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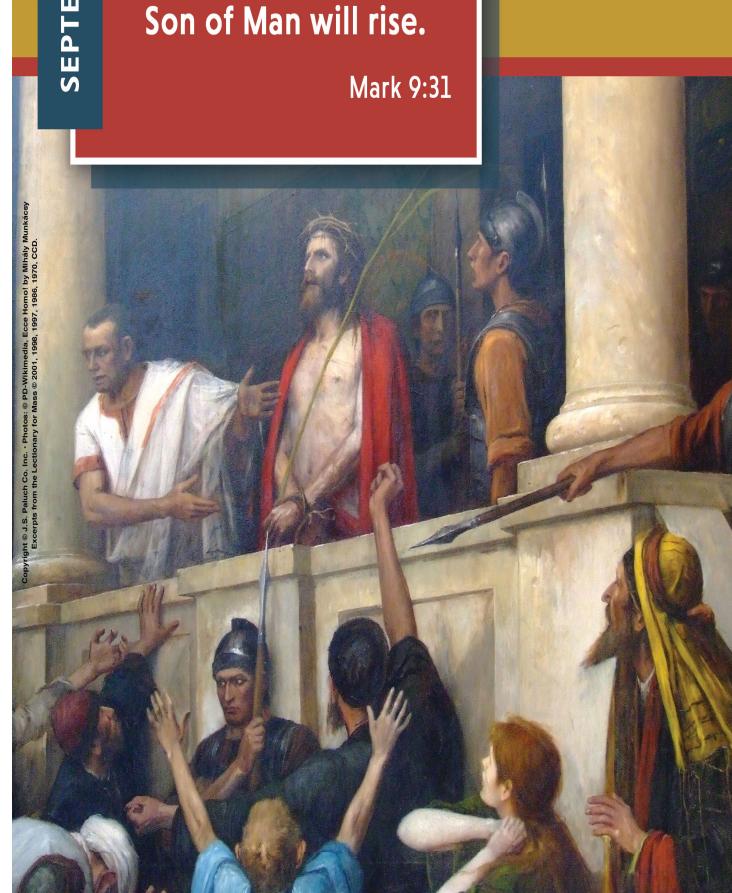
Good Shepherd

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

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

The Son of Man is to
be handed over to men
and they will kill him,
and three days
after his death the
Son of Man will rise.

Mark 9:31



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK HOTLINE: 510-259-8706



The readings of this 25th Sunday remind us of a sin we deal with every day in our lives. It is the sin of jealousy. St. James, in the second reading, points out that jealousy is evil, for where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice (Jas 3:16). The Gospel tells us the disciples of Jesus envied one another and argued among themselves as to who would be the greatest (Mk 9:30).

It is said that when a person looks sad, there are two possibilities: Either a bad thing has happened to him, or something good has happened to his rival. This statement sounds convincing, for in reality, for instance, a loyal fan of the Green Bay Packers would never be happy if the Chicago Bears win the champion and vice versa.

Do you rejoice when others are blessed or do you envy them their success? If you envy them their success, Jesus gives you a perfect remedy for such a sin: *Be like a child* as he mentioned in the Gospel: "*Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.*" What are children capable of? Why are they proposed here as a solution? Children have some great qualities which make them the symbol of those who are citizens of the Kingdom.

First, children are dependent and trusting. Children never think that they can face life by themselves. They are perfectly content to be dependent on those who love them and care for them. Children trust their parents that their needs will be met. They never worry about what to eat, where to live and what to wear. They trust that those things will be provided. Second, children are able to live in the present moment. Just watch children when they play games. They so enjoy themselves in a way that most of us can't because we are fussing about the wounded past, or preoccupied with the future: desiring and fearing what might come. You see, a child is able to live in the present moment. That's why we must be like little children. Third, children are simple and innocent. They are like angels who don't have much ambition, therefore, they are less jealous and are happy.

