



CHURCH OF THE

*Good Shepherd*

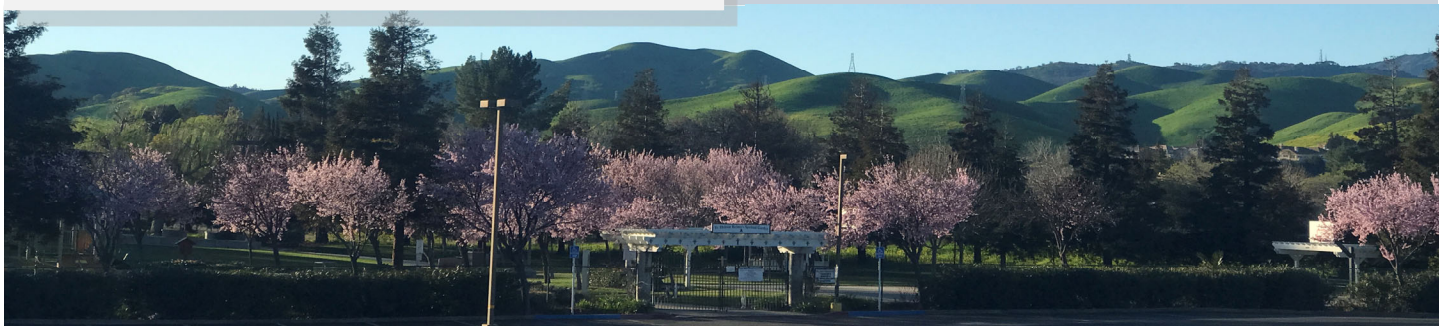
**One Flock, One Family, Living and Sharing  
the Love of Christ**

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*Seventh Sunday*

**IN ORDINARY TIME**

February 19



Love your enemies,  
that you may be children  
of your heavenly Father,  
for he makes the sun rise  
on the bad and the good.

Matthew 5:44, 45

**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 (Is) & 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](mailto:goodshepherdpittsburg.org) or

*Lorena* [Lorena@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto:Lorena@goodshepherdpittsburg.org)

**Marriages:** In order to make marriage arrangements contact [carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto: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**



## NON-VIOLENT RESISTANCE

Our readings from Leviticus and from Matthew today explore an especially difficult challenge: how to respond to injury and humiliation. Leviticus teaches that, in order to be holy, God's people must refrain from grudges or revenge. In Matthew, Jesus teaches that we must first avoid actions that continue an escalating cycle of retribution. Jesus advocated a creative non-violent resistance, a response that both refuses to accept being humiliated and keeps open the possibility of reconciliation. For his listeners, turning the other cheek or walking the second mile were ways to throw the oppressor off-balance. They expose the harm being done, and sustain one's personal dignity. When Jesus follows with his next teaching, "love your enemies," he points to what might be a long journey of forgiveness toward those who hurt us. At these times, we might remember that Jesus, in his suffering and death, followed a similar path.

### TEMPLE OF GOD

When Paul writes "you are the temple of God," note that he uses the plural form of "you." He was speaking about the community at Corinth as a temple. For Paul, a temple is where God dwells. God abides, and is active within, the shared life of the community. Paul speaks at length about the divisions within the Corinthian community. These divisions were seen as a defilement of God's temple.

We encounter divisions in our own Church today, sometimes accompanied by a troubling lack of humility and charity. Often the conflicts revolve around establishing markers of true discipleship, with some emphasizing personal faith and morality, and others emphasizing justice and the Church's social teachings. Perhaps the Spirit, active in the temple of our shared life, points toward Jesus' command "love your enemies." Perhaps we best exhibit discipleship in the charity we extend, and our capacity for dialogue, with those who disagree with us or who are unkind to us.

### THE SERMON

Today we conclude the series of Sunday Gospel passages from the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew's chapters 5-7. Having proclaimed the coming of the Kingdom, Jesus extensively described to his new community what life is like in this new realm, and the inner dispositions needed to enter into it. He exposed hidden places of the heart, especially those places that needed to be healed.

The Sermon is a huge challenge for us today. The Sermon pushes against our attempts to compromise what God summons us to be and to do. It challenges our deep desires to see ourselves as virtuous, and to resist God's desire to transform us. It reminds us that we are both loved by God and in need of God's help. As we anticipate the season of Lent, consider prayerfully reading the Sermon as a whole. We are invited to carefully explore our deeper motivations, to allow God to uncover and to heal our fears and our wounds.

