



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

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

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Welcome to the Flock Party 2021.

**All the proceeds we make from this festival will be used to purchase
the necessary items for the hall;**

an AC unit, a freezer and a refrigerator.

These three items cost us about \$30,000.00.

Thank you so much for your loving support.

We hope you all enjoy our Flock Party this year.

God is good! All the time!

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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!

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Dearest Flock of the Good Shepherd,

The readings of this 27th Sunday, Year B, are centered on the theme of the marriage covenant.

"A man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. What God has joined together, no human being must separate."

When we hear today's readings, we can understand the challenge of preaching the gospel in the present society. We live at a time when divorce is common and acceptable in most countries and cultures. But divorce was not God's intention at the beginning. Jesus reaffirms God's intention for marriage by underscoring two dimensions of marriage: unity and permanence. Unity: *Man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall be one flesh.* Permanence: *What God has united, humans must not divide.* Yes, marriage is a call to oneness of two persons. After the marriage vows, the couple enters into the life of each other and makes everything as one. They share the same life, same love, same suffering and same responsibility. There is no longer, "This is my car; this is my house; or this is my stuff", but ours. That is how the two become one and must never separate, for marriage is not a contract, but it is a covenant, a call from God. Your spouse is not just your choice. He or she is a gift from God who binds you together and wants you to be fertile and multiply, to carry on God's mission on earth.

You know, I wonder why there are so few married people among the canonized saints of the Church. I am not against the religious and celibacy because I, myself, chose this life. But it seems to me that 80 percent of the saints of the church are religious, priests, nuns, bishops and popes. And somehow, in the mind of many people, married life, the life of sexual intimacy, the life of raising children, is not quite as holy as religious life. I think that is not true. When I think of the criteria for sanctity and heroic virtue, what comes to my mind is *parents*. When I watch parents selflessly love their kids; when I see the intimacy of the husband and wife; when I see their love for one another in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health; that's what I think of as the heroic virtue of a saint. That is the beauty of marriage, the call to sainthood. What is needed the most in a saint? Faithfulness. St. Paul said in Ephesians 2:5 *a husband must love his wife as Christ loves the Church.* As Christ forever stays faithful to his spouse, married couples are also called to be faithful to one another to the end. Sometimes, I wonder why there are so many broken families nowadays. Is it because society favors divorce or because husband and wife don't take their commitment seriously? They give up too easily. I know some married couples who break up after twenty, thirty or even forty years of marriage. What a regret! They put all effort together to build their home for many years and destroy it in just some moment of anger, conflict and disagreement.

Friends, whatever path of life you take, it has its ups and downs, so it is in marriage. That is why people say there are 4 rings in marriage: *engagement ring, wedding ring, suffering and persevering.* Yes, there are arguments and conflicts, there are computer crash and flat tire days. When those days knock, let your faith answer the door; let the last ring carry you through and through, the persevering.

I have witnessed so many silver and golden anniversaries, when the couples all point to Jesus as their source of strength by which they were able to withstand the ups and downs of their marriage. So we pray during this Mass that all those married will be true to their vows in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, that they will be faithful and honor each other until death do they part. Amen!

La Santa Misa en español se llevará a cabo en el jardín de la iglesia a la 1:30 pm el día 3 de Octubre en la celebración Flock Party



Queridísimo Rebaño del Buen Pastor:

Las lecturas de este vigésimo séptimo Domingo del Año B se centran en el tema de la alianza matrimonial.

“Dejará el hombre a su padre y a su madre, y se unirá a su mujer, y los dos serán una sola carne. Lo que Dios ha unido, ningún ser humano debe separarlo”.

