



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

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The blind man said, "Master, I want to see."
Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."

MARK 10:51-52



Attr. Master of the Antiphony of San Giovanni Fuorcivitas,

Initial A: Christ Wiping the Tears from the Eyes of the Saved, Florence or Pisa, Italy, c. 1330-1340

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

OCTOBER 24, 2021

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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 your YouTube

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 Disciple Bartimaeus

Bartimaeus is alone, on the periphery of Jericho, with the pain and experience of marginalization. Bartimaeus knows how to *scream* louder in the face of indifference and scolding. Accustomed to rejections, he never imagined that Jesus would call him; he just wanted to *see* and ends up following Him on His last pilgrimage to Jerusalem, because the Passover is approaching. That is, Bartimaeus goes from being a blind man, *disposable* for religion and society, to being a pilgrim disciple to Jerusalem.

Why does this disciple of the last hour surprise us?

Because it can enlighten us in loneliness and despair, in illness and abandonment. And in a special way, on our path as pilgrim disciples. It is surprising how the blind man sharpens his ear and trusts in the voice of Jesus.

Tune the ear. This attitude helps the balance of the body and of the spirit. Listening to the other makes it possible to know them better. Bartimaeus hears the teacher's voice and begins to scream, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me," and repeats it forcefully. Jesus hears that voice that comes out of the margin, puts the *periphery at the center*, the focus of attention is modified; Jesus calls the blind man and asks him what he wants from Him, and he answers, "Master, I want to see."

After listening and being heard, the world has changed for Bartimaeus. Listening to each other is an act of love, necessary for good communication. Listen to God, to our neighbor as to ourselves. Perhaps we are already involved in the daily noise and do not listen to others; let's carefully tune the ear.

Trust in Jesus. In the journey of his faith, Bartimaeus is aware of his blindness, but he does not lose hope, he maintains his expectations, he expresses his desires. Jesus, stopping to bow down and listen to him, commits Himself to his pain: What do you want me to do for you?

In this personal experience faith is revived; Bartimaeus recovers the vision, he identifies the compassion of Jesus, he identifies a new or different God. He is already healed by Jesus, his faith has saved him, he has the option to thank and disappear, but he chooses to be a disciple, he leaves the edge of the road to follow the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

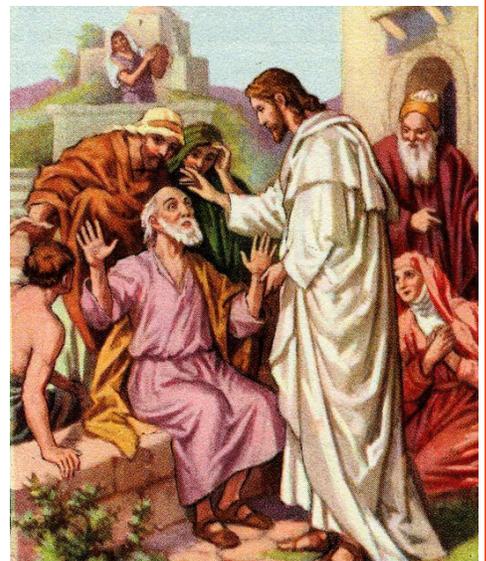
So, faith is an answer to many of our situations: if we are blind without a way, **Jesus is the way**; if we suffer loneliness, **Jesus integrates us into a community**.

Finally, the healing of blindness is a journey of faith, hope and charity. Faith is life, service, proximity. **Jesus encourages this walk:** "Go, your faith has saved you."

Our realities of marginalization, of periphery, of migrants suffering from some disease, do not mean forgetfulness or absence of God. The hope of the prophets is also that of those who cry out in pain with humility, to be heard by the God of freedom.

We follow the road to Jerusalem, like Bartimaeus, where Jesus is crucified on the outskirts of the city and offers His own life, with humility and love to free us from evil.

Dn. Gustavo



El discípulo Bartimeo

Bartimeo está solo, en la periferia de Jericó, con el dolor y la experiencia de la marginación. Bartimeo sabe *gritar* más fuerte ante la indiferencia y regaños. Acostumbrado a los rechazos, jamás imaginó que Jesús lo llamaría; él sólo quería *ver* y termina siguiéndolo en su última peregrinación a Jerusalén, pues se acerca la Pascua. Es decir, Bartimeo pasa de ser un ciego, *descartable* para la religión y la sociedad, a ser un discípulo peregrino hacia Jerusalén.

¿Por qué este discípulo de la última hora nos sorprende?

