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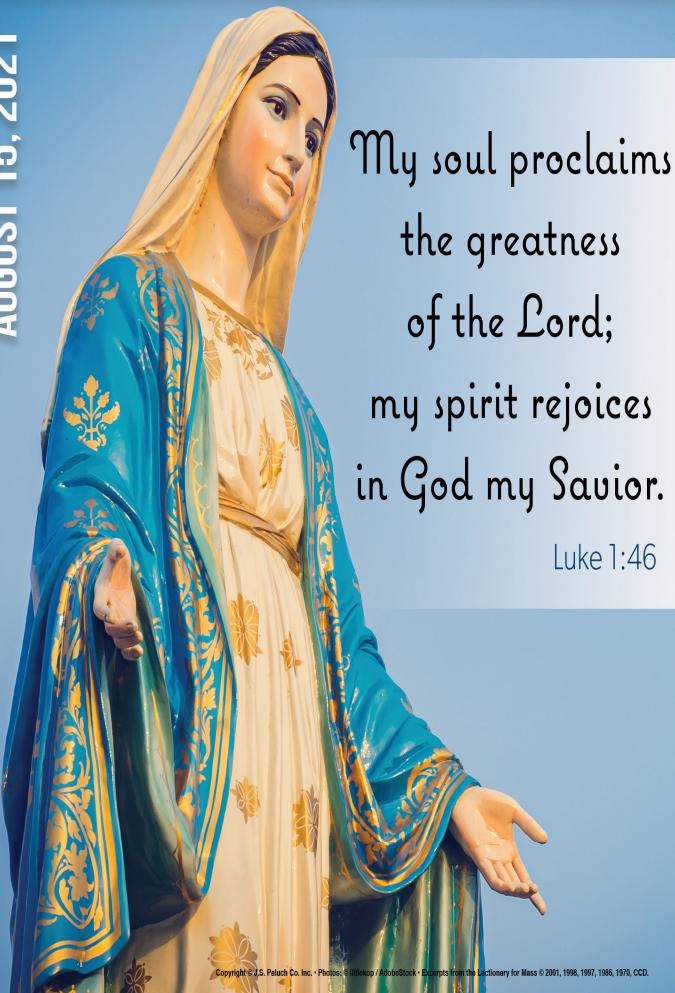


THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

AUGUST 15, 2021

My soul proclaims
the greatness
of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices
in God my Savior.

Luke 1:46



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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

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Many non-Catholic Christians love Christ, but rarely pay any special attention to his Mother, Mary. They are afraid that if they give a special recognition to Mary, they will be taking away recognition from Christ. But that's not true at all. St. Bernard once said: "*Let us not imagine that we obscure the glory of the Son by the honor we give to the Mother, for the more she is honored, the greater is the glory of her Son.*" Mary stands to Christ as the moon stands to the sun. The moon does not shine by itself. It gets light from the sun. Mary is a reflection of Christ. All Marian dogmas are Christological in purpose.



Take the moon as an example again. You can just barely look at the sun for maybe a half second, but you can stare all night at the moon if you want. In a similar way, the intensity of Christ sometimes is overwhelming. But reflect it in Mary, and we can see, we can meditate, and we can contemplate. This is one of the reasons why the Church is continuously proposing Mary to us, and emphasizing her important role for our salvation.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption. The Assumption is the oldest and most solemn feast of Mary. It is not mentioned in the New Testament but it has been celebrated since the early centuries of the Church under the name *Dormition of the Virgin Mary*. Eastern churches are still celebrating this feast day. Pope Pius XII officially promulgated the dogma of the Assumption in 1950. Since then, it has become a great feast practiced by the Church. The Church believes Mary was assumed into heaven, body and soul, because of her redemptive role and her strong faith in God. The Church wants our faith to be big, and strong, like Mary's.

If Mary had a small faith, there would be no salvation for us. Remember Mary was just a teenager girl, 15 or 16 years old, when the Angel appeared to her. If she had a small faith, she could react like seeing a ghost and run to her mom. But she did not. She listened and said a BIG "Yes" to God. *Let it be done according to your will.* Thanks to her BIG Faith, the mystery of the incarnation has been done and the whole of humanity is saved.

How big is your faith? We throw away the big plans, big dreams, big ideas, and big opportunities that God sends us, because our faith is too small. How ready are we to increase the size of our faith? Let us ask our Mother Mary to intercede for us so that we can increase the size of our faith for God's plans to be done in us.

Holy Mary, the Assumption, pray for us.

