



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

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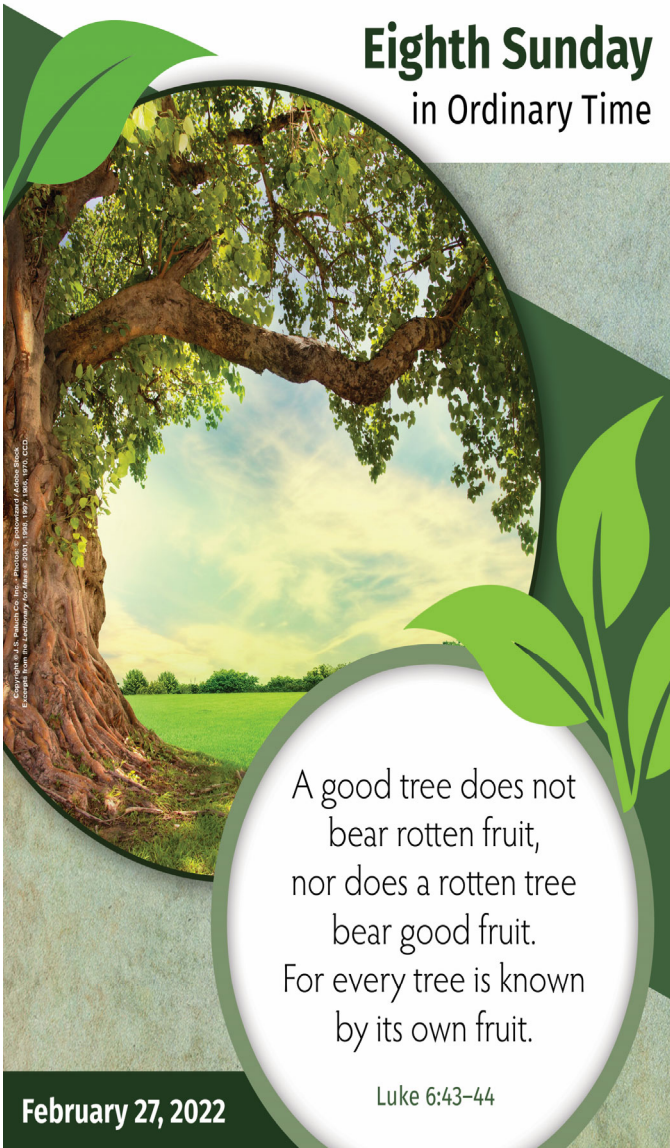
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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

February 27, 2022

Luke 6:43-44

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 said in the Gospel of this 8th Sunday, *“You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.”* None of us wants to be known as a hypocrite for hypocrisy means acting. It is like we are on a stage taking on a character that is different from our selves. Everything we do is only for show. We have to fake and pretend ourselves like a story about a little boy who was lost at a large shopping mall. *“Mommy, Mommy!” the boy cried. An elderly lady saw him and consoled him. “Come with me,” she said, “and I’ll buy you an ice cream. Then we will look for your Mommy.” A small girl heard this. She approached the boy and whispered, “I know where your Mommy is.” “Shh!” the boy whispered to her. “I know where she is, too, but I’ve managed to get two free ice creams this morning, and I want a third!”* That’s called hypocrisy. Jesus is strongly against such a sin. He calls us to take off the mask and become our true self. Jesus wants us to know and to be who we are, a sinner that needs repentance. Yes, we are sinners. And that’s Ok. Pope Francis once said the church is not a museum of saints but a hospital for sinners. Thinking this way helps us remove the wooden beam in our eye and not pinpointing the splinter in our brother’s eye.

We are now living in a culture of selfie, a culture that puts tremendous emphasis on the self, self care, self display. And one of the things we discover nowadays is that you can be a very good and popular person or even a hero while talking only about yourself. I want to be the center of attention. I show off if I get a chance because i am extraordinary. Somebody should write a biography about me. We are living a culture that idolizes the ego, that I should not be made to feel any pain and discomfort. There is no higher good than my happiness and well being. No one has the right to tell me what is right and wrong and how I should live my life. When the Catholic church stands up against such immorality, they turn around and attack us.

But we are not in position of defending ourselves, proving we are the best. We are here to acknowledge we are sinners that need repentance. We are not the church to tell the world what we have done, we are the church to cultivate and perfect ourselves everyday, for we can’t do good deeds if our being is not good. Meister Eckhart, a great German mystic puts it so well: *“You should bother less about what you want to do, and think more about what you want to be because if your being were good then your works would shine forth brightly.”* That is so true! We can’t do good deeds unless our being is good. Jesus in the Gospel said the same thing. He invites us to look at ourselves and cultivate to perfect our being, to remove the wooden beam in our eye first before removing the splinter in our brother’s eye. The readings set up a great tone for us to enter Lent. Lent calls us to self-reflect, to be back to the basic and to be the best version of ourselves so that we can go and make a difference in the world.

