



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

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

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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 Channel

Sundays: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 noon & 3pm Spanish

Monday through Friday: 7:30 am

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

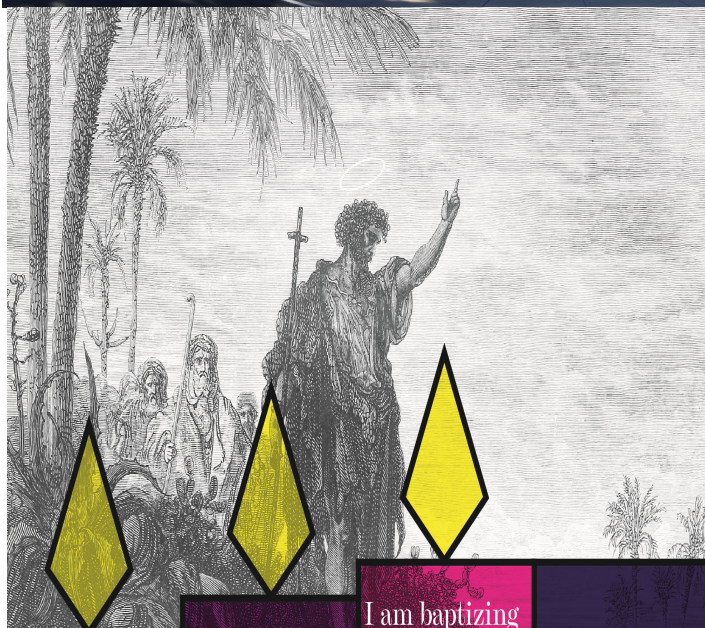
Healing Mass~5th Saturday

(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.



I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

Luke 3:16

John the Baptist Preaching in the Wilderness
Gustav Doré
(French, 1832-1883)
1867
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Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

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Third Sunday of Advent

Today is known as Gaudete—Rejoice—Sunday, the day’s Latin nickname is taken from today’s ancient official Entrance Antiphon, “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.” The optional rose vestments—reminiscent of winter’s early morning skies as the solstice draws near, the festal organ music, the floral arrangements, all these ancient traditions together with the antiphon are meant to anticipate, in sight and sound, the soon-to-break-upon-us Christmas joy. How well today’s scriptures illustrate the struggle between Advent’s contrasting moods: “joyful expectation” in light of Christ’s nativity, and “serious repentance” inspired by John the Baptist’s preaching, reminding us that Christ’s next coming—at death or at the end of time—will be for judgment as well as redemption.

JOY AND EXULTATION

Joy and exultation ring through the first reading, as Zephaniah’s ancient messianic prophecy pictures God “rejoicing over (us) with gladness, renewing (us) in his love, singing joyfully because of (us) as one sings at festivals.” This joyful God is not distant: the prophet declares twice that God “is in your midst.” Zephaniah so trusts this joyful God’s love for us that he declares our deliverance “a done deal”: both from inward fear and guilt—“the Lord has removed the judgment against you”—and from external threats: “he has turned away your enemies.” The Responsorial Psalm, from Advent’s principal prophet, Isaiah, echoes an exultant joy that should prompt us to be “confident and unafraid,” “for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.” Paul likewise exhorts the Philippians—and us—to joy, to a kindness that should be evident to all, to prayer free from anxiety, serene and thankful.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

But then John the Baptist cries out on Jordan’s bank: Repent! Prepare for a Messiah whose baptism “with the Holy Spirit and fire,” unlike John’s water baptism, will utterly transform its recipients. His winnowing fan will clear away the dead wood, bundling wheat and burning chaff in unquenchable fire. If this is going to be “good news” for us, then well might we, like the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers who first heard John, ask “What should we do?” When John responds to the people then, and to us today, the answer, while supremely challenging, is almost surprisingly simple. Nobody is ordered to abandon the place in which their personal life’s journey or the realities of a history beyond their control have put them. God saves us not despite or apart from our real-life circumstances but in them and through them. Our call now is to practical, generous charity: we are to share clothing and food; practice justice and professional and personal integrity; and be honest toward others and with ourselves. Such is the teaching of the Messiah that John heralded.

