



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

3200 HARBOR STREET. PITTSBURG, CA 94565

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

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“Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid
to take Mary your wife
into your home.”

MATTHEW 1:20

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 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.

FOURTH
SUNDAY OF
Advent

December 18, 2022

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Dear Friends in Christ,

We all love good surprises, don't we? The unexpected arrival of friends whom we haven't seen for a long time, a surprise birthday party, a surprise marriage proposal, the announcement of a pregnancy, or a lottery win. If you love surprises, welcome to our faith. our God is truly a God of surprises. God surprised Sarah with her pregnancy at her old age. God chose a young boy

David to fight against Goliath and to the surprise of one and all, he defeated the giant. Again God surprises Elizabeth, Mary's cousin, to make her conceive a child at her old age. The biggest surprise would be on the final judgment day. OMG! People we don't expect to see them in heaven, they are there. Vice versa. In the Gospel of this 4th Sunday of Advent, the Angel of God surprises Joseph when announcing Mary will be conceiving a child. With a big surprise, Mary may wonder: "OMG, what is happening to me?" "OMG! I am pregnant without a man!" "OMG! How am I going to explain to Joseph and to my family?" "OMG! My Son will be called Son of the Most High. How can it be?"


Yes, how can it be? But God works his way to let miracles happen. All what we need is to trust him with our patience and perseverance. As we about to celebrate Christmas, we ask God to give us the faith, the humility and the boldness to do whatever is necessary to further the work of his kingdom. As so often God surprised his people in ways they had never dreamt of. But whatever surprise comes our way he says to us as he said to Mary, "Don't be afraid!" God's surprises are always for our blessings. *So expect nothing, hope for something and be surprised!*

A todos nos encantan las buenas sorpresas, ¿no? La llegada inesperada de amigos a los que hacía tiempo que no veíamos, una fiesta sorpresa de cumpleaños, una propuesta de matrimonio sorpresa, el anuncio de un embarazo o un premio de lotería. Si te encantan las sorpresas, bienvenido a nuestra fe. nuestro Dios es verdaderamente un Dios de sorpresas. Dios sorprendió a Sara con su embarazo en su vejez. Dios escogió a un joven llamado David para pelear contra Goliath y para sorpresa de todos, derrotó al gigante. Nuevamente Dios sorprende a Isabel, prima de María, para hacerla concebir un hijo en su vejez. La mayor sorpresa sería el día del juicio final. ¡DIOS MÍO! Personas que no esperamos verlas en el cielo, ahí están. Viceversa. En el Evangelio de este Cuarto Domingo de Adviento, el Ángel de Dios sorprende a José al anunciarle a María que va a concebir un hijo. Con una gran sorpresa, Mary puede preguntarse: "Dios mío, ¿qué me está pasando?" "¡DIOS MÍO! ¡Estoy embarazada sin un hombre!" "¡DIOS MÍO! ¿Cómo le voy a explicar a Jose y a mi familia?" "¡DIOS MÍO! Mi Hijo será llamado Hijo del Altísimo. ¿Cómo puede ser?"

Sí, ¿cómo puede ser? Pero Dios trabaja a su manera para permitir que sucedan los milagros. Todo lo que necesitamos es confiarle nuestra paciencia y perseverancia. Ahora que estamos a punto de celebrar la Navidad, le pedimos a Dios que nos dé la fe, la humildad y la audacia para hacer lo que sea necesario para promover la obra de su reino. Como tantas veces, Dios sorprendió a su pueblo en formas que nunca habían soñado. Pero cualquier sorpresa que se nos presente, nos dice como le dijo a María: "¡No tengas miedo!" Las sorpresas de Dios son siempre para nuestras bendiciones. ¡Así que no esperes nada, espera algo y sorpréndete!


THE HOLY LAND

10 DAYS: OCTOBER 17-26, 2023




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NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, INC.

2022 Bishop's Ministries Appeal. Our goal this year is:

\$35,600.00. We have raised 26,565.30 (74.62%) so far. Please give to support our Diocese. Thank you!



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

Young Adult Ministry

All Young Adults from 21yrs to 35yrs are invited to join our Young Adult ministry. We meet twice per month on Wednesdays at 7pm in the ministry building. If you are interested, Contact Dulcinea at yam@goodshepherdpittsburg.org. These are our upcoming meeting dates: **12/14 & 12/28**.

DEANERY 10 ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Church of the Good Shepherd
December 15 @ 7pm
Most Holy Rosary
December 13 @ 7pm
Our Lady Queen of the Word
December 5 @ 7pm
Immaculate Heart of Mary
December 21 @ 7pm
St. Ignatius of Antioch
December 14 @ 7pm
St. Anthony
December 20 @ 7pm
St. Peter Martyr
December 16 @ 7pm



Saturday, December 31, 2022, 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Location: Diocesan Youth Retreat Center, Lafayette
The day includes meeting diocesan clergy and seminarians, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the sacrament of Reconciliation, a Q&A session, lunch and dinner. Register by emailing Father Carl Arcosa at carcosa@oakdiocese.org. Please note this event is only for men 18 years and older.

