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OCTOBER

31

2021

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



You shall
love
your neighbor as yourself.
— Mark 12:31 —

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

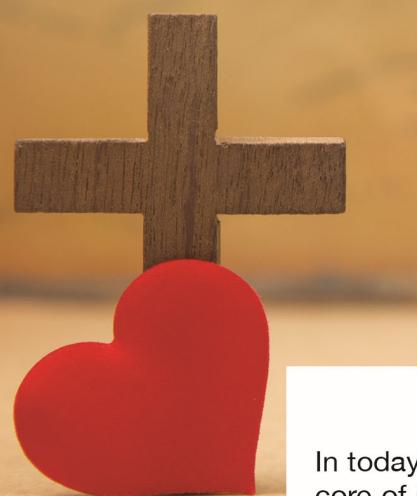
(All devotions take place following 8:00 am Mass)

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



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October 31, 2021

**YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR MIND,
AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.**

Mark 12:30

THE CORE OF GOD'S COVENANT

In today's First Reading, from Deuteronomy, we hear the great summary of the very core of God's covenant with Israel, its title taken from its opening word, the *Shema* ("Hear!"). The *Shema* is at once a doctrinal summary of Israel's faith and the personal/corporate prayer of Israel's sons and daughters. To this day, devout Jews inscribe the *Shema* on parchment and enclose it in the *mezuzah* that adorns the doorways of so many Jewish homes. The residents kiss the *mezuzah*, and thus the Word of God, upon entering their homes and when going forth from them into a world that often acknowledges neither God nor the covenant. Recited several times daily, Deuteronomy's "formula" comes alive as a vivid reminder to devout Jews that their personal relationship with God is both source and safeguard of their public identity as members of God's chosen people.

EDITING THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Today's Gospel shows Jesus as fully part of Israel's covenant tradition: he responds to the scribe's question by proclaiming Deuteronomy's *Shema* which both of them would have revered and recited since childhood: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength" (Deuteronomy 6:4–5). But note the "editorial changes" both Jesus and the scribe make to the *Shema*. To Deuteronomy's heart, the Biblical seat of the will and affections, and soul, the deepest part of the human person, and strength, encompassing both physical ability and material treasure, Jesus adds "with all your mind," a phrase the scribe changes to "with all your understanding" (Mark 12:30, 33). Perhaps Mark, the author of today's Gospel, wanted to consecrate to the kingdom's service the philosophical reflection and intellectual exploration so valued by the Greco-Roman world—and our world—in which the Gospel would be preached.

KNOWING AND DOING

Jesus makes a further change to Israel's *Shema*: to the Deuteronomy text Jesus adds Leviticus 19:18: "you shall love your neighbor as yourself." For Jesus, these commandments cannot be separated. The scribe, delighted at Jesus' answer, goes on to indicate that he has grasped one of the central tenets of Jesus' kingdom: ritual worship and practical charity toward one's neighbor are twin expressions of love for God. This insight places the scribe "not far from the kingdom of God," says Jesus (Mark 12:34). But is "not far" close enough? For the scribe, as for the rich would-be disciple from a few Sundays ago, as for each of us, it is one thing to know what we ought to do and quite another actually to do it. So, then: what about us? How do we live out, in daily practice, the covenant whose words we know so well, but whose deeds we so often find a challenge?

TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 6:2–6 31:7–9
Psalm 18:2–3, 3–4, 47, 51
Hebrews 7:23–28
Mark 12:28b–34

Trigésimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En la primera lectura de hoy, tomada del Deuteronomio escuchemos el gran resumen del núcleo de la alianza de Dios con Israel, cuyo título está tomado de su palabra inicial, el Shemá (“¡Escucha!”). El Shemá es a la vez un resumen doctrinal de la fe de Israel y la oración personal/ colectiva de los hijos de e hijas de Israel. En la actualidad, los judíos devotos escriben el Shemá en un pergamo y lo incluyen en la mezuzá que adornan las puertas de muchos hogares judíos. Los residentes besan la mezuzá, y por tanto la palabra de Dios, al entrar en sus casas y al salir de ellas a un mundo que a menudo no reconoce ni a Dios ni a la alianza. Recitada varias veces al día, la “fórmula” del Deuteronomio cobra vida como un vívido recordatorio para los judíos devotos de que su relación personal con Dios es a la vez fuente y salvaguarda de su identidad pública como miembros del pueblo elegido de Dios.

