



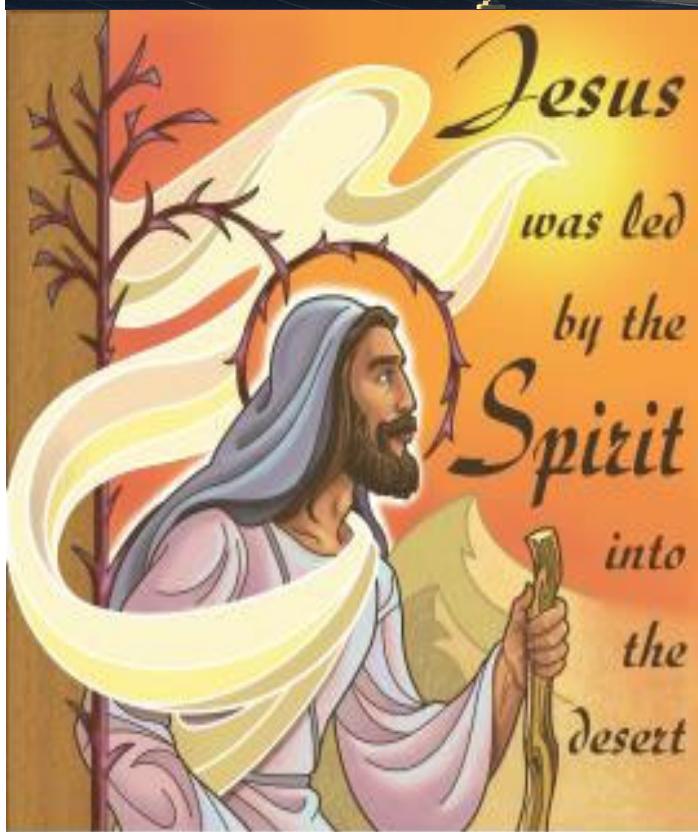
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Thursdays during Lent at 7pm

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)

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 6, 2022

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My dear friends in Christ,

I would like to share with you this reflection from Bishop Robert Barron about Lenten Practices that I find very interesting and helpful to get me into the spirit of Lent. I hope it inspires you as well.

One afternoon, a man looked in the mirror or saw an unflattering photo of himself and said, "Oh my God, I'm fat!" And one fine day, a freshman received a D on her philosophy paper and cried, "High school is over!" In each case, the sufferer, in the light of this awakening, resolved to act. Lent is the season when we wake up not to something as relatively ephemeral as a grade point average but to our spiritual situation. It is the time when we act not to improve the looks of the body, which will inevitably go into decline, but to improve the quality of our friendship with eternal Love. This awakening will be disquieting, and this action will be painful, but the goal is so sweet that we happily take on the discomfort.

A traditional and very helpful way of understanding Lent is to see it as an apprenticeship to Jesus in the desert. We go with the Lord into the wilderness, and we watch him at close quarters, imitating him, seeing what he saw, and enduring what he endured. Holy people in the biblical tradition—Moses, Elijah, John the Baptizer, Jesus himself spent time in the harshness of the desert before they embarked upon their missions because it is a place of clarification. Stripped down, undistracted, simplified, they are able to ask the hard and simple questions: Who am I? What is the purpose of my life? What does God want of me?

The 17th-century French philosopher Blaise Pascal said that most of us spend our lives seeking diversions in a desperate attempt to avoid precisely those questions. So we eat and drink, gamble, gossip, seek out the most banal entertainments, surrender to the pointless stimulation of music videos, attend party after party—all in order to avoid the questioner. To apprentice to Jesus in the desert is to divest yourself of diversions. It is to sacrifice the superficial so that the depth may rise. It is to still the chatter so that God's voice might be heard. And that voice, whether we like it or not, is one that awakens us to action.

So may I suggest three desert practices for this Lent?

1. Focus

Identify the diversion that most distracts you and take some practical steps to rid yourself of it or at least reduce it. Are you preoccupied with eating and drinking? Then fast. Do you watch too much television? Then limit it to an hour a day. Do you indulge in idle chatter? Then resolve not to say anything mean about anybody, and you'll find that your conversations are a lot shorter! Do you socialize too much? Then refrain from parties for the 40 days. Clear the ground. Clean out the system.

