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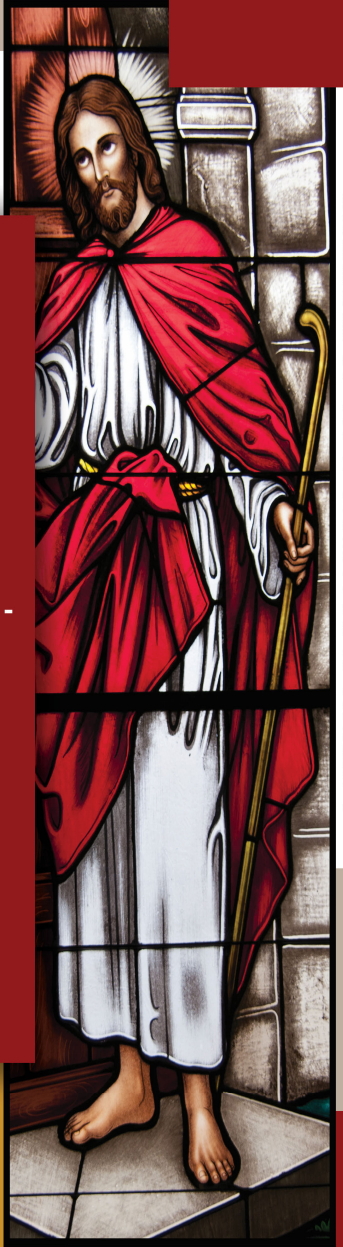
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Jesus instructed the Twelve to take nothing with them but a walking stick - no food, no sack, no money in their belts.

Mark 6:8



FIFTEENTH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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

HOW COULD ANYONE STAY AWAY? A RETURN TO THE EUCHARIST
BISHOP MICHAEL C. BARBER, S.J.
JUNE 29, 2021

“How I have longed to celebrate this Passover with you” (Luke 22:15).

When people ask, “Why should we go to Mass?” I answer, “Because Jesus is waiting for you there in the Church, and He wants to be with you — right there — in the Holy Eucharist.” It is about a personal encounter with Jesus that we have as individuals AND as a community, in the celebration of the Mass. The celebration of the Eucharist is the time and place where we can allow Christ to love us, and we can return His love. Knowing this, how could anyone stay away?

We are coming off a year and a half of “fasting” from full, personal, and active participation in the Eucharist because of the Covid pandemic precautions. Hence the Lord says again to us, as He did to the Apostles at the Last Supper, “How I have longed to be with you!” And how we priests have longed to be with you also to celebrate together the Lord’s passion, death and resurrection. I cannot tell you how happy I was to see so many people coming back to Mass for Holy Week and Easter this year, and since the June 15 lifting of most COVID restrictions, for daily and Sunday Masses. I felt like St. Peter at the Transfiguration, when he said, “Lord, it is good for us to be here!” By participating in the Mass, we can be with Jesus at the moment He lays down His life for His friends. You and I are those friends. Jesus loved His Apostles “to the end” (Jn 13:1), and He will love us “to the end.” When Christ taught “Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest,” I believe He was encouraging us to come to Him where He is most intensely present, in His own Body and Blood on the altar of sacrifice at every Mass. Maybe that explains the sociologists’ study that found all socio-economic groups of people suffered more anxiety, more stress, and more depression during the pandemic, except one — those who attend church regularly.

When Christ said to the Apostles at the Last Supper, “Do this in memory of me,” He was not only giving a command to the Apostles to celebrate the Eucharist — He was also inviting all of us, Christian brothers and sisters, to come together at the altar, to listen to Him speaking to us in the Scriptures, and to receive Him inside our bodies and our hearts. In the documents of the Second Vatican Council, we read that communion with the Body and Blood of Christ changes us into what we receive. We become divinized. St. Thomas Aquinas taught “The proper effect of the Eucharist is the transformation of human beings into God” (Aquinas, Sent. IV, dist. 12, q. 2, a. 1.). Do we realize this? Our belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist is scriptural. Jesus meant it when He said “This is my body; This is my blood” (Lk 22:19–20; Mt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; 1 Cor. 11:23–25). The Church has always guarded and preserved this teaching faithfully from one generation to the next, despite heresies diluting or even denying the real presence of Christ in Holy Communion. Jesus Himself taught how important it was to Him that we come to celebrate the Eucharist and receive Him in Holy Communion: “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. . . . Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me” (Jn 6:53-57).