Today’s Readings: Zep 3:14–18a; Is 12:2–3, 4, 5–6; Phil 4:4–7; Lk 3:10–18

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**Parish Advent Reconciliation Service at 7:00pm, Monday, December 13–
Bilingual: English and Spanish!**

**7 Priests will be here to hear your confessions. Please arrange your time
to come to reconcile with God and with one another!**

Tercer Domingo de Adviento

A este domingo se le conoce como el Domingo Gaudete o Domingo de la Alegría, este otro nombre en latín para este día está tomado de la antigua Antífona de Entrada aprobada para hoy: “Alégrense siempre en el Señor; una vez más digo, alégrense. En efecto, el Señor está cerca”. La ropa litúrgica u ornamentos usados opcionalmente para hoy de color rosa tratan de representar al cielo de las madrugadas de invierno cuando ya está cerca el solsticio, la música festiva del órgano, los arreglos florales, todas estas antiguas tradiciones, junto con la antífona, pretenden anticipar, en la vista y en el sonido, la alegría de la Navidad que pronto sucederá. Qué bien ilustran las Escrituras de hoy la lucha entre los estados de ánimo contrastados del Adviento: la “alegre expectación” ante la Natividad de Cristo, y el “serio arrepentimiento” inspirado por la predicación de Juan el Bautista, que nos recuerda que la próxima venida de Cristo, en la muerte o al final de los tiempos, será para juzgar y redimir.

ALEGRÍA Y JÚBILO

La alegría y el júbilo resuenan en la primera lectura, ya que la antigua profecía mesiánica de Sofonías presenta a Dios “alegrándose por nosotros, renovándonos en su amor, cantando con alegría por nosotros como se canta en las fiestas”. Este Dios alegre no está distante: el profeta declara dos veces que Dios “está en medio de ustedes”. Sofonías confía tanto en el amor de este Dios alegre por nosotros que declara que nuestra liberación es “un hecho”: tanto del miedo y la culpa internos, “el Señor ha quitado el juicio contra ustedes”, como de las amenazas externas: “ha alejado a tus enemigos”. El Salmo Responsorial, del profeta principal del Adviento, Isaías, se hace eco de una alegría jubilosa que debería impulsarnos a estar “confiados y sin miedo”, “porque entre ustedes está el grande y Santo de Israel”. Pablo también exhorta a los filipenses, y a nosotros, a la alegría, a una bondad que debe ser evidente para todos, a una oración libre de ansiedad, serena y agradecida.

¿QUÉ DEBEMOS HACER?

Pero entonces Juan el Bautista grita en la orilla del Jordán: ¡Arrepiéntanse! Prepárense para un Mesías que bautizará “con el Espíritu Santo y fuego”; a diferencia del bautismo de Juan con agua, transformará por completo a sus destinatarios. Su horquilla limpiará la madera muerta, agrupando el trigo y quemando la paja en un fuego que no se extingue. Si esto va a ser una “Buena Nueva” para nosotros, entonces bien podríamos, como las multitudes, los recaudadores de impuestos y los soldados que escucharon por primera vez a Juan preguntar “¿Qué debemos hacer?” Cuando Juan responde a la gente de entonces, y a nosotros hoy, la respuesta, aunque supremamente desafiante, es casi sorprendentemente sencilla. A nadie se le ordena que abandone el lugar en el que el camino personal de su vida o las realidades de una historia más allá de su control le han puesto. Dios nos salva, no a pesar de las circunstancias de nuestra vida real ni al margen de ellas, sino en ellas y a través de ellas. Nuestra llamada ahora es a la caridad práctica y generosa: debemos compartir ropa y comida; practicar la justicia y la integridad profesional y personal; y ser honestos con los demás y con nosotros mismos. Tal es la enseñanza del Mesías que Juan anunció.

Lecturas de hoy: Sof 3:14–18a; Is 12:2–3, 4, 5–6; Flp 4:4–7; Lc 3:10–18

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Servicio Parroquial de Reconciliación de Adviento a las 7:00 pm, lunes 13 de diciembre - Bilingüe: ¡inglés y español!

7 sacerdotes estarán aquí para escuchar sus confesiones. ¡Por favor, arregle su tiempo para reconciliarse con Dios y con los demás!

CONGRATULATIONS ON FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE

Fifty years ago, Fr Louis Dabovich asked Dominic and Francine Confetti if they would serve as Eucharistic Ministers. Fortunately for our parish they said, "Yes." Over the last 50 years they have served at the 10:00 o'clock mass on Sundays whenever needed. They also served as Homebound ministers for many of those 50 years. We thank them for their service and invite the entire parish community to thank them when you see them.