2. Pray

What I mean is this: In a very conscious way ask God every day during Lent to tell you what he wants you to do, who he wants you to be. Stir up your desire with an insistent and repetitive prayer like the rosary or the Jesus prayer ("Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner"). And then ask and ask again and again, "Lord, what is the path that you want me to walk?" Perhaps you could increase your Mass attendance from once in a while to every Sunday, or from every Sunday to every day—and use the liturgy as a setting for the asking of your question. You could also seek out a partner for spiritual conversation. I would be willing to bet that everyone knows someone—a friend, a coworker, a priest, a sister—who is on fire with the gospel. Seek him out, find her, and make your exchange an occasion for the posing of your question. You could sit in pregnant silence before the Blessed Sacrament, keeping the holy hour that Peter, James, and John were unable to keep. Mind you, when you ask, expect an answer. The other side of prayer is the careful listening for the Voice.

3. Practice charity

Engage in a concrete practice of charity. The Spanish mystic Saint John of the Cross said that in the evening of life we shall be judged according to our love. In the 25th chapter of Matthew, the nature of love is specified. It is not primarily a feeling, an attitude, or a conviction but rather a concrete act on behalf of those in need—the hungry, the homeless, the lonely, the imprisoned, the forgotten. It is the bearing of another's burden. So resolve during the 40 days to perform a particular and sustained act of love. Make several visits to your relative in the nursing home. Converse regularly with a lonely person on your block. Tutor and befriend a kid who might be in danger of losing his way. Repair a broken friendship. Bring together bickering factions at your place of work. Make a number of financial contributions to a worthy organization that needs help.

And so enter into the discipline of Lent the way a marathoner enters into her training or a professor into his research or a businessperson into a challenging project: with a joyful and excited resolve.

God is neither a tyrant nor a sugar daddy (thank God!). Rather, he is love right through. Let us spend these 40 holy days responding to the delights and demands of that love.

Lenten Blessings, Fr. Thi Hoang

Mis queridos amigos en Cristo,

Quisiera compartir con ustedes esta reflexión del Obispo Robert Barron sobre las Prácticas Cuaresmales que me parecen muy interesantes y útiles para ponernos en el espíritu de la Cuaresma. Espero que les inspire también.

Una tarde, un hombre se miró al espejo o vio una foto poco halagadora de sí mismo y dijo: "¡Oh Dios mío, estoy gordo!" y otro día, una estudiante de primer año de la prepa recibió una D de calificación en su papel de filosofía y gritó: "hay que bueno que el año escolar esta terminando!", a la luz de estas anécdotas las dos personas desidieron despertar y actuar positivamente, que puedo hacer para mejorar la situación. La Cuaresma es la época en la que nos despertamos no a algo tan relativamente efímero como un promedio de puntos de grado, sino a nuestra situación espiritual. Es el momento en que actuamos no para mejorar la apariencia del cuerpo, que inevitablemente entrará en declive, sino para mejorar la calidad de nuestra amistad con el Amor eterno. Este despertar será inquietante, y esta acción será dolorosa, pero la meta es tan dulce que felizmente asumimos la incomodidad.

Una forma tradicional y muy útil de entender la Cuaresma es verla como un aprendizaje con Jesús a lo largo del desierto. Vamos con el Señor al desierto, y lo observamos a corta distancia, imitándolo, viendo lo que vio y soportando lo que soportó. Personas Santas en la tradición bíblica —Moisés, Elías, Juan el Bautista, Jesús mismo pasó tiempo en la dureza del desierto antes de embarcarse en sus misiones porque es un lugar de aclaración y discernimiento. Ellos despojados, sin distracciones, con sencillez, son capaces de hacer las preguntas difíciles y sencillas: ¿Quién soy yo? ¿Cuál es el propósito de mi vida? ¿Qué quiere Dios de mí?

El Filósofo Francés del siglo XVII Blaise Pascal dijo que la mayoría de nosotros nos pasamos la vida buscando diversiones en un intento desesperado de evitar precisamente esas preguntas. Así que comemos y bebemos, apostamos, chismoseamos, buscamos los entretenimientos más banales, nos rendimos a la estimulación inútil de los videos musicales, asistimos a una fiesta tras otra, todo con el fin de evitar al interrogador. Aprender de Jesús en su caminar por el desierto es despojarte de las diversiones. Es sacrificar lo superficial para que la profundidad espiritual pueda elevarse. Es callar los ruidos para que la voz de Dios sea escuchada. Y esa voz, nos guste o no, es una que nos despierta a la acción.

Entonces, ¿puedo sugerir tres prácticas desérticas para esta Cuaresma?