Fr. Thi Hoang

Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María

Muchos de los Cristianos no Católicos aman a Cristo, pero rara vez prestan especial atención a su Madre María. Temen que si le dan un reconocimiento especial a María, le estarán quitando el reconocimiento a Cristo. Pero eso no es cierto en absoluto.

San Bernardo dijo una vez: "*No imaginemos que oscurecemos la gloria del Hijo por el honor que damos a la Madre, porque cuanto más honrada es, mayor es la gloria de su Hijo*". María está frente a Cristo como la luna frente al sol. La luna no brilla por sí sola. Recibe luz del sol. María es un reflejo de Cristo. Todos los dogmas marianos tienen un propósito Cristológico.



Tomemos de nuevo la luna como ejemplo. Apenas puedes mirar al sol durante tal vez medio segundo, pero puedes mirar toda la noche a la luna si quieres. De manera similar, la intensidad de Cristo a veces es abrumadora. Pero reflejalo en María, podemos ver, podemos meditar y podemos contemplar. Ésta es una de las razones por las que la Iglesia nos propone continuamente a María y enfatiza su importante papel para nuestra salvación.

Hoy celebramos la solemnidad de la Asunción. La Asunción es la fiesta más antigua y solemne de María. No se menciona en el Nuevo Testamento pero se celebra desde los primeros siglos de la Iglesia bajo el nombre de *Dormición de la Virgen María*. Las Iglesias Orientales todavía celebran esta fiesta. El Papa Pío XII promulgó oficialmente el dogma de la Asunción en 1950. Desde entonces se ha convertido en una gran fiesta practicada por la Iglesia. La Iglesia cree que María fue asumida en el cielo en cuerpo y alma debido a su papel redentor y su fuerte fe en Dios. La Iglesia quiere que nuestra fe sea grande, fuerte como la de María.

Si María tuviera poca fe, no habría salvación para nosotros. Recuerda que María era apenas una adolescente, de 15 o 16 años cuando se le apareció el Ángel. Si tuviera un poco de fe, podría reaccionar como si viera un fantasma y corriera hacia su madre. Pero ella no lo hizo. Ella escuchó y dijo un gran sí a Dios. *Que se haga según tu voluntad*. Gracias a su GRAN Fe, el misterio de la encarnación se ha hecho y toda la humanidad se salva.

¿Qué tan grande es tu fe? Desechamos los grandes planes, los grandes sueños, las grandes ideas y las grandes oportunidades que Dios nos envía, porque nuestra fe es demasiado pequeña. ¿Cuán preparados estamos para aumentar el tamaño de nuestra fe? Pidamos a nuestra Madre María que interceda por nosotros para que podamos aumentar el tamaño de nuestra fe para que los planes de Dios se hagan en nosotros.

Santa María Asunción, ruega por nosotros.

P. 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!**

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO LMCHD

Although Shepherd's Closet hasn't been open as usual during this horrible covid pandemic, we've still been helping families in need. We've had many calls asking for diapers, clothes and other items. Without help from our community, we would not be able to answer the calls.

Among the donations we received was a generous gift from the Los Medanos Community Hospital District. We want to send a special "Thank You" to Denisha Marsh and the LMCHD for a large grant to help us provide support to the many families who call. The grant will help us buy car seats, pack-n-plays, and other large items we would never be able to get otherwise.

SHEPHERD'S CLOSET REOPENS

Shepherd's Closet will reopen on Tuesday, September 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Ministry Building. We provide used items to families, who need children's clothes, from infant to 8 years old, as well as diapers, formula, furniture, and many other needed items.

Returning families who already have identification cards need to bring them. New families, and returning families without ID cards, must bring some form of identification, (either a driver's license, ID card, or PG&E bill). All families will be issued Shepherd's Closet Identification cards.

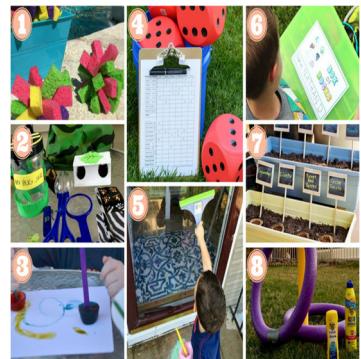
Due to the covid pandemic, each person will need to wear a mask, and sanitize their hands before entering the building. Time will be limited for each person entering the building, and because of limited space, only 5 people at a time will be allowed in. For these reasons, **WE ASK PARENTS NOT TO BRING CHILDREN WITH THEM.** If you have any questions or problems, please call Ann or Bill Abitz at 925-432-3995.