- 1- **Santo Nino Feast Day, Sunday, January 15th, 2023 at 12pm Mass and reception to follow**
- 2- **Parish Crab Feet, Saturday, February 18th at 5pm.**

SAVE THE DATE!

More details will be announced on these important dates



NEW YEAR'S EVE VOCATION DISCERNMENT NIGHT

Grant Us Lord, Faith-Filled Leaders!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT CENTER
1977 RELIEZ VALLEY ROAD, LAFAYETTE, CA

3:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Register with Fr Carl Arcosa at CArcosa@OakDiocese.org

Diocese of Oakland



Are you being called?

Diaconate Formation Information Meetings

"By ordination, particularly and officially committed to service, the deacon is to inspire, promote and help coordinate the service that the whole Church must undertake in imitation of Christ. He has a special responsibility to identify to the Church those who are in need and particularly those who are without power of voice at the margins of our society. Among such people, the deacon is to speak about Christ and to offer them the Church's varied assistance. But in the Church, he is also to speak about the needy, to articulate their needs, and to inspire and mobilize the whole community's response. He thus becomes a representative figure in whom the Church reaches out to the needy and the needy challenge the Church." (National Conference of Catholic Bishops: Permanent Deacons in the United States – Guidelines on Their Formation and Ministry – 1984 Revision, par 37)

Candidate Qualifications

- Practicing Catholic for 10 years or more.
- Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, and be validly married by the Church, if applicable.
- At least 33 years of age but not older than 60 years of age at the time of application.
- Good physical and mental health.
- Gainfully employed or otherwise financially secure.
- Sufficient time to devote to the formation program.
- Demonstrates leadership ability and calling to the social justice ministry of the Church.
- If married, both oral and written support, endorsement and consent of his wife and family. His wife should be willing to participate in the formation process.
- A commitment to celibacy is required of non-married candidates, as well as widowers.

Time 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Time 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Wednesday January 4, 2023	Friday January 6, 2023
Tuesday January 10, 2023	Thursday January 12, 2023
ZOOM meeting Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8745798692	
Phone Connection: 1 408 638 0968 Meeting ID: 874 579 8692#	

Wives are encouraged to attend

For additional information contact, Diocesan Office of Clergy Services
Cielo Barroso-Branco, 510-267-8356 CBarroso@oakdiocese.org



Statues Project Update

We are so sorry for the delay of the Statues Project. All statues we have ordered are in process of completion. They will be shipped and delivered sometime January or February, 2023.

Thank you for your patience.

Here it is our 10 foot Good Shepherd statue. It is made of real and natural marble.

Simbang Gabi & Las Posadas

December 16 - 24: 5:30am Simbang Gabi Masses (livestream)
(9 Filipino Dawn Masses before Christmas)
December 16-23: 7:00pm Las Posadas Navideñas in the hall
(Hispanic Novena Tradition before Christmas)

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

- December 24: Christmas Eve-Saturday**
4:00pm Children Mass (livestream)
6:00pm
12:00am Midnight Mass (livestream)
- December 25: Christmas Day-Sunday**
8:00am
10:00am (livestream)
12:00pm
1:30pm (Spanish)



NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

- December 31: New Year's Eve - Saturday**
5:30pm Vigil Mass
7:00pm New Year's Eve Party
- January 1, 2023: New Year - Sunday – Mother of God- Holy Day of Obligation**
8am
10:00am (livestream)
12:00pm
1:30pm (Spanish)





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NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

DECEMBER 31, 2022 @ 7PM

With Live Band Singing and Dancing

RAFFLE TICKET

Raffle tickets for this event will be sold for \$5 each or 6 tickets for \$20.

1st Prize valued at \$2000—*This is the vacation voucher of 2 nights stay for 2 in the US. Airfare included. Taxes and Fees are not included.*

2nd Prize-\$500; 3rd Prize-\$300; 4th Prize -\$200
Plus other consolation prizes.

Drawing at the New Year's Eve Party,
Need not to be present to win.

MENU

Bread & Butter
Green Salad
Pasta
Roast Pork Loin
Fish Fillet
Seasonal Fresh Veg's
Rice Pilaf
Fresh Fruit
Coffee & Water

Prices: \$25 for Adult; \$15 for Children of 12 yrs & under

Contact the parish office to make your reservation or call Tammy Vo at 925-698-4559



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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, December 24
4:00pm (Children Mass), 6:00pm,
12:00am (midnight)

Christmas Day, December 25
8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm (Spanish)



HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

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New Year's Eve, December 31
5:30pm—Mass
7pm— New Year's Eve Party

New Year, January 1, 2023
8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm (Spanish)

BIBLE DIARY 2023 BOOK SALE

We are selling this Bible Diary 2023 for \$20 each. This book can become your spiritual companion for the whole year of 2023 each time you go to Mass or pray at home. It has all most everything needed to enrich your faith. It features all traditional Catholic prayers. It has family prayers, prayers before and after meetings... It has a liturgical calendar, and most especially, it has daily readings and reflections on the readings. This book is a perfect Mass Companion for you. We only have 200 books. This book can be a perfect Christmas gift for your loved ones. Please purchase them to support our parish. We will sell them at 8am, 10am and 12pm Masses on Sundays or contact Tammy Vo at 925-698-4559 to order it any time.