Fr Thi

Parish Staff

Bill & Ann EM Coordinators



Wanted Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

*If you would like to become closer to the Lord
and you are:*

*Baptized, Confirmed, if married you must have
been married in the Catholic Church and are a
practicing Catholic,*

*you meet the requirements this just may be the
ministry for you. If you're interested in
becoming an Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy
Communion please contact Ann & Bill Abitz at
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**The Knights of Columbus would like to
thank everyone for the generous donations
to their Tootsie Roll Drive in October.
\$2,500 was collected for the Linn Center in
Pittsburg.**



**Your support is very much
appreciated!**

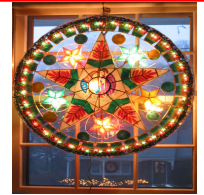
Greetings of peace!

The Filipino clergy of the Diocese of Oakland is excited to once again welcome everybody back (yes, in-person!) to the Cathedral of Christ the Light on December 14 at 7PM for this year’s Kick-Off Mass of the Simbang Gabi with Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ. While there will be no elaborate fiesta celebration after the Mass this year because of the restrictions still in place in terms of serving food indoors, organizers of the event are planning to distribute catered “to go” boxes while the Filipino priests and deacons serenade the people gathered at the plaza. We are looking forward to re-experiencing with you the warmth of Christmas and the joy of growing in faith as we together celebrate this time-honored tradition – the Filipino way! Come in your Filipiniana attire, with your parish banner and lantern for the procession and enjoy the festive music from the choir assembled by Ariel Mayormita. For more information, contact Father Erick Villa at frjetvilla@scredublin.org. Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Jimmy Macalinao Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization On behalf of the Filipino clergy of the Diocese of Oakland

SIMBANG GABI NEWS!

We will celebrate our yearly tradition of Simbang Gabi masses December 16-24, 2021 with some changes. The mass will start at 5:30am in person and will be livestreamed as well. There will be four reception days after the Mass, instead of everyday; first day (Dec 16), weekend (Dec 18 and 19) and last day (Dec 24). For mass sponsorships,



please contact one of these coordinators:
Cecille Perez at 925-300-6234 , Cynthia Auza at 925-427-0778, or
Leilani Andes at 925-212-8408.

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FILIPINO MINISTRY

MASS SPONSORSHIP for Filipino Feast/Masses

DATE (Please encircle mass date)	16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24
MASS <small>(indicate feast name or "Simbang Gabi")</small>	SIMBANG GABI
DONATION AMOUNT: <small>If in check, please use "Church of the Good Shepherd" as payee</small>	\$
NAME/s of SPONSOR/s <small>(Please write the name legibly and as you want it read at mass or shown in program)</small>	
INTENTION/s:	
Signature of Sponsor	
Sponsor's Telephone No.	

Please return completed form with your payment to **Cecille Perez, Cora Clavel or Cynthia Auza.**
 For inquiries, please "TEXT": Cecille at 925-300-6234; Cora at 925-354-2259, or Cynthia at 925-597-1178.



- 1- Santo Nino Feast Day, Sunday, January 23rd, 2022 at 12pm Mass and reception to follow**
- 2- Parish Crab Feed, Saturday, January 29 at 5pm.**

Posadas Navideñas

Días: del 16 al 23 de diciembre, 2021 de 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm en el salón parroquial
 Traiga a sus niños vestidos de pastorcillos o de personajes del pesebre para que como familia disfrutemos de nuestra tradición y nos preparemos para la venida de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

Posadas Navideñas

Days: December 16 to 23, 2021, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the parish hall
 Bring your children dressed as shepherds or manger characters so that as a family we can enjoy our tradition and prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



**Yvette Ripoli's
 Happy Retirement Party
 December 3rd, 2021**

INCOME FOR NOVEMBER, 2021

Plate Collections	\$108,334
Catholic Voice	2,410
Unrestricted Donations	1,920
Restricted Donations	5,692
Fundraising	4,135
Ministry Income	2,571
Other income	6,292
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 131,354

EXPENSES FOR NOVEMBER, 2021

Administration	\$ 24,447
Parish Property	14,594
Rectory Living	1,413
Priests	6,889
Liturgy & Music	6,137
Children, Youth & Adult Formation/CYO	9,698
Other Ministries	1,671
Fundraising Expenses	1,275
Depreciation	2,635
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 68,759

MONTH RECAP

INCOME	\$ 131,354
EXPENSES	\$ 68,759

INCOME OVER EXPENSES AT MONTH END:
\$62,595.00

Our income this month includes a donation of \$50,000 from Albert Seeno III and family. God is GOOD! All the time!



