



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

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

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Jesus asked them,

“BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?”



Peter said to him in reply,

“YOU ARE THE CHRIST.”

Mark 8:29

TWENTY-FOURTH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

September 12, 2021

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 car-men@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

Marriages: In order to make marriage arrangements contact car-men@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



24th Sunday in the Ordinary Time (B)

Three things to guide us in our reflections from the Gospel of Mark 8:27-35:

First, the question of Jesus, "But who do you say that I am?" v.29: A question posed by Jesus to his disciples examines the level of their knowledge of who Jesus is. It is a personal question that requires a personal answer. We cannot love somebody whom we do not know. We cannot love Jesus if we do not know him. The basic fact remains significant for us as followers of Jesus: we should know him in a very personal way. Do I truly know Jesus? We can know Jesus by reading the scriptures, through our personal experiences, and by the testimonies of others. There are various ways to know Jesus. We should know him not only by our intellect but also by heart. We only need to be sensitive to his presence in our daily lives. By this question, Jesus leads us to know him in a very personal way.

Secondly, *"He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, and the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days."* v.31: What does it mean to be a Christian? What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus? How is it to follow the will of God? It means not an easy way, not an easy life! For sure, there will be difficulties, challenges, problems, hardships, and more. Yet, we should not lose our hopes. After three days, Jesus rose from the dead- the source of our hope. There is a bright light that awaits us at the end of the tunnel. Beyond the clouds, the sun shines! Jesus accepted death but rose again. Death claimed him and he seemed to be overpowered by it. But by rising from death, he proves himself to be more powerful than death. Let us always remember, Jesus rose from the dead after three days. Our Christian life may be demanding, but outstanding reward awaits to those who persevere.

Lastly, Jesus said to the crowd, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." v.34: When Jesus teaches his disciples that he must suffer, be rejected, killed, but he rose again, he wanted to give his disciples the courage to answer God's call. That despite all the hardships and uncertainties of following Jesus, they should not lose hope. No matter how unbearable the cross that comes to us, let us remain patient and believe we can endure it with the help of God's grace. We should not lose our faith because something best will happen in the end. A Christian who strives until the end will share the great joy of Jesus' resurrection.

A. Cabrias



**Vigesimalquarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario (B)**

Tres cosas para guiarnos en nuestras reflexiones del Evangelio de Marcos 8: 27-35:

Primero, la pregunta de Jesús: "¿Pero quién dices que soy? v.29: Una pregunta planteada por Jesús a sus discípulos examina el nivel de su conocimiento de quién es Jesús. Es una pregunta personal que requiere una respuesta personal. No podemos amar a alguien a quien no conocemos. No podemos amar a Jesús si no lo conocemos. El hecho básico sigue siendo significativo para nosotros como seguidores de Jesús: debemos conocerlo de una manera muy personal. ¿Conozco realmente a Jesús? Podemos conocer a Jesús leyendo las Escrituras, a través de nuestras experiencias personales y mediante el testimonio de otros. Hay varias formas de conocer a Jesús. Debemos conocerlo no solo por nuestro intelecto sino también de corazón. Solo necesitamos ser sensibles a su presencia en nuestra vida diaria. Con esta pregunta, Jesús nos lleva a conocerlo de una manera muy personal.

En segundo lugar, "*Comenzó a enseñarles que el Hijo del Hombre debía sufrir mucho y ser rechazado por los ancianos, los principales sacerdotes y los escribas, y ser muerto y resucitar después de tres días*". v.31: ¿Qué significa ser Cristiano? ¿Qué significa ser un seguidor de Jesús? ¿Cómo es seguir la voluntad de Dios? ¡Significa que no es un camino fácil, no una vida fácil! Seguro que habrá dificultades, desafíos, problemas, penurias y más. Sin embargo, no debemos perder nuestras esperanzas. Después de tres días, Jesús resucitó de entre los muertos, la fuente de nuestra esperanza. Hay una luz brillante que nos espera al final del túnel. ¡Más allá de las nubes, brilla el sol! Jesús aceptó la muerte pero resucitó. La muerte lo reclamó y pareció ser dominado por ella. Pero al levantarse de la muerte, demuestra ser más poderoso que la muerte. Recordemos siempre, Jesús resucitó de entre los muertos después de tres días. Nuestra vida Cristiana puede ser exigente, pero a los que perseveran les espera una recompensa excepcional.

Por último, Jesús dijo a la multitud: "El que quiera seguirme, niéguese a sí mismo, tome su cruz y sígame". v.34: Cuando Jesús les enseña a sus discípulos que deben sufrir, ser rechazado, asesinados, pero resucitó, quiso darles a sus discípulos el valor para responder al llamado de Dios. Que a pesar de todas las dificultades e incertidumbres de seguir a Jesús, no deben perder la esperanza. No importa cuán insoportable sea la cruz que nos llegue, seamos pacientes y creamos que podemos soportarla con la ayuda de la gracia de Dios. No debemos perder la fe porque algo mejor sucederá al final. Un cristiano que se esfuerza hasta el final compartirá el gran gozo de la resurrección de Jesús.