1. Enfoque

Identifica la diversión que más te distrae y toma algunas medidas prácticas para deshacerte de ella o al menos reducirla. ¿Te preocupa comer y beber? Entonces ayuna. ¿Ves demasiada televisión? puedes limitarte a una hora al día. ¿Te entregas a conversaciones ociosas? Entonces resuelve a no decir nada malo sobre alguien, y encontrarás que tus conversaciones son mucho más cortas! ¿Te socializas demasiado? Entonces obsténtete de ir de fiesta durante estos 40 días. Despeja tu espacio. Limpia el sistema.

2. Orar

Lo que quiero decir es esto: De una manera muy consciente pídele a Dios todos los días durante la Cuaresma que te diga lo que quiere que hagas, quién quiere que seas. Despierta tu deseo con una oración insistente y repetitiva como el rosario o la oración de Jesús ("Señor Jesucristo, Hijo de Dios, ten piedad de mí, un pecador"). Y luego pregunta y pregunta una y otra vez, "Señor, ¿cuál es el camino que quieres que camine?". También podrías buscar un compañero/a para conversar espiritualmente. Estaría dispuesto a apostar que todo el mundo conoce a alguien —un amigo, un compañero de trabajo, un sacerdote, una hermana— que está en llamas con el Evangelio. Búscalos/a, encuéntralos/a y haz de tu intercambio una ocasión para meditar a tu pregunta. Podrías sensarte en silencio ante el Santísimo Sacramento, guardando la hora santa que Pedro, Santiago y Juan no pudieron guardar. Atento, cuando pregunes, espera una respuesta. La otra parte de la oración es escuchar cuidadosa por la Voz.

3. Practicar la caridad

Participar en una práctica concreta de la caridad. El místico español San Juan de la Cruz dijo que en la noche de la vida seremos juzgados según nuestro amor. En el capítulo 25 de Mateo, se especifica la naturaleza del amor. No se trata principalmente de un sentimiento, de una actitud o de una convicción, sino más bien de un acto concreto en nombre de los necesitados: los hambrientos, los sin techo, los solitarios, los encarcelados, los olvidados. Es el porte de la carga de otro. Así que resuelve durante los 40 días realizar un acto particular y sostenido por amor. Visita varias veces a un parente que vive en el hogar de ancianos. Conversa regularmente con una persona solitaria que viva en tu bloque. Se Tutor y hasta amigo de un niño que podría estar en peligro de perder su camino. Repara una amistad rota. Trae unidad y evita disputas en tu lugar de trabajo. Has una serie de contribuciones financieras a una organización digna que necesite ayuda.

Y así entra en la disciplina de la Cuaresma de la manera que lo haría un corredor que entra de lleno en su formación o un profesor en su investigación o un empresario en un proyecto desafiante: con una determinación alegre y emocionada.

Dios no es un tirano (¡gracias a Dios!). Más bien, él es todo amor. Pasemos estos 40 días santos respondiendo a las deleites y demandas de ese amor.

**Farewell Potluck Party for Dn. Gustavo
Escruceria**

Dearest Flock of the Good Shepherd,

Deacon Gustavo Escruceria and his wife will be moving to Texas in April, 2022 for their family reunion. It is sad to see him go for he has done so much for our community in general and for Spanish community in particular. We are going to have a potluck farewell party for him on Sunday April 3rd at 4:30pm (After 3pm Mass).

Please arrange your time to come, bringing your favorite dish to share and to thank Dn. Gustavo for his dedicated service to our community.

Contact our staff Lorena Reyes if you have any questions.

Querido Feligreses de la comunidad de El Buen Pastor,

El Diácono Gustavo Escrucería y su esposa se van a vivir al estado de Texas en abril de 2022 para reunirse con su familia. Nos da tristeza saber que ya no estará con nosotros, pues él ha hecho mucho por nuestra comunidad en general y particularmente con la comunidad hispana.

Tendremos un convivio para que todos tengan la oportunidad de despedirse de él. Domingo, **3 de Abril a las 4:30pm (después de la Misa de 3:00 pm en español).**

Esperamos verlos aquí y puede traer su comida favorita para compartir y agradecer al Diácono Gustavo por todo su dedicación al servicio a la comunidad.

Comuníquese con Lorena Reyes en la oficina si tiene alguna pregunta.

