



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

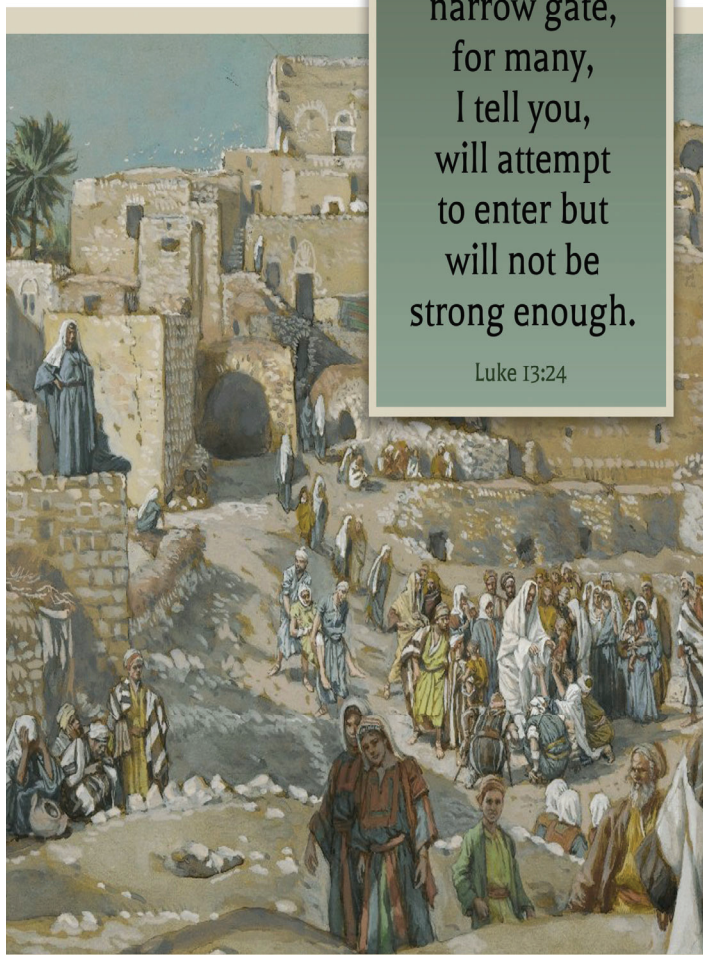
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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Strive to enter
through the
narrow gate,
for many,
I tell you,
will attempt
to enter but
will not be
strong enough.

Luke 13:24

AUGUST 21, 2022

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 8am—12 pm & 1 pm-4pm

Fridays: 9am— 12:pm & 1pm- 3pm

(covered by volunteers with limited service)

MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays: 8am, 10am (livestreamed)

12noon & 3pm Spanish

Monday-Friday: 7:30 am (livestreamed)

1st Fridays: 7:00 pm (livestreamed)

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

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

Morning Prayer: Liturgy of the Hours/ Rosary 7:00 am

Confessions: Fridays: 8 am-9 am

Saturdays: 4pm-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



There are two schools of thought among Christian believers. One is favor of God's justice and the other, God's mercy. The former would say God is just. His justice is applied to the max; therefore very few people will get to heaven. People of the good old days believed this. I remember my grandma used to say: you better go to mass, or you will be doomed to hell for eternity. They were God fearing people. They depicted God as a supreme judge without mercy. On the other hand, those are for God's mercy would say: Oh God is so merciful. He would not let anyone be doomed to eternal death. In other words, hell is impossible. People of today tend to believe this. They so overemphasize God's mercy that they confirm they will be saved in spite of mortal sins. Both those schools of thought are not good. One promotes the fear of God; the other advocates the complacency of spiritual life. And those who over advocate for God's mercy seem even worse because it may lead to the indifference of religious practice. It paves the way for secularism that we can see all around us today. The eternal life is simply a given. Everyone gets to heaven, why should I be bothered with spiritual growth?

