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## New Year Mass Schedule

**New Year Eve: 5:30pm**  
**New Year Day: 10:00am**

December 26, 2021



## The Holy Family

OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

After three days Jesus' parents found him in the temple,  
sitting in the midst of the teachers,  
listening to them and asking them questions.

Luke 2:46

**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](mailto:carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org)

**Marriages:** In order to make marriage arrangements contact [carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto: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**



CHURCH OF THE

*Good Shepherd*

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

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Dearest Flock of the Good Shepherd,

May the joy and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you and your family!

I would like to extend my blessings to you and your family as we all prepare for Christmas and New Year. I am grateful for all the blessings that God has bestowed upon our parish; and I am deeply thankful for your loving support, sharing your time, talents and treasures to build up our Good Shepherd community, a place full of faith, hope and charity.

We are about to say goodbye to 2021. Another year is going to pass with its ups and downs, with sadness and joys, touching our lives in various ways, all coloring our memories of this past year. You may be afflicted by this pandemic; you may have lost a loved one since last Christmas; or you may be overburdened by financial crisis, family problems or many other issues. If you are, I want to assure you that I do care and offer you prayers and support.

Christmas reminds us of the Holy Family. Just as we are going through difficult times, Joseph and Mary were also going through tough times while awaiting the birth of the child Jesus. Just like us, they were uncertain of what the future held for them. Our Blessed Mother being unwed and with a child, that in itself if discovered would bring the death penalty upon her. She undoubtedly would have had her own fears and anxieties. Joseph, as head of the family would have had his fears and worries as well. To add onto that, both Mary and Joseph had to travel on foot from Nazareth to Bethlehem for the census. It was not an easy journey for they could be easily robbed, beaten and killed on the way. Yet, they both placed their faith and hope in God that he would look after them by his providential love and care. They knew that the Lord would not abandon them but show them the light at the end of the tunnel in their struggles. Like Mary and Joseph, we all experience difficulties in our lives. Let's place our trust in Jesus. Let us not be discouraged by our struggles of life during this difficult and challenging time but invite Jesus into the stable of our hearts this Christmas. Let us pray as a family of faith for a better year ahead, a year full of peace, love and joy.

Christmas is an opportunity to thank so many parishioners who give abundantly of their time and talents and treasure in making our parish the vibrant, faith-filled community that it is. As your administrator, I treasure the gift of you and your generosity, sacrifices, and hard work you have shown to make this parish a beacon of Christ's love. In particular, I thank all volunteers who serve in the various ministries and organizations. On behalf of Father Arn, Deacon Gustavo, and all the parish staff, I wish each of you a grace filled Christmas and a blessed New Year! Please be assured of my prayers for your intentions and a remembrance at Holy Mass. May the peace, joy and love of the Holy Family be present in your lives each day of the New Year.

***Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2022!***

Fr. Thi Hoang

Queridísimo Rebaño del Buen Pastor,

¡Que el gozo y la paz de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo estén con ustedes y su familia!

Me gustaría extender mis bendiciones a ustedes y su familia mientras todos nos preparamos para Navidad y Año Nuevo. Estoy agradecido por todas las bendiciones que Dios ha otorgado a nuestra parroquia y estoy profundamente agradecido por su amoroso apoyo, compartiendo su tiempo, talentos y tesoros para construir nuestra comunidad del Buen Pastor, un lugar lleno de fe, esperanza y caridad.

Estamos a punto de despedirnos del 2021. Va a pasar otro año con sus altibajos, con tristezas y alegrías, tocando nuestras vidas de diversas formas, todo ello coloreando nuestros recuerdos del año pasado. Pueden averse vistos afectado por esta pandemia; es posible que hayan perdido a un ser querido desde la última Navidad; o pueden estar abrumado por una crisis financiera, problemas familiares o muchos otros asuntos. Si es así, quiero asegurarles que me preocupo y les ofrezco oraciones y apoyo.