Fr. Thi Hoang
Parochial Administrator



Jesús dijo en el Evangelio de este Domingo 8: “¡Hipócrita! Quita primero la viga de madera de tu ojo; entonces verás bien para sacar la astilla que está en el ojo de tu hermano.” Ninguno de nosotros quiere ser conocido como un hipócrita porque la hipocresía significa actuar. Es como si estuviéramos en el escenario asumiendo un personaje que es diferente a nosotros. Todo lo que hacemos es solo para mostrar. Tenemos que fingir y fingir como una historia sobre un niño pequeño que se perdió en un gran centro comercial. ¡Mami, Mami!” el niño lloró. Una anciana lo vio y lo consoló. “Ven conmigo”, dijo, “y te compraré un helado. Luego buscaremos a tu Mami”. Una niña pequeña escuchó esto. Se acercó al niño y le susurró: “Sé dónde está tu Mami”. “¡Shh!” el niño le susurró. “Yo también sé dónde está, pero me las arreglé para conseguir dos helados gratis esta mañana, ¡y quiero un tercero!”.

Eso se llama hipocresía. Jesús está firmemente en contra de tal pecado. Él nos llama a quitarnos la máscara y convertirnos en nuestro verdadero yo. Jesús quiere que sepamos y seamos quienes somos, un pecador que necesita arrepentimiento. Sí, somos pecadores. Y eso está bien. El Papa Francisco dijo una vez que la iglesia no es un museo de santos sino un hospital para pecadores. Pensar de esta manera nos ayuda a quitar la viga de madera en nuestro ojo y no señalar la astilla en el ojo de nuestro hermano.

Ahora vivimos en una cultura de selfies, una cultura que pone un tremendo énfasis en el autocuidado, la autoexhibición. Y una de las cosas que descubrimos hoy en día es que puedes ser una persona muy buena y popular o incluso un héroe hablando solo de ti mismo. Quiero ser el centro de atención. Presumo si tengo la oportunidad porque soy extraordinario. Alguien debería escribir una biografía sobre mí. Estamos viviendo una cultura que idolatra el ego, que no se me debe hacer sentir ningún dolor ni malestar. No hay mayor bien que mi felicidad y bienestar. Nadie tiene derecho a decirme lo que está bien y lo que está mal y cómo debo vivir mi vida. Cuando nosotros, la iglesia Católica, nos levantamos contra tal inmoralidad, se dan la vuelta y nos atacan.

Pero no estamos en posición de defendernos, demostrando que somos los mejores. Estamos aquí para reconocer que somos pecadores que necesitan arrepentimiento. No somos la iglesia para decirle al mundo lo que hemos hecho, somos la iglesia para cultivarnos y perfeccionarnos cada día, porque no podemos hacer buenas obras si nuestro ser no es bueno. Meister Eckhart, un gran místico Alemán lo expresa muy bien: “Deberías preocuparte menos por lo que quieres hacer y pensar más en lo que quieres ser porque si tu ser fuera bueno entonces tus obras brillarían con fuerza”. ¡Eso es tan cierto! No podemos hacer buenas obras a menos que nuestro ser sea bueno. Jesús en el Evangelio dijo lo mismo. Nos invita a mirarnos a nosotros mismos y cultivarnos para perfeccionar nuestro ser, para quitarnos primero la viga de madera en el ojo antes de quitar la astilla en el ojo de nuestro hermano. Las lecturas establecieron un gran tono para que entremos en Cuaresma. La Cuaresma nos llama a reflexionar sobre nosotros mismos, a volver a lo básico para ser la mejor versión de nosotros mismos para que podamos hacer la diferencia en el mundo.

Padre Thi Hoang

ADORATION

As a reminder Adoration is on the first Friday of every month followed by a Mass for the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This month's adoration is on March 4th 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 sign-up 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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PARISH MINISTRY

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Grief Ministry	Carol Mondragon	457-3909
	Cynthia Greely	437-7846
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Knights of Columbus	Robert Calone	432-3300
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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
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Our Lady of PP Help	Alma Espiritu	597-2515
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Spanish Ministry	Arturo Alvarez	415-748-1771
St. Vincent DePaul	Chelo Gonzalez	
Tongan Community	Florentina Tangitau	278-4813
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	Rosanne Ortland	783-8315
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	Bee Francisco	473-9247
Young Ladies Institute	Gina Llaguno	698-0825

2021 Tax letters

Tax letters 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.

