



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

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*One Flock, One Family, Living and Sharing
the Love of Christ*

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PALM SUNDAY April 10th, 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 (livestreamed), 12noon & 3pm
Spanish

Monday-Friday: 7:30 am (livestreamed)

1st Fridays: 7 pm (livestreamed)

Saturdays: 8 am (livestreamed) & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Holy Days: 7:30 am and 7 pm (livestreamed)

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

In Silence and Listen

Let us take a pause and ask ourselves:

What do we usually do when we pray? What do we pray for?

We reflect on these questions and see what we always do when praying.

We begin the Holy Week with a proper attitude when we pray to God, that is, to approach Him in silence and listen to Him. When we pray, we do all the talking most of the time. We forget that we are in a loving presence. We express all our concerns, struggles, desires, wants, dreams, and any burdens we are carrying, but we fail to listen to who is speaking to us in the silence of our hearts.

Now, we have been given another chance to listen to God. We go back to some of what happened in the Passion Narrative of Jesus and reflect on what God is telling us. With humble hearts, we listen to Him:

First, *"Herod and Pilate became friends that very day, even though they had been enemies formerly"* (cf. Lk. 23:12). The presence of Jesus became the instrument of peace for Herod and Pilate. In the seemed bad experiences of ours, can we see the blessings of God at work in us? What is God trying to tell with such incidents? Can we pause in silence and listen to Him?

Second, *"Away from this man (Jesus)! Release Barabbas to us"* (cf. Lk. 23:18). They chose Barabbas over Jesus. They preferred the rebel and the murderer over the innocent and kindhearted Jesus. On the part of Barabbas, his release is a pure gift from God. He did not deserve to be released, but God's grace allowed Him to be free. We receive countless blessings in our lives. What does God desire to communicate with us? Can we pause in silence and listen to Him?

Third, *"Father, forgive them, they know not what they do"* (cf. Lk. 23:34). Even in the most challenging situation, Jesus thinks of the sinners like us and prays for us to the Father. God is always ready to forgive regardless of the sins we commit. We only need to be humble and beg for forgiveness. What is God telling us? Can we pause in silence and listen to Him?

Last, *"When all the people gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts"* (cf. Lk. 23:48). Are we brave enough to acknowledge our wrongdoings when we realize them with sincerity? How often do we beat our breasts to express our remorse and willingness to receive God's pardon? God is leading us to be humble and contrite. Can we pause in silence and listen to Him?

When we pray, let us allow God to speak, let us allow Jesus to say in our hearts, and we listen. He has so much to tell us, but we miss them because we do not listen. When we pray, especially during the Holy Week, we approach God in silence and listen to Him. (AC)

Passion Play first performance April 3, 2022



Hagamos una pausa y preguntémonos:

¿Qué solemos hacer cuando oramos? ¿Por qué oramos?

Reflexionemos sobre estas preguntas y vemos lo que hacemos siempre al orar.

Comenzamos la Semana Santa con una actitud adecuada cuando oramos a Dios, es decir, nos acercamos a Él en silencio y lo escuchamos. Cuando oramos, somos nosotros los que hablamos la mayor parte del tiempo. Nos olvidamos de que estamos en una presencia amorosa. Expresamos todas nuestras preocupaciones, luchas, deseos, anhelos, sueños y cualquier carga que llevamos, pero no escuchamos a quien nos habla en el silencio de nuestros corazones.

Ahora, se nos ha dado otra oportunidad de escuchar a Dios. Volvemos a algo de lo que sucedió en el relato de la Pasión de Jesús y reflexionamos sobre lo que Dios nos está diciendo. Con corazones humildes, lo escuchamos:

En primer lugar, "Herodes y Pilato se hicieron amigos aquel mismo día, aunque antes habían sido enemigos" (cf. Lc 23, 12). La presencia de Jesús se convirtió en instrumento de paz para Herodes y Pilatos. En las aparentes malas experiencias nuestras, ¿podemos ver las bendiciones de Dios obrando en nosotros? ¿Qué está tratando de decir Dios con tales incidentes? ¿Podemos hacer una pausa en silencio y escucharlo?

