



CHURCH OF THE
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Seventh
SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time

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“To you who hear I say,
love your enemies,
do good to those who hate you,
bless those who curse you,
pray for those who mistreat you.”

Luke 6:27

NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 8am—12 pm & 1 pm-4pm
Fridays: 9am— 3pm

(covered by volunteers with limited service)

MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays: 8am, 10am, 12noon & 3pm Spanish
Monday-Friday: 7:30 am
1st Fridays: 7 pm
Saturdays: 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)
Holy Days: 7:30 am and 7 pm
Morning Prayer: Liturgy of the Hours/ Rosary 7:00 am

Confessions: Fridays: 8 am-9 am
Saturdays: 4am-5 pm or by appointment

Adoration: Fridays: 8 am-9 am; **1st Fridays:** 8am-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

Jesus' warning is easy to understand.

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.

In a society damaged by so many injustices and abuses, where the bushes of interests and mutual rivalries grow, and where so many thorns of hatred, discord and aggressiveness sprout, healthy people are needed to bear another kind of fruit. What can we each do to heal a little the social coexistence so damaged between us?

Maybe we should start by not making life harder for anyone than it already is. Strive to live in such a way that, at least together with us, life is more human and bearable. Do not poison the environment with our pessimism, our bitterness and aggressiveness. Create in our environment different relationships made of trust, kindness, and cordiality.

When we listen to and welcome someone, we are freeing them from loneliness, and we are giving them new strength to live. No matter how difficult and painful the situation in which he finds himself, if the person discovers that he is not alone and has someone to turn to, hope will be born again in him. What a great task it can be today to offer refuge, welcome and respite to so many people battered by life.

We must also develop much more comprehension. Let people know that whatever they do and no matter how serious their mistakes, in me they will always find someone who will understand them. Perhaps we should start by not despising anyone even inwardly. Do not condemn or judge rashly and without any compassion. Most of our judgments and convictions of people only show our poor human quality.

It is also important to put inner strength in the one who suffers. Our problem is not having problems, but not having the strength to face them. Next to us there are people who suffer from insecurity, loneliness, failure, illness, incomprehension... They don't just need recipes to solve their crisis. They need someone to share in their suffering and put into their lives the inner strength to sustain them.

Forgiveness can be another source of hope in our society. People who do not hold grudges or insanely feed hatred or revenge, but know how to forgive from within, sow hope in the world. Together with these people, life will always grow.

It is not a question of closing our eyes to the evil and injustice of the human being. It is simply a matter of listening to the slogan of St. Paul: "Do not allow yourselves to be overcome by evil; rather, overcome evil with good" The healthiest way to fight evil in a society so damaged in some human values is to do good without returning anyone evil for evil...; as far as possible, and as far as it depends on us, in peace with all men."

Deacon Gustavo

La advertencia de Jesús es fácil de entender. “No hay árbol bueno que produzca frutos malos, ni árbol malo que produzca frutos buenos. Cada árbol se conoce por sus frutos. No se recogen higos de las zarzas, ni se cortan uvas de los espinos”

En una sociedad dañada por tantas injusticias y abusos, donde crecen las zarzas de los intereses y las mutuas rivalidades, y donde brotan tantos espinos de odios, discordia y agresividad, son necesarias personas sanas que den otra clase de frutos. ¿Qué podemos hacer cada uno para sanar un poco la convivencia social tan dañada entre nosotros?

Tal vez hemos de empezar por no hacerle a nadie la vida más difícil de lo que ya es. Esforzarnos por vivir de tal manera que, al menos junto a nosotros, la vida sea más humana y llevadera. No envenenar el ambiente con nuestro pesimismo, nuestra amargura y agresividad. Crear en nuestro entorno unas relaciones diferentes hechas de confianza, bondad y cordialidad.

Cuando escuchamos y acogemos a alguien, lo estamos liberando de la soledad y le estamos infundiendo nuevas fuerzas para vivir. Por muy difícil y dolorosa que sea la situación en que se encuentra, si la persona descubre que no está sola y tiene a alguien a quien acudir, nacerá de nuevo en ella la esperanza. Qué gran tarea puede ser hoy ofrecer refugio, acogida y respiro a tantas personas maltratadas por la vida.

Hemos de desarrollar también mucho más la capacidad de comprensión. Que las personas sepan que, hagan lo que hagan y por muy graves que sean sus errores, en mí encontrarán siempre a alguien que las comprenderá. Tal vez hemos de empezar por no despreciar a nadie ni siquiera interiormente. No condenar ni juzgar precipitadamente y sin compasión alguna. La mayoría de nuestros juicios y condenas de las personas sólo muestran nuestra poca calidad humana.

