



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

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

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The bread of God

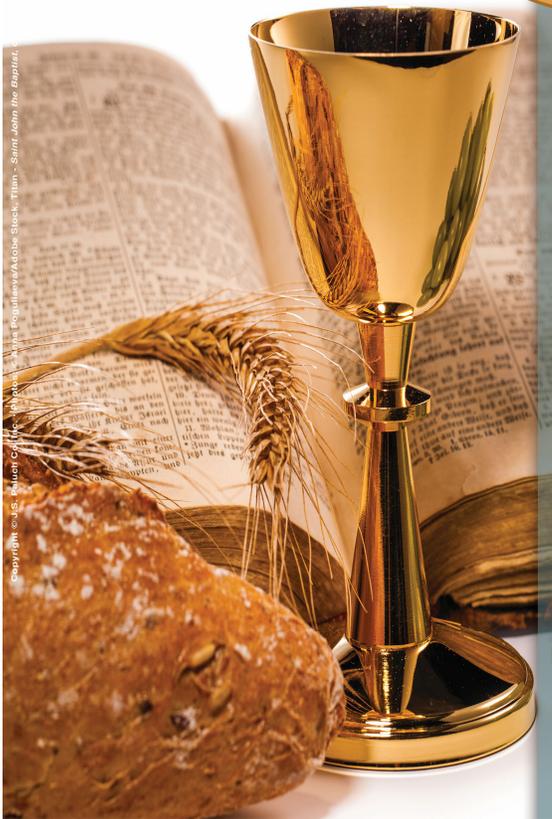
is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

John 6:33

August 1, 2021

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**Virtual Office Hours: Monday-Thursday
9am-12 pm & 1-4 pm**

MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses are livestreamed on our Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/EvolutionMovement/featured>

Sundays: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12 noon & 3pm Spanish
Monday through Friday : 7:30 a.m.
1st Fridays: 7:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. (Vigil)
Holy Days: 7:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours): 7:00 a.m.

Confessions: Fridays after 7:30 a.m. Mass
Saturdays from 4-5 p.m. or by appointment

Adoration: Fridays: 8am-9 am; 1st Fridays: 8am-7pm
Adoration in the Chapel (door code required-call parish office).

Devotions: Divine Mercy Monday-Friday after 7:30am Mass
Our Lady of Fatima/Perpetual Help~1st Saturday
Santo Nino~2nd Saturday
Divine Mercy~3rd Saturday
Saint Padre Pio~4th Saturday
Healing Mass~5th Saturday

(All devotions take place following 8:00 am Mass)

Baptisms: In order to make baptismal arrangements contact carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

Marriages: In order to make marriage arrangements contact carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org 6 months prior to marriage day.

Funeral Arrangements: Should be arranged by family, church and mortuary. Normal Christian burial consists of Vigil Service, Holy Mass and Burial in a Catholic Cemetery. Any other arrangements should first be discussed with parish priest.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK HOTLINE: 510-259-8706

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

“I tell you that you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat” (John 6:25). The statement of Jesus seems too straightforward, and even rude. But it raises a basic question about our faith. Why am I a Christian, why do I come to church, why do I seek God? Is it mere convenience? Is it just out of habit and tradition? Or is it simply that God can solve my problems? In other words, do you seek the bread that the Father gives, or do you seek the Father who gives you bread?

People seem to naturally look for a source of material benefit that can supply their needs the easy way. They make God like a slot machine. They put in 25 cents, expecting \$1000 to come out. God is Not a Slot Machine, but many people live their lives as if he is. They tend to avoid the responsibilities for maintaining the garden that is earth left in their care. Instead, they look for a jackpot god to serve who will one day pay off for them.

Let us suppose, you are driving into a busy shopping mall or an airport. On the way you are wondering if you will find a parking space. In such awful situations, are you one of those who begin to pray very earnestly to Jesus or Mary that they should help you find a parking space? I too do this sometimes, particularly when I am anxious about journeys, meetings, and health! In one sense, this shows our trust in the providence of God. And, yes, God is capable of helping us find a parking space. But should he? Is God a mere problem solver? And should my relationship with God be reduced to solving all the issues of my daily life? So *“Do we seek the bread given by the father, or the father himself who gives us bread?”* St Ignatius once said: *“seek not the consolation of God, but seek the God of consolation.”*

In the gospels, why does Jesus preach? Why does he perform his works – miracles and signs? Why does he feed the five thousand? Yes, these works are expressions of his compassion. But his intention is not merely to solve problems. In fact, he didn't manage to solve all the problems of the human condition. Jesus' works have one sole end: that we might build an intimate relationship with him, and in so doing we become one with the Father. It is this intimacy that is captured in the symbol of bread. It is this depth of relationship that is powerfully expressed in the Eucharist. What I eat becomes part of me. *“He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst” (Jn 6:35).* It is he whom we seek.