Now let us look at what Jesus said in the Gospel of this 21st Sunday. Someone asked him how many will be saved. Jesus answered: *strive to enter the narrow gate*. Jesus didn't directly answer the question; rather he turned his intention to the questioner. To enter through the narrow gate is to walk in a path of love with Jesus, to carry the cross with him. St. Augustine once said when God created us, he didn't need us. But in order to save us, he needs our cooperation. Likewise, if you want to be saved, enter through the narrow gate, do spiritual exercise: go to Church regularly, go to confession, keep God's commandments, live out the beatitudes at home, at work. There are only two kinds of people in this world: those who are being used by God for His purposes and those who are using God for their own purposes. One is serving God and the other is serving their own desires.

Let's ask the Lord to give us strength and courage so that we can enter the narrow gate and walk in the path of love with Jesus so we may be saved.

Fr. Thi Hoang

Hay dos escuelas de pensamiento entre los creyentes cristianos. Uno es favor de la justicia de Dios y el otro, misericordia de Dios. El primero diría que Dios es justo. Su justicia se aplica al máximo; por lo tanto, muy pocas personas llegarán al cielo. La gente de los buenos viejos tiempos creía esto. Recuerdo que mi abuela solía decir: es mejor que vayas a misa, o estarás condenado al infierno por la eternidad.

Representaron a Dios como un juez supremo sin piedad. En cambio, los que son por la misericordia de Dios dirían: Oh Dios es tan misericordioso. No permitiría que nadie fuera condenado a la muerte eterna. En otras palabras, el infierno es imposible. La gente de hoy tiende a creer esto. Ellos enfatizan tanto la misericordia de Dios que confirman que serán salvados a pesar de los pecados mortales. Ambas escuelas de pensamiento no son buenas. Uno promueve el temor de Dios; el otro aboga por la complacencia de la vida espiritual. Y aquellos que abogan en exceso por la misericordia de Dios parecen aún peores porque pueden conducir a la indiferencia de la práctica religiosa. Allana el camino para el secularismo que podemos ver a nuestro alrededor hoy. La vida eterna es simplemente un hecho. Todo el mundo llega al cielo, ¿por qué debo preocuparme por un crecimiento espiritual?

Ahora veamos lo que dijo Jesús en el Evangelio de este Domingo 21st. Alguien le preguntó cuántos se salvarán. Jesús le respondió: *esfuérzate por entrar por la puerta estrecha*. Jesús no respondió directamente la pregunta; más bien dirigió su intención al interrogador. Entrar por la puerta estrecha es caminar por un camino de amor con Jesús, llevar la cruz con él. San Agustín dijo una vez que cuando Dios nos creó, no nos necesitaba. Pero para salvarnos, necesita nuestra cooperación. Asimismo, si queréis salvaros, entrad por la puerta estrecha, haced ejercicio espiritual: asistid regularmente a la Iglesia, confesaos, guardad los mandamientos de Dios, vivid las bienaventuranzas en el hogar, en el trabajo. Solo hay dos tipos de personas en este mundo: aquellos que están siendo usados por Dios para Sus propósitos y aquellos que están usando a Dios para sus propios propósitos. Uno está sirviendo a Dios y el otro está sirviendo a sus propios deseos.

Pidámosle al Señor que nos dé fuerza y valor para que podamos entrar por la puerta estrecha y caminar en el camino del amor con Jesús para que podamos ser salvados.

Padre Thi Hoang



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ANNUAL FLOCK PARTY

Sunday, October 2, 2022

All day in the Garden from 9:00am-5:00pm

The day will include Masses: 8am, 10am, 12pm and 2pm in Spanish.

Multicultural food such as Mexican, Italian, Nigerian, American, Filipino, Tongan, Vietnamese, Pakistani; drinks, live music, dancing, games and all sorts of entertainment and best of all: Family fun!

You also have a chance to win a big raffle prize. These are the prizes:
1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes valued at \$2,000 each. (These are vacation packages for 2 nights stay anywhere in the United States for 2 persons. Airfare included. Taxes and fees are not included),
4th prize \$500 cash, and many other consolation prizes.

Tickets are \$5 each or 6 tickets for \$25. You don't need to be present to win.

All the proceeds we make from this festival will be used for the repainting of the church buildings.

Bring your family and friends and stay with us for the whole day.



