

ANOINTING OF THE SICK HOTLINE: 510-259-8706



On this 25th Sunday Year C, we hear the parable of a dishonest manager who sensed that he was about to be fired, he called all those who had debts with his boss and reduced their bills as much as 50% discount. This guy is a dishonest man. But interestingly Jesus commended his action, saying *he had acted prudently*. "Why did Jesus praise this unjust manager? Because this man knew how to act to secure his future. In a very short time, he was able to find a way out for his future life. Here is the virtue of this unjust manager: he clearly saw his situation. He knew he was in crisis. He did not play game.

He said: I am in trouble and I know it. This virtue moved him to act. In his desperate situation, he made a decision. Steve Covey in his book *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* says: *you are not a product of circumstances, but you are the product of your decision.*

We are all like that manager. We know that our life will come to an end sooner or later. That we will be fired from the market of this world. What are we going to do? What actions are we going to make to secure our future? Many of us buy life insurances, making plans for retirements; and even buying niches and plots in the cemetery. This is right thing to do. But don't forget heaven is our true home, so we must invest for the bank of God as Jesus said: *"I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwelling."*

We are stewards, working in God's vineyard. All that we have belongs to Him. He expects us to make a good return on what He gives us. God loves generous hearts and He gives to those who share His gifts with others. A Jewish Rabbi says:

"The rich help the poor in this world but the poor help the rich in the world to come." In the light of the gospel teaching, Jesus expects us to share our resources with the poor, keeping an eye on the eternal security which God alone can offer. Like the unjust manager, the Lord calls us to make friends for ourselves with dishonest wealth so that when it fails, we will be welcomed into eternal dwelling." Amen! Fr. Thi

En este Domingo 25 del año C, escuchamos la parábola de un gerente deshonesto que se percató que lo iban a despedir, llamó a todos los que tenían deudas con su jefe y les redujo las facturas hasta con un 50% de descuento. Este tipo es un hombre deshonesto. Pero, curiosamente, Jesús elogió su acción, *diciendo que había actuado con prudencia*. ¿Por qué Jesús alabó a este administrador injusto? Porque este hombre supo cómo actuar para asegurar su futuro. En muy poco tiempo, pudo encontrar una salida para su vida futura. Aquí está la virtud de este administrador injusto: vio claramente su situación. Sabía que estaba en crisis. No jugó. Él dijo: Estoy en problemas y lo sé. Esta virtud lo movió a actuar. En su situación desesperada, tomó una decisión. Steve Covey en su libro *7 Hábitos de la Gente Altamente Efectiva* dice: *no eres producto de las circunstancias, sino que eres producto de tu decisión.*

Todos somos como ese gerente. Sabemos que nuestra vida llegará a su fin tarde o temprano. Que seremos despedidos del mercado de este mundo. ¿Qué vamos a hacer? ¿Qué acciones vamos a realizar para asegurar nuestro futuro? Muchos de nosotros compramos seguros de vida, haciendo planes para jubilaciones; e incluso comprando nichos y solares en el cementerio. Esto es lo correcto. Pero no olviden que el cielo es nuestro verdadero hogar, por lo que debemos invertir para el banco de DIOS como dijo Jesús: *"Os digo, haceos amigos de las riquezas deshonestas para que cuando falten, seáis bienvenidos a la morada eterna"*.

Somos mayordomos, trabajando en la viña de Dios. Todo lo que tenemos le pertenece a Él. Él espera que le demos un buen retorno de lo que nos da. Dios ama los corazones generosos y da a aquellos que comparten sus dones con los demás. Un rabino judío dice: *"Los ricos ayudan a los pobres en este mundo, pero los pobres ayudan a los ricos en el mundo venidero"*. A la luz de la enseñanza del evangelio, Jesús espera que compartamos nuestros recursos con los pobres, vigilando la seguridad eterna que solo Dios puede ofrecer. Como el mayordomo injusto, el Señor nos llama a hacernos amigos de las riquezas deshonestas para que, cuando falten, seamos acogidos en la morada eterna. ¡Amén!



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



Besides the four main prizes, we have these below consolation prizes and many others:

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH FLOCK PARTY

RAFFLE PRIZES

A special 'Thank You' to our generous Contributors

Quantity	Raffle Item
1	\$50 Roco's Restaurant in Walnut Creek Gift Certificate and Basket filled with lots of Italian Goodies
1	\$50 Sweeney's Restaurant in Brentwood Gift Certificate
5	\$20 Waterfront Grill and Café in Pittsburg Gift Certificates
1	2 Reserve Bottles of Hannah Nicole Wine and Wine Glasses [booklet on their events]
1	Flower Arrangement from Pittsburg Florist
6	New Mecca Café in Pittsburg Gift Certificates for 2 Dinners
1	\$50 La Veranda Restaurant in Clayton Gift Certificate



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!



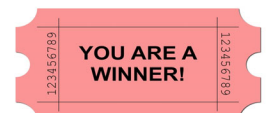
Place your stubs with money in any Sunday collection basket, mail them in or bring them to the parish office.

Raffle Prizes Donors

1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes are donated by Gerard D'Cruz & his own company GT Power Construction Inc.

