



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

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SEPTEMBER

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Fill us at daybreak
with your kindness,
that we may shout for
joy and gladness all our days.

Psalm 90:14

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Mon-Fri: 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 or

Lorena 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



Jesus says: *“If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.”* Of course Jesus does not mean “hate” in the hatred sense. He wants us to love our family. The Gospel of Matthew helps us to better understand what Jesus means here. *“Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me”* (Mt 10:37). Jesus’ statement is very clear. He reminds us of what should take priority in life. There is no middle ground. Eternal life is more important than earthly life. The kingdom of heaven is worth more than anything else on earth. Our parents and members of our family can feed us with food. They can support us. They can give us money or material things. They can pray for us, but they cannot give us the bread of eternal life, the gift of salvation. Only Jesus can. Therefore, we have to love him more than anyone else. There should

be no compromise, no negotiation, and no deal. We must put him first! He must be the Number One in our life. We are zeros. If we put number one before zeros, the zeros have value. The more zeros we add after the number one, the more we become valuable. If we reverse this order, the zero has no value. We degrade ourselves.

Following the Number One is to share the passion with Him by carrying our daily cross. The cross takes different forms in our lives. It could be your hot temper spouse. My cross could be my pain and suffering; it could be my unfriendly siblings or in-laws, it could be my noisy neighbors, or mean coworkers, etc. We all have a cross to carry. The same cross is given to all of us. Some curse it and throw it away. Some carry it with hope and joy, for they see the cross as a means to salvation. They see the suffering as a chance to grow and become stronger. They see suffering as a faith solution for grace to come. Everything happens for a reason. If we truly believe God has plans to let pain and suffering happen, he will overcome evil with good. He always finishes what he started. The story God writes in our lives always has a happy ending. Yes, God tries us in various ways. For one, cancer and pride; for another, addictions; for another, life with a handicap, and so on. It is my experience that the many times I struggled with pride, trying to take life into my own hands, I am like a ball of clay – dry, hard, and crumbling. But when I suffer the most; when I experience the depth of my weakness, then my clay becomes soft and flexible. Then God can shape and form me into His beautiful instrument. Truly when we are most weak, then God makes us strong, for *“in all things God works for the good of those who love him”* (Rom 8:28).

Blessings

Fr. Thi Hoang

Jesús dice: *“Si alguno viene a mí sin odiar a su padre y a su madre, a su esposa e hijos, a sus hermanos y hermanas, e incluso a su propia vida, no puede ser mi discípulo”*. Por supuesto que Jesús no quiere decir “odio” en el sentido de odiar. Él quiere que amemos a nuestra familia. El Evangelio de Mateo nos ayuda a comprender mejor lo que Jesús quiere decir aquí. *“El que ama a su padre o a su madre más que a mí, no es digno de mí”* (Mt 10,37). La declaración de Jesús es muy clara. Nos recuerda lo que debe tener prioridad en la vida. No hay término medio. La vida eterna es más importante que la vida terrenal. El reino de los cielos vale más que cualquier otra cosa en la tierra. Nuestros padres y miembros de nuestra familia pueden alimentarse con comida. Ellos pueden apoyarnos. Pueden darnos dinero o cosas materiales. Pueden orar por nosotros, pero no pueden darnos el pan de vida eterna, el don de la salvación. Solo Jesús puede. Por lo tanto, tenemos que amarlo más que a nadie. No debe haber compromiso, ni negociación, ni trato. ¡Debemos ponerlo primero! Él debe ser el número uno en nuestra vida. Somos ceros. Si ponemos el número uno antes de los ceros, los ceros tienen valor. Cuantos más ceros agreguemos después del número uno, más valiosos seremos. Si invertimos este orden, el cero no tiene valor. Nos degradamos a nosotros mismos.