Have a blessed weekend.

Dearest Flock of the Good Shepherd,

We are excited to inform you that we are going to have a priest in residence to help Fr. Thi exercise the priestly ministries here in our parish. His name is Fr. Arn Cabrias (see the photo) who comes from the same diocese as Fr. Chris Villa (our former priest in residence), Iloilo Diocese, Philippines. Fr. Arn will go to school in Berkley for his studies for 3 years. He just arrived in the US last week. Now he is in quarantine. We will share more information about him when he officially comes to our parish, tentatively scheduled for August 7.

In the mean time, please keep Fr. Arn in your prayers for his smooth adaption to the new environment.

Fr. Thi Hoang



ARN S. CABRIAS

XVIII Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Año B

"Les digo que no me buscan porque hayan visto las señales, sino porque tenían todo el pan que querían comer" (Juan 6:25). La declaración de Jesús parece demasiado sencilla e incluso grosera. Pero plantea una pregunta básica sobre nuestra fe. ¿Por qué soy Cristiano, por qué vengo a la iglesia, por qué busco a Dios? ¿Es mera conveniencia? ¿Es solo por costumbre y tradición? ¿O es simplemente que Dios puede resolver mis problemas? En otras palabras, ¿buscan el pan que el Padre da, o buscan al Padre que les da el pan?

La gente parece buscar naturalmente una fuente de beneficios materiales que pueda satisfacer sus necesidades de manera fácil. Hacen de Dios como una máquina tragamonedas. Ellos pusieron 25 centavos, esperando que salieran \$1,000. Dios no es una máquina tragamonedas, pero muchas personas viven sus vidas como si lo fuera. Suelen evitar las responsabilidades de mantenimiento del jardín que queda a su cuidado. En cambio, buscan un Dios del premio mayor al que servir y que algún día les pagará.

Supongamos que está conduciendo hacia un concurrido centro comercial o un aeropuerto. En el camino te preguntarás si encontrarás una plaza de aparcamiento. En situaciones tan espantosas, ¿eres de los que empiezan a orar con fervor a Jesús o María para que te ayuden a encontrar un lugar para estacionar? ¿Yo también hago esto a veces, especialmente cuando estoy ansioso por los viajes, las reuniones y la salud! En cierto sentido, esto muestra nuestra confianza en la providencia de Dios. Y, sí, Dios es capaz de ayudarnos a encontrar un lugar para estacionar. ¿Pero debería hacerlo? ¿Es Dios un mero solucionador de problemas? ¿Y debería reducir mi relación con Dios a resolver todos los problemas de mi vida diaria? Entonces, *"¿Buscamos el pan que nos da el padre, o el padre mismo que nos da el pan?"* San Ignacio dijo una vez: *"No busques la consolación de Dios, sino busca al Dios de la consolación"*.

En los evangelios, ¿por qué predica Jesús? ¿Por qué realiza sus obras, milagros y señales? ¿Por qué alimenta a los cinco mil? Sí, estas obras son expresiones de su compasión. Pero su intención no es simplemente resolver problemas. De hecho, no logró resolver todos los problemas de la condición humana. Las obras de Jesús tienen un único fin: que podamos construir una relación íntima con él, y al hacerlo, nos convertimos en uno con el Padre. Es esta intimidad la que se captura en el símbolo del pan. Es esta profundidad de relación la que se expresa poderosamente en la Eucaristía. Lo que como se convierte en parte de mí. *"El que a mí viene, nunca tendrá hambre; el que cree en mí, no tendrá sed jamás" (Jn 6:35). Es a él a quien buscamos.*

Que tengan un bendecido fin de semana.

Padre Thi Hoang

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. Thank You!