EDITANDO EL GRAN MANDAMIENTO

El Evangelio de hoy muestra a Jesús como parte integrante de la tradición de la alianza de Israel: responde a la pregunta del escriba proclamando el Shemá del Deuteronomio que ambos habían reverenciado y recitado desde la infancia: “¡Escucha, Israel! El señor es nuestro Dios, sólo el Señor. Por eso amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con todas tus fuerzas” (Deuteronomio 6:4-5). Pero fíjate en los “cambios de redacción” que tanto Jesús como el escriba hacen en el Shemá. Al corazón del Deuteronomio, sede bíblica de la voluntad y los afectos, y el alma, la parte más profunda de la persona humana, y a la fuerza, que abarca tanto la capacidad física como el tesoro material, Jesús añade “con toda tu mente”, frase que el escriba cambia por “con todo tu entendimiento” (Marcos 12:30, 33). Tal vez Marcos, el autor del Evangelio de hoy, quiso consagrarse el servicio del Reino a la reflexión filosófica y la exploración intelectual tan valoradas por el mundo grecorromano, y por el nuestro, en el que se predicaría el Evangelio.

SABER Y HACER

Jesús introduce un nuevo cambio al Shemá de Israel: al texto del Deuteronomio, Jesús añade Levítico 19:18: “amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo”. Para Jesús, estos mandamientos no pueden separarse. El escriba, encantado con la respuesta de Jesús, pasa a indicar que ha captado uno de los principios centrales del reino de Jesús: el culto ritual y la caridad práctica hacia el prójimo son expresiones gemelas del amor del amor a Dios. Esta idea sitúa al escriba “no muy lejos del reino de Dios”, dice Jesús (Marcos 12:34). Pero, ¿está “no muy lejos” lo suficientemente cerca? Para el escriba, como para el rico aspirante a discípulo de hace unos domingos, como para cada uno de nosotros, una cosa es saber lo que debemos hacer y otra muy distinta hacerlo realmente. Entonces, ¿qué pasa con nosotros? ¿Cómo vivimos en la práctica diaria la alianza cuyas palabras conocemos también, pero cuyos hechos nos resultan tan difíciles?

Lecturas de hoy: Dt 6:2–6; Sal 18 (17):2–3, 3–4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23–28; Mc 12:28b–34

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SHEPHERD'S CLOSET IS OPEN

**Shepherd's Closet will be open on
Tuesday, November 9th
from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the
Ministry building.**

**Returning families, please bring your
identification cards.**

**Each person entering the building will
need to have proof of vaccination
or a negative Covid-19 report.**

Everyone is welcome.

**For questions or problems,
call 925-432-3995.**



As a reminder Adoration is on the first Friday of every month followed by a Mass for the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This months adoration is on November 5th during the following hours,

Adoration - 8:30 AM to 6:45PM

Mass – 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.

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)



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	Lisa Hart	421-3085

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CYO Suzette Crayton sueissick3@gmail.com

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Filipino Ministry	Lelani Andes	212-8408
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Finance	Robert Calone	432-3300
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Grief Ministry	Carol Mondragon	457-3909
	Cynthia Greely	437-7846

Italian Catholic Federation	Patty Jarrett	228-0810
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Knights of Columbus	Robert Calone	432-3300
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Lectors	May Plata	473-0835
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Ushers	Benedict Viloria	550-6475
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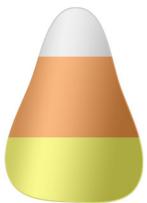
Young Ladies Institute	Gina Llguno	698-0825
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**The 2021 Bishop's Appeal has officially launched!
Our goal this year is: \$35,600.00. We are at 65.74%
of Goal. Please help us reach goal. Thank You!**

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Will be selling Halloween Treats
before and after all
TODAY!