Es también importante poner fuerza interior en el que sufre. Nuestro problema no es tener problemas, sino no tener fuerza para enfrentarnos a ellos. Junto a nosotros hay personas que sufren inseguridad, soledad, fracaso, enfermedad, incompreensión... No necesitan sólo recetas para resolver su crisis. Necesitan a alguien que comparta su sufrimiento y ponga en sus vidas la fuerza interior que las sostenga.

El perdón puede ser otra fuente de esperanza en nuestra sociedad. Las personas que no guardan rencor ni alimentan de manera insana el odio o la venganza, sino que saben perdonar desde dentro, siembran esperanza en el mundo. Junto a esas personas siempre crecerá la vida.

No se trata de cerrar los ojos al mal y a la injusticia del ser humano. Se trata sencillamente de escuchar la consigna de san Pablo: “No te dejes vencer por el mal; antes bien, vence al mal con el bien” La manera más sana de luchar contra el mal en una sociedad tan dañada en algunos valores humanos es hacer el bien sin devolver a nadie mal por mal...; en lo posible, y en cuanto de nosotros dependa, en paz con todos los hombres”

Diácono Gustavo



Twins baptism Aria and Zoey Goupolus



Rites of Welcoming and Acceptance for Catechumen and Candidates last Sunday, Feb 13th.

**The Holy Father's February 2022 Prayer Intention:
For religious sisters and consecrated women.**

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL-St. Peter Martyr 439-1014

PARISH MINISTRY

- St. Martha's Guild** Mercy Cruz 408-960-9737
- Altar Servers** Ronne Lagarejos 642-0493
Lisa Hart 421-3085
- Catholic Daughters** Rosanne Ortlund 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
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- Finance** Robert Calone 432-3300
- Grief Ministry** Carol Mondragon 457-3909
Cynthia Greeley 437-7846
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- Knights of Columbus** Robert Calone 432-3300
- Lectors** May Plata 473-0835
- Liturgy Committee** Bill Abitz 432-3995
- Missionary Families for Christ FFL**
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
- Religious Education/Sacramental Preparation**
- Faith Formation** klarisse@goodshepherdpittsburg.org
- RCIA** david@delunatic.com
- Baptismal Prep** david@delunatic.com
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- Our Lady of PP Help** Alma Espiritu 597-2515
- Shepherd's Closet** – 2nd Tuesday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Ann Abitz 432-3995
- Spanish Ministry** Arturo Alvarez 415-748-1771
- St. Vincent DePaul**
Chelo Gonzalez
- Tongan Community** Florentina Tangitau 278-4813
- Ushers** Benedict Vioria 550-6475
Rosanne Ortlund 783-8315
- Wedding Coordinators** Danette Shipe 427-9561
Bee Francisco 473-9247
- Young Ladies Institute** Gina Llaguno 698-0825

2021 Tax letters



Tax letter are now available upon request. Please call or email the church office and we can mail it to you or you can pick it up.

INCOME FOR JANUARY 2022

Plate Collections	57,282
Unrestricted Donations	3,415
Restricted Donations	7,635
Fundraising	3,670
Ministry Income	5,594
Other income	7,438
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 85,115

EXPENSES FOR JANUARY 2022

Administration	\$ 29,490
Parish Property	17,176
Rectory Living	265
Priests	9,098
Liturgy & Music	5,038
Children, Youth & Adult	8,799
Formation/CYO	9,698
Other Ministries	2,475
Depreciation	2,635
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 74,976

MONTH RECAP

INCOME	\$ 85,115
EXPENSES	\$ 74,976

INCOME OVER EXPENSES AT MONTH END:
\$10,139.00

**IS GOD CALLING YOU?**

ST. PATRICK'S SEMINARY DISCERNMENT RETREAT

FEBRUARY 25-27, 2022

Conferences by
Most Rev. Thomas A. Daly
Bishop of Spokane

Must be a single man 21 years or older

All meals and lodging provided

To register, contact: **REV. CARL ARCOSA**
vocations@oakdiocese.org
(510) 267-8356



If you haven't been vaccinated please come to the Order of Malta free Clinic.

- + Influenza (flu) vaccines for Adults = 18 Years+
- + Pfizer and Moderna 1st, 2nd Doses and Boosters too for Adults = 18 Years+
- + All are welcome
- + No appointment or pre-registration required
- + Identification preferred but not required

**Thursdays****9am to 3pm**

2121 Harrison Street
Oakland, CA 94612

OVER 60% of Alameda County residents over the age of 16 have been vaccinated, however there remains a disparity between communities based on income and race—especially among Hispanics and African American/Black residents where the rates of vaccination are closer to 40%.

OUR MISSION

To serve the un/underinsured, undocumented residents of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties by removing all barriers, real or perceived, to quality health care.

