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Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

MATTHEW 5:9

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 29, 2023

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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
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), 6:30pm (ls) & 7:30pm (Sp)
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

**"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven."**

Matthew 5:3

**"Dichosos los pobres de espíritu,
porque de ellos es
el Reino de los cielos."**

Mateo 5:3

GOD'S REIGN HERE AND NOW

Our readings this week all speak of the distinctive characteristics of the people God gathers to achieve God's purposes. The deep communion of love that God envisions requires a community that is humble and lowly, as Zephaniah describes. God chooses the weak and foolish to reveal God's strength and wisdom, as Paul says. And in the Beatitudes, Jesus teaches that a people who know their weakness and vulnerability can most fully place their trust in God and work for a just world. As Christians, we believe God will fully heal our world when Christ returns. But Christ also invites us to experience a foretaste of this future right now, through our life in Christian community, and in our work of peacemaking and justice-seeking in the world. Our poverty in spirit can enable us to be both recipients and instruments of the "kingdom of heaven" here and now.

THE BLESSED COMMUNITY

We turn to the first action of Jesus' public ministry described by Matthew—Jesus preaching to the crowds in what we call the Sermon on the Mount. The Sermon begins with today's Gospel passage, the Beatitudes. Having just called his first disciples to form a community, Jesus begins to spell out what this community is all about. The Beatitudes lay the foundation, describing the primary values and practices, and the core identity of this community.

Jesus tells his followers, first and foremost, that they are blessed by God. The community will reveal its blessed character through its humility, meekness, and hunger for justice. Knowing they are loved as God's children, they will have open and pure hearts, free to be merciful, and they will be able to endure suffering gracefully. Listening anew to the Beatitudes, we remember how far we fall short of Jesus' vision. But we know God has gathered us, and continues to transform us, to receive the fullness of blessing.

WHOM GOD HONORS

In Jesus' time, honor and shame were key markers for who is up and who is down in their society. Typically, those with wealth and power over others were to be honored. And in our own time, often we find ourselves drawn strongly toward having more abundance, control, and options to choose from. We avoid vulnerability and limitations. But Jesus says in the Beatitudes that the poor and meek are truly blessed, that is, honorable and privileged by God. How can this be?

Perhaps Jesus is first exposing the opposites to the poor and meek, the "rich in spirit." These develop such confidence in themselves, based on achievement or inherited privilege, that they isolate themselves from God, and either ignore or exploit others. Jesus also knew that the humble in heart realize that they cannot build an illusory self-affirmation, so they can be most open to God's affirmation of them. They can then become more deeply empowered to participate in God's work. God blesses and honors the open-hearted.

TODAY'S READINGS

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
 Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
 Matthew 5:1-12a

EL REINO DE DIOS AQUÍ Y AHORA

Todas nuestras lecturas de esta semana hablan de las características distintivas del pueblo que Dios reúne para lograr sus propósitos. La profunda comunión de amor que Dios prevé requiere una comunidad humilde y baja, como describe Sofonías. Dios elige a los débiles y a los necios para revelar la fuerza y la sabiduría de Dios, como dice Pablo. Y en las Bienaventuranzas, Jesús enseña que un pueblo que conoce su debilidad y vulnerabilidad puede depositar más plenamente su confianza en Dios y trabajar por un mundo justo. Como cristianos, creemos que Dios sanará completamente nuestro mundo cuando Cristo vuelva. Pero Cristo también nos invita a experimentar un anticipo de este futuro ahora mismo, a través de nuestra vida en la comunidad cristiana, y en nuestro trabajo de pacificación y búsqueda de la justicia en el mundo. Nuestra pobreza de espíritu puede permitirnos ser a la vez receptores e instrumentos del "reino de los cielos" aquí y ahora.

LA COMUNIDAD BENDECIDA

Pasamos a la primera acción del ministerio público de Jesús descrita por Mateo: Jesús predicando a las multitudes en lo que llamamos el Sermón de la Montaña. El Sermón comienza con el pasaje del Evangelio de hoy, las Bienaventuranzas. Tras haber llamado a sus primeros discípulos a formar una comunidad, Jesús empieza a explicar en qué consiste esta comunidad. Las Bienaventuranzas sientan las bases, describiendo los principales valores y prácticas, y la identidad central de esta comunidad.