Porque puede iluminarnos en la soledad y la desesperación, en la enfermedad y el abandono. Y de manera especial, en nuestro camino de discípulos peregrinos. Sorprende cómo el ciego afina el oído y confía en la voz de Jesús.

Afinar el oído. Esta actitud ayuda al equilibrio del cuerpo y también del espíritu. Escuchar al otro posibilita conocerlo mejor. Bartimeo, escucha la voz del maestro y comienza a gritar: “Hijo de David, Jesús, ten compasión de mí”, y lo repite con fuerza. Jesús escucha esa voz que sale del margen, pone *la periferia al centro*, el foco de atención se modifica; Jesús llama al ciego y le pregunta qué quiere de él, y este responde: “Maestro, que pueda ver”

Después de escuchar y ser escuchado el mundo ha cambiado para Bartimeo. Escucharnos es un acto de amor, necesario para la buena comunicación. Escuchar a Dios, al prójimo como a nosotros mismos. Quizá ya estamos metidos en la bulla cotidiana y no escuchamos al prójimo; vayamos con cuidado afinando el oído.

Confiar en Jesús. En el peregrinar de su fe, Bartimeo, es consciente de su ceguera, pero no pierde la esperanza, mantiene sus expectativas, expresa sus anhelos. Jesús, se detiene para inclinarse y escucharlo, se compromete con su dolor: ¿Qué quieres que haga por ti?

En esta experiencia personal la fe se reaviva; Bartimeo recupera la visión, identifica la compasión de Jesús, él identifica a un Dios nuevo o distinto. Ya es sanado por Jesús, su fe le ha salvado, tiene la opción de agradecer y desaparecer, pero elige ser discípulo, deja el borde del camino para seguir al Camino, la Verdad y la Vida.

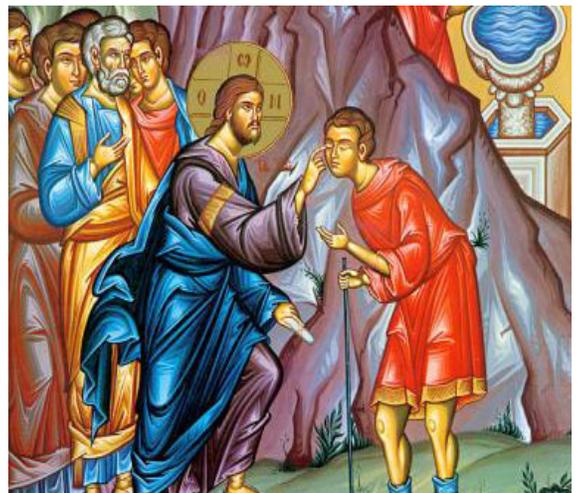
Entonces, así la fe es una respuesta a muchas de nuestras situaciones: si estamos como ciegos sin camino, **Jesús es el camino**; si sufrimos la soledad, **Jesús nos integra a una comunidad**.

Finalmente, la curación de la ceguera es un camino de fe, esperanza y caridad. La fe es vida, servicio, proximidad. **Jesús anima este caminar**: “Anda, tu fe te ha salvado”

Nuestras realidades de marginación, de periferia, de migrantes, sufriendo alguna enfermedad, no significan olvido o ausencia de Dios. La esperanza de los profetas es también la de quienes gritan su dolor, con humildad, para ser escuchados por el Dios de la libertad.

Seguimos el camino a Jerusalén, como Bartimeo, allí donde Jesús es crucificado a las afueras de la ciudad y ofrece su propia vida, con humildad y amor para liberarnos del mal.

Dn. Gustavo



ANNOUNCING THE OPENING OF THE 2022 MASS BOOK!

The 2022 Mass Book is now open. 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 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: _____

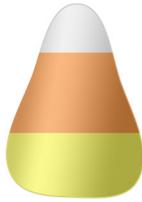
Date Time Intention (Living or Deceased)

Amount owed \$

Amount paid \$

CATHOLI DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Will be selling Halloween Treats
before and after all
Sunday masses next weekend.
Please help them in supporting
local charities and scholarships
by purchasing something
delicious!



The Knights of Columbus, Council 2956, would like to thank the faithful and generous parishioners of Church of the Good Shepherd for their support of the recent Knights Tootsie Roll Drive for disabled children.

Your donation of \$1,900.00 will be given to our local Lynn Center in Pittsburg to help disabled children in our community.

THANK YOU, your donation is very much appreciated.



