz y le dio vida*” (Gn 2:7). En los Hechos de los A. (2:2) se habla de un *viento fuerte*; el Salmo 103 se refiere al *aliento de Dios* dador de vida, y en el Evangelio (Juan 20:22) dice que Jesús *sopló sobre sus discípulos*.

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Pentecostés es la fiesta del nacimiento de la Iglesia, Pueblo de Dios compuesto por muchos y distintos miembros animados por el Espíritu Santo, del que provienen los dones que recibimos nosotros.

El Espíritu Santo hace posible la comunicación gracias al lenguaje del amor.

Toda la historia de la acción creadora y salvadora de Dios es un paso de la incomunicación de Babel a la comunicación de Pentecostés. En medio de la pluralidad y diversidad de lenguas y pueblos, hay un idioma y un modo de vivir que hace posible que todos los seres humanos podamos entendernos cuando lo ponemos en práctica: *el lenguaje del amor*.

El Evangelio nos cuenta que Jesús se les presenta a los discípulos y les saluda en la forma más corriente que se utilizaba en esa época “*La Paz este con ustedes*”, en otras palabras: “*que se encuentren libre de problemas*” o más bien “*Dios los colme de todo bien*” También les dice: “*Como el Padre me ha enviado, así también los envío yo*”, en esto vemos el mensaje de Jesús hacia la Iglesia, entonces:

Jesús cuenta con la iglesia-nosotros para transmitir el mensaje del Padre a toda la humanidad, como dice San Pablo, “*la iglesia es el cuerpo de cristo*” o sea que Jesús depende de nosotros para llevar su mensaje.

La iglesia necesita de Jesús. Nosotros necesitamos “*El Mensaje*” para poder compartirlo, sin él, la iglesia no tiene mensaje, o sea que la iglesia depende de Jesús.

Jesús envía a la iglesia igual que el Padre lo envió a Él. Nosotros que somos los mensajeros/misioneros debemos conocer el mensaje para trasmitirlo.

Al celebrar esta fiesta de Pentecostés, unámonos en oración como los primeros discípulos lo estaban pidámosle al Señor que renueve la comunicación del Espíritu Santo, repitiendo en nuestro interior: *Ven Espíritu Santo, llena los corazones de tus fieles y enciende en ellos el fuego de tu amor.*

Díacono Gustavo



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**

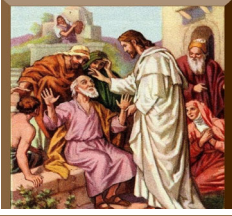


**The 2021 Bishop's Appeal
 has officially launched!**

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

**Faith
Formation
Registration
for 2021-22
begins
July 26**

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.

2021 Consecration of the Pastoral Council

The mission of the pastoral council is first, to support Fr Thi in his pastoral role in our parish, and secondly to act as pastoral councilors by listening to the needs of our parishioners, to reflect on and reach conclusions and advise Fr Thi on pastoral matters. Thirdly, to execute pastoral initiatives. We plan events and activities for you to experience the love of Christ in your lives and the lives of your families, to create a loving community where all feel welcome and connected as family so that all parishioners experience one flock, one family, living and sharing the love of Christ.

At this Sunday's 10 am Mass, the Feast of Pentecost, the pastoral council will be consecrated to their mission. All are invited to join us in praying over the pastoral council for their success as they begin their work this year. Permanently assigned clergy are typically included in the parish council. Please feel free to meet, greet, and welcome our pastoral councilors. If you ever have a concern you wish to voice – a compliment, criticism, or request – please feel free to speak directly to any pastoral councilor directly.

David de Luna (Chair); Tammy Vo; Michele Blair; David Viart; Ann Ekweogu; Julio Rodelo; Roy Lagarejos; Ana Sorci; Cora Clavel; Mark Francisco; Otto Tangitau

 Your
donation
is greatly
appreciated



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). It sells 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 will 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!


Thanks
for your 
Generosity!

This week we thank everyone who has donated thus far and particularly to Divine Mercy Prayer Ministry who donated \$2,350 for the projector screens in the church and to Sheila Conley with \$500 for the piano. We are truly blessed!



Congratulations to Chido Onyeador for his reception of First Holy Communion, May 16.



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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)

Carmen Esquivel
carmen@goodshepherd-pittsburg.org
925-207-9836

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

Our back parking lot has been re-sealed. It looks like new. It is good for another five years or so. We are the church of maintenance. Our second collection for maintenance every month helps keeping our buildings and ground up on running. Thank you for your support.



Mass Intentions

May 24-30

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Mon	7:30 am	Carmella Aiello † ^
Tue	7:30 am	Manuel C. Alba, Jr. *
Wed	7:30 am	Manuel C. Alba, Jr. *
Thu	7:30 am	Birthday of Carol Flint *
Fri	7:30 am	Marriage Intention for The Capupus Family ^
Sat	8:00 am	Stephanie Perez & Violet Aiello † *
Sat	5:30 pm	Birthday of Anna Sorci *
Sun	8:00 am	Wedding Anniversary of Art & Marianne Solis, Nick & Aaren Solis *
	10 am	Abelardo M, Alma D & Alvin D Carrillo † *
	12 pm	St. Anthony/Capupus Family
	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

**DEUTERONOMY 4:32-34, 39-40,
ROMANS 8:14-17, MATTHEW 28:16-20**

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



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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.	