**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.

2022 Lenten & Easter Celebrations

Ash Wednesday, March 2nd,

Mass Schedule: 6:30am -Ash Service, 7:30am Mass, 12pm Mass, 4pm Children Mass, 6pm Mass and 7:30pm Mass in Spanish

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES DURING LENT

Confessions: Fridays 8-9 am; Saturdays 4-5 pm and every Tuesday during Lent from 7-8 pm

Lenten Parish Reconciliation: March 28 @ 7pm (Bilingual)

Adorations: Fridays 8 am– 9 am; First Friday from 8am to 7pm followed by Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Stations of the Cross: All Fridays of Lent @ 7 pm

March 10

March 21 & 22

7pm Synod Listening Session

6:30pm Lenten Evenings of Reflection with

Fr. Vincent Lampert

(This event is livestreamed as well on our Youtube Channel)

March 27

March 28

April 8

3pm Lenten Retreat and Mass in Spanish

7pm Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service

7pm Lenten Taize Prayer

HOLY WEEK

April 9- Palm Sunday Vigil

April 10– Palm Sunday

April 14-Holy Thursday

5:30 pm Mass

8 AM, 10AM, 12PM & 3PM (Spanish)

7:30am Morning Prayer/Liturgy of the Hours

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of Feet followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Mid-Night.

April 15-Good Friday

7:30am Morning Prayer/Liturgy of the Hours

12pm Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross

EASTER VIGIL/ EASTER

April 16-Holy Saturday

8:00am—Morning Prayer/ Liturgy of the Hours

8:30am– Rehearsal for Easter Vigil

8:00pm Easter Vigil

April 17-Easter Sunday

7:00am Mass

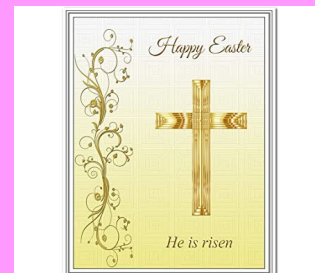
8:30am Mass

10am Mass

12:00pm Mass

3:00pm Mass – Spanish

April 24- Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration





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.

Flame of Love
with **Fr. James Blount**
June 17, 18, 19



LENTEN SOUP FOR SOULS

WEAPONS OF OUR FAITH TO OVERCOME

TEMPTATION

Presented by Father Vincent P. Lampert

Fr. Vince was born on 07 April 1963. He is a 1985 graduate of St. Meinrad College and a 1991 graduate of the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois. He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis on 01 June 1991. He currently serves as the Pastor of St. Michael and St. Peter Parishes in Brookville, Indiana. In 2005 he was appointed the Exorcist for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. He received his training in Rome and is a member of the International Association of Exorcists. He is also the author of the book, *Exorcism: The Battle Against Satan and His Demons*, by Emmaus Road Publishing.

Father Vince makes speaking engagements all across the country to educate people about Temptations, the Exorcism Ministry and the role of an Exorcist in today's world.

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Free Admission

March 21 & 22, 2022
6:30 PM

Two nights that change your days, forever!

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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.

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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



You are all invited to a Synod Listening Session in our parish on March 10 at 7pm in the church.

Synod Listening Session for youth will be held on March 6 at 11:30am. All youth are invited to attend.

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



**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



- ◆ 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 28-March 6 ,2022

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Mon	7:30 am	Jess Hernandez †
Tue	7:30 am	Antonio Bautista †
Wed	4:00 pm	For the Children of or parish †
Thu	7:30 am	Panfilo Manguera, Jr. † Birthday
Fri	7:30 am	Lucia Viloría Nepomuceno † Death Anniversary
Sat	8:00 am	Agusto & Baudilia Viart †
	5:30 pm	Carlos Inductivo †
Sun	8:00 am	Roland & Evelyn Barns †
	10 am	Ron KobusAtkinson †
	12 pm	Ben Lapus †
	3 pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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Thank You for your support for our Crab Feed Dinner. We got over 300 people. Everyone enjoyed the crab and the fellowship. Special thanks to our chef Sonny and kitchen crew. God is good! All the time.



