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MARCH
13TH
2022



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

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)

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

"This is my chosen Son; listen to him" (Lk. 9:35)

The public ministry of Jesus tells us that he had much concern for the poor. We often find him in the company of the poor and the marginalized. He preached to them. He performed miracles before their eyes. In his ordinary life, he walked and talked with them and ate and drank with them. He made sure that his presence was felt, especially of the poor and the needy. It was never an easy life for Jesus, and he faced rejections and challenges. Why was Jesus always on the side of the poor? Because he wanted to tell them, and even us today, that God the Father is merciful; "For the Lord your God is merciful." (Deut. 4:31). The Church has been extending help to the poor, attending to the needs of the needy. Yet, the Church is also guilty of being indifferent to fears of losing her zones of comfort and security.

Let us listen to Jesus and follow His examples. As a church, as a believing and worshiping community, we ask ourselves: "How are we as a church?" Archbishop Oscar Romero, in his work, The Political Dimension of Faith, had a challenging description of the Church. "The Church is not a fortress set apart from the city. The Church follows Jesus who lived, worked, battled, and died in the midst of the city, in the *polis*." (Romero, 308). *When the Church becomes untouchable, distant, less caring, and non-listening to the poor, she is challenged and reminded of her identity as patterned in the words and works of Jesus. That is why the Church should take steps toward the world, where her presence is a must to make real, especially to the world of the poor. According to John Paul II, the preferential option or love for the poor is "an option or special concern of primacy in the exercise of Christian charity" (Sollicitudo Rei Socialis, n.42). The source of the preferential option or love for the poor is God himself. "The ultimate commitment to the poor and oppressed does not lie in the social analysis that we employ, or in our human compassion, or the experience we may have with poverty. But as Christians, we base our commitment fundamentally on the God of our faith." (Mysterium Liberationis, 240). The commitment and compassion towards the poor will die a natural death once we lose faith in God -- our source of strength.*

When the Church listens to Jesus, she cannot go away with the socio-political affairs. Jesus did not escape the reality of facing authorities' condemnations during his public ministry. "The political dimension of faith is nothing rather than the Church's response to the demands of the poor made upon it by the de facto socio-political world in which it exists." (Romero, 313).

How do we perceive our faith in God? Is our faith in God contained only within the sacred walls of the Church's building or in our prayers only? Our faith in God must confront the enormous problems in our society. "Social injustice that creates poverty is contrary to the will of God and to the meaning of the liberative deed of God manifested in the exodus from Egypt." (Mysterium, 238). *But such endeavor must always be within the boundaries of Jesus' examples. No matter how radical the Church's involvement in socio-political life, she must remain faithful to the teachings of Jesus. With the Church's commitment, she became real in the world, more so in the world of the poor. All begins when we listen to Jesus.*

-Fr. Arn



10am Children Mass 3/6/22



“Este es mi Hijo elegido; escúchenlo” (Lc 9,35)

El ministerio público de Jesús nos dice que tenía mucha preocupación por los pobres. Lo vemos con tramos a menudo en compañía de los pobres y marginados. Él les predicó. Hizo milagros ante sus ojos. En su vida ordinaria, caminaba y hablaba con ellos y comía y bebía con ellos. Se aseguró de que su presencia se sintiera, especialmente entre los pobres y los necesitados. Nunca fue una vida fácil para Jesús, y enfrentó rechazos y desafíos. ¿Por qué Jesús siempre estuvo del lado de los pobres? Porque quería decirles, e incluso hoy a nosotros, que Dios Padre es misericordioso; "Porque el Señor tu Dios es misericordioso". (Deuteronomio 4:31). La Iglesia ha estado extendiendo la ayuda a los pobres, atendiendo las necesidades de los necesitados. Sin embargo, la Iglesia también es culpable de ser indiferente a los temores de perder sus zonas de comodidad y seguridad.