4th prize of \$500 cash is donated by Betty and Ely Vilorio.

We are so grateful to the above donors for their generosity to help with the raffle prizes. May god bless their good and gracious hearts.



Religious ED Registration 2022 NOW Happening until the end of September**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 out your forms; you can email them to me at klarisse@goodshepherdpittsburg.org.

El Registro 2022 hasta el ultimo de septiembre**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

CCD and Youth Confirmation has already started last week, Sept 11th. 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

We are so blessed that we have so many students in our religious education program this year.

9am CCD class: 73**1:10pm CCD class: 39****2:00pm CCD class 101****EDGE Wednesday 4:30pm Class: 68****1st & 2nd Confirmation 11:15am class 125****RCIC: 11****English RCIA: 17****Spanish RCIA: 16****Total:450**

May God inspire our Catechists and our students with his wisdom so they may learn to know him, and to make him better known.

**FEAST OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ****October 2 at 12 Noon Mass in the Spiritual Garden**

**Mass sponsorship forms will be available in the church vestibule or by calling
Cecille Perez @ 925-300-6234 or
Cora Clavel @ 925-354-2259**



Life in Christ Seminar talk hosted by MFC



Celebration of St Nicolas de Tolentino



CCD& Confirmation Kick Off

You are invited

What: Life in Christ Seminar (LCS)
When: Sunday, 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



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



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](#) (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://>

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COME AND JOIN US

CACHE CREEK CASINO

5 HOURS IN THE CASINO

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022

RESERVE YOUR SEAT NOW!!!

Covid-19 Restrictions - must be fully vaccinated!!!

PLEASE!!! WEAR MASK

7:30 AM - passengers check in.
8:00 AM - Bus will leave Good Shepherd Church parking lot
5:30 PM - Approx return to Good Shepherd parking

FREE BREAKFAST ON BOARD

Cost: \$45.00 per person
Refund: \$20 for free play

BINGO, AND A LOT OF FUN INSIDE THE BUS

To sign up, please call: Cora (925) 354-2259
Cecille (925) 300-6234
Lani (925) 212-8408

Hosted by: Saint Padre Pio Prayer group
Bus: Martell



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.

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 19 – September 25

Mass Intentions For The Week



Mon	7:30 am	Alfred Llenos †
Tue	7:30 am	Manuel Campos (Birthday) †
Wed	7:30 am	Gloria P Carandang †
Thu	7:30 am	James S. Thomas †
Fri	7:30 am	Mae Giambona †
Sat	8:00 am	Angelo Pado Viloria, Thanksgiving Carmen Roberts (Death Anniversary) †
	5:30 pm	Dale Morey
Sun	8:00 am	Salvatore Calone †
	10 am	Pete & Phyllis Carpino 64th Wedding Anniversary
	12 pm	Genevieve Capucini †
	3 pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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 \$22,406.30
(62.94%) so far. Please give to
support our Diocese.
Thank you!**



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

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WEEKLY COLLECTION RECAP Weekend of September 18 , 2022

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 8,294.39

2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 3,285.25

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

Amos 6: 1a 4-7
1 Timothy 6:11-6
Luke 16:19-31

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

FLOCK PARTY

STATUES PROJECT

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 Oswood, "Otto" Emili Tanitau, Tongan Ministry, El Shaddai Pittsburg Chapter, Willie & Bles Dionisio & Valentina Aniban & Stephen Giadone, Mary & Conrad Jansz AND **Your names.....**

ANNOUNCING THE OPENING OF THE 2023 MASS BOOK!

We will be opening the 2023 Mass Book Thursday, October 20th. In order to insure your health and safety as well as the staff's, we will take mass intention requests again this year via email or in written form beginning Thursday, October 20 at 8:00 am (any received prior will not be valid) and prioritize them in the order we receive them with a maximum of 6 masses for the 1st round (until Nov. 3) then you can request more (6 max. @ a time). No phone calls please so that we can maintain a written, prioritized list as the requests come in. We ask that you make sure your email address and telephone number are included in your request so that we may contact you if there are conflicts with the date requests.

Donation request remains \$10 per mass intention. In accordance with Diocesan policy, only the Saturday morning 8 am mass may be double-booked for intentions. Initially we are limiting the number of requests per family to 6 maximum so that everyone has a fair opportunity.

Mass intentions are available for Monday through Friday masses at 7:30 am, Saturday morning masses at 8 am, our weekend schedule of Saturday at 5:30 pm, Sunday at 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 3 pm in Spanish.

We also have mass intentions available on the 1st Friday of the month at 7 pm and the 3rd Friday of each month at 7 pm in Spanish if you'd like to request any of those and any other days of obligation.

Please feel free to use the form provided. You can email this form, mail this form, put it in any collection basket or place it in the mail slot in the parish office door or bring it into the office.

Please print legibly!

2023 Mass Intention Request Form	
REQUESTED BY: _____	
EMAIL: _____	
PHONE: _____	
Date Time	Intention (Living or Deceased)
_____	_____
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_____	_____
Amount owed \$	Amount paid \$