Seguir al Número Uno es compartir la pasión con él llevando nuestra cruz diaria. La cruz toma diferentes formas en nuestras vidas. Podría ser su cónyuge con un genio temperamental. Mi cruz puede ser mi dolor y mi sufrimiento; podrían ser mis hermanos o suegros hostiles, podrían ser mis vecinos ruidosos o compañeros de trabajo malos, etc. Todos tenemos una cruz que llevar. La misma cruz nos es dada a todos. Algunos la maldicen y la tiran. Algunos la llevan con esperanza y alegría, pues ven en la cruz un medio de salvación. Ven el sufrimiento como una oportunidad para crecer y volverse más fuertes. Ven el sufrimiento como una solución de fe para que venga la gracia. Todo sucede por una razón. Si verdaderamente creemos que Dios tiene planes para permitir que sucedan el dolor y el sufrimiento, vencerá el mal con el bien. Siempre termina lo que empezó. La historia que Dios escribe en nuestras vidas siempre tiene un final inesperado. Sí, Dios nos prueba de varias maneras. Por un lado, cáncer y orgullo; para otro, adicciones; para otro, vida con una discapacidad, etc. Según mi experiencia, las muchas veces que luché con el orgullo, tratando de tomar la vida en mis propias manos, como una bola de barro: seca, dura y que se desmorona. Pero cuando más sufro; cuando experimento la profundidad de mi debilidad, entonces mi bola de barro se vuelve blanda y flexible. Entonces Dios puede moldearme y convertirme en su hermoso instrumento. En verdad, cuando somos más débiles, entonces Dios nos fortalece aun más, porque *“Dios dispone todas las cosas para el bien de los que le aman”* (Rom 8, 28).

Bendiciones

Padre Thi Hoang



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 3200 Harbor St.
 Pittsburg, CA 94565

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.



**The Parish Office will be closed on
 September 5th for Labor Day**

Father Richard Mangini will present three sessions on **TO PRAY MORE THAN WORDS**
Experiencing Prayer will be part of each session
September 12, 2022 Session 1. Praying: Let's Do it Before We Talk About it...a praying experience and sharing what we experienced
September 19, 2022 Session 2. How to Think and Talk About Prayer in Order to do Prayer...what prayer is and is not, how to get ready, how to start, how to be in prayer
September 26, 2022 Session 3. How to Put a Prayer Life Together...Sharing what works, How to Make Time, what to do about distractions, Saying Prayers, Who listens. To do or to Be, Success or Failure?
St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Church
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Our next Multilingual Rosary Prayer Procession to honor our Lady of Fatima will take place on Monday, Sept. 13 at 6:30pm. All are welcome!

ADORATION
 As a reminder Adoration is on the first Friday of every month from 8am to 7pm followed by a Mass for the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. All are welcome!
 If you have any questions please call Bill or Ann (432-3995)



Our First Sunday 10am Children Mass this month will be moved to 2nd Sunday, Sept 11. We kick off the Faith Formation and Confirmation Classes that day as well. Come and join us.

Announcement:
 Looking to share my beautiful home in Brentwood! 3 beds 2 baths, laundry room. Full garage to use to park car. Outdoor barbecue to use with large yard Private entrance. Supply own food. \$1,200 per month. Rent includes all utilities and gardener Right across from Brentwood water park Call Fran: (925) 428-1336 or text

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County

Shop, Donate, Volunteer at Your Local SVdP Thrift Store

Thrift Stores Help the Environment. Reduce - Reuse - Recycle with SVdP
 To Volunteer call (925)439-5060
 www.svdP-cc.org

SVdP Pleasant Hill 2815 Contra Costa Blvd. SVdP Brentwood 8890 Brentwood Blvd. SVdP Pittsburg 2210 Gladstone Dr.

VOLUNTEER SHORTAGE
 The St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room urgently needs help serving lunch on Saturday and Sunday at our Pittsburg location at [1415 Simpson Court](https://www.loavesfishescc.org) (off East Leland), 9:30am to 1:00pm. Please help us by signing up to volunteer to feed our neighbors in need by emailing lisag@loavesfishescc.org or visiting Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa's website at <https://loavesfishescc.org>.

Faith Formation Registration for 2022-2023.

Registration 2022 NOW Happening

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

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 our 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.

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

First Communion and Youth Confirmation Classes start September 11 with a beginning of school year Mass at 10am. All are welcome. Edge/Jr High Classes begin on Wednesday, Sept 14. RCIA/Adult Confirmation class begins Sept 26.

PLEASE JOIN US!

The members of St Padre Pio Prayer Group of Good Shepherd Church, Pittsburg CA, will be celebrating his Feast Day on September 23, 2022. Everyone is invited. We have a 9-day novena from September 15-23, 2022 at 6:30 PM. Sep. 15, 16 & 22 in the Garden. Sep. 17, 18 & 23 in the church, Sep. 19, 20 & 21 in parish office.