La Navidad nos recuerda a la Sagrada Familia. Así como atravesamos tiempos difíciles, José y María también atravesaron tiempos difíciles mientras esperaban el nacimiento del niño Jesús. No estaban seguros de lo que les deparaba el futuro al igual que nosotros. Nuestra Santísima Madre estando soltera y con un hijo, eso en sí mismo, de ser descubierto, le acarrearía la pena de muerte. Sin duda, habría tenido sus propios miedos y ansiedades. Joseph, como cabeza de familia, también habría tenido sus miedos y preocupaciones. Para agregar a eso, tanto María como José tuvieron que viajar a pie de Nazaret a Belén para el censo. No fue un viaje fácil porque podrían ser asaltados, golpeados y asesinados fácilmente en el camino. Sin embargo, ambos pusieron su fe y esperanza en Dios de que él los cuidaría con su amor y cuidado providenciales. Sabían que el Señor no los abandonaría en sus luchas, si no que les mostraría la luz al final del túnel. Como María y José, todos experimentamos dificultades en nuestra vida. Depositemos nuestra confianza en Jesús. No nos desanimemos con nuestras luchas de la vida durante estos tiempos difíciles y desafiantes, sino que invitemos a Jesús al estable de nuestros corazones en esta Navidad. Oremos como familia de fe por un año mejor por delante, un año lleno de paz, amor y alegría.

La Navidad es una oportunidad para agradecer a tantos feligreses que dan abundantemente de su tiempo, talentos y tesoros para hacer de nuestra parroquia la comunidad vibrante y llena de fe que es. Como su administrador, atesoro su regalo y su generosidad, sacrificios y arduo trabajo que han demostrado para hacer de esta parroquia un faro del amor de Cristo. En particular, agradezco a todos los voluntarios que sirven en los distintos ministerios y organizaciones. En nombre del Padre Arn, el Diácono Gustavo y todo el personal de la parroquia, les deseo a cada uno de ustedes una Navidad llena de gracia y un bendito Año Nuevo! Tenga la seguridad de mis oraciones por sus intenciones y un recuerdo en la Santa Misa. Que la paz, la alegría y el amor de la Sagrada Familia estén presentes en sus vidas cada día del Año Nuevo.

***¡Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo 2022!***

P. Thi Hoang

## Christmas Gifts for Our Parish Families!

**This year we are giving the Matthew Kelly book  
*Life is Messy***  
to our parish families.

Copies are available in English and Spanish.

We are also gifting you with a 2022 *Way of the Cross* themed Calendar.

You will find your gifts in the vestibule. Please take one book and one calendar per family so we can be sure everyone receives them.

Thank you.



### Wanted Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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

Baptized, Confirmed, Married in the Catholic Church and are a practicing Catholic, then you meet the requirements and 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  
925 432-3995.



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<b>PARISH MINISTRY</b>	
St. Martha's Guild	Mercy Cruz 408-960-9737
Altar Servers	Ronne Lagarejos 642-0493
	Lisa Hart 421-3085
Catholic Daughters	Rosanne Ortland 783-8315
CYO Suzette Crayton	sueissick3@gmail.com
Divine Mercy	Becky Naca 858-9217
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	
	Ann & Bill Abitz 432-3995
<b>Homebound Ministers to the Sick</b>	
Deacon Gustavo	783-0656
Lidia Castañeda (Español)	705-3045
Filipino Ministry	Lelani Andes 212-8408
Finance	Robert Calone 432-3300
Grief Ministry	Carol Mondragon 457-3909
	Cynthia Greely 437-7846
Italian Catholic Federation	Patty Jarrett 957-6457
Knights of Columbus	Robert Calone 432-3300
Lectors	May Plata 473-0835
Liturgy Committee	Bill Abitz 432-3995
<b>Missionary Families for Christ FFL</b>	
Nap & Theresa Umadhay	427-5457
Music Ministry	Rocco Enea 432-6404
Nigerian Community	Ann Ekweogu 300-6327
Padre Pio	Mila Benitez 726-7526
Pastoral Council	David De Luna 698-8585
<b>Religious Education/Sacramental Preparation</b>	
Faith Formation	Klarisse@goodshepherdpittsburg.org
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Baptismal Prep	david@delunatic.com
<b>Santo Nino/ OLPPH Family Prayer Ministry</b>	
Alma Espiritu	597-2515
Ofelia Tanyag	890-2066
Spanish Ministry	Arturo Alvarez 415-748-1771
<b>St. Vincent DePaul</b>	
Chelo Gonzalez	
Tongan Community	Florentina Tangitau 278-4813
Ushers	Benedict Viloria 550-6475
Rosanne Ortland	783-8315
<b>Wedding Coordinators</b>	
Danette Shipe	427-9561
Bee Francisco	473-9247
Young Ladies Institute	Gina Llaguno 698-0825

**2021 Bishop's Appeal**  
**Our goal this year is: \$35,600.00.**  
**We are at 67.85% of Goal.**  
**Please help us reach our goal**  
**Thank You!**

