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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 8, 2023



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 [godshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto: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



This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased (Mt. 13:17) For a reasonable period, we prepared ourselves for the coming of Jesus. Preparation was never simple. Crucial tasks needed to be done to make ourselves less unworthy of Jesus. We might be busy preparing our homes externally, like decorating and installing lights that make our homes more festive and happy. But above all, we were reminded to prepare ourselves internally, that is, to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. It is one of the best ways of preparing ourselves for Jesus. Once we do, we can genuinely confess in front of God, with all humility and sincerity, "I am now ready to accept Jesus, to embrace Him." And joy is deep in our hearts.

But who is Jesus for us? Is He vital in our lives? Do we take Jesus seriously when we believe that He saves us from our sins? We may profess that Jesus is the center of our lives, but if we examine our decision and action, even the simple ones, can we see Jesus as the center of it? Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI once said, "One can only be a Christian in the Church, not beside the Church." Indeed, one can only be a believer and follower of Jesus if He is in their hearts, not beside or outside. And the voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Mt. 13:17). This is so because Jesus has been a faithful servant to His Father from the beginning. Whatever He does is always in accordance with the will of His Father. Can we be God's beloved children? Of course, if we allow Jesus to be truly alive in our hearts and like Him, we faithfully do the will of the heavenly Father.

~Fr. Arn

Este es mi amado Hijo, con quien estoy muy complacido (Mt 13:17)

Durante un período razonable, nos preparamos para la venida de Jesús. La preparación nunca fue sencilla. Era necesario hacer tareas cruciales para hacernos menos indignos de Jesús. Podríamos estar ocupados preparando nuestras casas externamente, como decorar e instalar luces que hagan que nuestras casas sean más festivas y felices. Pero, sobre todo, se nos recordó que nos preparáramos internamente, es decir, que recibíramos el sacramento de la reconciliación. Es una de las mejores maneras de prepararnos para Jesús. Una vez que lo hacemos, podemos confesar genuinamente delante de Dios, con toda humildad y sinceridad: "Ahora estoy listo para aceptar a Jesús, para abrazarlo". Y la alegría está en lo profundo de nuestros corazones.

Pero ¿quién es Jesús para nosotros? ¿Es vital en nuestras vidas? ¿Tomamos en serio a Jesús cuando creemos que Él nos salva de nuestros pecados? Podemos profesar que Jesús es el centro de nuestras vidas, pero si examinamos nuestra decisión y acción, incluso las simples, ¿podemos ver a Jesús como el centro de ella? El Papa Emérito Benedicto XVI dijo una vez: "Uno solo puede ser cristiano *en la Iglesia*, no *al lado* de la Iglesia". De hecho, uno solo puede ser un creyente y seguidor de Jesús si Él está *en sus corazones*, no *al lado o fuera*.

Y la voz vino de los cielos, diciendo: "*Este es mi amado, con quien tengo complacencia*" (Mt 13:17). Esto es así porque Jesús ha sido un siervo fiel de Su Padre desde el principio. Cualquier cosa que Él haga siempre está de acuerdo con la voluntad de Su Padre. ¿Podemos ser hijos amados de Dios? Por supuesto, si permitimos que Jesús esté verdaderamente vivo en nuestros corazones y como Él, hacemos fielmente la voluntad del Padre.

Announcing... AUDITIONS for the 30th ANNIVERSARY of the **PASSION PLAY**



Calling all Youth Ministry students and Peer Leaders:
Be a part of the annual Passion Play ~ a Good Shepherd Youth Ministry tradition for 3 decades. Tell the story of Christ's last days while having fun with friends and making new ones!

Whether you want to be onstage or backstage, come and sign up for this exciting way to bring Christ's Passion to life ~ and earn your service hours!

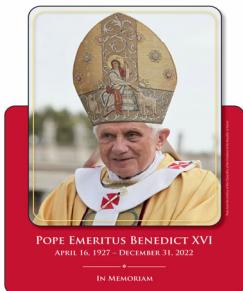
Sunday, January 15th - 12:30 (after LifeTeen) - Church Hall



Hope to see you there!



