



CHURCH OF THE

*Good Shepherd*

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

3200 Harbor Street ~ Pittsburg, CA 94565

Phone: 925-432-6404

Email: [office@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto:office@goodshepherdpittsburg.org)

[www.goodshepherdpittsburg.org](http://www.goodshepherdpittsburg.org)

[www.facebook.com/goodshepherdpittsburg](https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdpittsburg)



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

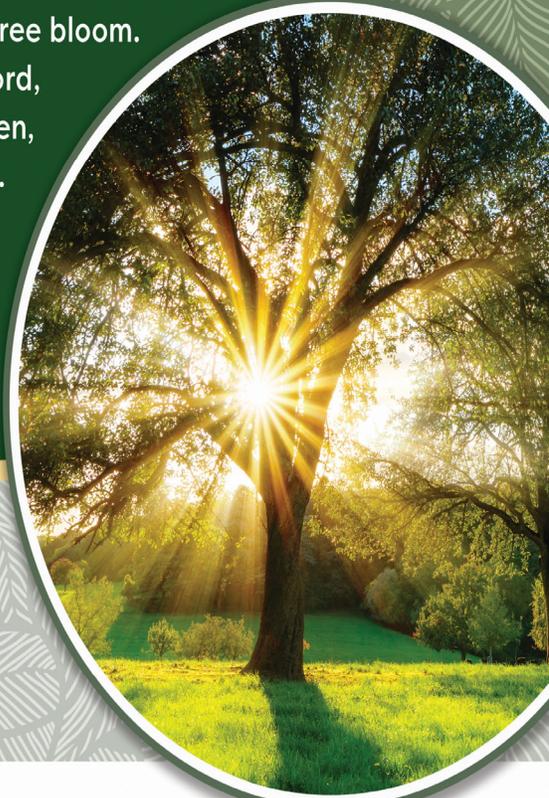
**Eleventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

June 13, 2021

I, the Lord,  
bring low the high tree,  
lift high the lowly tree,  
wither up the green tree,  
and make the  
withered tree bloom.

As I, the Lord,  
have spoken,  
so will I do.

Ezekiel 17:24



Copyright © J.S. Palach Co. Inc. - Photos: © Smileva, © vectorhelix / AdobeStock  
Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass © 2001, 1998, 1997, 1986, 1970, CCC.

**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**



## 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

My dear friends, I share with you this reflection taken from [ePriest.com](http://ePriest.com) sources.

Today's readings remind us that the Kingdom of God has already been sown by Our Lord and continues to grow with us or without us, because it grows due God's power, just like nature does. It can grow in and through us too if we cultivate it in our hearts.

In today's First Reading, Ezekiel describes the Messiah as a tender shoot taken off the main tree—the royal stock of David. The Messiah will be established on the heights but will also grow to be tall and be sheltering for all those who can reach those heights. Other kings and their lines will look upon the Messiah's prosperity and realize that it is the Lord who blesses them or lets their lineage fade away, fruitless. Many “birds” will find shelter in this tree, but they must fly very high.

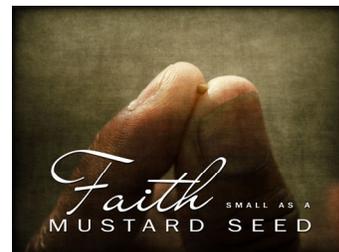
In today's Second Reading, Paul reminds us that the way we use this dying mortal body will determine what it grows into in eternity. Our mortal bodies grow old and die whether we are good or evil, but our eternal life depends on what we do with our earthly life. The seed of eternal life is sown in us through Baptism. We can nurture it and water it with the grace of a holy life, or we can neglect it and focus so much on pleasing a dying earthly body that our eternal life is at risk. Our Lord wants our earthly life to flourish and blossom into something wonderful.

When Our Lord begins his public ministry the core of his message is that the Kingdom of God is at hand, and conversion and faith in the Gospel are needed. In today's Gospel, he gives us two parables to understand what the Kingdom of God is: the sowing and reaping of grain and the growth of a mustard seed. By teaching in parables, he is trying to explain deeper spiritual realities using the everyday realities understood by his listeners. The example of the grain shows us that this requires cultivation, waiting for the right time to reap the spiritual harvest of our labors, but also that God does the heavy lifting. The growth that is quiet, slow, and unseen, at times even when we're not doing anything, comes from him and his grace working in our souls and the souls of others.

The example of the mustard seed shows that it starts small: in Jesus' earthly ministry it went from him to twelve disciples, then to thousands by the time narrated in the Acts of the Apostles, and to the whole world and throughout history. The Kingdom doesn't just represent something small that has an incredible capacity for growth and expansion; like the cool shade of the mustard plant, it makes room for everyone to find rest and consolation because God wants everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth, for the truth will set us free.