En segundo lugar, "¡Fuera de este hombre (Jesús)! Suéltanos a Barrabás" (cf. Lc 23, 18). Eligieron a Barrabás sobre Jesús. Prefirieron al rebelde y asesino al Jesús inocente y bondadoso. Por parte de Barrabás, su liberación es un puro regalo de Dios. No merecía ser liberado, pero la gracia de Dios le permitió ser libre. Recibimos innumerables bendiciones en nuestras vidas. ¿Qué desea Dios comunicarnos? ¿Podemos hacer una pausa en silencio y escucharlo?

Tercero, "Padre, perdónalos porque no saben lo que hacen" (cf. Lc 23, 34). Incluso en la situación más desafiante, Jesús piensa en los pecadores como nosotros y ora por nosotros al Padre. Dios siempre está listo para perdonar sin importar los pecados que cometamos. Sólo necesitamos ser humildes y pedir perdón. ¿Qué nos está diciendo Dios? ¿Podemos hacer una pausa en silencio y escucharlo?

Por último, "Viendo todo el pueblo reunido para este espectáculo de lo que había sucedido, volvían a sus casas golpeándose el pecho" (cf. Lc 23, 48). ¿Somos lo suficientemente valientes como para reconocer nuestras malas acciones cuando nos damos cuenta de ellas con sinceridad? ¿Con qué frecuencia nos golpeamos el pecho para expresar nuestro remordimiento y voluntad de recibir el perdón de Dios? Dios nos está guiando a ser humildes y contritos. ¿Podemos hacer una pausa en silencio y escucharlo?

Cuando oramos, dejemos que Dios hable, dejemos que Jesús hable en nuestro corazón y escuchemos. Tiene tanto que decirnos, pero lo extrañamos porque no lo escuchamos. Cuando oramos, especialmente durante la Semana Santa, nos acercamos a Dios en silencio y lo escuchamos. (AC)

SHEPHERD'S CLOSET



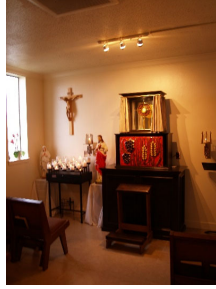
The next Shepherd's Closet will be open on Tuesday, April 12th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Ministry building. Returning families, please bring your identification cards, if you've lost it, we will issue you a new one.

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.

ALSO!! If you're looking for dresses for Easter, we have a number of nearly new Spring Dresses that will be available in sizes for everyone.

From the Chapel

It's been brought to our attention that some individuals using the Chapel are letting individuals in when they knock. Do not let anyone enter unless they have the code for the chapel, this is for security reasons. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Abitz 925 872-5852



10am Children Mass April 3rd, 2022

Second Collection Repurposed!

The second collection scheduled for April 24 will be for the Ukrainian refugees, instead of the Bishop's Ministries Appeal

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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	212-8408
Finance	Robert Calone	432-3300
Grief Ministry	Carol Mondragon	457-3909
	Cynthia Greely	437-7846
Italian Catholic Federation	Patty Jarrett	957-6457
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	
Santo Nino	Ofelia Tanyag	890-2066
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 Vilorio	550-6475
	Rosanne Ortland	783-8315
Wedding Coordinators	Danette Shipe	427-9561
	Bee Francisco	473-9247
Young Ladies Institute	Gina Llaguno	698-0825



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

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

8:00pm Easter Vigil (livestreamed as well)

April 17-Easter Sunday

7:00am Mass; 8:30am Mass; 10am Mass;

12:00pm Mass; 3:00pm Mass – Spanish

April 24- Divine Mercy Sunday



Celebracion de la cuaresma y la Pascua para la comunidad Hispana

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.

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

VIGILIA PASCUAL / PASCUA

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

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

ARISE! LET'S GET LIT!
JOIN THE BATTLE
OF REVIVAL!