Visit us at orderofmaltaclinic.com

Queridas parejas que están casadas por el civil, tenemos buenas noticias. Tal vez no han tenido la oportunidad de poder casarse por la iglesia. Ahora, no se preocupe más. Tendremos boda comunitaria. SIN NINGÚN COSTO. La ceremonia será el 13 de Agosto a la 1:30pm (en español). La clase prematrimonial será el 19 de Marzo de 9:00 a 1:00pm. Si están interesados, llamar a la oficina para registrarse y recibir más detalles. Únicamente parejas que están casadas por el civil y que no hayan estado casadas antes o divorciados.



Dear All Civilly Married Couples,

You might have chosen not to marry in the Church for various reasons. Now, worry no more.

Let's get your marriage convalidated! IT IS ALL FREE OF CHARGE!

We are going to have a group marriage convalidation here in our church on **August 13 at 11am.**

To prepare for this celebration, we will have an "on site" marriage preparation session which will take place on **March 12th from 9am to 3pm.**

If you are interested in getting your marriage convalidated, please contact our parish office for registration.

Attention! We accept only couples that are currently civilly married, and have never been previously married or divorced.

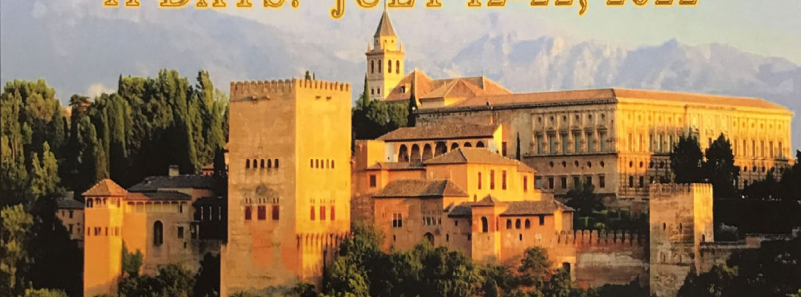


Lenten Mission with Fr. Vincent Lampert
 March 21, 22, at 6pm
Flame of Love with Fr. James Blount
 June 17, 18, 19

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & LOURDES


Plus Madrid & Barcelona

11 DAYS: JULY 12-22, 2022




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 Lourdes * Montserrat * Barcelona**

Hosted by
Rev. Thi Hoang



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

Mrs. Tammy Vo / Fr. Thi Hoang	NAME: _____
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	EMAIL: _____

**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.



BISHOP MICHAEL BARBER, S.J.
WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!



Participate in
THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

February 1 through March 15, 2022
 Pray, Listen, and Reflect Together
 Contact Your Pastor to be included!

EVERY VOICE COUNTS!

To Learn More Go To:
www.oakdiocese.org/synod



Ash Wednesday
March 2nd, 2022

Mass Schedule

- 6:30am Ash Service
- 7:30am Mass
- 12pm Mass
- 4:00pm Children Faith Formation Mass
- 6:00pm Mass
- 7:30pm Mass in Spanish

SYNOD PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
 as we gather together in Your name.
 With You alone to guide us,
 make Yourself at home in our hearts;
 Teach us the way we must go
 and how we are to pursue it.
 We are weak and sinful;
 do not let us promote disorder.
 Do not let ignorance lead us down the
 wrong path
 nor partiality influence our actions.
 Let us find in You our unity
 so that we may journey together to
 eternal life
 and not stray from the way of truth
 and what is right.
 All this we ask of You,
 who are at work in every place and
 time
 in the communion of the Father and the
 Son,
 forever and ever. Amen



- ◆ Give your spouse the gift of a special Valentine.
- ◆ The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience teaches a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives.
- ◆ Sign up today for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next in-person Experiences in the Oakland Diocese are March 4-6, 2022 and July 8-10, 2022. Go to www.wwme.org to find the Experience that is just right for you!
- ◆ Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: www.wwme.org

Mass Intentions

February 21-27 2022

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Mon	7:30 am	Auza Family—Thanksgiving
Tue	7:30 am	Jess Hernández †
Wed	7:30 am	Margarita Benson †
Thu	7:30 am	Rico Fonzi †
Fri	7:30 am	Jess Hernández †
Sat	8:00 am	Bryan, Ike, Muonekwu Birthdays
	5:30 pm	Sancho Alesna Sr. †
Sun	8:00 am	Nacho Orozco †
	10 am	Tony & Gloria Giambalvo †
	12 pm	Marilou Rodriguez †
	3 pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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2022 Bishop's Appeal

**Our goal this year is:
\$35,600.00.**

**Please give generously so
we may reach our goal.**

Thank you!

WEEKLY COLLECTION RECAP Weekend of February 13th

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 7,836.76

2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 3,373.58

Please help contribute for the smooth operation and good services of our parish. We appreciate your generosity and for making Good Shepherd a part of your family. Also, please remember Good Shepherd when planning your last will and testament.