Have a grace filled weekend!

Fr. Thi Hoang





## 11th Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Año B

Queridos amigos, les comparto esta reflexión extraída de las fuentes de ePriest.com.

Las lecturas de hoy nos recuerdan que el Reino de Dios ya fue sembrado por Nuestro Señor y sigue creciendo con nosotros o sin nosotros, porque crece por el poder de Dios, como lo hace la naturaleza. También puede crecer en nosotros y a través de nosotros si lo cultivamos en nuestro corazón.

En la primera lectura de hoy, Ezequiel describe al Mesías como un brote tierno arrancado del árbol principal-- el linaje real de David. El Mesías se establecerá en las alturas, pero también crecerá y será un refugio para todos aquellos que puedan alcanzar esas alturas. Otros reyes y sus linajes verán la prosperidad del Mesías y se darán cuenta de que es el Señor quien los bendice o deja que su linaje se desvanezca, infructuoso. Muchos “pájaros” encontrarán refugio en este árbol, pero deben volar muy alto.

En la segunda lectura de hoy, Pablo nos recuerda que la forma en que usemos este cuerpo mortal moribundo determinará en qué se convertirá en la eternidad. Nuestros cuerpos mortales envejecen y mueren, seamos buenos o malos, pero nuestra vida eterna depende de lo que hagamos con nuestra vida terrenal. La semilla de la vida eterna se siembra en nosotros a través del bautismo. Podemos nutrirlo y regarlo con la gracia de una vida santa, o podemos descuidarlo y enfocarnos tanto en complacer a un cuerpo terrenal moribundo que nuestra vida eterna está en riesgo. Nuestro Señor quiere que nuestra vida terrenal florezca y se convierta en algo maravilloso.

Cuando Nuestro Señor comienza su ministerio público, el núcleo de su mensaje es que el Reino de Dios está cerca, y se necesitan conversión y fe en el Evangelio. En el evangelio de hoy, nos da dos parábolas para entender qué es el Reino de Dios: la siembra y la cosecha del grano y el crecimiento de una semilla de mostaza. Al enseñar en parábolas, está tratando de explicar realidades espirituales más profundas utilizando las realidades cotidianas entendidas por sus oyentes. El ejemplo del grano nos muestra que esto requiere cultivo, esperando el momento adecuado para cosechar la cosecha espiritual de nuestro trabajo, pero también que Dios hace el trabajo pesado. El crecimiento que es silencioso, lento e invisible, a veces incluso cuando no estamos haciendo nada, proviene de él y de su gracia que obra en nuestras almas y en las almas de los demás.

El ejemplo de la semilla de mostaza muestra que comienza pequeño: en el ministerio terrenal de Jesús pasó de él a doce discípulos, luego a miles en el tiempo narrado en los Hechos de los Apóstoles, y al mundo entero y a lo largo de la historia. El Reino no solo representa algo pequeño que tiene una increíble capacidad de crecimiento y expansión; como la sombra fresca de la planta de mostaza, deja lugar para que todos encuentren descanso y consuelo porque Dios quiere que todos se salven y lleguen al conocimiento de la verdad, porque la verdad nos hará libres.

¡Que tengan un fin de semana lleno de gracia!

Padre Thi Hoang



**Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

As most of you know, the State is talking about opening up on June 15<sup>th</sup>. In anticipation of that, I scheduled June accordingly. Of course, it will depend on what directives we receive from the Diocese. With that in mind, for those of you who have not done so, please contact Bill Abitz at 432-3995 and let him know whether you will be returning or not, so I can schedule accordingly.

*Retrouvaille is 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](http://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**

**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.****UPCOMING HEALING  
MASS!****June 26, 8am in the Church****Multilingual Rosary Prayer & Procession honoring  
our Lady of Fatima –June 13th-TODAY!**

Dear Friends in Christ,

When our Blessed Mother first appeared to three children, Francisco, Lucia and Jacinta on May 13, 1917, she told them to come to meet her every month on the 13th from May to October. So they did. Like the three children, we also want to come to meet our Lady each month on the 13th. So this month of June, we will have a **Multilingual Rosary Prayer & Procession around the church after 12pm Sunday Mass.**

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



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

**Catechists Needed:**

We are looking for people who want to share their faith with our youth, in a fulfilling ministry making friends and becoming more involved in the church.

You will be trained and all curriculum will be provided for you. If you are interested in teaching or just have questions, please contact Dina at 925-432-6404x21 or by email

at [dina@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto:dina@goodshepherdpittsburg.org)

Se Necesita Catequistas  
Buscamos personas que  
quieran compartir su fe con  
nuestra juventud. En un ministerio satisfactorio, para hacer amigos y participar más en la iglesia. Será entrenado y se le proporcionará todo el plan de estudios. Si está interesado en enseñar o simplemente tiene preguntas, comuníquese con Dina al 925-432-6404x21 o por correo electrónico a [dina@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto:dina@goodshepherdpittsburg.org).