Jesús dice a sus seguidores, ante todo, que son bendecidos por Dios. La comunidad revelará su carácter bendecido a través de su humildad, mansedumbre y hambre de justicia. Sabiendo que son amados como hijos de Dios, tendrán corazones abiertos y puros, libres para ser misericordiosos, y serán capaces de soportar el sufrimiento con gracia. Al escuchar de nuevo las Bienaventuranzas, recordamos lo lejos que estamos de la visión de Jesús. Pero sabemos que Dios nos ha reunido, y sigue transformándonos, para recibir la plenitud de la bendición.

A QUIÉN HONRA DIOS

En la época de Jesús, el honor y la vergüenza eran indicadores clave de quién estaba arriba y quién abajo en su sociedad. Normalmente, se honraba a los que tenían riqueza y poder sobre los demás. Y en nuestra época, a menudo nos sentimos fuertemente atraídos por tener más abundancia, control y opciones para elegir. Evitamos la vulnerabilidad y las limitaciones. Pero Jesús dice en las Bienaventuranzas que los pobres y los mansos son verdaderamente bendecidos, es decir, honrados y privilegiados por Dios. ¿Cómo puede ser esto?

Tal vez Jesús está exponiendo primero los opuestos a los pobres y mansos, los "ricos de espíritu". Éstos desarrollan tal confianza en sí mismos, basada en los logros o en los privilegios heredados, que se aíslan de Dios, e ignoran o explotan a los demás. Jesús también sabía que los humildes de corazón se dan cuenta de que no pueden construir una autoafirmación ilusoria, por lo que pueden estar más abiertos a la afirmación de Dios sobre ellos. Así pueden estar más profundamente capacitados para participar en la obra de Dios. Dios bendice y honra a los de corazón abierto.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Sofonías 2:3; 3:12-13
 Salmo 146 (145):6-7, 8-9, 9-10
 1 Corintios 1:26-31
 Mateo 5:1-12a

2022 TAX DONATION LETTERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST BY CALLING CARMEN OR LORENA IN THE PARISH OFFICE (432-6404) OR BY EMAILING carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org OR lorena@goodshepherdpittsburg.org PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCE FOR RECEIVING THEM BY REGULAR MAIL OR EMAIL OR PICK UP.

ADORATION

As a reminder Adoration is on the first Friday of every month followed by a Mass for the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This months adoration is on February 3rd, during the following hours,

Adoration - 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM

Mass – 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.

We need at least one person per hour to sit with the Blessed Sacrament, the signup book is in the vestibule as you enter the church on the right-hand side.

If you have any questions please call

Bill or Ann (432-3995)



Our Lady of Lourdes,
The World Day of the Sick
Healing Mass at 10am,
February 11.
Come and Be Healed!



Parish Crab Feed Dinner Saturday, February 18 at 5 pm **\$65/Person**

\$15 per child 8 and under

To make reservations call the parish office or stop by the table after mass. TO GO Meals available. When you make your reservation, let them know you want it to go. You can also have steak in place of crab.



Good Shepherd Parish Crab Feed **RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE**

From Knights of Columbus Members or
Church Office
GREAT PRIZES!!!!!!

3 Sets of Two Warriors tickets for March 2

3 Days & 2 Nights at Peppermill Hotel Casino

2 Spa Gift Cards and other gift Value of \$250 each

2 \$150 Winco Gift Cards

Raffle Tickets \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00





Dear All Civilly Married Couples,

You might have chosen not to marry

in the Church for various reasons. Now, worry no more. Let's get your marriage convalidated!

IT IS ALL FREE OF CHARGE!

We are going to have a group marriage convalidation here in our church on **August 12 at 12pm**. To prepare for this celebration, we will have an “on site” marriage preparation session which will take place on **March 18 from 9am to 2pm**.

If you are interested in getting your marriage convalidated, please contact our parish office for registration.

Attention! We accept only couples that are currently civilly married, and have never been previously married or divorced.

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, or would like to be added to the email list, please contact Dulcinea

at yam@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

Upcoming dates: 2/8, 2/22, 3/8, and 3/22. Also save the date for our Young Adult Ministry's Lenten retreat on Saturday, 3/4/23, from 10 AM - 5:30 PM. All young adults are invited! More details to follow as the date approaches.