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

**Be on the lookout for a parish mailing for this event that includes
raffle tickets for a drawing that will take place at the Flock Party.
No need to be present to win ~ but we'd love to see you there!**

**Tickets are \$5 each or 6 tickets for \$25.
1st Prize is \$2,000, 2nd Prize is \$500, 3rd Prize is \$250
Plus other consolations prizes will be given away!**



A PROGRAM AND SERVICE OF
THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC RISK RETENTION GROUP, INC.



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)

Catechists Training and Retreat
8/7/21

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 12º 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.
- Despues de completar sus formularios, puede enviar un correo electrónico a dina@goodshepherdpittsburg.org
- Cuando realice su pago, recibiré automáticamente una copia del mismo.



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....

**A HUMBLE REQUEST**

Because we have many good and generous parishioners, we have the great fortune of having received a surplus of funds for some of our parish projects where donations were placed in a restricted account as required by the diocese.

Three of those projects, the fencing, the new piano and the projection screens, have been bought and paid for and have a balance left in their accounts.

In order to repurpose those leftover funds, we need to know if anyone of you who donated to these projects objects to us moving the leftover funds into our general account for future parish projects.

If you do, please contact the parish office at your earliest convenience so that we can discuss the matter and refund your donation if you so desire.

Thank you

SAINT PADRE PIO FEAST DAY!

The Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group is inviting everyone to come and join us in celebrating the Feast Day of Saint Padre Pio. A mass will be held in his honor on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 8:00 A.M. followed by a hearty breakfast in front of the church. Fortunately, it coincides with the scheduled healing mass for the people. For those who are in pain and need healing, now is the time to ask for his intercession. There's also a nine-day novena from September 14-22, 2021 at the Spiritual Garden (weather permitting) at 7:00 P.M.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME
“PRAY, HOPE, AND DON’T WORRY” (Saint Pio)**

For info please call: Mila Benitez – (925) 726-7526
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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.

INCOME FOR JULY, 2021

Plate Collections	\$ 40,818
Unrestricted Donations	5,745
Restricted Donations	2,860
Food Sales	5,676
Ministry Income	8,964
Other income	2,397
TOTAL INCOME	66,460

\$ EXPENSES FOR JULY, 2021

Administration	\$ 24,099
Parish Property	12,238
Rectory Living	1,181
Priests	5,462
Liturgy & Music	4,948
Children, Youth & Adult	
Formation/CYO	3,580
Other Ministries	650
Depreciation	2,457
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 54,615

MONTH RECAP

INCOME	\$ 66,460
EXPENSES	\$ 54,615

INCOME OVER EXPENSES AT MONTH END:
\$11,845

**PARISH STAFF RETREAT**

For the first time in 2 years the parish staff was able to gather for a retreat day at San Damiano Retreat House in Danville. They prayed together, celebrated Mass together and reflected on how the pandemic has changed their personal and spiritual lives. It was a joyful and grace-filled day!

**ATTENTION!**

Dear Flock of the Good Shepherd,
In compliance with the new order issued for all Bay Area Counties,
masks are required indoors,
regardless of vaccination status, effective,
August 2, 2021.
Thank you for your collaboration.

ATTENTION!

Our Bishop, Michael Barber removes the dispensation for all the Catholics in our Diocese to attend Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation Masses from home today, 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 this Sunday, August 15, our church will only livestream the 10am Mass on Sunday and weekday Masses.

Mass Intentions

Aug 16-22

Mass Intentions For The Week



Mon	7:30 am	Josephine Viscuso †
Tue	7:30 am	Amado B. Calma †
Wed	7:30 am	Birthday of Elena Viloria & Mateo Rangel
Thu	7:30 am	Angelina Zamora †
Fri	7:30 am	Birthday of Louis P. Vito †
Sat	8:00 am	Anna Tran & Birthday of Jennie Vitalie †
Sat	5:30 pm	Cessy Caparo †
Sun	8:00 am	Carpino & Clemens Family
	10 am	Reggie Noon †
	12 pm	Margaret Ryder †
	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



BIBLE STUDY RESUMES AUGUST 19TH!

Study 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

**Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b,
Ephesians 5:21-32, John 6:60-69**

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

Mission Co-Op

THIS WEEK WE WELCOMED FR. ARN TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!
He's well aware of our fondness of gathering and sharing food and drink!



HAPPY 75TH BIRTHDAY TO LYDIA CASTEÑEDA!

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO EVA PETERSON!



FUNERAL OF MARCELINO ROSADO
Friday, 8/6/21