From The Chapel

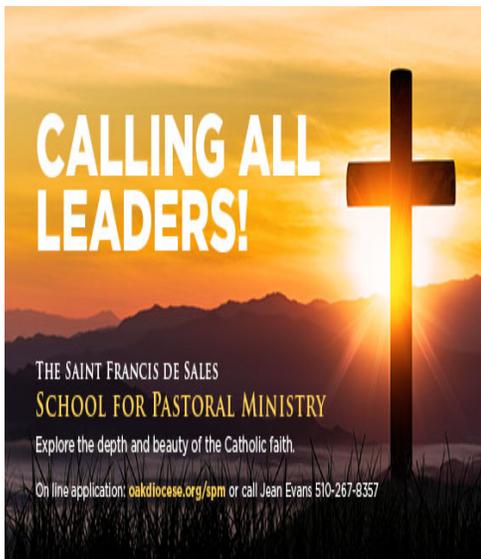
The Chapel is now open 7 days a week from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Please follow these guidelines when entering the chapel: Vaccinated people are not required to wear masks! Non-vaccinated people are strongly encouraged to wear masks for their health and safety! For Questions: Call Bill Abitz at 925-872-585

***To Ministries Leaders:
All ministries may go back to your normal meeting in person now. Please contact Carmen to book the facility at 925-432-6404, ext 19 or by email.***



Sr. Nga (left) and Sr. Quynh, Fr. Thi's friends visiting our church.



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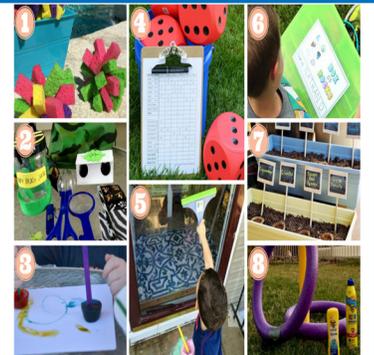
- † We run from October, 2021–November, 2022
- † Classes start in October, 2021
- † Applications received July–September
- † Application deadline: September 1, 2021
- † Classes begin October 9, 2021



**SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 3, 2021
GOOD SHEPHERD'S ANNUAL FLOCK PARTY!**



Details to follow but food and fun are included!



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ATTENTION: All Active Ministers

It is time for you to complete your online Safe Environment Training. Go to Virtus.org and create an account and complete the Protecting Our Children 3.0. **This is not optional.** If not completed you will have to leave your ministry. If you have questions, Contact Dina 925-432-6404x21 or email dina@goodshepherdpittsburg

Faith Formation Registration for 2021-22 Has begun! Here are the details:

Registration 2021

A Baptism and Birth Certificate are required before your child will be registered.

Classes

Baptism class is 1 year no matter what grade they start. (Even adults)

First Communion Class is 2 years no matter what grade they start.

Confirmation class is 2 years starting in 9th, 10th, or 11th grades. 12th grade is a case-by-case situation.

To register go to our website at goodshepherdpittsburg.org

Click-religious education

Click-registration information You will find links to forms and payments.

Then fill out your forms you can email them to me at dina@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

When you make your payment, I will automatically receive a copy of it.

Registro 2021 begins 28 de junio

Si aún no lo ha hecho, necesito una copia del certificado de nacimiento y el certificado de bautismo de su hijo.

o La clase de bautismo es de 1 año sin importar en qué grado comiencen. (incluso adultos)

o La clase de Primera Comunión es de 2 años sin importar el grado que comiencen.

o La clase de confirmación es de 2 años comenzando en el noveno, décimo o undécimo grado.

El 12^o grado es una situación de caso por caso.

- Vaya a nuestro sitio web en goodshepherdpittsburg.org
 - o educación religiosa
 - o información de registro Encontrará enlaces para formularios y pagos.
- Después de completar sus formularios, puede enviarme un correo electrónico a dina@goodshepherdpittsburg.org
- Cuando realice su pago, recibiré automáticamente una copia del mismo.

Si es la primera vez que se registra, no se inscribirá si no tengo todos los elementos solicitados.

THIS WEEK WE IMPROVED OUR PARISH BY FINISHING THE OFFICE REMODEL



A few hours twice a month will keep a senior from going hungry! Meals on Wheels Diablo Region needs volunteers to deliver grocery bags on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month to seniors in Antioch and Pittsburg. The Grocery Bag Program, a partnership of MOW Diablo Region and the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, provides groceries to seniors who can cook simple meals but can't travel to the food bank.

To learn more, contact **Casey Claibourne** at **925.448.3695** or cclaibourne@mowdr.org. To sign up to volunteer, apply online at <https://www.mowdiablregion.org/deliver-meals> or contact **Lee Davenport** at **925.954.8736** or ldavenport@mowdr.org.

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BISHOP BARBER APPROVES CONTINUED USE OF TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

"Last Friday, July 16, the Holy Father issued guidelines regarding the use of the Traditional Latin Mass, known as the Extraordinary Form. We will need time to properly study the document and its implications. In the meantime, I grant permission to those priests and parishes that already have my authorization to offer Masses according to the 1962 Missal to continue to celebrate them, following the norms of the Church. The Holy Father's constant concern throughout his papacy has been the care of souls and preserving the unity of the Church. These are my goals as well. I want to assure those faithful in the Diocese of Oakland who find sustenance and the consolation of Jesus Christ in the ancient form of worship that your spiritual needs will continue to be met."