Escuchemos a Jesús y sigamos sus ejemplos. Como iglesia, como comunidad creyente y adoradora, nos preguntamos: “¿Cómo somos como iglesia?”. El Arzobispo Oscar Romero, en su obra La Dimensión Política de la Fe, hizo una desafiante descripción de la Iglesia. “La Iglesia no es una fortaleza separada de la ciudad. La Iglesia sigue a Jesús que vivió, trabajó, luchó y murió en medio de la ciudad, en la *polis*”. (Romero, 308). Cuando la Iglesia se vuelve intocable, distante, menos solidaria y no escucha a los pobres, se le desafía y se le recuerda su identidad modelada en las palabras y obras de Jesús. Por eso la Iglesia debe dar pasos hacia el mundo, donde su presencia es imprescindible para hacer realidad, especialmente hacia el mundo de los pobres. Según Juan Pablo II, la opción preferencial o amor por los pobres es “una opción o especial preocupación de primacía en el ejercicio de la caridad cristiana” (*Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, n.42). El origen de la opción preferencial o amor por los pobres es Dios mismo”. El compromiso último con los pobres y oprimidos no reside en el análisis social que empleamos, ni en nuestra compasión humana, ni en la experiencia que podamos tener con la pobreza. Pero como cristianos, basamos nuestro compromiso fundamentalmente en el Dios de nuestra fe.” (*Mysterium Liberationis*, 240). El compromiso y la compasión hacia los pobres morirán de muerte natural una vez que perdamos la fe en Dios, nuestra fuente de fortaleza.

Cuando la Iglesia escucha a Jesús, no puede irse con los asuntos sociopolíticos. Jesús no escapó a la realidad de enfrentar las condenas de las autoridades durante su ministerio público. “La dimensión política de la fe no es más que la respuesta de la Iglesia a las demandas de los pobres que le plantea el mundo sociopolítico de facto en el que existe”. (Romero, 313).

¿Cómo percibimos nuestra fe en Dios? ¿Está nuestra fe en Dios contenida solo dentro de los muros sagrados del edificio de la Iglesia o solo en nuestras oraciones? Nuestra fe en Dios debe hacer frente a los enormes problemas de nuestra sociedad. “La injusticia social que crea pobreza es contraria a la voluntad de Dios y al sentido de la obra liberadora de Dios manifestada en el éxodo de Egipto”. (*Misterio*, 238). Pero tal esfuerzo siempre debe estar dentro de los límites de los ejemplos de Jesús. No importa cuán radical sea la participación de la Iglesia en la vida sociopolítica, ella debe permanecer fiel a las enseñanzas de Jesús. Con el compromiso de la Iglesia, ella se hizo real en el mundo, más aún en el mundo de los pobres. Todo comienza cuando escuchamos a Jesús.

-Fr. arn



Children Mass 3/6/22 at 3pm in Spanish

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION RECAP Weekend of March 6, 2022

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 12,801

2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 2,863

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!

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 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

Homebound Ministers to the Sick

Deacon Gustavo	783-0656
Lidia Castañeda (Español)	705-3045
Filipino Ministry	Lelani Andes
Finance	Robert Calone
Grief Ministry	Carol Mondragon
	Cynthia Greely
Italian Catholic Federation	Patty Jarrett
Knights of Columbus	Robert Calone
Lectors	May Plata
Liturgy Committee	Bill Abitz
	432-3995

Missionary Families for Christ FFL

Nap & Theresa Umadhay	427-5457
Music Ministry	Rocco Enea

Nigerian Community	Ann Ekweogu	300-6327
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Padre Pio	Mila Benitez	726-7526
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Pastoral Council	David De Luna	698-8585
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Baptismal Prep	david@delunatic.com
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Santo Nino	Ofelia Tanyag	890-2066
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Our Lady of PP Help Alma Espiritu	597-2515
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Shepherd's Closet – 2nd Tuesday	10:00 am to 12:00 pm
	Ann Abitz

432-3995

Spanish Ministry	Arturo Alvarez	415-748-1771
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St. Vincent DePaul	Chelo Gonzalez
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Tongan Community	Florentina Tangitau	278-4813
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Ushers	Benedict Viloria	550-6475
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Rosanne Ortland 783-8315

Wedding Coordinators	Danette Shipe	427-9561
	Bee Francisco	473-9247



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); 5:30pm 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

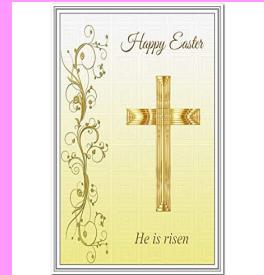
8:30am Mass

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.

