



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

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

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August 22, 2021 • Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Master, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

John 6:68

**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.

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XXI Sunday Ordinary Time - August 22, 2021

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Psalm 34 Ephesians 5:21-32 John 6:55, 60-69

During these years, the analyses and studies on the crisis of Christian Churches in modern society have multiplied. Today's Gospel reading helps us to better know some facts about it, and it can help us to interpret and survive the evangelical crisis we are living through.

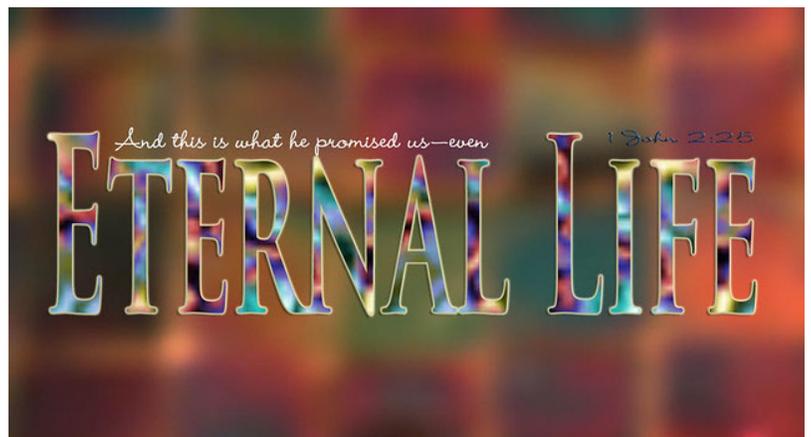
In the Gospel, Jesus synthesizes the crisis that is being created in His group: *The words I have told you are spirit and life. And yet, some of you don't believe.* It's true. Jesus introduces into those who follow Him, a new spirit; His words communicate life; the program He proposes can generate a movement capable of guiding the world towards a more dignified and fulfilling life. But, not by being in His group is faith guaranteed. There are those who refuse to accept His spirit and His life. His presence in Jesus' environment is fictitious; their faith in Him is not real. The real crisis within Christianity is always this: *Do we believe in Jesus or not?*

John says many backed down and did not go back to Jesus. In the crisis it is revealed who the true followers of Jesus are. The decisive choice is always that: *Who backs down, and who remains with Him and identified with His spirit and his life? Who is in favor and who is against His project?*

The group begins to shrink. Jesus is not irritated; He does not pronounce any judgment against anyone. He only asks one question to those who have stayed with Him: *Do you also want to leave?* It is the question that is asked today to those of us who remain in the Church: *What do we want? Why have we stayed? Is it to follow Jesus, welcoming His spirit and living in His style? Is it to work on His project?*

Peter's answer is exemplary: *Lord, to whom are we going to turn? You have words of eternal life.* Those who stay must do so for Jesus. Only by Jesus. For nothing more. They commit themselves to Him. The only reason to stay in His group is He. No one else. As painful as it may seem to us, the current crisis will be positive if those of us who remain in the Church, many or few, become disciples of Jesus, that is, men and women who live by His words of life.

Deacon Gustavo



XXI Domingo Tiempo Ordinario - 22 de agosto, 2021

Josué 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Salmo 33

Efesios

5:21-32

Juan 6:55, 60-69

Durante estos años se han multiplicado los análisis y estudios sobre la crisis de las Iglesias cristianas en la sociedad moderna. La lectura del Evangelio de hoy nos ayuda a conocer mejor algunos datos, y nos puede ayudar a interpretar y vivir la crisis evangélica que vivimos.

En el Evangelio, Jesús resume así la crisis que se está creando en Su grupo: *Las palabras que les he dicho son espíritu y vida. Y, con todo, algunos de ustedes no creen.* Es cierto. Jesús introduce en quienes le siguen un espíritu nuevo; sus palabras comunican vida; el programa que propone puede generar un movimiento capaz de orientar el mundo hacia una vida más digna y plena.

