



CHURCH OF THE

# Good Shepherd

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

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

## MASS SCHEDULE

*We livestream all daily Masses and 10am Mass on Sunday on your Youtube Channel.*

**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)/ Rosary**  
7:00a.m.

**Confessions: Fridays: 8am-9am**

**Saturdays: 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](mailto:carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org)

**Marriages:** In order to make marriage arrangements contact [carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto: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.



Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

James 1:21b

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The readings of this 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday are about laws and rules. Moses told his people to keep God's laws for it is the statutes and the decrees that make the nation great. The Pharisees maximized God's laws by adding so many rules and strictly forced people to observe them. In observing what the Pharisees did in terms of the law, Jesus criticized them for their abuse of the law. Law is born to free people, not to enslave them. Then He said: *"Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."* (Mark 7:21) So what Jesus is saying is that the heart of the law lies within our own, natural hearts. In other words, it is the heart that matters.

The Pharisees kept all the religious rules. They prayed at the right time. They gave the exact amount required. The problem was their hearts weren't right. They were self-righteous, proud, and critical. Jesus said to them, "You're like a bunch of white-washed tombs. You look good on the outside, but on the inside, you are stinky." Nothing could be worse from within ourselves than taking cheap shots at everyone else while never bothering to look at ourselves. So many times we go around pointing fingers at others, but we forget three fingers are pointing back to us, saying "You need to change too."

The quality of our life is measured by the qualities of what we have in our hearts. So the most important thing that God needs from us is a pure heart. *"Man looks at appearance, God sees the heart."* (1Sam 16:7) All of us have areas that we struggle in, we make mistakes, and do things that we know we shouldn't. We tell ourselves we aren't going to give in to that temptation anymore, but we do it again. We lose our temper; we don't keep our word. It's easy to go around feeling guilty and condemned. Voices will whisper, "God's never going to bless you. You can't get it right. You don't deserve it."

But God is not looking for people who have a perfect performance, perfect behavior, people who never make a mistake. He's looking for people who have a perfect heart turned toward him. That means you may have sins, but you have a desire to please him. Deep down, you want to honor him with your life. God looks on the inside. He is more pleased with someone with a right heart that commits sins once in a while than someone with a wrong heart and performs perfectly all the time.

O God, take away our rocky hearts and replace them with good hearts so we may show love to the world, for we know it is truly the heart that matters. Amen!

Fr. Thi Hoang





Las lecturas de este vigesimo segundo Domingo son sobre leyes y reglas. Moisés le dijo a su pueblo que guardara las leyes de Dios porque son los estatutos y los decretos los que hacen grande a la nación. Los Fariseos maximizaron las leyes de Dios al agregar tantas reglas y obligar estrictamente a la gente a observarlas. Al observar lo que hicieron los Fariseos en términos de la ley, Jesús los criticó por su abuso de la ley. La ley nace para liberar a las personas, no para esclavizarlas. Luego dijo: *"Oídmelos todos, y entendidos. Nada que entre a uno de afuera puede contaminar a esa persona; pero lo que sale de dentro es lo que contamina"* (Marcos 7:21). Entonces, lo que Jesús dice es que el corazón de la ley está dentro de nuestro corazón, en otras palabras, es el corazón lo que importa.

Los Fariseos guardaron todas las reglas religiosas. Oraron en el momento adecuado. Dieron la cantidad exacta requerida. El problema era que su corazón no estaba bien. Eran moralistas, orgullosos y críticos. Jesús les dijo: "Ustedes son como un montón de tumbas encaladas. Se ven bien por fuera, pero por dentro, apestan". Nada podría ser peor desde nuestro interior que dispararle a todos los demás sin molestarnos nunca en mirarnos a nosotros mismos. Muchas veces vamos señalando a los demás con el dedo, pero nos olvidamos de que tres dedos nos señalan a nosotros, diciendo "tú también necesitas cambiar".

La calidad de nuestra vida se mide por las cualidades de lo que tenemos en nuestro corazón. Entonces, lo más importante que Dios necesita de nosotros es un corazón puro. *"El hombre mira las apariencias, Dios ve el corazón"* (1Sam 16: 7). Todos tenemos áreas en las que luchamos, cometemos errores y hacemos cosas que sabemos que no deberíamos. Nos dijimos a nosotros mismos que no íbamos a ceder más a esa tentación, pero lo hicimos de nuevo. Perdimos los estribos; no cumplimos nuestra palabra. Es fácil andar sintiéndose culpable y condenado. Las voces susurrarán: "Dios nunca te bendecirá. No puedes hacerlo bien. No te lo mereces".

Pero Dios no está buscando personas que tengan un desempeño perfecto, un comportamiento perfecto, personas que nunca se equivoquen. Está buscando personas que tengan un corazón perfecto vuelto hacia él. Eso significa que puede tener pecados, pero si desea complacerlo. En el fondo, quieres honrarlo con tu vida. Dios mira por dentro. Él está más complacido con alguien con un corazón recto que comete pecados de vez en cuando que alguien con un corazón equivocado y se desempeña perfectamente todo el tiempo.

Oh Dios, quita nuestros corazones duros y reemplázalos con corazones buenos para que podamos mostrar amor al mundo, porque sabemos que es verdaderamente el corazón lo que importa. ¡Amén!

