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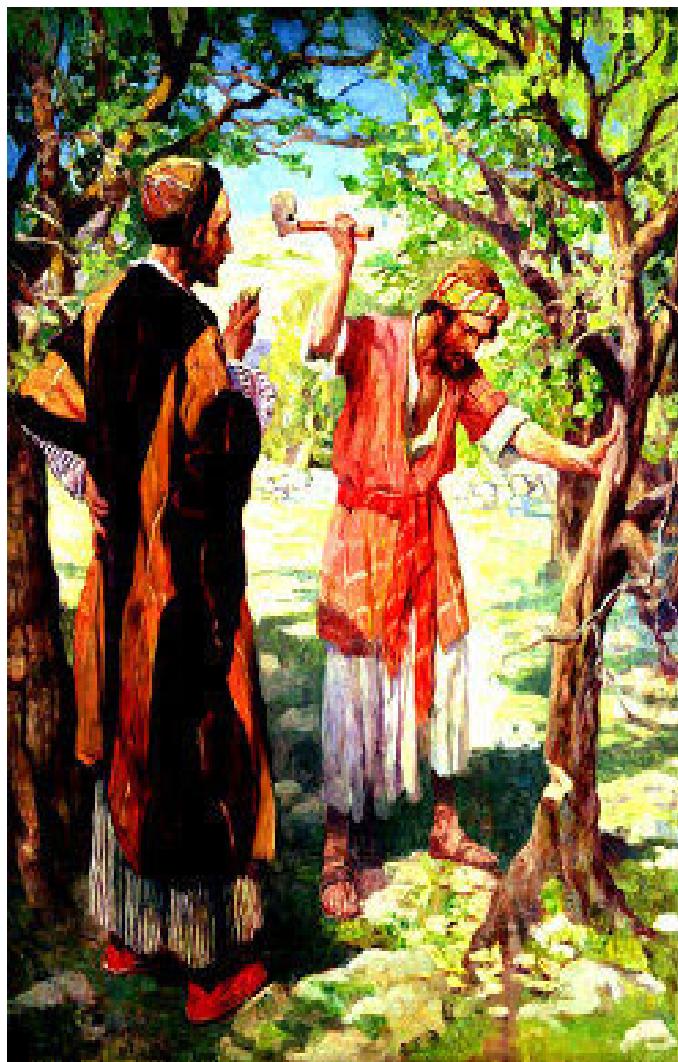
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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 20th, 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

The Lord is kind and merciful!



All the readings of this 3rd Sunday of Lent stand out the theme of mercy. The first reading presents to us a story of the burning bush. You may wonder what is this burning bush to do with mercy. The Bible often refers to God's justice as an all-consuming power, but the fact that in this case the power revealed but unconsumed is taken to mean that God's justice includes mercy. God shows his mercy to the suffering of his people in Egypt: "*I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey*" (Ex 3:3).

In the Gospel of today, we hear the parable of a fig tree, which has been planted in the garden for 3 years, but never produced any fruit. Its owner wants to cut it down. But the gardener pleaded for another year. We see clearly here Jesus is the gardener who begs the Father to give us another year, another chance to change. Are we going to cooperate with Jesus? If yes, then first He calls us to repent. Satan once sues God for being unfair. He said that he has sinned only once but suffered eternal damnation, meanwhile many people have sinned many times, but still go to heaven. God said, you are condemned to hell because you never ask me to forgive you. You never repent, whereas other people do. I am the God of mercy and forgiveness. I can't refuse what they ask of me.

God doesn't punish people because of sin. God cannot be anything but just and merciful, kind and gracious, loving and forgiving as today's Psalm reminds us. But one thing God doesn't like very much is people who feel self-satisfied and don't repent. God is not too fond of people who grumble about the sinfulness of others rather than focusing on repenting of their own sins. Jesus uses the parable of the fig tree to illustrate God's opportunities for us to repent, not a thirst for vengeance. God wants the fig tree to grow and produce fruits. Our task is to rely on God and to repent of our own sins. Our task is to rely on God's mercy and share his mercy with others, not only in words but in deeds as well. So, during Lent, we pray for the grace of true repentance through confessions so that we may bear fruit for the kingdom. Amen.

Lenten Blessings,

Fr. Thi Hoang

Deacon Gustavo's Farewell Message

We have some news: With great regret and at the same time joy in our hearts we want to inform you that we will move to another state in the month of April to be close to the family, especially with the grandchildren.