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2021 Tax letters

Tax letter are now available upon request.
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2022 Lenten & Easter Celebrations

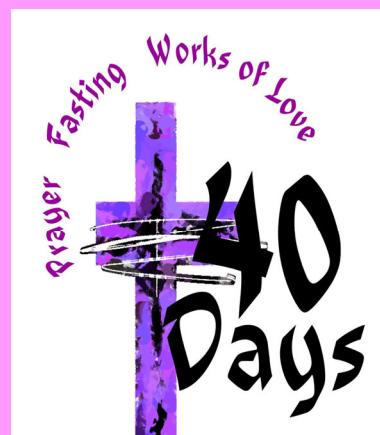
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES DURING LENT

Confessions: Fridays 8-9 am; Saturdays 4-5 pm and every Thursday 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 6
youth in the hall

11:30am Synod Listening Session for

March 10

7pm Synod Listening Session for adults in the church

March 18

6:30pm Synod Listening Session en Español in the church

March 21 & 22

6:30pm Lenten Evenings of Reflection with Fr. Vincent Lampert

March 19

All Day Youth Confirmation Retreat

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

March 27

2pm retiro de cuaresma y 3pm Misa en Español

March 28

7pm Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service

April 3

7pm Opening Passion Play Performance 1

April 8

7pm Lenten Taize Prayer

HOLY WEEK

April 9- Palm Sunday Vigil

5:30 pm Mass- 7pm Passion Play Performance 2

April 10- Palm Sunday

8am, 10am, 12pm, 3pm (Spanish); 7pm Passion Play Performance 3

April 13- Holy Wednesday

6pm—Passion Play Performance 4

April 14-Holy Thursday

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

3:00pm Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross (Spanish)

6:00pm Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross

7:30pm Passion Play Performance 5

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

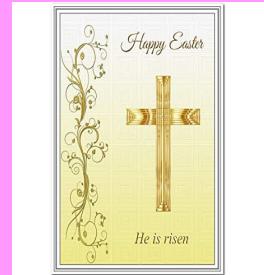
8:30am Mass

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.

Youth and Young Adults Revival
with Fr. James Blount and WAL praise and worship Band
June 17, 18, 19
6:30PM



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*, published 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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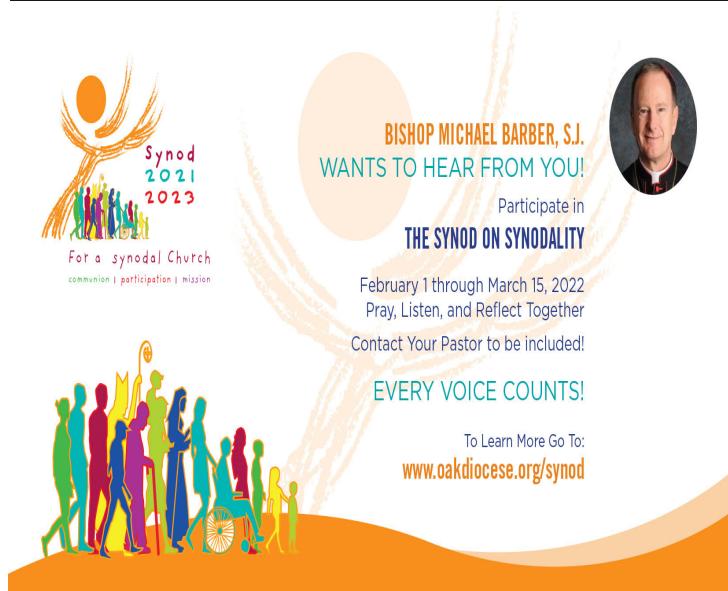
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**March 21 & 22, 2022
6:30 PM**

**Two nights that
change your
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Lenten Observances

Lenten Fasting and Abstinence Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year until the beginning of their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory for all who have completed their 14th year of age. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare to share more fully and celebrate more readily his Resurrection. Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence (from meat) for all who have completed their 14th year. As always, anyone for whom fasting or abstinence would pose a health risk is excused.



You are all invited to a Synod Listening Session for Adults 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. March 18: Synod Listening Session in Spanish at 6:30pm.

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

Congrats and Welcome Kameron Thomas Pifer and Tiffany Leilani Nicole Saints Giles to Church of the Good Shepherd, Holy Baptism 2/26/22



Children's Mass

Children's and Family Mass has started again. First Sunday of every month at the 10:00 AM mass All are welcome. We are in need of more children to do the reading and bring up the gifts. We will provide the reading and help them practice. If your child is interested please contact Klarisse at 925-432-6404 x21



Les recordamos que cada primer Domingo del mes se estarán ofreciendo misas para los niños, en las cuales están invitados a participar en alguna de las siguientes actividades; Bienvenida, Liturgia de la palabra , colecta y/o llevar las ofrendas al altar . Si les gustaría participar por favor comunicarse con Lorena Reyes (925) 432-6404 ext 20