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



Free Admission

LENTEN SOUP FOR SOULS

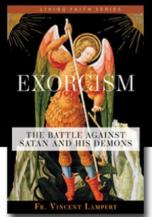
WEAPONS OF OUR FAITH TO OVERCOME



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.

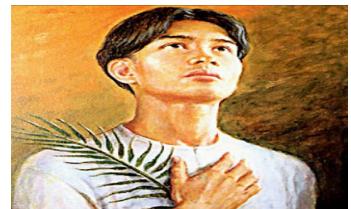
Father Vince makes speaking engagements all across the country to educate people about Temptations, the Exorcism Ministry and the role of an Exorcist in today's world.



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

Two nights that change your days, forever!



St. Pedro Calungsod Feast Day Celebration

FILIPINO MINISTRY

MASS SPONSORSHIP for Filipino Feast/Masses

DATE	
MASS (indicate feast name)	San Pedro Calungsod Feast Mass
DONATION AMOUNT: If in check, please use "Church of the Good Shepherd" as payee	\$
NAME/s of SPONSOR/s (Please write the name legibly and as you want it read at mass or shown in program)	
INTENTION/s:	
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.

The Filipino Community is celebrating the Feast of the second Filipino saint, Saint Pedro Calungsod at the noon mass on Sunday, April 3rd, 2022. If you would like to be a mass sponsor, please contact and turn in your sponsorship forms to the organizers: Lelani Andes, Cecille Perez, Cora Clavel and Cynthia Auza.



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!

**March 18: Synod Listening
Session in Spanish at 6:00 PM**



The 29th Annual
Passion Play

Since 1993, hundreds of parish youth have dedicated themselves to making this presentation a meaningful and moving experience for all who come to witness it. We invite your youth groups and church members to join us at any of the following performances to share in this unique way of reliving Christ's passion.



Sunday, April 3rd – 7:00 PM – Opening Performance (with informal reception following)

Saturday, April 9th – 7:00 PM

Palm Sunday, April 10th – 5:30 PM

Holy Wednesday, April 13th – 6:00 PM

Good Friday, April 15th – 7:30 PM (with veneration of the Cross)



Good Shepherd Church, 3200 Harbor St., Pittsburgh



Mass Intentions

March 14 - March 20 ,2022

Parish Staff

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Mon	7:30 am	Ana & Manuel Malana †
Tue	7:30 am	Maria & Eutiquio Marquiñot
Wed	7:30am	Carmen Vera (Birthday)
Thu	7:30 am	Donald Walker III †
Fri	7:30 am	Mary Ebright Tuyet †
Sat	8:00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory † Members of FOSS Ellen Vilorias (Birthday)
	5:30 pm	Living & Deceased Members of the Ferrante Family †
Sun	8:00 am	Joseph & Anna Zaiher †
	10 am	Al Zbacnik & Ann Zbacnik †
	12 pm	Nita & Stephan Esposito †
	3 pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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INCOME FOR FEBRUARY 2022

Plate Collections	40,038
Unrestricted Donations	4,390
Restricted Donations	7,681
Fundraising	18,351
Ministry Income	1,917
Other income	8,979
 TOTAL INCOME	 \$ 81,386

EXPENSES FOR FEBRUARY 2022

Administration	35,166
Parish Property	12,490
Rectory Living	264
Priests	2,550
Liturgy & Music	1,157
Children, Youth & Adult	83
Festivals	11,516
Depreciation	2,635
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 \$ 40,486.05