The Feast Day Mass will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2022 at 8:00 AM followed by a hearty breakfast at the Spiritual Garden. Please come in join us in these activities as we pray and sing “Be with me, Lord” through the intercession of Saint Padre Pio in our lives. For more information, pls call: Mila Benitez – (925)626-7526 or Cora Clavel (925) 354-2259 For Mass Sponsor, Pls contact: Cynthia Auza – (925) 597-1178 or Cecille Perez- (925) 300-6264

Join us for the celebration of the Feast of St. Nicolas on Sept 11 at 12pm Mass. For Mass sponsorship and Mass intentions, please contact Thea at 925-768-1641



We had a staff retreat at St. Damiano’s, Danville, 8/24



We baptized 5 children.



We celebrated a Quince



We celebrated Carmen’s birthday



We got ready for St Padre Pio Feast Day



We welcomed Archbishop Jose Lazo



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.

Hosted by Missionary Families of Christ
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.



September 11th– Confirmation/RCIC/FHC Kick Off
September 13th-L Fatima: Marian Procession - 7pm
September 24th St. Padre Pio Feast Day Mass 8:00am
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

DIOCESE OF OAKLAND DISCERNMENT DAY

Grant Us Lord, Faith-Filled Leaders!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
ST PATRICK'S SEMINARY
320 MIDDLEFIELD RD. MENLO PARK, CA

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Register with Fr Carl Arcosa at
CArcosa@OakDiocese.org

Mass Intentions September 5 – September 11

Mass Intentions For The Week



Mon	7:30 am	Jaime Amaya †
Tue	7:30 am	In thanksgiving for the Dang Family
Wed	7:30 am	In thanksgiving for the Dang Family
Thu	7:30 am	Frank Garcia †
Fri	7:30 am	Daniel & Grace Macaopinlac †
Sat	8:00 am	Sue Cavallero † Family of Dr. Ike Muonekwu
	5:30 pm	Frances Ferrante Thomas †
Sun	8:00 am	Rolando Brofas †
	10 am	Larry Eugene Watson †
	12 pm	Steven Bradshaw in Thanksgiving
	3 pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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Do you feel a 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 28, 2022

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 7,406.88

2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 6,075.00

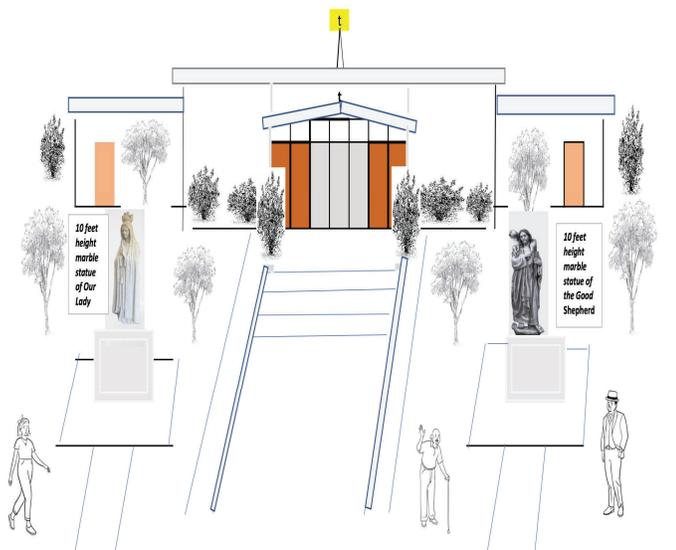
Please help contribute for the smooth operation and good services of our parish. We appreciate your generosity and for making Good Shepherd a part of your family. Also, please remember Good Shepherd when planning your last will and testament. *Thank you!*

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Exodus 32:7-11 13-14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15: 1-32 or 15:1-10

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT



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 \$70,669.00 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, Khañh & Chi Luu, Ken & Feli Buettner, Augustine E. Andres, Nelia Beaman, Divine Mercy Ministry, Jessica Los Banos, Pat Lesaca and Rico, Hermie Perez, Cecilia Oswald, "Otto" Emili Tanitau, Tongan Ministry, El Shaddai Pittsburg Chapter, Willie & Bles Dionisio & Valentina Aniban & Stephen Giadone,

Your names.....

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

If you are a registered parishioner you should have received 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. Prizes are Transferable however No Cash Value. (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!



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