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 the parish, or perhaps you are just curious about what Catholics believe. Maybe you wish to receive sacraments you missed earlier in life. Classes have begun. Register NOW!!!! Call our faith formation office: 925-432-6404 or visit our website.

ALL SAINTS DAY, November 1

NOT A Holy Day of Obligation,
Masses at 7:30 am, 7 pm

ALL SOULS DAY, November 2

Masses at 7:30am & 7pm
(Bi-Lingual)

All Souls Envelopes have been included in the envelope packet mailing or are available at the entrances of the church. Please take the opportunity to memorialize your loved ones by placing their names on an All Souls envelope and putting the envelope in any collection basket or bring it to the parish office.

All envelopes will be placed in the sanctuary for prayer and remembrance during the month of November.

ST PETER MARTYR SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO THEIR HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Come browse and shop at St. Peter Martyr School's Annual Holiday Boutique & Luncheon Saturday, November 6, 2021 at 425 West 4th Street, Pittsburg (held outdoors in the courtyard) from 9:30am to 2:00pm.

Local artists and crafters will surprise and delight you with their handcrafted items of soaps, jewelry, and holiday items

Hot lunch is available for purchase, along with face painting and pictures with Santa for the children.

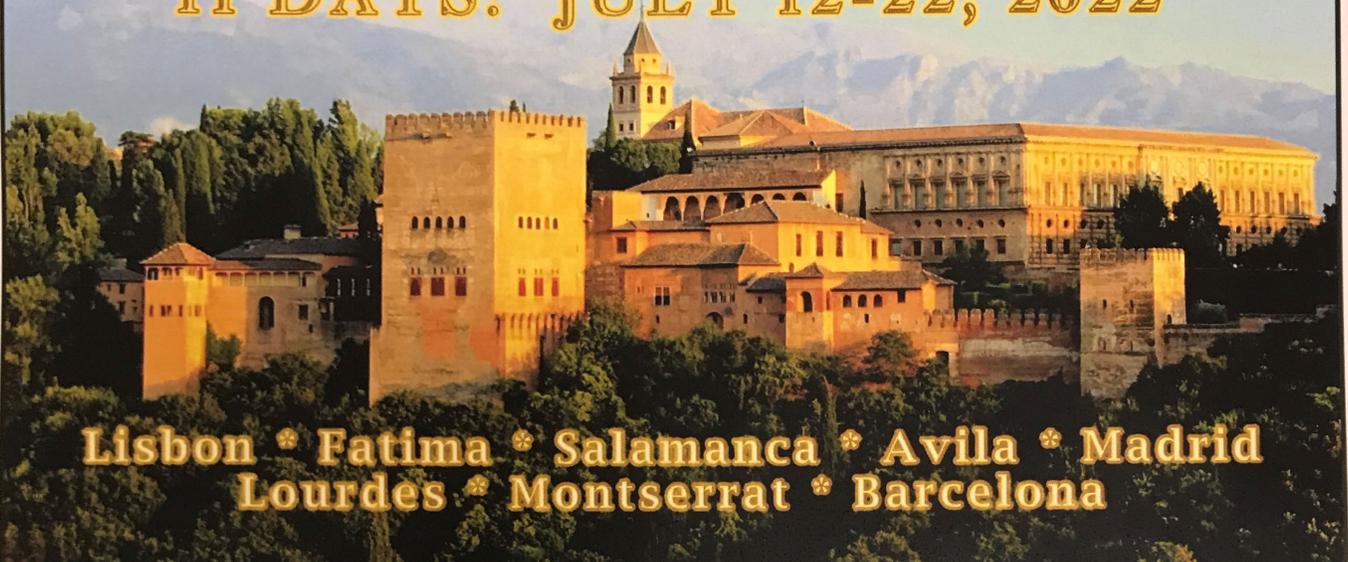
Raffle tickets available for purchase at the boutique or the school. Raffle Prizes: 1st Place - \$300.00 2nd Place - \$200.00 3rd Place - Italian Night Gift Basket - plus many other prizes.