Last Week Activities:



Catechists commissioning



Healing Mass



Rosary Procession



Congratulations to our newly wed couples:

Walter & Aiza Jose, Stephen & Mercedes Bradshaw,
Raymond & Blakeley Cisneros, Bassey & Victoria Ita,
Marcelino & Maria Tan, Andrew & Norma Garcia



Group Marriage Convalidation in Spanish

Congrats to:

Sergio and Santa Longoria, Jaime and
Marcela Jimenez Arcos, Juan Tapia and
Anita Martin

Faith Formation Registration for 2022-2023. Here are the details:

Registration 2022 NOW Happening

A Baptism and Birth Certificate are required before your child will be registered.

Classes:

RCIC—Class for children 7 years or older to receive Baptism and First Communion. It is one year, no matter what grade they start.

(Starting Date: Sunday, September 11, 2022 from 11:15-12:15pm)

First Communion Class is 2 years no matter what grade they start.

(Starting Date: Sunday, September 11, 2022. 9:00-9:50am, 1:10-2:00pm, 2:00-2:50pm)

EDGE—Our junior high program to either receive a sacrament or for continuing education.

(Starting Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 from 4:30-5:30pm)

Youth Confirmation Class is 2 years starting in 9th, 10th, or 11th grade. 12th grade is a case-by-case situation.

(Starting Date: Sunday, September 11, 2022 from 11:15-12:30pm)

Adult Confirmation—Class for adults that are interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.

(Starting Date: Monday, September 26, 2022 at 7:00pm)

To register, you can do it at the parish office or go to our website at goodshepherdpittsburg.org. Click—Religious Education and then Click—Registration Information You will find links to forms and payments.

Then fill out your forms; you can email them to me at klarisse@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

El Registro 2022 Comienza el 13 de junio

Si aún no lo ha hecho, necesito una copia del certificado de nacimiento y el certificado de bautismo de su hijo.

Clases:

RCIC— Clase para niños de 7 años o más para recibir Bautismo y Primera Comunión. Es un año, sin importar qué grado van.

(Fecha de inicio: domingo, 11 de septiembre de 2022 de 11:15-12:15pm)

La clase de **Primera Comunión** es de 2 años sin importar en qué grado comiencen.

(Fecha de inicio: domingo 11 de septiembre de 2022. 9-9:50am, 1:10-2:00pm, 2:00-2:50pm)

EDGE—Nuestro programa de secundaria para recibir un sacramento o para educación continua.

(Fecha de inicio: miércoles 14 de septiembre de 2022 de 4:30-5:30pm)

La clase de **confirmación** para jóvenes es de 2 años a partir de 9. 10, y 11 grado. El grado 12

Clases empiezan: domingo 11 de septiembre de 2022 de 11:15-12:30pm

Confirmación de Adultos—Clase para adultos que están interesados en recibir el sacramento de la Confirmación.

(Fecha de inicio: lunes 26 de septiembre de 2022 a las 7:00pm)

Vaya a nuestro sitio web en goodshepherdpittsburg.org

Educación Religiosa

Información de registro Encontrará enlaces para formularios y pagos.

Después de completar sus formularios, puede enviarme un correo electrónico a Lorena@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

Si es la primera vez que se registra, no se inscribirá si no tiene todos los documentos solicitados.

Catechists Needed: We are looking for people who want to share their faith with our youth in fulfilling ministry, making friends and becoming more involved in the church. You will be trained and all curriculum will be provided for you. If you are interested in teaching or just have questions, please contact Klarisse at (925) 432-6406x5 or by email at

klarisse@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

Se Necesita Catequistas Buscamos personas que quieran compartir su fe con nuestra juventud. En un ministerio satisfactorio, para hacer amigos y participar más en la iglesia. Se le proporcionará todo el plan de estudios. Si está interesado en enseñar o simplemente tiene preguntas, comuníquese con Lorena al (925) 432-6404x4 o por correo electrónico a

lorena@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

GOOD SHEPHERD CYO BASKETBALL NEWS

Sign-ups for grades 2nd-8th. Deadline September 16th 2022.

Website to sign up: www.goodshepherdcyo.com

Coaches and sponsorships also needed.