Any questions, contact Sue Garcia: 925-451-8867



In Memoriam
POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

April 16, 1927 – December 31, 2022

Papacy:
April 19, 2005 – February 28, 2013



Joseph Alois Ratzinger was born in Marktl am Inn, Bavaria, on April 16, 1927—Holy Saturday—and baptized that same day—the first person baptized in the new Easter water. It was a sign of blessing, he wrote in a memoir, that his life from the beginning was thus immersed in the Easter mystery. He entered the minor seminary in 1939 at the age of twelve, but his studies were interrupted by World War II, when the seminary was closed and Joseph, along with most of his class, was drafted into the army at the age of sixteen.

After the war he resumed his education in philosophy and theology, and together with his brother, Georg, was ordained a priest in 1951. During the course of a twenty-year career as a professor of dogma and theology at several German universities, he earned a reputation as a gifted lecturer and learned scholar, and was present as a *peritus*, or theological advisor, at all four sessions of the Second Vatican Council.

He was ordained an archbishop in May of 1977 and elevated to the College of Cardinals a month later. He settled in Rome in 1981 and went on to become one of the most influential men in the Roman curia. Of the many offices he held, he was best known as the Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, an authoritative advisor on doctrinal issues during his predecessor's pontificate. When he was elected the 265th successor of Peter in 2005 at the age of seventy-eight, he became the first German pope since Victor II in the eleventh century. A central theme of his papacy was the staunch defense of core Christian values against what he saw as moral decline across much of Europe. At the same time, he sought to improve relations with other religions, trying to determine if a “cultural synthesis” was possible without losing the identity of the faith while engaged in discourse with the Lutheran World Federation, Judaism, Islam, the Anglican Communion, and Christian Orthodox Churches. He also spoke out against human rights abuses and ongoing political conflicts and warfare, and advocated better protection of the environment. He called for a radical rethinking of the global economy, criticizing the growing divide between rich and poor, and pressed for a “true world political authority” to oversee the economy and work for the common good.

Ever true to his episcopal motto, “Fellow Worker in the Truth,” Pope Benedict XVI’s teaching and prolific writings always defended traditional Catholic doctrine and values.

On February 11, 2013, Pope Benedict XVI announced that on February 28, 2013, he would resign as supreme pontiff due to his advanced age and deteriorating health and that a conclave would be convened shortly thereafter to elect a new pope. He returned to Rome and remained there as Pope Emeritus after Jorge Bergoglio succeeded him as Bishop of Rome.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.



Santo Niño Feast Day

Sunday, January 15, 2023 at 12 pm Mass and reception to follow.

If you would like to make a Mass offering for your special intentions. Please contact our ministry co-ordinator: Ofelia 925-427-1197.

The Santo Niño de Cebú is a Roman Catholic title of the Child Jesus associated with a religious image of the Christ Child widely venerated as miraculous by Filipino Catholics. It is the oldest Christian artifact in the Philippines, originally a gift from explorer Ferdinand Magellan to Rajah Humabon and his chief consort on account of their Christian baptism in 1521.

DATE	Sunday, January 15, 2023 @12:00 Noon Mass
MASS	SANTO NIÑO FIESTA
DONATION AMOUNT: Please issue check to Church of the Good Shepherd	
NAME OF SPONSOR	
INTENTIONS	
Signature of Sponsor	
Sponsor's Phone No.	