As Bishop Robert Barron recently wrote, “There is simply, this side of heaven, no more intimate communion possible with the risen Lord.” So let us come back to Him at Mass in person, joining together as a worshipping community, to be fed with His word in Scripture, and His body and blood in Holy Communion. Since the Church always has our spiritual health as her primary consideration, I am reinstating the law which was dispensed because of the pandemic. Our solemn obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation will come back into force in the Diocese of Oakland on Sunday, August 15, 2021, the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven. In the Divine Liturgy of the Eastern Catholic Churches, at the sign of peace, each person says to their neighbor, “Christ is among us.” And the response is, “He is and always will be.” Let us come back into His presence “singing for joy” (Psalm 95:2).

Notes: *While it is true that illness, infirmity or truly serious reasons may impede and therefore always dispense us of our obligation to come to church for Mass, any casual absence from Mass without serious reason carries the burden of a willful sin against God and neighbor and should be brought to Confession before receiving Holy Communion. Long before this pandemic, the Church has always recognized that there are “serious” or “grave” reasons that prevent Catholics from attending Mass. For example, if a person is sick or homebound, or living/visiting areas of the world where access to the Mass is limited, or a situation arises that prevents travel (snowstorm or flat tire), such persons would not be bound by the obligation. In the case of this pandemic, serious or grave reasons would include:*

- Anyone who is sick, symptomatic, or has been recently exposed to the coronavirus. Protecting the health of others is an act of Christian charity and our moral duty to one another.*
- Anyone with significant health risk factors that requires them to avoid public spaces, or if you care for someone with significant risk factors.*
- Anyone who cannot attend Mass through no fault of their own, for example, a parent caring for a sick child, or if the priest is sick.*

¿CÓMO PODRÍA ALGUIEN PERMANECER ALEJADO? REGRESO A LA EUCARISTÍA OBISPO MICHAEL C. BARBER, S.J.

“Cómo he anhelado celebrar esta Pascua con ustedes” (Lucas 22:15).

Cuando la gente pregunta: “¿Por qué debemos ir a Misa?”, yo respondo: “Porque Jesús te está esperando allí en la Iglesia, y quiere estar contigo -allí mismo- en la Sagrada Eucaristía”. Se trata de un encuentro personal con Jesús que vivimos como individuos Y como una comunidad, en la celebración de la Misa. La celebración de la Eucaristía es el momento y el lugar en el cual podemos permitirle a Cristo que nos ame, y podemos devolverle Su amor. Sabiendo esto, ¿cómo podría alguien permanecer alejado? Estamos saliendo de un año y medio de “ayunar” de la participación plena, personal y activa en la Eucaristía, por las precauciones que debimos adoptar por la pandemia de COVID-19. Por eso el Señor nos vuelve a decir, como lo hizo con los apóstoles en la Última Cena: “¿Cuánto he anhelado estar con ustedes!” Y cómo los sacerdotes también hemos anhelado estar con ustedes para conmemorar juntos la pasión, muerte y resurrección del Señor.

No puedo expresarles lo feliz que me sentí al ver a tanta gente regresar a Misa para la Semana Santa y la Pascua de este año, y desde el pasado 15 de junio con el levantamiento de la mayoría de las restricciones de COVID-19, para Misas diarias y dominicales. Me sentí como San Pedro durante la Transfiguración, cuando dijo: “¡Señor, es bueno que nosotros estemos aquí!”. Al participar en la Misa, podemos estar junto a Jesús en el momento en que Él entrega Su vida por Sus amigos. Tú y yo somos esos amigos. Jesús amó a Sus apóstoles “hasta el fin” (Jn 13, 1), y nos amará “hasta el fin”. Cuando Cristo enseñó: “Vengan a mí, todos los que están fatigados y agobiados por la carga, y yo les daré alivio”, creo que nos animaba a acercarnos a Él donde está más intensamente presente, en Su propio cuerpo y sangre en el altar del sacrificio en cada Misa. Quizás eso explique el estudio de los sociólogos que encontró que todos los grupos socioeconómicos de personas sufrieron más ansiedad, más estrés y más depresión durante la pandemia, excepto uno: los que asisten a la iglesia con regularidad. Cuando Cristo dijo a los apóstoles en la Última Cena “Hagan esto en memoria mía”, no sólo les estaba dando una instrucción a los apóstoles para que celebraran la Eucaristía, sino que también nos invitaba a todos, hermanos y hermanas cristianos a acercarnos juntos al altar, para escucharlo hablar con nosotros de las Escrituras, y recibirlo dentro de nuestro cuerpo y nuestro corazón.