MONTH RECAP

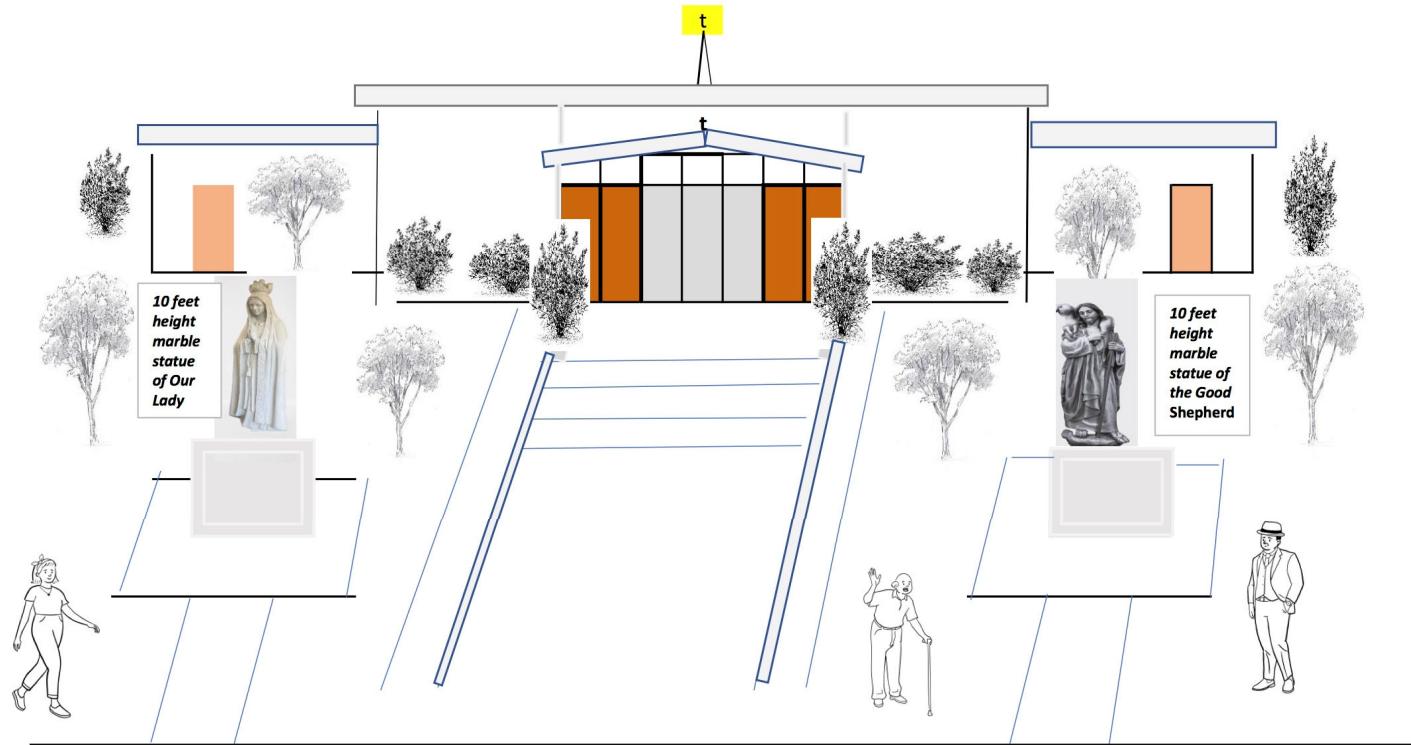
INCOME	\$ 81,386
EXPENSES	\$ 40,486
<u>INCOME OVER EXPENSES AT MONTH END:</u>	
\$ 18,161	

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS March 20, 2022

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 Luke 13:1-9

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

Passion Play



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

**Teen Mass Every 3rd. Sunday at 10:00AM Mass!
March 20th, we hope to see you there.**



**Food Sale This Weekend 3/13/2022
St. Padre Pio Ministry will be selling food
this weekend.
15 Lumpia—\$10
1 Order of Pancit—\$10
Combo Plate -\$10 (6-Lumpia & 1/2 Pancit)
Thank you for your support!**