For Vicky and me it is difficult to leave our friends, our community that we have lived for a long time, especially the family of our parish of the Good Shepherd. We have learned from each other, we have had difficult moments, we have cried together, we have lived happy moments and above all we have grown in love following what Jesus taught. No matter where the Lord commanded us, there we will be serving with love.

All of you will always be in our hearts, and our prayers will be with you that the Lord will continue to accompany you in your journey.

Dn. Gustavo



¡El Señor es bondadoso y misericordioso!

Todas las lecturas de este tercer Domingo de Cuaresma destacan el tema de la misericordia. La primera lectura nos presenta una historia de la zarza ardiente. Quizás te preguntes qué tiene que ver esta zarza ardiente con la misericordia. La Biblia a menudo se refiere a la justicia de Dios un poder que todo lo consume, pero el hecho de que en este caso el poder revelado pero no consumido significa que la justicia de Dios incluye la misericordia. Dios muestra su misericordia al sufrimiento de su pueblo en Egipto: "*He sido testigo de la aflicción de mi pueblo en Egipto, he oído su clamor de queja contra sus esclavos, por eso sé bien lo que están sufriendo. Por tanto, he descendido para rescatarlos de las manos de los egipcios y sacarlos de esa tierra a una tierra buena y espaciosa, una tierra que mana leche y miel*" (Éxodo 3:3).

En el Evangelio de hoy, escuchamos la parábola de una higuera, que estuvo plantada en el jardín durante 3 años, pero nunca dio fruto. Su dueño quiere talarlo. Pero el jardinero suplicó por otro año. Vemos claramente aquí que Jesús es el jardinero que le ruega al Padre que nos dé otro año, otra oportunidad para cambiar. ¿Vamos a cooperar con Jesús? Si es así, primero nos llama a arrepentirnos. Satanás una vez demanda a Dios por ser injusto. Dijo que había pecado una sola vez pero sufrió la condenación eterna, mientras que muchas personas han pecado muchas veces, pero aún van al cielo. Dios dijo, estás condenado al infierno porque nunca me pides que te perdone. Tú nunca te arrepientes, mientras que otras personas sí. Yo soy el Dios de la misericordia y el perdón. No puedo negarme a lo que me piden.

Dios no castiga a las personas por el pecado. Dios no puede ser más que justo y misericordioso, amable y misericordioso, amoroso y clemente, como nos recuerda el Salmo de hoy. Pero una cosa que a Dios no le gusta mucho es la gente que se siente satisfecha y no se arrepiente. A Dios no le gustan demasiado las personas que se quejan de la pecaminosidad de los demás en lugar de enfocarse en arrepentirse de sus propios pecados. Jesús usa la parábola de la higuera para ilustrar las oportunidades de Dios para que nos arrepintamos, no una sed de venganza. Dios quiere que la higuera crezca y produzca frutos. Nuestra tarea es confiar en Dios y arrepentirnos de nuestros propios pecados. Nuestra tarea es confiar en la misericordia de Dios y compartir su misericordia con los demás, no solo con palabras sino también con hechos. Entonces, durante la Cuaresma, oramos por la gracia del verdadero arrepentimiento a través de las confesiones para que podamos dar frutos para el reino. Amén.

Bendiciones de Cuaresma,

Padre Thi Hoang

Mensaje de Despedida del Diacono Gustavo

Tenemos una noticia: Con gran pesar y al mismo tiempo alegría en nuestros corazones queremos informales que nos moveremos a otro estado en el mes de abril para estar cerca de la familia, especialmente con los nietos.

Para Vicky y para mí es difícil dejar nuestros amigos, nuestra comunidad que hemos vivido por largo tiempo, especialmente la familia de nuestra parroquia del Buen Pastor. Hemos aprendido mutuamente, hemos tenido momentos difíciles, hemos llorado juntos, hemos vivido momentos felices y sobre todo hemos crecido en el amor siguiendo lo enseñado por Jesús. No importa donde nos mandé el Señor, ahí estaremos sirviendo con amor.

Siempre estarán en nuestros corazones, y nuestras oraciones estarán con ustedes para que el Señor les siga acompañando en su jornada.

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.

Youth Confirmation Retreat



This weekend is our teen Confirmation Retreat.