En los documentos del Concilio Vaticano II leemos que la comunión con el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo nos transforma en lo que recibimos. Nos divinizamos. Santo Tomás de Aquino enseñó que “El efecto propio de la Eucaristía es la transformación de los seres humanos en Dios” (Santo Tomás de Aquino, Sent. IV, dist. 12, q. 2, a. I.). ¿Nos damos cuenta de lo que esto significa? Nuestra creencia en la presencia real de Cristo en la Eucaristía viene de las Escrituras. Jesús afirma Su presencia real al decir: “Éste es mi cuerpo; ésta es mi sangre” (Lc 22: 19-20; Mt 26: 26-28; Mc 14: 22-24; 1 Cor. 11: 23-25). La Iglesia siempre ha guardado y preservado fielmente esta enseñanza de una generación a la siguiente, a pesar de que las herejías diluyan o incluso nieguen la presencia real de Cristo en la Sagrada Comunión. Jesús mismo enseñó lo importante que era para Él que viniéramos a celebrar la Eucaristía y a recibirlo en la Sagrada Comunión: “Yo les aseguro: Si no comen la carne del Hijo del hombre y no beben su sangre, no podrán tener vida en ustedes. El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre, tiene vida eterna y yo lo resucitaré el último día. Mi carne es verdadera comida y mi sangre es verdadera bebida. El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre, permanece en mí y yo en él. Como el Padre, que me ha enviado, posee la vida y yo vivo por él, así también el que me come vivirá por mí.” (Jn 6, 53-57).

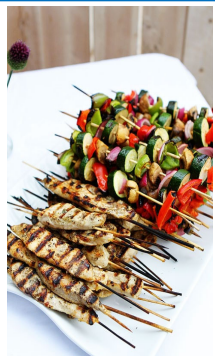
Como escribió recientemente el obispo Robert Barron: “Simplemente, desde este lado del cielo, no hay una comunión más íntima posible con el Señor resucitado”. Así que regresemos a Él en la Misa, en persona, uniéndonos como una comunidad de adoración, para ser alimentados con Su palabra en las escrituras y Su cuerpo y sangre en la Sagrada Comunión. Dado que la salud espiritual siempre ha sido considerada una prioridad, estoy restableciendo la ley que fue dispensada debido a la pandemia. Nuestra solemne obligación de asistir a Misa los domingos y los días santos de obligación volverá a entrar en vigor en la Diócesis de Oakland a partir del domingo 15 de agosto de 2021, día en que celebraremos la Solemnidad de la Asunción de Nuestra Señora al Cielo. En la Liturgia Divina de las Iglesias Católicas orientales, en el momento del signo de la paz, cada uno le dice a su prójimo: “Cristo está entre nosotros”. Y la respuesta es: “Él está y siempre estará”. Regresemos a Su presencia con alabanza; Aclamémosle con “cánticos”. (Salmo 95: 2).

Si bien es cierto que una enfermedad, una dolencia o razones verdaderamente graves podrían impedirnos y, por lo tanto, dispensarnos siempre de nuestra obligación de asistir a la Iglesia para participar en la Misa, cualquier ausencia casual de la Misa sin una razón seria lleva la carga de un pecado deliberado contra Dios y el prójimo (y debe ser llevado a la Confesión antes de recibir la Sagrada Comunión). Desde mucho antes de esta pandemia, la Iglesia siempre ha reconocido que existen razones “serias” o “graves” que impiden que los católicos asistan a Misa. Por ejemplo, si una persona está enferma o confinada en su hogar, o vive / visita áreas del mundo donde el acceso a la Misa es limitado, o surge una situación que impide viajar (una tormenta de nieve o una llanta pinchada), dichas personas no estarían sujetas a esta obligación. En el caso de esta pandemia, las razones serias o graves incluirían:

- *Cualquiera que esté enfermo, sintomático o haya estado expuesto recientemente al coronavirus. Proteger la salud de los demás es un acto de caridad cristiana y un deber moral entre nosotros.*
- *Cualquier persona con factores de riesgo importantes para la salud que le obliguen a evitar los espacios públicos, o si cuida a alguien con factores de riesgo significativos.*
- *Cualquiera que no pueda asistir a Misa por causas ajenas a su voluntad, por ejemplo, un padre que cuida a un niño enfermo o si el sacerdote está enfermo*

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

Details to follow but food and fun are included!



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

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.

Registration 2021 begins June 28th.

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.