Cuando escuchamos las lecturas de hoy, podemos comprender el desafío de predicar el evangelio en la sociedad actual. Vivimos en una época en la que el divorcio es común y aceptable en la mayoría de los países y culturas. Pero el divorcio no fue la intención de Dios al principio. Jesús reafirma la intención de Dios para el matrimonio subrayando dos dimensiones del matrimonio: unidad y permanencia. Unidad: *El hombre dejará a su padre y a su madre y se unirá a su mujer, y los dos serán una sola carne.* Permanencia: *Lo que Dios ha unido, lo humano no debe dividir.*

Sí, el matrimonio es un llamado a la unidad de dos personas. Después de los votos matrimoniales, la pareja entra en la vida del otro y hace que todo sea uno. Comparten la misma vida, el mismo amor, el mismo sufrimiento y la misma responsabilidad. Ya no hay: este es mi coche; esta es mi casa; o estas son mis cosas, pero nuestras. Así es como los dos se vuelven uno y nunca deben separarse, porque el matrimonio no es un contrato, sino un pacto, un llamado de Dios. Tu cónyuge no es solo tu elección. Él o ella es un regalo de Dios que los une y quiere que sean fértiles y se multipliquen, para llevar a cabo la misión de Dios en la tierra.

Sabes que me pregunto por qué hay tan pocas personas casadas entre los santos canonizados de la Iglesia. No estoy en contra de los religiosos y el celibato porque yo mismo elegí esta vida. Pero me parece que hasta el 80 por ciento de los santos de la iglesia son religiosos, sacerdotes, monjas, obispos y papas. Y de alguna manera, en la mente de muchas personas, la vida matrimonial, la vida de intimidad sexual, la vida de criar hijos no es tan santa como la vida religiosa. Creo que eso no es cierto. Cuando pienso en un criterio para una santidad y una virtud heroica, lo que me viene a la mente son los padres. Cuando veo a los padres amar desinteresadamente a sus hijos; cuando veo la intimidad del marido y la mujer; cuando veo su amor mutuo en las buenas y en las malas, en la enfermedad y en la salud. Eso es lo que pienso de una virtud heroica del santo. Esa es la belleza del matrimonio, el llamado a la santidad.

¿Qué se necesita más de un santo? Fidelidad. San Pablo dijo en Efesios 2: 5 que el esposo debe amar a su esposa como Cristo ama a la Iglesia. Como Cristo permanece fiel para siempre a su cónyuge, los matrimonios también están llamados a ser fieles el uno al otro hasta el final. A veces, me pregunto por qué hay tantas familias rotas hoy en día. ¿Es porque la sociedad favorece el divorcio o porque marido y mujer no se toman en serio su compromiso? Lo abandonan con demasiada facilidad. Conozco algunas parejas casadas que se separan después de veinte, treinta o incluso cuarenta años de matrimonio. ¡Qué lamento! Pusieron todos los esfuerzos para construir su casa durante muchos años y destruirla en un momento de ira, conflicto y desacuerdo.

Amigos, sea cual sea el camino de la vida que tomen, tienen sus altibajos, así que lo es en el matrimonio. Por eso la gente dice que hay 4 anillos en el matrimonio: *anillo de compromiso, anillo de bodas, sufrimiento y perseverancia*. Sí, hay discusiones y conflictos, hay días de accidentes informáticos y pinchazos. Cuando esos días llamen, deja que tu fe abra la puerta; deja que el último anillo te lleve del principio al fin, la perseverancia.

He sido testigo de tantos aniversarios de oro y plata, en los que todas las parejas señalan a Jesús como su fuente de fortaleza, con la que pudieron soportar los altibajos de su matrimonio. Por eso oramos durante esta Misa para que todos los casados sean fieles a sus maravillas en las buenas y en las malas, en la enfermedad y en la salud, sean fieles y se honren mutuamente hasta que la muerte los separe. ¡Amén!

Padre Thi Hoang

ANNOUNCING THE OPENING OF THE 2022 MASS BOOK!

We will be opening the 2022 Mass Book Thursday, October 21st. In order to insure your health and safety as well as the staff's, we will take mass intention requests again this year via email or in written form beginning Thursday, October 21 and prioritize them in the order we receive them. No phone calls please so that we can maintain a written, prioritized list as the requests come in. We ask that you make sure your email address (preferred) or telephone number are included in your request so that we may contact you if there are conflicts with the date requests.

Donation request remains \$10 per mass intention. In accordance with Diocesan policy, only the Saturday morning 8 am mass may be double-booked for intentions. Initially we are limiting the number of requests per family to 12 maximum so that everyone has a fair opportunity for one mass intention per month.