Padre Thi Hoang

**The 2021 Bishop's Appeal has officially launched!**  
**Our goal this year is: \$35,600.0 We are at 51% of Goal.**  
**Please help us reach our goal. Thank You!**

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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

### GOOD SHEPHERD'S ANNUAL FLOCK PARTY RAFFLE!

**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! Bring your ticket stubs to the parish office, mail them in or put them in any Sunday collection basket.**



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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](mailto:dina@goodshepherdpittsburg)

**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 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, or 11<sup>th</sup> grades. 12<sup>th</sup> grade is a case-by-case situation.

To register go to our website at [goodshepherdpittsburg.org](http://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](mailto: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<sup>o</sup> grado es una situación de caso por caso.

- Vaya a nuestro sitio web en [goodshepherdpittsburg.org](http://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](mailto: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.





**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....

**CHURCH OF THE**  
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*Bring the whole family, stay for the day!*

**Good Shepherd's Annual Flock Party**  
**Sunday, October 3 2021**  
**9:00am - 5:00pm**

**Come and join us! We will have delicious food, drinks, live music, dancing, karaoke, and best of all: Family fun!**

**We will have a big Raffle!, the Prizes are:**

- 1st Prize \$2000 cash
- 2nd Prize \$500
- 3rd Prize \$250

**Plus other consolations prizes will be given away!**

**Free Admission!**  
**3200 Harbor St, Pittsburg CA, 94565**



**YOUTH MINISTRY PEER LEADER BLESSING BY FR. ARN**

**HAPPY 15TH BIRTHDAY TO TRINITY**



**THANK YOU**

**Many thanks to Otto Tangitau and to our beloved Tongan community for their successful food sale last Sunday.**

**They made \$2,000 for the parish. God bless their labor of love and their good and gracious hearts.**

**Happy 60th Birthday to Otto and many, many more!!!!.**



**8/22/21 Sunday 10:00 AM Mass**

**BIRHTDAY BLESSINGS TO OTTO TANGITAU OF OUR TONGAN COMMUNITY**

## Mass Intentions

Aug 30-Sep 5

# Mass Intentions For The Week

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Mon	7:30 am	Marianna Mercurio †
Tue	7:30 am	Wedding Anniversary of Herbert † & Carmen Roberts
Wed	7:30 am	Birthday of Damiana Rubang †
Thu	7:30 am	Birthday of Elijah Hart
Fri	7:30 am 7:00 pm	Salvador Torres † Capupus Family
Sat	8:00 am	Capupus Family Birthday of Jessica Solis-Guzman Mary Bertha Bruno †
Sat	5:30 pm	Buddy & Lola Aiello †
Sun	8:00 am	Capupus Family
	10 am	Sal "Tudi" Bruno †
	12 pm	Frank & Rose Aiello †
	3 pm	For the People

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**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.

**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

**BIBLE STUDY HAS  
RESUMED**

Study Join us 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**

**Isaiah 35:4-7a, James 2:1-5, Mark 7:31-37**

**NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION**

**Buildings and Grounds**

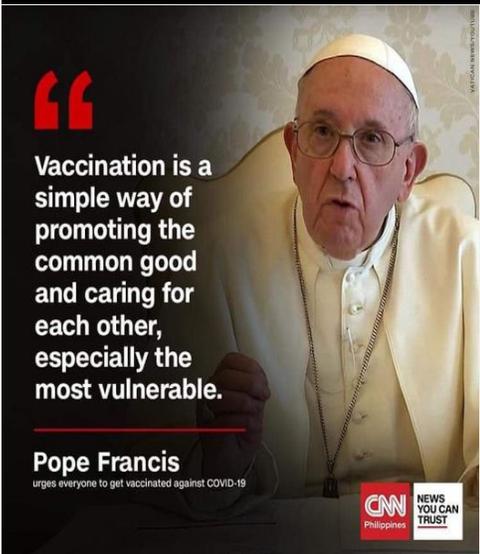
**BISHOP BARBER: NO RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION FOR COVID-19 VACCINE**

The Catholic Church recommends people get vaccinated against COVID-19, and for good reason. The **Vatican has stated** the connection with aborted fetal tissue is remote enough that it is morally permissible to take the vaccine. Therefore, since the Catholic Church has formally recommended its members receive the vaccine, a "religious exemption" would not apply to Catholics.

The Church also teaches people should not be forced to take the vaccine against their will. The Diocese of Oakland will not mandate obligatory vaccination for our employees and clergy. But we do mandate that our Catholic school employees unable or unwilling to be vaccinated get tested every week.

If a Catholic feels it is against their conscience to take the vaccine, that is a decision between them and God. True, the Church teaches people should follow their consciences. But a priest or bishop may not sign a "religious exemption" for a *conscientious* objection. They are two different things.

As faithful Catholics and responsible citizens, we have the moral and civil obligation to protect the well-being of our society. To get vaccinated is to protect ourselves, our neighbors and to help stop the spread of this deadly virus. Pope Francis received the vaccine. So did Pope Benedict. We recommend you get vaccinated too.



**HAPPY 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY DIONISIO & LELANI TANIQUE**

**HAPPY 25 YEAR SILVER ANNIVERSARY TO SISTER AKUNNA NJOKU**



**OUR CHOIRS ARE BACK PRACTICING TOGETHER AGAIN— MAY THEY SIGN US JOYFUL SONGS!**