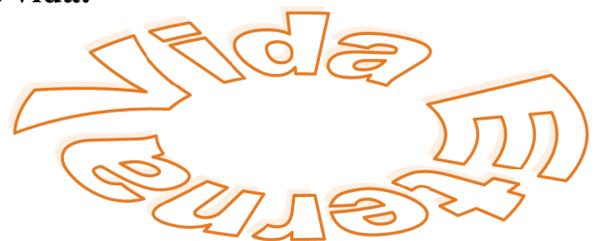
Pero, no por el hecho de estar en Su grupo, está garantizada la fe. Hay quienes se resisten a aceptar su espíritu y su vida. Su presencia en el entorno de Jesús es ficticia; su fe en Él no es real. La verdadera crisis en el interior del cristianismo siempre es ésta: *¿creemos o no creemos en Jesús?*

Juan dice que *muchos se echaron atrás y no volvieron a ir con Jesús.* En la crisis se revela quiénes son los verdaderos seguidores de Jesús. La opción decisiva siempre es ésta: *¿quiénes se echan atrás y quiénes permanecen con Él identificados con su espíritu y su vida? ¿Quién está a favor y quién está en contra de su proyecto?*

El grupo comienza a disminuir. Jesús no se irrita, no pronuncia ningún juicio contra nadie. Sólo hace una pregunta a los que se han quedado junto a Él: *¿También ustedes se quieren marchar?* Es la pregunta que se nos hace hoy a quienes seguimos en la Iglesia: *¿Qué queremos nosotros? ¿Por qué nos hemos quedado? ¿Es para seguir a Jesús, acogiendo su espíritu y viviendo a su estilo? ¿Es para trabajar en su proyecto?*

La respuesta de Pedro es ejemplar: *Señor, ¿a quién vamos a acudir. Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna.* Los que se quedan, lo han de hacer por Jesús. Sólo por Jesús. Por nada más. Se comprometen con Él. El único motivo para permanecer en su grupo es Él. Nadie más. Por muy dolorosa que nos parezca, la crisis actual será positiva si los que nos quedamos en la Iglesia, muchos o pocos, nos vamos convirtiendo en discípulos de Jesús, es decir, en hombres y mujeres que vivimos de sus palabras de vida.

Diácono Gustavo



TODAY WE WELCOME FR. TIMOTHY CONLIN OF THE DOMINICAN MISSION FOUNDATION FOR OUR MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE SUNDAY
Since 1963, this foundation has provided spiritual, medical, material and community care to those living in desperate circumstances.
Please support them in their good and charitable works.

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 September 3rd. The hours are as follows,**

Adoration - 8:30 AM to 6:45PM

Mass – 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Jesus said to His Apostles: "My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here and stay awake with me." And going on a little further he fell on his face and prayed. "My Father," he said, "If it is possible, let this cup pass me by. Nevertheless, let it be as you, not as I, would have it." He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "So you had not the strength to stay awake with me for one hour?"

We need at least one person per hour to sit with the Blessed Sacrament. The signup book is in the vestibule as you enter the church on the right-hand side.

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



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 consolation prizes will be given away!

TONGAN FOOD SALES AFTER ALL MASSES TODAY

Your purchase of this delicious food supports our Flock Party expenses. The menu includes:

Kumala (sweet potatoes) Rice Lu (taro leaves w/corn beef, coconut milk and onions)
 Sapasui (chop suey with chicken and veggies) New Zealand Sausages Kale Sipi (lamb curry)

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

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.



Catechists Training and Retreat
 8/7/21

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 11:00 A.M. followed by a light lunch in front of the church. Fortunately, it coincided 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 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

Cora Clavel - (925) 354-2259

Email: mgbenitez@comcast.net

cdclavel1005@gmail.com

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.

**WELCOME TO THE FAMILY
LANCE CHRISTOPHER WHITTED**



HAPPY 15TH BIRTHDAY TANYA



**WELCOME
SISTER DYING PHAM OF THE LOVERS OF
THE HOLY CROSS
HANOI,
VIETNAM**



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, removed the dispensation for all the Catholics in our Diocese to attend Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation Masses from home as of 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.

Our church now only livestreams the 10am Mass on Sunday and all weekday Masses for the sick and homebound.

Mass Intentions

Aug 23-29

Mass Intentions For The Week

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| Mon | 7:30 am | Phillip & Carmela Aiello † |
| Tue | 7:30 am | Arturo O. Cabrera † |
| Wed | 7:30 am | Death Anniversary of Vicente A. Vilorio † |
| Thu | 7:30 am | Roger Sanchez † |
| Fri | 7:30 am | 22nd Wedding Anniversary Kenny & Lisa Hart |
| Sat | 8:00 am | Juan Plascencia † Capupus Family |
| Sat | 5:30 pm | Vernon Herigstad † |
| Sun | 8:00 am | Marianna Mercurio † |
| | 10 am | Frances Ferrante Thomas † |
| | 12 pm | Federico U. Bartolo Jr. † |
| | 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 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

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8, James 1:17-18,
21b-22, 27, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

MULTI LINGUAL ROSARY PROCESSION AND FELLOWSHIP