Thank you!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS February 27, 2022

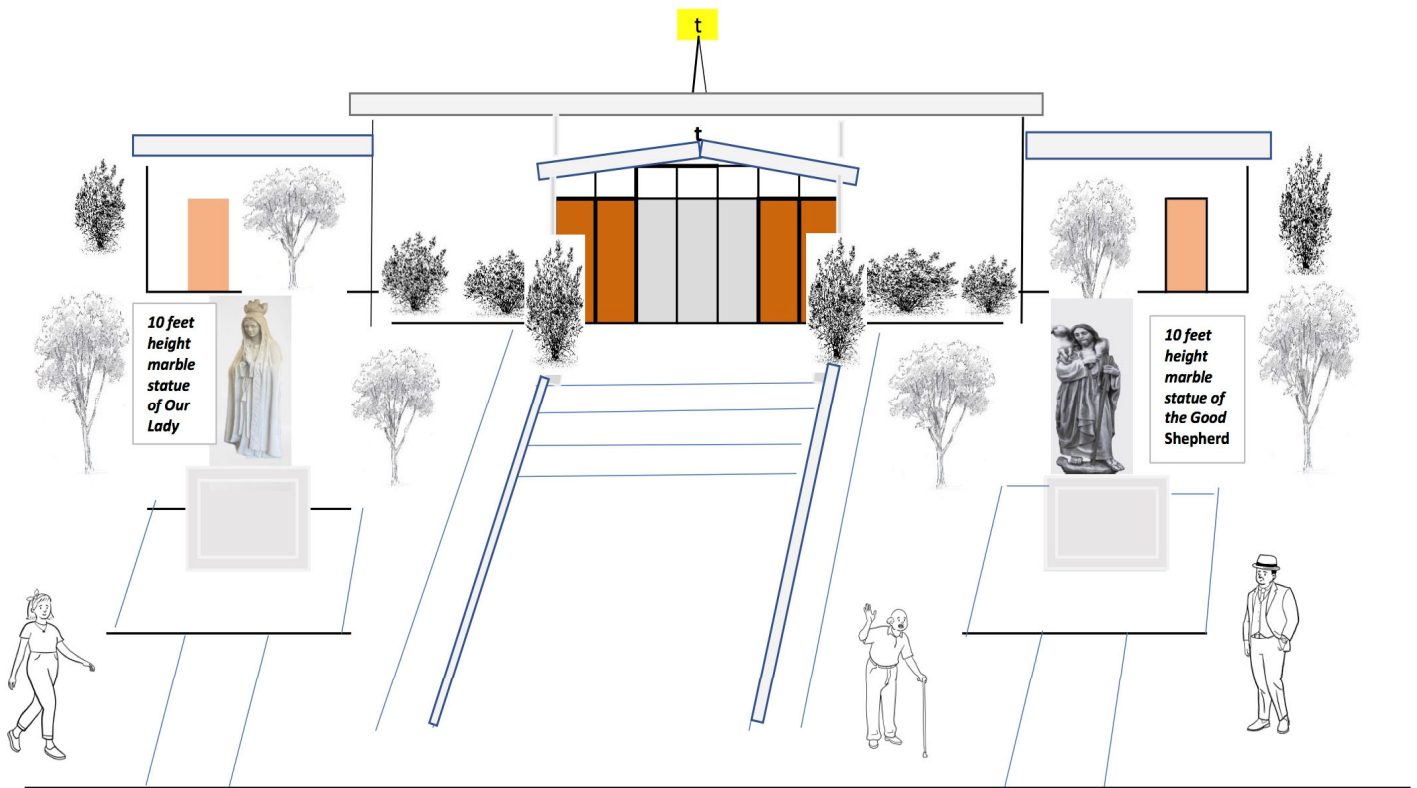
NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

Siarch 27:4-7

1 Corinthians 15: 54-58 Luke 6:39-45

Bishop's Appeal

Good Shepherd Church Statues Project



Dearest Flock of the Good Shepherd,

I pray that the Lord may shower his grace and protection to all of you and your families. God is creating us every day to make us alive. He founded his Church and entrusted her to our care. We are grateful that we have a church with beautiful premises. We are committed to keep the church vibrant, nice and neat. So we are going to build two statues in front of the church: The Good Shepherd and Our Mother Mary (see the picture). They are 10 feet height and are made of marble. The total cost for this project is estimated about 50,000. I appeal to your kindness and generosity in this effort to achieve our goal. If you or your ministries donate \$500 for each statue or more, your names will be engraved on the donation plaques.

Thank you so very much for your loving support for such an important project. God is Good! All the time!

Fr. Thi Hoang