INCOME FOR JUNE, 2021

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| Plate Collections | \$ 44,700 |
| Catholic Voice | 2,015 |
| Unrestricted Donations | 3,828 |
| Restricted Donations | 12,316 |
| Ministry Income | 4,055 |
| Other income | 33,414 |
| <u>(Includes \$31,374 in Covid PPP Loan received in October, 2020 which was forgiven in June, 2020)</u> | |

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| TOTAL INCOME | \$ 100,328 |
| Minus PPP Loan= | 68,954 |

EXPENSES FOR JUNE, 2021

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| Administration | \$ 28,694 |
| Parish Property | 9,693 |
| Rectory Living | 1,126 |
| Priests | 5,166 |
| Liturgy & Music | 3,295 |
| Children, Youth & Adult | |
| Formation/CYO | 3,617 |
| Other Ministries | 750 |
| Parish Events | 3,460 |
| Depreciation | 2,457 |

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| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 58,258 |
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MONTH RECAP

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| INCOME (Minues PPP Loan) | \$ 68,954 |
| EXPENSES | \$ 58,258 |

INCOME OVER EXPENSES AT MONTH

END:
\$10,696

**CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
CYO SIGN-UPS**

Church of the Good Shepherd
CYO is taking signups for the
upcoming season. To signup,
please go online and register at:



<http://www.goodshepherdcyo.com>

Sign-up deadline is August 19th.

We are looking for Coaches as well. If you
are interested in volunteering, please call the
parish office at 925-432-6404 and leave your
name and number.



This week we buried the dead, celebrated the
Sacrament of Marriage and blessed the
members of our Padre Pio and Santo Nino
Ministries



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SERVE FOOD TO OUR
COMMUNITY ON
MONDAYS FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM
AND
SATURDAYS FROM 11 AM TO 2 PM
PLEASE MEET THEM IN THE BACK OF THE RECTORY ON THOSE DATES AND TIMES IF
YOU WISH TO HELP. THANK YOU!!**

From The Chapel

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

Please follow the 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

PAN DE VIDA FOR VOCATIONS

Saturday, July 17

Our Lady Queen of the World Church, Baypoint

Saturday, November 20

Saint Michael Church, Livermore

2PM Confession and Adoration

**3PM Talk by CFR Fathers
with Praise and Worship**

4PM Benediction

**5PM Holy Eucharist
with Bishop Barber, SJ
followed by Dinner and Q&A**

To pre-register,
contact Father Carl Arcosa
at carcosa@oakdiocese.org



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Mass Intentions

Jul 12-18

Mass Intentions For The Week

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| Mon | 7:30 am | Adventur Salvo † |
| Tue | 7:30 am | Capupus Family |
| Wed | 7:30 am | Birthday of Mariah Hart |
| Thu | 7:30 am | Victor Gutierrez † |
| Fri | 7:30 am | Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Capupus Family |
| Sat | 8:00 am | Matthew Capupus |
| Sat | 5:30 pm | Ted Rodella † Mark Anthony Billeci † |
| Sun | 8:00 am | Refugio Aceves † |
| | 10 am | Evelyn Lamport † |
| | 12 pm | Phillip & Carmella Aiello † |
| | 3 pm | For the People |

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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS!

Catholic Daughters of St Mary Margaret Court #1450 will have a membership drive and sign up on July 17, 2021 and on July 18, 2021 before and after each Mass for Catholic women who wish to learn more about being a Catholic Daughter. To be a Catholic Daughter is a special blessing and we wish to share information with you! Please visit us!

Multilingual Rosary Prayer & Procession Honoring our Lady of Fatima –July 13th

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 July, we will have a **Multilingual Rosary Prayer & Procession around the church at 7pm.**

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.
Fr. Thi



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**Jeremiah 23:1-16, Ephesians 2:13-18.
Mark 6:30-34**

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

Adult Faith Formation



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 Council 9206 - St. Joan of Arc Parish - San Ramon, California



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
 of Contra Costa County



15th Annual Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament

Swing For Charity

Monday, July 19, 2021
 Crow Canyon Country Club
 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville, CA 94526

Join the Knights of Columbus #9206 & St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County for a day of golf, friendship, and charity!

The "Swing for Charity" Golf Tournament supports the RotaCare Pittsburg Free Medical Clinic at St. Vincent de Paul. For Registration and Sponsorship information, please visit <http://knights-golf-tournament.eventbrite.com/>

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THANK YOU TO OUR TONGAN COMMUNITY FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL FOOD SALES IN SUPPORT OF THIS YEAR'S PARISH FLOCK PARTY! THEY RAISED A TOTAL OF \$2,000. MAY GOD BLESS THEIR GOOD AND GENEROUS HEARTS!