Contact Athletic Director

Suzette Crayon 925-437-8044

You are invited-

What: Life in Christ Seminar (LCS)

When: Sunday, Sept 11 & Sept 25, 2022

Time: 2:00 PM

Where: Church of The Good Shepherd Ministry Bldg.

Guest Speakers: Fr. Thi Hoang
Fr. Arn Cabrias

Online Registration: <https://forms.gle/kGP2yBUHvej5DNth7>

Be brought to a personal relationship with Jesus and towards a deeper spirit-filled Christian Life.

It is a response to the call of the Holy Father to the New Evangelization.

Free of Charge



Our Holiday Craft Fair is back on Sunday, October 23, 2022. If you are interested in being a vendor, please call Awilda Graff at 925 642-0876. Also we are looking for different cultures in our church to be part of our fashion show again. Please contact us if you can help after any of the masses the day of the fair. Thank you.

Next Weekend, August 27-28, Fr. Anthony Appiah will be here to preach at all the Masses on the Mission Appeal [for the Catholic Archdiocese of Kumasi – Ghana.](#)



September 11th– Confirmation/RCIC/FHC Kick Off
September 13th-L Fatima: Marian Procession - 7pm
September 26th- RCIA Kick Off
October 2nd– Flock Party
October 13th– O.L. Fatima, Procession and Mass at 6:30pm
November 1 st - All Saints: 7:30am, 12pm, 7pm (Bilingual)
November 2 nd - All Souls: 7:30am, 12pm, 7pm (Spanish)
November 12th– Appreciation Dinner at 7pm
November 24– Thanksgiving 10am Mass
November 19- Healing Mass at 11am
November 27th—Advent
December 8- Immaculate Conception of Mary: 7:30am, 12pm, 7pm
December 9- Taize Prayer at 7pm
December 11/12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 15– Parish Reconciliation at 7pm
December 16—Kick off of Simbang Gabi 5:30am & Posadas 7pm
Dec 24– Christmas Eve 4pm, 6pm, 12am
December 25 Christmas, 8am, 10am, 12pm, 2pm Sp
Dec 31st -New Year Eve 5:30pm
Jan 1st—New Year 2023, 8am, 10am, 12pm, 3pm Sp

Fr. Arn's Bishop from the Philippines will come to visit us on Friday, August 26. He will preside a Mass here at 7pm. Please come to say Hi to the Bishop and give him a warm welcome.

Welcome Back Sr. Nga & Quynh to our Parish. They will stay with us for 10 days. They will go back to school (Holy Apostle Seminary – Connecticut) on August 25. Keep them in your prayers.



Mass Intentions

August 22-28

Mass Intentions For The Week



Mon	7:30 am	Silva Family in Thanksgiving
Tue	7:30 am	Blanca de Mosca †
Wed	7:30 am	Roger Sanchez † Death Anniversary
Thu	7:30 am	Vicente A Vilorio † Death Anniversary
Fri	7:30 am	Carmen Esquivel Birthday
Sat	8:00 am	Truong Tu † Death Anniversary
		Felix Aravla †
	5:30 pm	Wedding Anniversary of Kenny & Lisa Hart
Sun	8:00 am	Marianna Mercurio †
	10 am	Tony & Gloria Giambalves †
	12 pm	Orozco Miller & Montez Families †
	3 pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Staff Contact Information

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Do you feel calling to come back to the Catholic Church?

Join our RCIA program which will begin in September of this year. For more information, please contact our faith formation office at 925-432-6404.