This should be a fun and Spiritual day for everyone. We are excited for this day, It's been a few years since we've had one. We ask that you all pray for us all.

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
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CYO	Suzette Crayton	sueissick3@gmail.com
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Divine Mercy	Becky Naca	858-9217
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Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ann & Bill Abitz	432-3995
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Homebound Ministers to the Sick

Deacon Gustavo	783-0656
Lidia Castañeda (Español)	705-3045

Filipino Ministry	Lelani Andes	212-8408
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Finance	Robert Calone	432-3300
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Grief Ministry	Carol Mondragon	457-3909
	Cynthia Greely	437-7846

Italian Catholic Federation	Patty Jarrett	957-6457
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Knights of Columbus	Robert Calone	432-3300
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Lectors	May Plata	473-0835
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Liturgy Committee	Bill Abitz	432-3995
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Missionary Families for Christ FFL

Nap & Theresa Umadhay	427-5457
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Music Ministry	Rocco Enea	432-6404
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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
	Rosanne Ortland	783-8315

Wedding Coordinators	Danette Shipe	427-9561
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	Bee Francisco	473-9247
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Young Ladies Institute	Gina Llaguno	698-0825
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2022 Lenten & Easter Celebrations

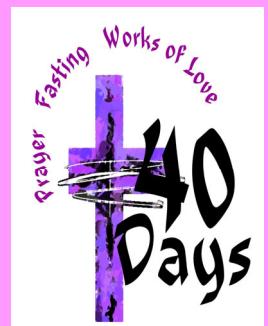
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES DURING LENT

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 18
the church

6:30pm Synod Listening Session en Español in

March 21 & 22
March 19

6:30pm Lenten Evenings of Reflection with Fr. Vincent Lampert
All Day Youth Confirmation Retreat

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

March 27
March 28
April 3
April 8

2pm retiro de cuaresma y 3pm Misa en Español
7pm Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service
7pm Opening Passion Play Performance 1
7pm Lenten Taize Prayer

HOLY WEEK

April 9- Palm Sunday
April 10- Palm Sunday
April 13- Holy Wednesday
April 14-Holy Thursday

Vigil 5:30 pm Mass- 7pm Passion Play Performance 2
8am, 10am, 12pm, 3pm (Spanish); 5:30pm Passion Play Performance 3

6pm—Passion Play Performance 4

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

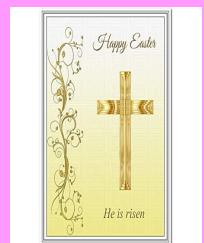
8:30am— Rehearsal for Easter Vigil

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



Celebracion de la cuaresma y la Pascua para la comunidad hispana

Retiro de Cuaresma: 27 de Marzo a las 2:00pm y
3:00pm la Misa en Español

Viernes Santo: 15 de Abril - 2:00pm Rezo del Via Crucis con los
ninos de Armada Blanca en español en el Jardin y a las 3:00pm
Liturgia y veneracion de la cruz en español

Confesiones Parroquial de Cuaresma: 28 de Marzo
a las 7:00pm(sacerdotes en español)

VIGILIA PASCUAL / PASCUA

Domingo de Ramos : 10 de Abril a las 3:00pm
en español y a las 5:30pm Actuación de la Pasión de
Cristo con nuestros jóvenes

Sábado Santo: 16 de Abril a las 8:00pm Vigilia Pascual

Jueves Santo: 14 de Abril a las 7:00pm
Misa de la Ultima Cena del Señor y
Lavatorio de Pies seguido de Adoración del Santísimo
Sacramento hasta media noche.

Domingo de Resurrección: 17 de Abril a las 3:00pm Misa en Español



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

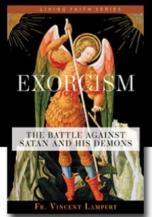
TEMPTATION

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.

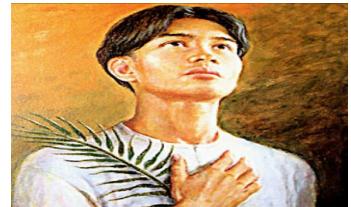


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**March 21 & 22, 2022
6:30 PM**

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.

the 29th Annual **PASSION PLAY**



After 3 years, the Passion Play is back!
Experience the Passion of our Lord with the
youth and young adults of this parish.