A. Cabrias

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!

**FLOCK PARTY WATER AND SOFT
 DRINK DONATIONS NEEDED!**

Once again we are asking for donations from our generous parishioners to help us offset expenses for the Flock Party. If you can help us, bring your donations to the parish office any time during business hours, Monday-Thursday, 9 am to 4 pm. Thank you!



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 and sign in. 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.

**FEAST OF
 SAN LORENZO RUIZ**
October 3 at 12 Noon Mass
in the Spiritual Garden
 Mass sponsorship forms will be available in the church vestibule or by calling
 Cecille Perez @ 925-300-6234
 or
 Cora Clavel @ 925-354-2259.



**OCTOBER 3, 2021~GOOD SHEPHERD'S
 ANNUAL FLOCK PARTY RAFFLE!**

If you are a registered parishioner you should have already received a mailing for this event that includes raffle tickets for a drawing that will take place at the Flock Party.

If you did not, you can purchase tickets after any mass between now and the event.

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!

Place your stubs in any Sunday collection basket, mail them in or bring them to the parish office.



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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

ATTENTION—

- 1- First and Second Year Confirmation program will begin class in person on Sunday, September 12 at 10am, starting with the Mass and the class to follow.
- 2- Children Faith Formation/CCD program will begin on Wednesday September 15.
- 3- Adult Confirmation and RCIA will begin in October.

If you would like to join these programs but have not registered, please do so as soon as you can by either visiting our website or calling the parish office or meeting with Dina and Lorena after weekend Masses. They are there to help you register.

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM THIS YEAR. DO IT NOW!

PROGRAM KICK OFF!

Confirmation is today after the 10 am Mass
Faith Formation is this Wednesday,
September 15



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. **INFORMATION NIGHT IS COMING SOON.....CHECK BACK HERE FOR DATE AND TIME.**





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. in the Spiritual Garden followed by a light lunch. 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)

If you would like to be a sponsor for this mass and have any question, please call: Mila Benitez – (925) 726-7526 Cora Clavel - (925) 354-2259
Email: mgbenitez@comcast.net cdclavel1005@gmail.com

Multilingual Rosary Prayer & Procession Honoring our Lady of Fatima – September 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 September, we will have a **Multilingual Rosary Prayer & Procession around the Church at 7pm on September 13.**

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 peace in the world.

Fr. Thi





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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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Mass Intentions

Sep 13-19

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Mon	7:30 am	Capupus Family
Tue	7:30 am	All Souls †
Wed	7:30 am	Mary Dong †
Thu	7:30 am	All Souls †
Fri	7:30 am	Magdalena Auza †
Sat	8:00 am	Francisco Sevilla & Lamberto Duran †
Sat	5:30 pm	Marianna Mercurio †
Sun	8:00 am	Marianna Mercurio †
	10 am	Gloria & Tony Giambalvo †
	12 pm	Phillip & Carmela Aiello †
	3 pm	For the People

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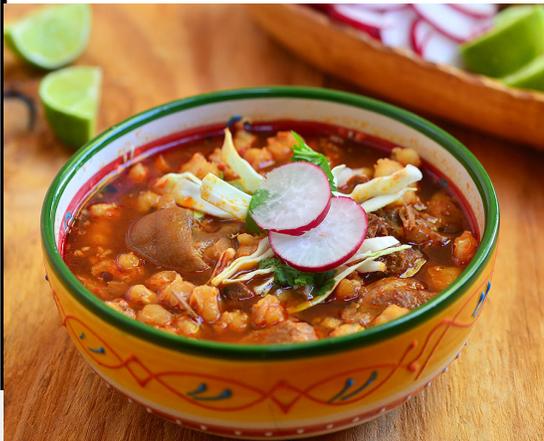
NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**Wisdom 2:12, 17-20, James 3:16-4:3,
Mark 9:30-37**

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

NOTE CHANGE: EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI

SPANISH MINISTRY FOOD SALES THIS WEEKEND!



**1 Pozole for \$8.00
2 Tamales for \$5.00**



**THANK YOU TO THE VILORIA SISTERS FOR THEIR
GENEROUS DONATION OF \$1,000 TOWARD THE
FLOCK PARTY RAFFLE!**



<u>INCOME FOR AUGUST, 2021</u>	
Plate Collections	\$45,398
Unrestricted Donations	2,395
Restricted Donations	2,956
Voice	20
Flock Raffle	2,974
Ministry Income	14,604
Other income	12,706
TOTAL INCOME	81,053

<u>EXPENSES FOR AUGUST, 2021</u>	
Administration	\$ 25,435
Parish Property	13,162
Rectory Living	1,914
Priests	7,677
Liturgy & Music	8,608
Children, Youth & Adult	
Formation/CYO	7,042
Other Ministries	562
Depreciation	2,457
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 66,857

<u>MONTH RECAP</u>	
INCOME	\$ 81,503
EXPENSES	\$ 66,857

INCOME OVER EXPENSES AT MONTH END:
\$14,196.00