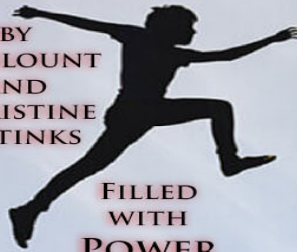
CALLING ALL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS OF ALL AGES
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3 DAYS OF POWER TALKS

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FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 5:00 PM

SPECIAL BLESSING FOR YOUTH BY FR. JAMES BLOUNT, SOLT. ADORATION WITH SACRED SONGS FOLLOWED BY POWERHOUSE MUSIC OF "WAL" AND HIP HOP ARTIST, ALVARO VEGA, A.K.A. "COMMUNION"

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 7:00 PM

HEALING MASS WITH FR. JAMES BLOUNT, SOLT

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 5:30 PM

SPECIAL TALK TO THE YOUTH BY FR. JAMES BLOUNT, SOLT

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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INFO: FRAN 925-428-1336

FREE ADMISSION

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3rd Scrutiny for the Elect

3pm Mass Sunday April 3rd



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 at most performances

It's been brought to my attention that when ministers are serving at a mass, they leave their personnel items in the pew to save their seat. Only to find that when they return their items have been moved and someone else is seating in the spot they reserved. Please do not remove their personnel items nor take the seat they've reserved.

If you have any questions call Bill Abitz Ministry Coordinator 925 432-3995.

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Contact: Dina

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Thank you

Dina 925-432-6404 ext. 12

Mass Intentions April 11 - April 17, 2022

Mass Intentions For The Week



Mon	7:30 am	Mryna Mc Atee (Birthday)
Tue	7:30 am	Laurena Luna Espiritu †
Wed	7:30am	Esperanza P. Tiquia †
Thu	7:30 am	
Fri	7:30 am	
Sat	8:00 am	
	5:30 pm	
	7:00	Ben Lapust†
Sun	8:00 am	Living & Deceased Colone & Rodella Family †
	10 am	Sal "Tudi" Bruno†
	12 pm	Ann Acevest†
	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!



"Feed my lambs, feed my sheep"

2022 BISHOP'S
MINISTRIES
APPEAL

WEEKLY COLLECTION RECAP

Weekend of April 3, 2022

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 13,265.52

2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 3,066.30

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.

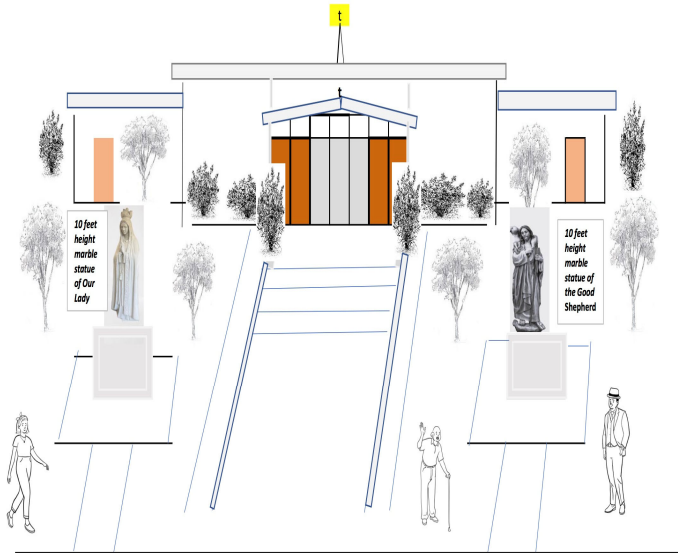
Thank you!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS April 17, 2022

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

Easter Offering



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

We want to thank the following people for their generous donation of \$500. or more towards the Good Shepherd and Mother Mary Statues.

So far we have received \$19, 515.49 Of the \$50,000 we need. We're off to a great start!



Our Heartfelt farewell to our Deacon Gustavo Escruceria. Thank you for all you have done for our community. May God repay you abundantly. We wish you all the best. We will miss you.

Rocco Enea
Elizabeth Pittman / Morales
Knights of Columbus
Angelina Elias