Nine Month Novena starting January 30, 2023.
Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine
of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC.
September 30, 2023, Vigil of Rosary Sunday.

God our Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we are adopted as your beloved sons and daughters.

At Pentecost you poured out the Holy Spirit upon Our Lady and the Apostles while they were at prayer.

Pour out that same Holy Spirit upon us as we meditate upon the mysteries of Christ contained in the Most Holy Rosary.

Enlighten our faith, strengthen our hope, and set us ablaze with love for you and our neighbor.

Graciously grant us St. Dominic's own zeal for the salvation of souls.

Bless the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage.

May it lead many souls to Jesus through Mary, so that we may know you and your saving power now and for all eternity.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!
St. Dominic, pray for us!

Learn more at rosarypilgrimage.org

Image: La Visione di San Domenico, Bernardo Kavallino, 1640



Santo Nino Celebration January 22, 2023



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.



St. Peter Martyr School Open House

Come check out St. Peter Martyr's School Community on Sunday, January 29th from 10am - 12pm to kick off Catholic Schools Week. Please invite your friends and family to see our great campus and the wonderful work the students will have displayed. Tours will be available. Please check in at the tour table located outside the school office or call to schedule an appointment for this day.

Now accepting applications for Preschool through 8th grade. Financial Aid is available. Apply online at

<https://stpetermartyrschool.org/admissions/how-to-apply>

Questions? (925) 439-1014
or spmschool@csdo.org



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.



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

Mass Intentions January 30– February 5

Mass Intentions For The Week



Mon	7:30 am	Tereza Vasquez (<i>Birthday</i>)
Tue	7:30 am	Rolando & Janice Sanchez (<i>Thanksgiving</i>)
Wed	7:30 am	Michael Belletti †
Thu	7:30 am	Rocco Enea †
Fri	7:30 am	Rachelle S. Untal & Family (<i>Thanksgiving</i>)
Sat	8:00 am	Jonah Mangante (<i>Birthday</i>)
	5:30 pm	John Mangante (<i>Birthday</i>)
Sun	8:00 am	Gunzie Aceves †
	10:00am	Judy Mori †
	12 pm	Jess & Mary Hernandez †
	3:00 pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH



YOUNG AT HEART STRENGTH TRAINING A FALL PREVENTION PROGRAM



Good Shepherd Church

Meet in the Parish Hall -11am start time

Tuesday, January 10th–May 2nd

Please arrive 15 minutes early on first day (no class on Mar 7th)

**Build Strength • Increase Flexibility
Improve Balance • Reduce Falls**



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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

- Isaiah 58:7-10**
- 1 Corinthians 2:1-5**
- Matthew 5:13-16**

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Weekend of JANUARY 22, 2022

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 7,526.28

2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 2,548.15

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 2nd COLLECTION

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

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Warm Greetings from Vietnam

I hope you are all doing well. Thank you so much for your prayers. I got home safe and sound. I am having wonderful time with my family and friends. We are celebrating Vietnamese Lunar New Year - one week national holiday. It is an opportunity for family gathering and bonding.

I am from a "small" family. My parents have six children (3 boys and 3 girls) and 13 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. One of my brother passed away more than three years ago. I am second to the youngest. My parents would like to send their warm greetings and best wishes to all of you. Know of their prayers for you all.

I am quite busy since I got home. I help the parish priest here to say Mass almost everyday. There are lots of hometown people and friends to come to visit me. I am suppose to be on vacation but there is no vacation for me yet. But I am very happy to be with my family after 3 years away from home.

After the Lunar New Year celebrations, I will celebrate the wedding Mass for my niece which will be held on Jan 28th. We are all looking forward to such a special day. I will keep you all updated with the wedding photos.

I am now sharing with you some pictures of my time with my family and friends. Hope you enjoy it.

Know of my prayers for you. I will return on Feb 10. Hope to see you soon.

Blessings, Fr. Thi



Scooter, My main transportation when I am home!

Cruising to visit my grandpa who lives across of the river. The bridge was flooded due to the hight tide.



My Family