**FATHER JAMES BLOUNT  
RETURNS TO GOOD  
SHEPHERD ON  
FATHER'S DAY!**

**HE WILL CELEBRATE  
MASSES AND GIVE  
TALKS AFTER THE  
5:30PM VIGIL MASS AND  
12PM SUNDAY MASS.**

**HE WILL TALK ABOUT  
ST JOSEPH,  
THE PERFECT MODEL OF ALL  
HUSBANDS AND FATHERS.  
ALL ARE INVITED, ESPECIALLY  
HUSBANDS AND FATHERS!  
GO TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
WEBISTE TO RESERVE YOUR  
SEATS!**



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

**Our goal this year is: \$35,600.  
We are at 42% of Goal. Please  
help us reach our goal!**

**HELP WANTED**

Looking for a Catholic live-in caretaker to help with shopping, meal prep, light house-keeping, laundry and occasional assistance with errands and personal needs. Room and board included, all utilities paid. SMALL SALARY NEGOTIABLE.

Experience preferred. REFERENCES A MUST AND WILL BE CHECKED.

NOTE: If not able to be a live in, will hire for some of these chores mentioned and pay by hour. Brentwood - 209-687-1973

# This week we celebrated anniversaries and baptisms!

Prayers  
&  
Congratulations  
to All!



## We are now in “Ordinary Time” on the Church Calendar

### Why Is Ordinary Time Called Ordinary?

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

It's appropriate, therefore, that the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (which is actually the first Sunday celebrated in Ordinary Time) always features either John the Baptist's acknowledgment of Christ as the Lamb of God or Christ's first miracle—the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana.

Thus for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!

### Why Is Green the Color of Ordinary Time?

Likewise, the normal liturgical color for Ordinary Time—for those days when there is no special feast—is green. Green vestments and altar cloths have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the Church founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations.

### When Is Ordinary Time?

Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of [Advent](#), [Christmas](#), [Lent](#), and [Easter](#). Ordinary Time thus encompasses two different periods in the Church's calendar, since the Christmas season immediately follows Advent, and the Easter season immediately follows Lent.

The Church year begins with Advent, followed immediately by the Christmas season. Ordinary Time begins on the Monday after the first Sunday after January 6, the traditional date of the Feast of the [Epiphany](#) and the end of the liturgical season of Christmas. This first period of Ordinary Time runs until [Ash Wednesday](#) when the liturgical season of Lent begins. Both Lent and the Easter season fall outside of Ordinary Time, which resumes again on the Monday after [Pentecost Sunday](#), the end of the Easter season. This second period of Ordinary Time runs until the [First Sunday of Advent](#) when the liturgical year begins again.

### How Many Sundays Are There in Ordinary Time?

In any given year, there are either 33 or 34 Sundays in Ordinary Time. Because Easter is a moveable feast, and thus the Lent and Easter seasons "float" from year to year, the number of Sundays in each period of Ordinary Time vary from the other period as well as from year to year.

Mass Intentions

Jun 14-20

**Mass Intentions  
For The Week**



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Mon	7:30 am	21st Death Anniversary of Patricia V. Fernandez †
Tue	7:30 am	59th Wedding Anniversary Rodolfo & Maxima Navera
Wed	7:30 am	Stephanie Perez †
Thu	7:30 am	Sancho Alesna Sr. †
Fri	7:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory † Members of FOSS
Sat	8:00 am	Mary Linh & Phillip & Carmela Aiello †
Sat	5:30 pm	Mary Linh †
Sun	8:00 am	David De La Torre
	10 am	Gloria & Tony Giambalvo †
	12 pm	Henry Gonzales & Alphonse Cappucini
	3 pm	For the People

Parish Staff

**Fr. Thi Van Hoang,**  
Parochial Administrator  
925-432-6404 Ext. 11  
frthihoang@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

**Deacon Gustavo Escruceria**  
925-432-6404 Ext. 23  
Deacon.gustavo@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

**Grace Yvette Ripoli, Business Manager**  
925-432-6404 Ext. 12  
yvette@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

**Carmen Esquivel, Parish Secretary**  
925-432-6404 Ext. 19  
carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

**Dina Russell, Religious Education Coordinator**  
432-6404 Ext 21  
dina@goodshepherdpittsburg.org



**We thank the Ramirez family for donating the plants to make our gathering place pretty!**

**We also thank Delta Hawaii for donating to us 150 good, used chairs and 20 tables.**

**God bless their good and generous hearts.**



**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**Job 38:1, 8-11, 2 Corinthians 5:14-17, Mark 4:35-41**

**NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION**

**Catholic Voice**

# Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ Sunday June 6