Mass intentions are available for Monday through Friday masses at 7:30 am, Saturday morning masses at 8 am, our weekend schedule of Saturday at 5:30 pm, Sunday at 8 am, 10 am , 12 noon and 3 pm in Spanish.

We also have mass intentions available on the 1st Friday of the month at 7 pm and the 3rd Friday of each month at 7 pm in Spanish if you'd like to request any of those.

Please feel free to use the form provided. You can email this form, mail this form, put it in any collection basket or place it in the mail slot in the parish office door.

Please print legibly!

2022 Mass Intention Request Form

Requested by: _____

Email/Phone: _____

Date Time Intention (Living or Deceased)

Amount owed \$

Amount paid \$

ATTENTION!

We will have a blessing for animals on October 4 at 6pm in front of the hall fountain in honor of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals. Please bring your pets over for this special blessing.

The 2021 Bishop's Appeal has officially launched!
Our goal this year is: \$35,600.00
We are at 61.59% of Goal.
Please help us reach our goal.
Thank You!

JOIN Our Adult Confirmation and RCIA Program*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. We will begin the program on October 11, 2021.

Register NOW!!!! By calling our faith formation office: 925-432-6404 or visiting our website.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ◆ October 26—7 pm Usher Meeting
- ◆ November 8—7 pm Lector Meeting
- ◆ November 15—7 pm Eucharistic Minister Meeting
- ◆ November 20—10 am Altar Server Training
- ◆ November 20—8 am Healing Mass

More details to follow soon on all of these events.

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

MASS SCHEDULE

We livestream all daily Masses and the 10 am Sunday Mass on our YouTube Channel

PARISH HALL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS NOTICE!

In an effort to keep our parishioners informed about what is going on in our parish, I wish to advise you that both the refrigerator and freezer in the parish hall need to be replaced. We also need to replace one of the heating and air conditioning units in the parish hall.

The heating and air will cost	\$20,701.00
The refrigerator will cost	\$ 5,388.20
The freezer will cost	\$ 3,594.58

That is a total of	\$29,683.78
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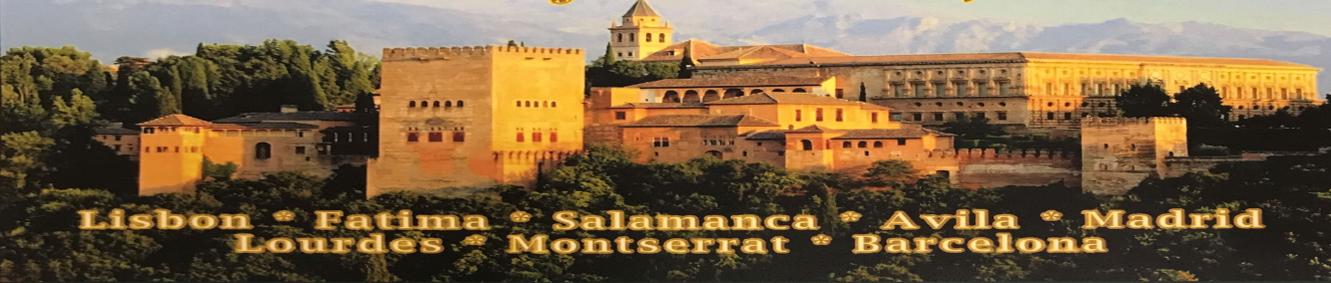
If anyone would like to help us with these costs by making a donation of any amount, it would be very much appreciated.

Thank you to those of you have generously donated so far.

Many items in our parish hall are original to the construction in 1980.

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FOR A BROCHURE WITH COMPLETE DETAILS, PLEASE DETACH & MAIL TO CONTACT:

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NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, INC.

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

Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)/ Rosary 7:00 am

Confessions: Fridays: 8 am-9 am
 Saturdays: 4-5 pm or by appointment

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

Devotions: Divine Mercy Monday-Friday after 7:30 am Mass
 Our Lady of Fatima/Perpetual Help~1st Saturday
 Santo Niño~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 date.

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 be discussed with parish priest.