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration! December 12, 2021



## Shepherd's Closet Christmas Give Away, December 14, 2021



**CHRISTMAS GIVE - AWAY**

Where: [Shepherd's Closet](#)

Church of the Good Shepherd  
3200 Harbor Street  
Pittsburg, California, 94565  
925 432 6404 or 925 432 3995

When: December 14, 2021  
Hours: 10:00 am --- 1:00 pm

Items Offered: New Clothes & toys for children ages newborn to 8 years old  
Also gently used clothing - infants 3 - 24 months, toddlers 2T - 5T, children's 4 - 6x and 7 - 8, also baby furniture, car seats, strollers, diapers and much more

Qualifications: Residence of East Contra Costa County



**MASK REQUIRED FOR ENTRY**  
**Everyone Must Wear a Face Covering**  
(Including Persons Who Are Fully Vaccinated)

**It is mandatory to wear a face covering to help prevent the spread of COVID-19**



By Order of the State of California

### 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 the 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](mailto:mgbenitez@comcast.net)

**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 am & 5:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass

**Ushers Needed**

We are very much in need of new ushers to serve at all the weekend masses. If you feel the Lord is calling you to be an usher at our church,

please contact:

Benedict at 925-550-6475 or  
Rosanne at 925-783-8315

Main roles of ushers:

- 1– Welcoming visitors, guests and church family alike.
- 2– Seating those who come to church.
- 3– Taking up the collection.
- 4– Directing Holy Communion.
- 5– Handing out the bulletin after the mass.

**Catholic Daughters Christmas Party and Caroling Event December 11, 2021****Santo Nino Feast Day  
Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 12 pm Mass  
and reception to follow.**

The Santo Niño de Cebú is a Roman Catholic title of the Child Jesus associated with a religious image of the Christ Child widely venerated as miraculous by Filipino Catholics.

# Let there be sight!



## Christmas Hospitality

We, the family of Church of the Good Shepherd, warmly welcome you to our church. If you are visiting us for the first time, we thank you for your loving presence. We hope you will visit us again. We hope you will feel at home in our community. We wish you a joyful Christmas with your loved ones. Hope to see you again!

**Fr. Thi, Fr. Arn, Deacon Gustavo and the staff of Church of the Good Shepherd wish all of you a grace filled Christmas and prosperous New Year. May the peace, joy and love of the Holy Family be present in your lives each day of the New Year.**

*In order for our priests and parish staff to enjoy the holidays with their families the parish office will be closed beginning Thursday, December 23, 2021 through Sunday, January 2, 2022.*



## Mass Intentions

Dec 27-Jan 2

## Mass Intentions For The Week



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Mon	7:30 am	Death Anniversary of Arsenia Viloria †
Tue	7:30 am	Guadalupe Garcia †
Wed	7:30 am	Birthday of Maxima Navera
Thu	7:30 am	Capupus Fmily
Fri	7:30 am	Birthday of Marissa Hart
	5:30 pm	Yvonne Hurtado † Capupus Family
Sat		SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
	8:00 am	Tammy Vo & Family
	5:30 pm	Tammy Vo & Family
Sun		FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
	8:00 am	Genoveva Aceves †
	10 am	Ron Chambers †
	12 pm	Auza Family Thanksgiving
	3 pm	FOR THE PEOPLE



Parish Staff

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432-6404 Ext 20

## WEEKLY COLLECTION RECAP Weekend Dec. 11-12

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT)	\$9,195.94
2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) (Religious Retirement)	\$3,035.63

**Thank you!**

## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY IS NOW BACK IN SERVICE

If you know someone who is sick or homebound that needs to receive Holy Communion at home, contact Bill Abitz at 925-872-5852 or Deacon Gustavo at 925-783-0656. We will have our ministers bring Jesus to them. Thank You.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6,  
Matthew 2:1-12**

## NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

**Buildings & Grounds**

**PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & LOURDES  
Plus Madrid & Barcelona**

**11 DAYS: JULY 12-22, 2022**



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**Rev. Thi Hoang**




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**Parish Crab Feed Dinner  
Saturday, February 26 @ 5 pm  
\$60/Person**

*Call the parish office to make  
reservation.  
More details to follow closer to the  
date.*

**Good Shepherd Parish Crab Feed  
RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE**

**From Knights of Columbus Members or  
Church Office**

**GREAT PRIZES!!!!!!**

**3 Sets of Two Warrior vs. Wizards Tickets  
2 Nights at Peppermill Hotel Casino  
Spa Gift Cards  
and other gift cards**

**Raffle tickets \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00**