In short, envy tends to live in the past for it is resenting past wounds and offenses. It's resenting the success of others. Ambition lives in the future. So stop living in those two places. Be like a child, depending and trusting God. Be like a child, surrendering to the now and be like a child, living a simple and humble life. Let us always keep our spirit of a child in order to be qualified for the Kingdom of Heaven. Amen!



Las lecturas de este Vigésimo Quinto Domingo nos recuerdan un pecado con el que nos enfrentamos todos los días de nuestra vida. Es el pecado de los celos. Santiago en la segunda lectura señala que los celos son malos, porque donde existen los celos y la ambición egoísta, hay desorden y toda mala práctica (Stg 3:16). El Evangelio nos dice que los discípulos de Jesús se enviaban unos a otros y discutían entre ellos quién sería el mayor (Mc 9:30).

Se dice que cuando una persona se ve triste, hay dos posibilidades: o le ha pasado algo malo, o le ha pasado algo bueno a su rival. Esta afirmación suena convincente, porque en realidad, por ejemplo, un fanático leal de los Green Bay Packers nunca estaría feliz si los Chicago Bears ganan el campeonato y viceversa.

¿Te regocija cuando otros son bendecidos o te da envidia su éxito? Si les envías su éxito, Jesús te da un remedio perfecto para tal pecado: Ser como un niño como lo menciona en el Evangelio: "*El que recibe a un niño en mi nombre, a mí me recibe*". ¿De qué son capaces los niños? ¿Por qué se proponen aquí como solución? Los niños tienen grandes cualidades que los convierten en el símbolo de los ciudadanos del Reino.

Primero, los niños son dependientes y confiables. Los niños nunca piensan que pueden afrontar la vida por sí mismos. Están perfectamente contentos de depender de quienes los aman y los cuidan. Los niños confían en sus padres que sus necesidades serán satisfechas. Nunca se preocupan por qué comer, dónde vivir y qué ponerse. Confían en que se les proporcionará. En segundo lugar, los niños pueden vivir en el momento presente. Simplemente observe a los niños pequeños cuando juegan. Se divierten tanto que la mayoría de nosotros no podemos porque estamos preocupados por el pasado herido o preocupados por el futuro: deseando y temiendo lo que pueda venir. Ves a un niño capaz de vivir en el momento presente. Por eso debemos ser como niños pequeños. En tercer lugar, los niños son sencillos e inocentes. Son como ángeles que no tienen mucha ambición, por eso son menos celosos y felices.

En resumen, la envidia tiende a vivir en el pasado porque es resentimiento por las heridas y ofensas del pasado. Está resentido por el éxito de los demás. La ambición vive en el futuro. Así que deja de vivir en esos dos lugares. Sea como un niño, dependiendo y confiando en Dios. Sé como un niño, entrégate al ahora y sé como un niño, viviendo una vida sencilla y humilde. Conservemos siempre nuestro espíritu de niños a fin de estar capacitados para el Reino de los Cielos. ¡Amén!

P. 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!**

FLOCK PARTY WATER AND SOFT DRINK DONATIONS NEEDED!

To help us offset expenses for the Flock Party, we are asking for donations from our generous parishioners .

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!



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE SAN NICHOLAS DE TOLENTINO CELEBRATION! Between sponsorships and mass collection, we received a total of \$4,731.

He has truly blessed us!

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 receive the mailing, 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

Other consolation prizes will also be given away!

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

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 an option.** If not completed, you will have to leave your ministry. If you have questions, Contact Dina at 925-432-6404x21 or email dina@goodshepherdpittsburg

ATTENTION—

Children's Faith Formation and Youth Confirmation classes have begun!

If you would like to join these programs but have not registered, please do so as soon as possible by either visiting our website at www.goodshepherdpittsburg.org or calling the parish office at 925-432-6404.

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

JOIN our Adult Confirmation and RCIA Program

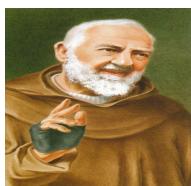
Why do Catholics do that?

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 in October 11, 2021.

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





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 am in the Spiritual Garden followed by a light lunch. 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 at 7:00 pm.