Sunday, April 3rd - 7:00 - Opening Performance

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)

In our ongoing effort to raise funds for supplies and equipment for the play, we will be selling commemorative T-shirts after Masses on 3/20, 3/26, 3/27, 4/2 and 4/3.

Please support us in this fundraising effort and join us at any of the above listed performances!



We had 7 couples showed up for the Marriage Con-validation Retreat on March 12

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Mass Intentions

March 21 - March 27, 2022

Parish Staff

**Mass Intentions
For The Week**

Mon	7:30 am	Anne McClure †
Tue	7:30 am	Mary Mosca Gilardi †
Wed	7:30am	Tammy Vo -Birthday Thanksgiving
Thu	7:30 am	For all victims of Covid 19 & Delta Variants & their families. †
Fri	7:30 am	George Harris †
Sat	8:00 am	Rufina Sevilla † Family of Dr. Ike Muonekwu – Special Intention
	5:30 pm	Sancho Alesna Sr. †
Sun	8:00 am	Robert Carpino †
	10 am	John Thomas Galvan †
	12 pm	Cuca Hernandez †
	3 pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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The Holy Father's March 2022 Prayer Intention: For Christian response to bioethical challenges. We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

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



WEEKLY COLLECTION RECAP

Weekend of March 13, 2022

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 9,138.30

2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 1,921.07

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.

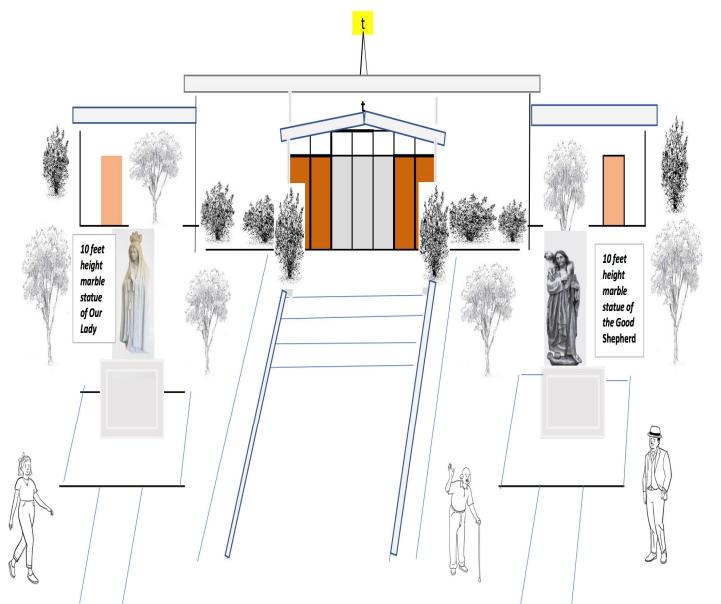
Thank you!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS March 27, 2022

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

Passion Play



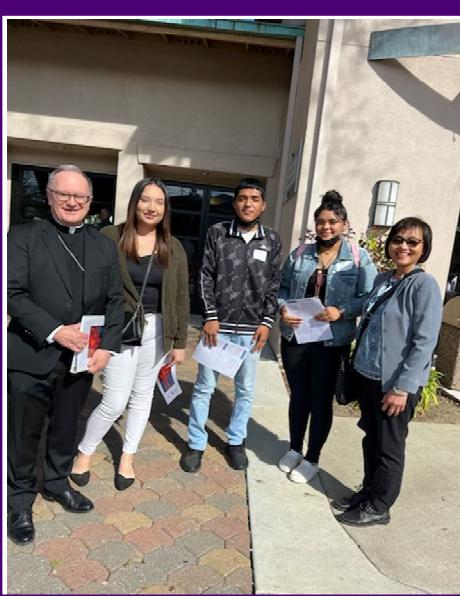
Dearest Flock of the Good Shepherd,
I pray that the Lord may shower his grace and protection to all of you and your families. God is creating us every day to make us alive. He founded his Church and entrusted her to our care. We are grateful that we have a church with beautiful premises. We are committed 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

Welcome to Church of the Good Shepherd
Aria Kamille Braida, Angelique Bernardo Aquino and Theona
Adelaide Labian ,
Holy Baptism with Fr. Arn S Cabrias today March 12, 2022



Let there be more lights!



Our
Youth
Attending
The
SYNOD
In
Oakland
With
The
Bishop