Multilingual Rosary Prayer & Procession
Honoring our Lady of Fatima –October 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 October, we will have a **Multilingual Rosary Prayer & Procession around the church at 6:30pm followed by the Mass honoring our Mother 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



Entertainment/Performances**9am-5pm Old Car Show**

10-11am Mass

11 a.m Vietnamese dance and
Mexican dance

11:15am GSC 10 a.m Choir

12-1pm Mass

Filipino American & Koreo club
dancers

1:30 - 2:30 p.m Mass

2:30 p.m Sister ACT & Nigerian
Fashion Show

3:00 p.m Kaligayahan dance troupe

3:30pm Aloha kupuna dance group and
Sto.Nino of Tri Valley

4:00 p.m Filipiniana dance group

4:30 p.m Tongan & Samoan dance
group

4:45 p.m Filipiniana dance group

5:00pm Raffle Drawing**3rd Prize**

Intermission :GSC 12 noon Choir

2nd Prize

Intermission: Thage Monte Carlo

1st Prize**Food Menu****American Cuisine:** Popcorn-Cotton
Candy—Hot Dogs- Snow Cones**Hispanic Food:** Pozole—Tamales -
Tacos Elites— Pupusas**Filipino Menu:** Bansilog/to ilag/...it
goes w/Eggs& rice...this is Breakfast—
until it's gone. BBQ..Pork ,Shanghai
Lumpia this is a la cart ...Adodo over
rice...Soup
Lomi...and fried banana.
Drinks: Taho Taho and Halo Halo..**Nigerian Food:** Like jolloff rice,
Chicken, plantain, spinach vegetables
and fish.**Tongan:** LU MEANS TARO LEAFS WITH
REAL COCONUT CREAM AND
CORNBEEF. , BEEF SOUPSUE, roasted
pigs ,, SWEET POTATOES , ISLAND DES-
SERT.**Vietnamese Menu:** Chicken and Pork
Banh Mi -Sandwiches. Drinks: Quickly
Milk tea/Boba**Flock Party 2021**

Mass Intentions

Oct 4-10

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Mon	7:30 am	Joseph Tran †
Tue	7:30 am	Joseph Tran †
Wed	7:30 am	Joseph & Anna Nguyen †
Thu	7:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory † & Members of FOSS
Fri	7:30 am	Birthday of Nestor Fernandez †
Sat	8:00 am	Auza Family Thanksgiving Dolores Salvo †
Sat	5:30 pm	Conrado Sevilla †
Sun	8:00 am	Robert Carpino † Wedding Anniversary of Phyllis & Peter Carpino
	10 am	Angelyn Flossi †
	12 pm	Capupus Family
	3 pm	For the People

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Attention Lectors!

The 2022 Lector Workbooks are available for pick up in the altar server sacristy. Please make sure to take the one with your name on it. Thank you!



WEEKLY COLLECTION RECAP Weekend of September 26

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$7,964.37

2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$2,526.92
(Flock Party)

We appreciate your generous hearts!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE PADRE PIO MINISTRY?

All brothers and sisters are welcome regardless of race and ethnicity. Prospective members are encouraged to learn the life, teachings and examples of St. Padre Pio. This ministry also has a food distribution program every 2nd Saturday of the month and participates in fund raising activities for their ministry and the parish. For information, contact Mila Benitez at 925-726-7526 or mgbenitez@comcast.net

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**Wisdom 7:7-11, Hebrews 4:12-13,
Mark 10:17-30**

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

**THIS PAST WEEKEND WE PAID
HOMAGE TO ST. PADRE PIO/ HEALING MASS**
Pray, Hope & Don't Worry!



Dedication and ground breaking of future St. Padre Pio Shrine



Blessings of the Core Team of St. Vincent de Paul as they celebrate their patron saint on September 27.



The new freezer and refrigerator have been installed in the hall kitchen and are ready for the Flock Party! These two items cost us \$8,982.00.

MUCH APPRECIATED!

We extend our huge thank you to the Otto Tangitau family for donating \$500 for the 2nd raffle prize.

We also express our gratitude to Angie Cachuela for donating to us \$1,000 for the new freezer and fridge in the hall.