For more info, please contact Ofelia Tanyag at 925-890-2066 or Cynthia Auza at 925-597-1178

SIMBANG GABI FINANCIAL REPORT



**WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR
DEEP GRATITUDE TO FILIPINO
MINISTRY AND ALL THE
VOLUNTEERS WHO WORKED
SO HARD TO BRING A GREAT
SUCCESS TO OUR SIMBANG GA-
BI THIS YEAR. WE HAVE MADE
A TOTAL INCOME OF \$18,952.12
INCLUDING THE
PLATE COLLECTIONS.
THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH
FOR YOUR LOVING SUPPORT
FOR OUR PARISH.
GOD BLESS YOUR GOOD AND
GENEROUS HEARTS. SALAMAT!**

CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF MANAOAG, SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 AT 12PM MASS. COME AND JOIN US!



The apparition of Our Lady of Manaoag is a miraculous church event with a 400 year long history of renowned miracles and pious occurrences. According to the legend of its origin centuries ago, a farmer was walking through a field when he heard a woman's voice. He looked around and saw the Virgin Mary with a rosary in her right hand and the child Jesus in her left, standing in a cloud veiling a treetop. The man fell to his knees before the apparition, who told him where she wanted her church to be located. He told people of his vision and soon a church was built on the spot where the lady appeared. A town quickly flourished around it, and was called "Manaoag". "Our Lady of Manaoag" actually refers specifically to an ivory statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, brought from Spain via Acapulco in the early 17th century to the Philippines by Padre Juan de San Jacinto. Now located in the shrine in the church, the image is one of the most venerated Marian images in the country, and is thought by believers to possess healing powers as patroness of the sick, the helpless and the needy.

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

Wednesday January 4, 2023
Tuesday January 10, 2023

Time 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Friday January 6, 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 CBranco@oakdiocese.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.
Thank you!**



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

SHEPHERD'S CLOSET



The next Shepherd's Closet will be open on Tuesday, January 10th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Ministry building. Returning families, please bring your identification cards if you've lost it, we will issue you a new one. All families in need of help are welcome. If you have any questions or problems, call Ann or Bill Abitz at 925-432-3995.



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.

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



**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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Mass Intentions January 9– January 15**Mass Intentions
For The Week**

Mon	7:30 am	James Bruno
Tue	7:30 am	Theresa & Ray Matejeck †
Wed	7:30 am	Angie Sorci †
Thu	7:30 am	Rodolfo Navera † (91st Birthday)
Fri	7:30 am	Angie Sorci †
Sat	8:00 am	Myrna Brofas †
	5:30 pm	Ma. Nanette Vidal †
Sun	8:00 am	Nacho & Josie Orozco † Victor Montez Sr. †
	10:00am	Michael Gonzales †
	12 pm	Percy Perez †
	1:30 pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

COME AND JOIN US
CACHE CREEK CASINO RESORT (5 hours)
SATURDAY, 1/28/2023
RESERVE YOUR SEAT NOW!!!

Check in: 8:00 am - Good Shepherd Church parking lot
Departure time: 8:30 am – Good Shepherd Church parking lot

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

Light breakfast, snacks, and water will be served in the bus
*****Bingo and raffles *****

To reserve your seat, please call or text:

Feli Buettner (925) 207-3501
Alma Espiritu (925) 597-2515

Hosted by: YLI

All passengers must bring a valid government photo ID.
Mask is optional inside the bus and in Cache Creek Casino Resort.
Unvaccinated passengers are encouraged to wear a mask.

Children's Mass

**First Sunday of every month at the 10:00 AM mass and
3pm in Spanish.**

Youth Mass

3rd Sunday of the Month at 10am

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Weekend of DECEMBER 25, 2022

**Due to early submission of the bulletin these numbers
are running a week behind.**

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 16,573.10

2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 3,169.39

**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 49:3,5-6

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

THE HOLY LAND

10 DAYS: OCTOBER 17-26, 2023

Hosted by

**FR. THI HOANG
FR. JOSEPH TUAN LE
FR. ANTHONY HUONG LE**

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NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, INC.

**Parish Crab Feed Dinner
Saturday, February 19 at 5 pm**

*Call the parish office to make
reservation.
More details to follow closer to the
date.*

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

**From Knights of Columbus Members or
Church Office**

GREAT PRIZES!!!!!!