Mass Intentions December 19– December 25

Mass Intentions For The Week



Mon	5:30 am	Yoyi & Ben Lapus <i>(46th Wedding Ann.)</i>
	7:30 am	John & Jennie Vitalie †
Tue	5:30 am	Ben Lapus †
	7:30 am	Frank Vitalie
Wed	5:30 am	Yoyi Lapus Family <i>(Thanksgiving)</i>
	7:30 am	Ashley A. Ramirez <i>(Birthday)</i>
Thu	5:30 am	Ben Lapus †
	7:30 am	Martha dela Torre † <i>(Birthday)</i>
Fri	5:30 am	Ben Lapus †
	7:30 am	Patricia Peters Del Carmen
Sat	5:30 am	Ben Lapus †
	8:00 am	Maxima Navera <i>(Birthday)</i>
	4:00 pm	Alphonse & Genevieve Cappucini †
	6:00 pm	Anthony “Neno” Salvatore Belleci †
	Mid Night	Sal “Tudi” Bruno †
Sun	8:00 am	Living & Deceased Calone & Rodella Family Members
	10:00am	Tony & Gloria Gambialvo †
	12 pm	Jesse Anthony Soliz † <i>(30 Year Death Ann.)</i>
	3 pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

Thank You!

For Sharing Your Blessings.

Gracias!

Por Compartir Sus Bendiciones

Thanks to our awesome and generous parishioners, Shepherd's Closet was able to provide over 140 children with clothing and toys. In addition The Giving Tree supplied 91 children (28 families) with gifts, toys and gift cards making this a most holy and wonderful Christmas.

Gracias a nuestros increíbles y generosos feligreses, Shepherd's Closet pudo proporcionar ropa y juguetes a más de 140 niños. Además, The Giving Tree proporcionó a 91 niños (28 familias) regalos, juguetes y tarjetas de regalo, haciendo esta una Navidad más santa y maravillosa.

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Weekend of DECEMBER 11, 2022
We will have Numbers next week due to early bulletin submission
1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$

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

Isaiah 62:11-12
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:15-20

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

MAINTENANCE

BUILDINGS REFURBISHING AND PAINTING PROJECT

Dearest Parishioners,

We are so excited to have our church and surrounding buildings refurbished and painted. The church has needed this sort of maintenance for many years. There is dry rot in several locations, some of the side panels need replacing and paint chipping in many locations throughout the buildings. We received three bids for this project. CTE Group (*General Building Construction*) got their bid approved by the Diocese. They are actually working on this project right now. This refurbishing and painting project costs \$119,000.00.

I am writing this message to appeal for your financial support so we can get the project done successfully. Any \$\$\$ amount you donate is valuable and meaningful to us. Thank you so very much for your good and generous hearts. We truly appreciate your help. May God bless our painting project and keep the workers safe.

 <p>RECEPTION</p> <p>There will be four dine –in breakfasts in the hall after the Masses: first day (Dec 16th), weekend (Dec 17th & 18th) and last day (Dec 24). The rest of the days, coffee and donuts will be served in front of the church.</p> <p>MASS SPONSORSHIPS</p> <p>For Mass sponsorships, please contact one of these coordinators:</p> <p>Cecille Perez at 925-300-6234 Cynthia Auza at 925-427- 0778 Cora at 925-354-2259</p>	<p>SIMBANG GABI 2022</p>  <p>9 FILIPINO DAWN MASSES DECEMBER 16-24 AT 5:30AM</p>	<p><i>One Flock, One Family, Living and Sharing the Love of Christ</i></p> <p>3200 Harbor St. Pittsburg, CA 94565</p> <p>RAFFLE TICKETS</p> <p>Raffle tickets for this event will be sold after all masses for \$5 each or 6 tickets for \$20. 1st Prize valued at \$2000—<i>This is the vacation voucher of 2 nights stay for 2 in the US. Airfare included. Taxes and Fees are not included.</i> 2nd Prize-\$500; 3rd Prize-\$300; 4th Prize -\$200 Plus other consolation prizes.</p> <p>Drawing at the New Year’s Eve Party, December 31, 2022.</p> <p>Need not to be present to win.</p> <p>All are invited!</p>
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FILIPINO MINISTRY

MASS SPONSORSHIP for Filipino Feast/Masses

DATE (Please encircle mass date)	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
MASS <small>(indicate feast name or "Simbang Gabi")</small>	SIMBANG GABI								
DONATION AMOUNT: <small>If in check, please use "Church of the Good Shepherd" as payee</small>	\$								
NAME/s of SPONSOR/s <small>(Please write the name legibly and as you want it read at mass or shown in program)</small>									
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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.