**2022 Bishop's Ministries
Appeal. Our goal this year is:
\$35,600.00.**

**We have raised \$21,671.30
(60.87%) so far. Please give to
support our Diocese.
Thank you!**



"Feed my lambs,
feed my sheep"
2022 BISHOP'S
MINISTRIES
APPEAL

WEEKLY COLLECTION RECAP Weekend of August 14, 2022

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 11,434.15

2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 3,057.00

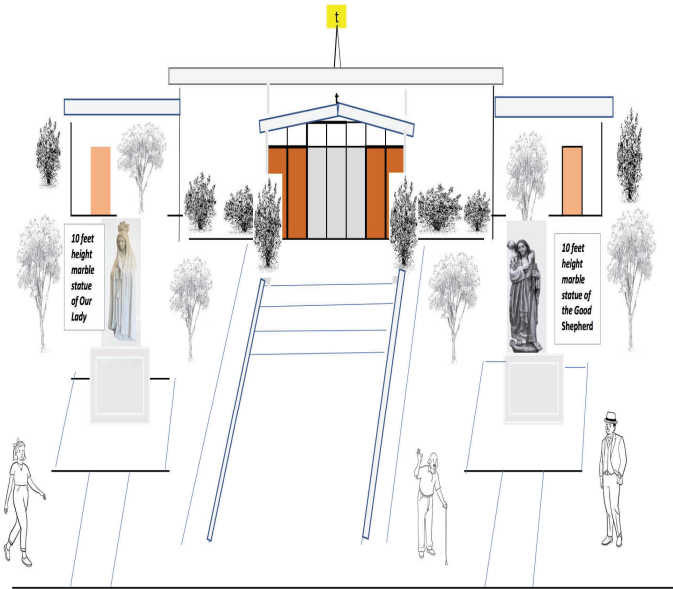
Please help contribute for the smooth operation and good services of our parish. We appreciate your generosity and for making Good Shepherd a part of your family. Also, please remember Good Shepherd when planning your last will and testament. *Thank you!*

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Sirach 3:17-18 20, 28-29
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24
Luke 14:1, 7-14

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

MISSION CO OP



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 in 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 \$68,669.00 of the \$50,000 we need. We've done a great job! Here is the list of donors:

Rocco Enea, Elizabeth Pittman / Morales, Knights of Columbus, Angelina Elias, Aurea Andres, Betty and Ely Vilorio, Becky & June Naca, Helen Cuya, Sonny & Maribel Miguel, Kyle Scudder, Santo Nino Ministry, Adoracion T Gatus, Joseph Stewart Jr., St. Padre Pio Prayer Group, Francine Cruz Family, Crispin S. De Dios, Sylvia & Gabriel Solis, Robert and Sharon Calone, Iluminada R Gaerlan, Alberto & Elizabeth Sojuaco, San Nicolas De Tolentino Family Group, Mary & Latrell Carradine, Van Duc & Tinh Thi Nguyen, Su Dong, Severino & Mila Benitez and Arthur & Marianne Solis, Cora, Rod Clavel and Nerio & Dalisay Torres, Suzara & Francisco Gecanac Francisco, Shirley A. Schroth, Ma. Cecilia P. Sojuaco, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Benny & Alma Bautista Espiritu, Jubene Lararejos, Lafayette Ines,... And Jesusa Reyna-Arcilla & Arseno V. Arcilla, Angela Vicente, Alma Espiritu, Soledad B. Mendoza, Edward Grigg, and Joseph S, Alamay D. Siino, Rebecca Ariate, Gris Gorospe and Leonardo Matabang, MFC Ministry, Khanh & Chi Luu, Ken & Feli Buettner, Augustine E. Andres, Nelia Beaman, Divine Mercy Ministry, Jessica Los Banos, Anapeta Tangitau Parisi, Pat Lesaca and Rico, Hermie Perez & Cecilia Oswood

Your names.....

OCTOBER 2, 2022 GOOD SHEPHERD'S ANNUAL FLOCK PARTY RAFFLE!

If you are a registered parishioner you should have will be receiving a mailing for this event that includes raffle tickets for a drawing that will take place at the Flock Party. If you did not receive the mailing, you can purchase tickets after any mass between now and the event. No need to be present to win ~ but we'd love to see you there! Tickets are \$5 each or 6 tickets for \$25. The prizes are 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes valued at \$2,000 each. (These are vacation packages for 2 nights stay anywhere in the United States for 2 persons. Airfare included. Taxes and fees are not included), 4th prize \$500 cash, and many other consolation prizes. Place your stubs in any Sunday collection basket, mail them in or bring them to the parish office.

FLOCK PARTY WATER AND SOFT DRINK DONATIONS NEEDED!

To help us offset expenses for the Flock Party, we are asking for donations from our generous parishioners. If you can help us, bring your donations to the parish office any time during business hours, Monday-Thursday, 8 am to 4 pm.
Thank you!