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

If you would like to be a sponsor for this mass or have any question, please contact:

Mila Benitez – (925) 726-7526 (mgbenitez@comcast.net)

Cora Clavel - (925) 354-2259 (cdclavel1005@gmail.com)

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 Edna Balili at 925-550-3519 or email: ednabali- @gmailcom

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FILIPINO MINISTRY

MASS SPONSORSHIP for Filipino Feast/Masses

DATE	Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021 at 11:00 A.M.
MASS (indicate feast name or "St. Padre Pio")	SAINT PADRE PIO / Healing Mass
DONATION AMOUNT: If in check, please use "Church of the Good Shepherd" as payee	\$
NAME/s of SPONSOR/s (Please write the name legibly and as you want it read at mass or shown in program)	
INTENTION/s:	
	For inquiries, please "TEXT" Cecille Perez at 925-300-6234, Lelani Andes 925-212-8408, or Cynthia Auza 925-597-1178
Signature of Sponsor	
Sponsor's Telephone No.	

**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 Admision!
3200 Harbor St, Pittsburg CA, 94565

Here are our tentative entertainment program and food menu.

We will finalize them next week.

All Sunday Masses on the day of the Flock Party will be held in the garden.

The Spanish Mass will be moved to 1:30 pm instead of 3 pm.

Entertainment

Time	Entertainer
9:30 -10:00 AM	PHS Band?
10:00 - 11:00 AM	Mass
11:00 -12:00 PM	Vietnamese Dance
Old Car Show	
12:00-1:00 pm	Mass
1:00-1:30 PM	Louis and Josie Esposito
1:30-2:30 PM	Spanish Mass
2:30 PM	Sister Act
3:00 PM	Tinikling - Children Dancing
3:30 PM	Hawaiian Line Dancing
4:00 PM	Fillapino Folk Dancers
4:15 PM	3rd Raffle Prizes - GSC
Choir	
4:30 PM	Tongan & Simoan Dancers
4:45 PM	2nd Raffle Prizes - Hip Hop Mu-sic
5:00 PM	Nigerian Fashion Show
5:30 PM	1st Raffle Prizes - Dance for All

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—til it's gone. BBQ..Pork ,Shanghai Lumpia this is a la cartAdodo 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 CO-CONUT CREAM AND CORNBEEF. , BEEF SOUPSUE ,roasted pigs ,, SWEET POTATOES , ISLAND DESSERT.

Vietnamese Menu: Chicken and Pork Banh Mi -Sandwiches. Drinks: Quickly Milk tea/Boba

Mass Intentions

Sep 20-26

**Mass Intentions
For The Week**

Mon	7:30 am	Birthday of Lance G. Borromeo
Tue	7:30 am	Gloria P. Caradang †
Wed	7:30 am	Birthday of Brianna Flint Robert De Pasquale †
Thu	7:30 am	Auza Family Thanksgiving
Fri	7:30 am	Avarie Yvonne Solis
Sat	8:00 am	Anniversary of Daniel & Jessica Guzman Louis Sami †
Sat	5:30 pm	Sancho Alesna Sr. †
Sun	8:00 am	Salvatore Calone †
	10 am	Genevieve Cappucini †
	12 pm	Elisa B. Calma
	3 pm	For the People

Parish Staff

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Thank you to the Spanish Ministry for their delicious pozole and tamales and for everyone who made a Purchase. \$2,040 was raised for the Flock Party!

WEEKLY COLLECTION RECAP Weekend of September 12

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT)	\$4,888
2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) (Priest Retirement)	\$2,518.19

We appreciate your generous hearts!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS Blessing of the Animals October 4 at 6pm



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**Numbers 1:25-29, James 5:1-6,
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

PARISH FLOCK PARTY



FEAST OF SAN NICHOLAS DE TOLENTINO 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



SPANISH MINISTRY POZOLE AND TAMALE SALE



HAPPY 15TH
BIRTHDAY TO
TWINS
JENNIFER &
MIRIAM!

2021 CONFIRMATION CLASS MASS & KICK OFF