Questions: Contact Louanne or Katie at SPM School 925-439-1014



PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & LOURDES *Plus Madrid & Barcelona*

11 DAYS: JULY 12-22, 2022



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Lourdes * Montserrat * Barcelona**

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Rev. Thi Hoang



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

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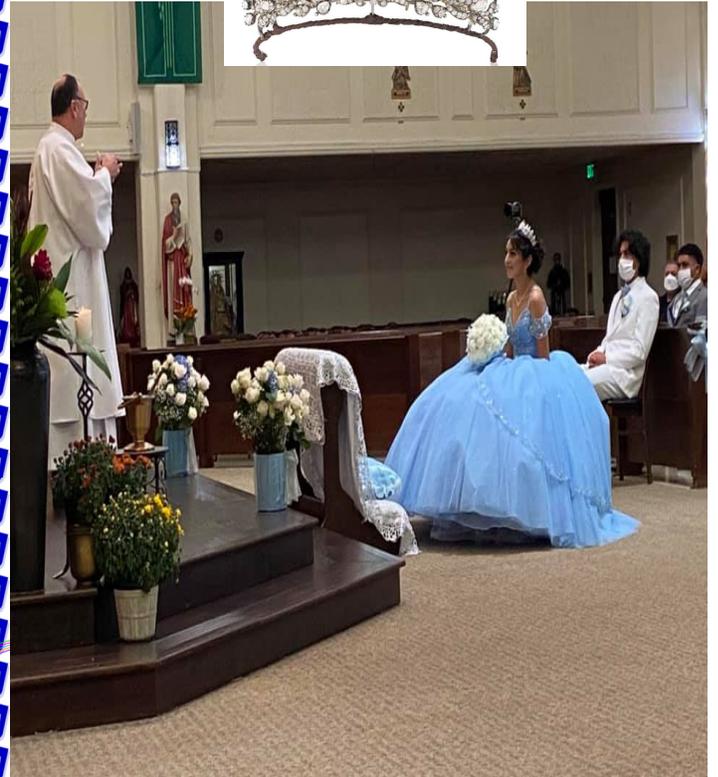
NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, INC.

WANTED: CHOIR MEMBERS

If you like to sing for the Lord, please come and join us. The 8 am, 10 am and Noon choirs are in desperate need of members. See the choir director at any of the masses if you are interested and can help. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you and hearing your voices!



A VERY HAPPY 15TH BIRTHDAY TO TATIANNNA GONZALEZ



OUR MULTI-LINGUAL ROSARY CELEBRATION THIS PAST WEEK INCLUDED MANY CULTURAL REPRESENTATIONS OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER!



Mass Intentions

Oct 25-31

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Mon	7:30 am	Terry Mercurio †
Tue	7:30 am	Mary Nguyen †
Wed	7:30 am	Sam Seals †
Thu	7:30 am	St. Jude & Capupus Family
Fri	7:30 am	Rosauro Espiritu †
Sat	8:00 am	All Souls in Purgatory † Members of FOSS
Sat	5:30 pm	Capupus Family
Sun	8:00 am	Nathan Trezza Jr. †
	10 am	Frances Ferrante Thomas †
	12 pm	George Smylie †
	3 pm	For the People

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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—Healing Mass

More details to follow soon on all of these events.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



WEEKLY COLLECTION RECAP Weekend of October 17

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$10,910.61

**2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ -
(no second collection this week)**

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

Deuteronomy 6:2-6, Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 12:28-34

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

St. Vincent De Paul



MISSION ALIGNMENT PROCESS (MAP)- DISCIPLE MAKER SURVEY

Disciple Maker survey is being implemented by the Diocese of Oakland. This survey is an instrument that will offer all parishioners in our parish and throughout the Diocese to share information about their personal spiritual journey, attitudes, beliefs, and their engagement and satisfaction with their parish.

The survey is available in a wide variety of languages by using the QR code below or going to

<https://www.catholicleaders.org/oaklanddmi>

Please make sure you indicated that you are from Good Shepherd Church. We are looking for 100% participation. Please help us get the word out by sharing this information with family and friends.

Paper copies of the survey are available at the parish office and at all masses on a future Sunday to be announced.



Encuesta de la misión de alineamiento para ser un discípulo.

Encuesta de hacedor de un discípulo se está implementando por la Diócesis de Oakland. Esta encuesta es un instrumento para poder ofrecer a los feligreses en nuestra parroquia y a través de Diócesis a compartir acerca de su trayectoria personal espiritual, actitudes, creencias y su compromiso y satisfacción con su parroquia.

La encuesta está ampliamente disponible en varios idiomas usando el código QR abajo o ir directamente a.

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Por favor asegúrese de indicar que pertenece a la Parroquia de Good Shepherd Church. Estamos buscando la participación de 100%. Por favor ayúdanos a correr la voz compartiendo con su familia y amigos.

Las copias en papel de esta encuesta estarán disponibles en la oficina de la parroquia y en todas las misas de los siguientes Domingos y será anunciado.