Advent Schedule 2021



Mass

Monday - Friday 7:30am (in person & livestream)
Saturday 8:00am (in person & livestream); 5:30pm Vigil
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am (in person & livestream), 12:00pm, 3:00pm (Spanish)

Adoration

Fridays 8am – 9am; First Friday 8am-6:45pm followed by the Sacred Heart Mass at 7pm

Confession

Tuesdays 6:00pm-7:00pm (*During Advent Only*)
Fridays 8:00am-9:00am
Saturdays 4:00pm – 5:00pm
or by appointment

December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day—Sunday
Mananitas: 5:00am and Mass in Spanish at 2pm (in person & livestream)

December 13: Parish Advent Reconciliation at 7:00pm

December 16 - 24: Simbang Gabi Masses at 5:30am (in person & livestream)
(9 Traditional Filipino Masses before Christmas)

December 16-23: Las Posadas Navidenas at 7:00pm in the hall
(Hispanic Novena Tradition before Christmas)

To watch our livestream Masses, please visit our website: www.goodshepherdpittsburg.org

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24: Christmas Eve-Friday
4:00 p.m. Children Family Mass
6:00 p.m. English Mass
12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass

December 25: Christmas Day-Saturday
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12 noon & 1:30 p.m. (Spanish)-
NO Saturday 5:30pm Vigil Mass



NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

December 31: New Year Eve - Friday -Vigil Mass
Mass @ 5:30 p.m.

January 1, 2022: New Year Day - Saturday—Mother of God- not a Holy Day of Obligation
Mass at 10:00 a.m. & 5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass



Welcome to the family Josiah Primo Rine!

Mass Intentions

Dec 13-19

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Mon	7:30 am	Erlinda Carlos †
Tue	7:30 am	Madelyn Adkins †
Wed	7:30 am	Temistocles L. Abad †
Thu	7:30 am	Sery Razo †
Fri	7:30 am	Capupus Family
Sat	8:00 am	Capupus Family
Sat	5:30 pm	Aiello, Russo & Barnes Families †
Sun	8:00 am	All Souls in Purgatory † Members of FOSS
	10 am	Victoria Osborne †
	12 pm	Erlinda Carlos †
	3 pm	For the People

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SAVE THE DATE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ◆ December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mass at 2:00pm
- ◆ December 13th– Advent Reconciliation at 7pm.

More details to follow soon on all of these events.

WEEKLY COLLECTION RECAP

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$12,198.00
2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 3,035.03
(Building Maintenance)

This information was not available at time of publishing for Thanksgiving holiday.



**Congratulations
To
Fr. Thi
On his
American
Citizenship!**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**Baruch 5:1-9, Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11,
Luke 3:1-6**

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

Retirement Fund for Religious



Sharing Your Blessings Program 2021

Sponsored By:

Shepherd's Closet & Good Shepherd's Giving Tree

- Please take one or more ornaments from the tree to help us provide gifts for as many families as possible this Christmas
- Purchase a Gift
- Return it Unwrapped by December 12th
- Por favor, tome uno o más adornos del árbol para ayudarnos a proporcionar regalos para tantas familias como sea posible esta Navidad.
- Comprar un regalo
- Devuélvalo sin envolver antes del 12 de Diciembre

During Mass, unwrapped gifts can be placed under the trees or dropped off at the church office (see bulletin for office hours).

Also accepting new wrapping Supplies

**LAST DAY TO RETURN GIFTS IS
DECEMBER 12TH**

Durante la Misa, los regalos sin envolver pueden colocarse debajo de los árboles o dejarse en la oficina de la iglesia (consulte el boletín para conocer las horas de oficina).

También acepta nuevos suministros de envoltura

**EL ÚLTIMO DÍA PARA DEVOLVER
LOS REGALOS ES
12 DE DICIEMBRE**

CHRISTMAS GIVE-AWAY FOR SHEPHERD'S CLOSET

Shepherd's Closet will be open on Tuesday, December 14th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in the church hall for our Annual Christmas Give-Away. As in the past, we will be giving new clothes and toys for children ages newborn to 8 years old. We will continue to follow Covid-19 protocol for the Oakland Diocese.

This year we are working together with Good Shepherd's Giving-Tree Christmas Program to maximize the number of families we will be able to reach. When parishioners take an ornament from the tree, they will be purchasing presents, not only for families from the Giving-tree, but for families from Shepherd's Closet as well. As always, we thank you, and may God Bless you for your generosity.