WEEKLY COLLECTION RECAP

Weekend of February 20th

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 7,143.10

2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 1,327.20

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 March 6, 2022

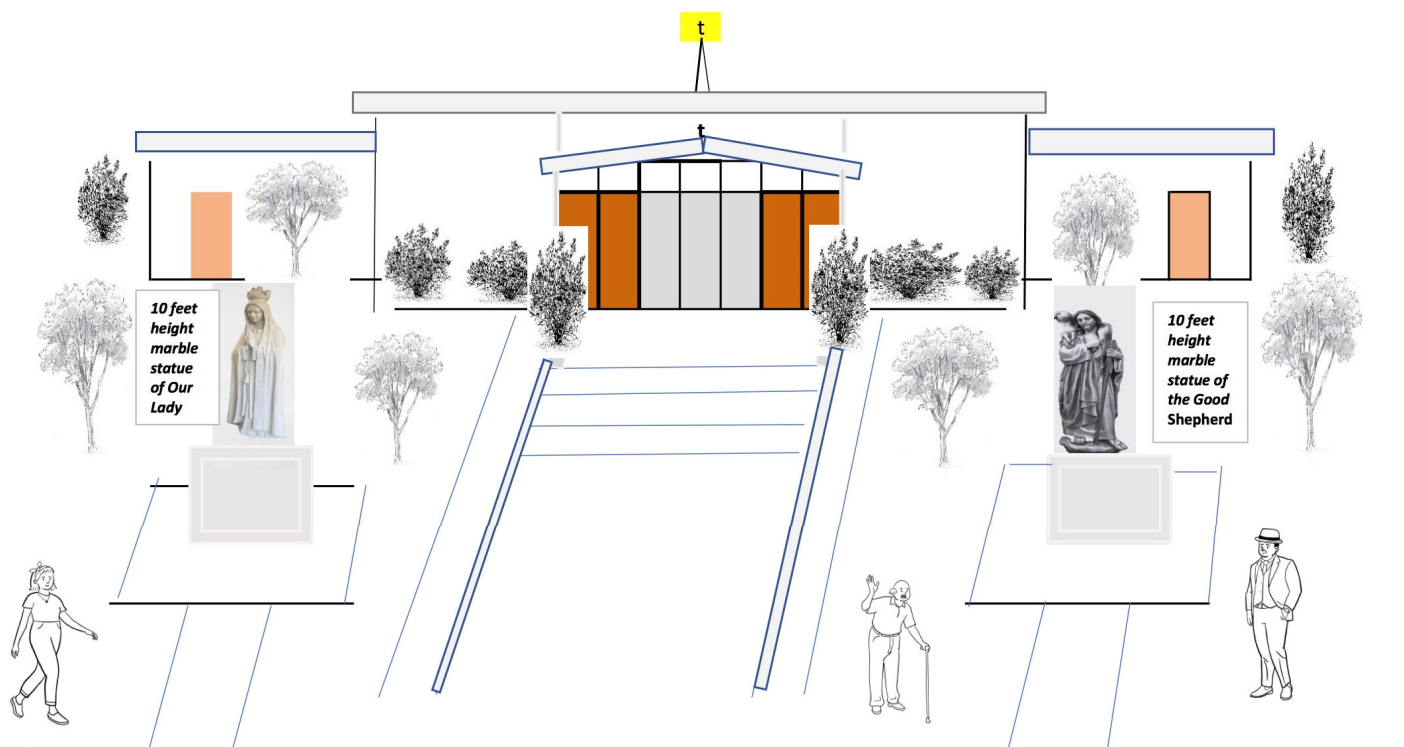
Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Romans 10:8-13

Matthew 4:4b

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

Bishop's Appeal



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 high 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

**2022 Bishop's Ministries Appeal. Our goal this year is:
\$35,600.00. Please give to support our Diocese. Thank you!**

I would like to announce that it is time for the Bishop's Ministries Appeal in our parish and in our diocese. This is a yearly appeal that assists our diocese in funding a variety of ministries, services, and programs that benefit many throughout the East Bay. This year, Bishop Barber has selected the theme Feed My Lambs, Feed My Sheep. In 2021 our parish raised 74.11% of our \$35,600 goal. Our overall parish goal is still the same. I know we can reach that goal, and when we exceed it, our parish will receive 100% of all funds over goal to address some of our own needs. A gift to the Appeal truly extends to both the local and larger community. Funds raised through the appeal help cover costs of ministries and services. There are many exciting and positive things happening around the diocese through the services it provides. There are active ministries and programs that serve all the faithful within all parishes in one way or another. There are five specific areas that receive funds from the Appeal: Religious Education & Formation; Clergy Formation & Support; Pastoral Ministries & Services; Priest Retirement & Care; and Support for Catholic Schools & Parishes in need. Be assured that none of the funds are ever directed to any other use. In closing, I ask you please to prayerfully consider these words: while this is our parish, our spiritual home, we are also part of a much larger, universal family and we have responsibilities to them as well. If we act together as members of one family united in Christ's love, we can realize and accomplish great things. Thank you for your time and response as faithful stewards of God's Church. God Bless you!



*"Feed my lambs,
feed my sheep"*

**2022 BISHOP'S
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**