Traveling This Summer? Don't Forget to Support Your Parish! As with any household or business, your parish needs your continued support to meet its ongoing expenses. Please consider dropping off or mailing your envelopes to the Parish Office or making online donations through our website to simplify your weekly offerings. For help, contact our Business Manager, Yvette Ripoli at: yvette@goodshepherdpittsburg.org.

ATTENTION!

Our Bishop, Michael Barber, will lift the dispensation for all the Catholics in our Diocese to attend Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation Masses from home on August 15. This means all Catholics are required to go to church in person to fulfill their Sunday Mass obligation, except the sick and the homebound.

Starting Sunday August 15, our church will only livestream the 10am Mass on Sunday and weekday Masses.

Why do Catholics do that?

Are you an adult interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Perhaps you've been thinking of becoming a member of Good Shepherd, or perhaps you are just curious about what Catholics believe. Maybe you wish to receive sacraments you missed earlier in life. Contact the office soon, as we begin classes in the Fall....

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 August 6th, the hours are as follows, Adoration - 8:30 AM to 6:45PM

Mass – 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

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



¡LLAMANDO A TODOS LOS LÍDERES!

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ESTAMOS ACEPTANDO SOLICITUDES PARA 2021-2022

- † Enseñamos desde octubre de 2021 hasta noviembre de 2022
- † Las clases comienzan en octubre de 2021
- † Se reciben solicitudes de julio a septiembre
- † Fecha límite para presentar la solicitud: 1 de septiembre de 2021
- † Las clases comienzan el 9 de octubre de 2021



There is still time to apply for FA '21 and SP '22!

Application Deadlines:

For Fall '21 semester (Aug. 21 through Dec. 17)
Aug. 1, 2021: U.S. or Online (U.S. and International)

For Spring '22 semester (Jan. 15-May 20)
Sept. 15: International In Person
Dec. 15: U.S. or Online (U.S. and international)

To begin the application process, please follow [this link](#).
For more information or assistance with the application process, contact JSTAdmission@scu.edu.
To reach Carrie Rehak, the Director of Renewal Program, contact crehak@scu.edu.

Mass Intentions

Aug 2-8

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Mon	7:30 am	Jim Macalisang †
Tue	7:30 am	Capupus Family
Wed	7:30 am	Birthday of Jesse Hart
Thu	7:30 am	Birthday of Moneng Lacsont
Fri	7:30 am	Capupus Family
	7:00 pm	Yvonne Hurtado †
Sat	8:00 am	Capupus Family & Joseph & Anna Nguyen †
Sat	5:30 pm	Sancho Alesna Sr. †
Sun	8:00 am	Araceli Yap †
	10 am	Mike Gonzales †
	12 pm	8th Death Anniversary of Rui-Jose Fernandez †
	3 pm	For the People

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TRANSITIONING BACK TO OPENING THE PARISH OFFICE

Beginning this month, the parish office will be back open in person during its regularly scheduled hours, Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm. However, staff members will be on alternating schedules in person and working remotely as we transition back to being fully present in September. Yvette will be in the office on Mondays and Thursdays. Carmen will be in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Dina and Lorena will be in the office for Youth Formation on Mondays and Wednesdays. Bear in mind that any staff member is available to help you through phone or email any time during business hours. Our goal is to meet all of the needs of our parish as promptly as possible.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ◆ Healing Masses September 25 & November 20
- ◆ Marian Rosary Processions 13th of August, September and October
- ◆ Faith Formation begins September 15
- ◆ Confirmation begins September 12
- ◆ Flock Party October 3rd

More details to follow soon on all of these events.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

COME JOIN OUR



Study

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES AUGUST 19TH!

Let's get back together on Thursday nights at 7 pm in the Ministry Building and get reacquainted with the Bible.

Just show up or contact Ben Davi at
439-9279

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**1 Kings 19:4-8, Ephesians 4:30-5:2,
John 6:41-51**

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

YOUTH FORMATION

This week we buried the dead, baptized babies and raised funds for our parish by selling Filipino Food.



THANK YOU TO THE FILIPINO MINISTRY, ESPECIALLY TO CHEF SONNY ANDES, FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL FOOD SALES, THEY RAISED \$3,661 IN SUPPORT OF OUR FLOCK PARTY! THANK YOU FOR YOUR GOOD AND GRACIOUS HEARTS! GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!