Please help them in supporting
local charities and scholarships
by purchasing something
delicious!



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!



**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 bringing 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



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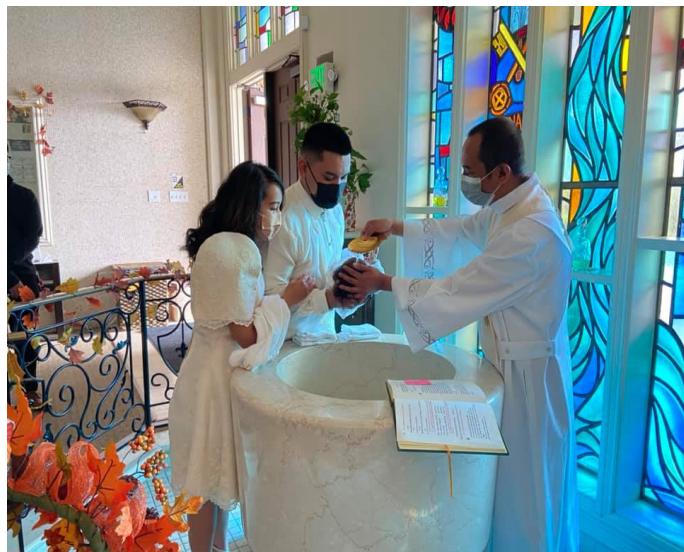
NEW ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We are in need of new altar servers serving at all the weekend Masses. All children, age 8 and above, having received First Holy Communion are qualified to be altar servers.

We have a training for new altar servers on Saturday, November 20th at 10am. Please consider to give your time and talents to serve the Lord and his church. No need to register for the training. Just show up on that day, Nov. 20th. Thank you in advance for your service.



Happy
15th
Birthday to
Lizzette
Lucatero!



**WELCOME TO THE
FAMILY
DONOVAN RYAN AMOR &
SKY MITCHELL
MENDOZA!**

Mass Intentions**Nov 1-6****Mass Intentions
For The Week**

Mon	7:30 am	Jessica H. Valenzuela †
	7:00 pm	For the People
Tue	7:30 am	Birthday of Sister Edna Fe Viloria
	7:00 pm	For the People
Wed	7:30 am	Rose & Frank Aiello †
Thu	7:30 am	All Saints †
Fri	7:30 am	All Souls †
	7:00 pm	Capupus Family
Sat	8:00 am	Capupus Family & Vitalie Families †
Sat	5:30 pm	All Souls in Purgatory † Members of FOSS & Birthday Of Benedict Viloria
Sun	8:00 am	Jacinta Cabrera
	10 am	Capupus Family
	12 pm	Death Anniversary of Cirilina Trias †
	3 pm	For the People

Parish Staff

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ♦ 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!

SAVE THE DATE

WEEKLY COLLECTION RECAP
Weekend of October 17

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$5,536.74

2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 2,379.00
(World Mission Sunday)

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

**1 Kings 17:10-16, Hebrews 9:24-28,
Mark 12:38-44**

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

**2nd Collection Nov 7 is for
Parish Maintenance**



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.



PROCESO DE ALINEACIÓN DE LA MISIÓN (MAP)- Encuesta de Marcador del Discípulo

La encuesta de Marcador del Discípulo está siendo implementada por la Diócesis de Oakland. Esta encuesta es un instrumento que le ofrece a los parroquianos en nuestra parroquia y en toda la Diócesis, el compartir información acerca de su camino espiritual personal, actitudes, creencias y su nivel de compromiso y satisfacción con su parroquia.

La encuesta está disponible en una gran variedad de lenguajes usando el código QR que se encuentra arriba o yendo a:

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

Por favor este Seguro(a) de indicar que va de la parroquia del Buen Pastor (Good Shepherd Church). Esperamos tener una participación del 100%. Por favor ayúdenos a regar la voz, compartiendo esta información con familiares y amigos.

Copias de la encuesta en papel están disponibles en la oficina de la parroquia y muy pronto les avisaremos cuando estén disponibles en las misas de los Domingos.