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Mass Intentions

March 7-March 13 ,2022

**Mass Intentions
For The Week**

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Mon	7:30 am	Jess Hernandez †
Tue	7:30 am	Phillip Culcasi †
Wed	4:00 pm	Jess Leber †
Thu	7:30 am	Mary Padilla Gutierrez † <small>Birth Anniversary</small>
Fri	7:30 am	Enrique Crespo † <small>Birthday</small>
Sat	8:00 am	Joel & Ron Miller † Jess Leber †
	5:30 pm	Paul Orlando †
Sun	8:00 am	Matilde Hurtado †
	10 am	Enrique Crespo †
	12 pm	Dorothy Valenzula Arce †
	3 pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**SHEPHERD'S CLOSET**

The next Shepherd's Closet will be open on Tuesday, March 8th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Ministry building. Returning families, please bring your identification cards if you still have them. If not, we will issue you a new one. Each person entering the building will need to have proof of vaccination or a negative Covid-19 report. All families in need of help are welcome. If you have any questions or problems, call Ann or Bill Abitz at 925-432-3995.

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**WEEKLY COLLECTION RECAP
Weekend of February 27th**

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 7,326.51

2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 1,659.43

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.

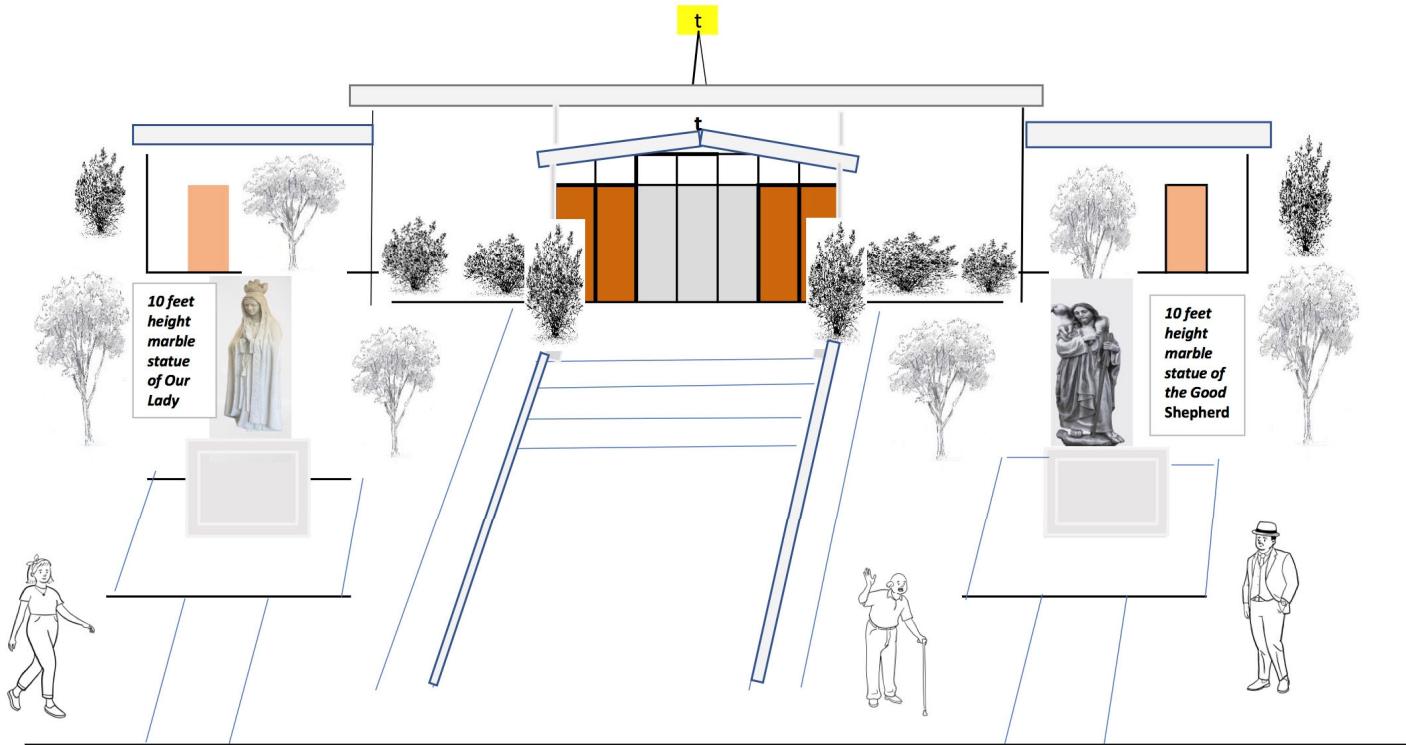
Thank you!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS March 13, 2022

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:28b-36

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 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

**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”*

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