### TODAY'S READINGS

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18  
 Psalm 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13  
 1 Corinthians 3:16-23  
 Matthew 5:38-48

## RESISTENCIA CREATIVA NO VIOLENTA

Nuestras lecturas de hoy del Levítico y de Mateo exploran un reto especialmente difícil: cómo responder a la injuria y la humillación. El Levítico enseña que, para ser santo, el pueblo de Dios debe abstenerse del rencor y la venganza. En Mateo, Jesús enseña que, en primer lugar, debemos evitar acciones que continúen un ciclo creciente de retribución. Jesús aboga por una resistencia creativa no violenta, una respuesta que a la vez se niega a aceptar ser humillado y mantiene abierta la posibilidad de la reconciliación. Para sus oyentes, poner la otra mejilla o caminar la segunda milla eran formas de desequilibrar al opresor. Exponen el daño que se está haciendo y mantienen la dignidad personal. Cuando Jesús sigue con su siguiente enseñanza, "amen a sus enemigos", apunta a lo que podría ser un largo camino de perdón hacia quienes nos hacen daño. En esos momentos, podemos recordar que Jesús, en su sufrimiento y muerte, siguió un camino similar.

### TEMPLO DE DIOS

Cuando Pablo escribe "ustedes son el templo de Dios", note que usa la forma plural de "ustedes". Hablaba de la comunidad de Corinto como de un templo. Para Pablo, un templo es el lugar donde habita Dios. Dios habita y actúa en la vida compartida de la comunidad. Pablo habla largo y tendido sobre las divisiones de la comunidad de Corinto. Estas divisiones eran vistas como una profanación del templo de Dios.

Hoy nos encontramos con divisiones en nuestra propia Iglesia, a veces acompañadas de una preocupante falta de humildad y caridad. A menudo, los conflictos giran en torno al establecimiento de marcadores del verdadero discipulado, en los que unos ponen el acento en la fe y la moralidad personales, y otros en la justicia y las enseñanzas sociales de la Iglesia. Quizás el Espíritu, activo en el templo de nuestra vida compartida, apunta hacia el mandamiento de Jesús "amen a sus enemigos". Tal vez la mejor muestra de discipulado la demos en la caridad que ejercemos, y en nuestra capacidad de diálogo, con quienes no están de acuerdo con nosotros o no son amables con nosotros.

### EL SERMÓN

Hoy concluimos la serie de pasajes del Evangelio dominical del Sermón de la Montaña, capítulos 5-7 de Mateo. Tras proclamar la llegada del Reino, Jesús describió ampliamente a su nueva comunidad cómo es la vida en este nuevo reino y las disposiciones interiores necesarias para entrar en él. Expuso los lugares ocultos del corazón, especialmente aquellos que necesitaban ser sanados.

El Sermón es un gran desafío para nosotros hoy. El Sermón nos empuja contra nuestros intentos de comprometer lo que Dios nos llama a ser y a hacer. Desafía nuestros profundos deseos de considerarnos virtuosos y de resistirnos al deseo de Dios de transformarnos. Nos recuerda que Dios nos ama y que necesitamos su ayuda. Al anticiparnos al tiempo de Cuaresma, consideremos la posibilidad de leer en oración el Sermón en su conjunto. Se nos invita a explorar cuidadosamente nuestras motivaciones más profundas, a permitir que Dios descubra y cure nuestros miedos y nuestras heridas.

### LECTURAS DE HOY

Levítico 19:1-2, 17-18  
 Salmo 103 (102):1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13  
 1 Corintios 3:16-23  
 Mateo 5:38-48

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](mailto:carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org) OR [lorena@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto:lorena@goodshepherdpittsburg.org) PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCE FOR RECEIVING THEM BY REGULAR MAIL OR EMAIL OR PICK UP.

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!



**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.*

*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](mailto:yam@goodshepherdpittsburg.org)  
Upcoming dates: 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.



### 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.

**LENTEN DINNERS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS!**

Everyone is invited to attend our

**Friday Lenten Dinners**

**February 24th**

**Dinner begins at 5:30 pm**

in the parish hall Cost is \$15 per person for a delicious meat free meal. Dinner reservations are a must! Deadline is every Monday of Lent by 4 pm. Call the parish office with your name and number of guests. 432-6404

**Menu for February 24th**

**Sand Dabs, Salad, Bread & Dessert**

**Stations of the Cross follow at 7:30 pm in the Church.**

**Wanted Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

If you would like to become closer to the Lord and you meet the following requirements Baptized, Confirmed, if married you must have been married in the Catholic Church and be a Practicing Catholic.



If you meet the above requirements this may be the ministry for you. If you're interested in becoming an Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion we have a procedural training on Thursday, February 23rd from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM. in the Church.

If you Plan to attend, you must contact Ann & Bill Abitz at 925 432-3995 or the office 925-432-6404 before February 22nd .

**CONFESSIONS**

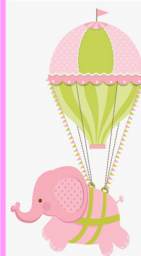
**Fridays 8:00-9:00 am**

**Saturday 4:00-5:00 pm**

**Every Tuesday during Lent from 7:00pm-8:00pm**

**Lenten Parish Reconciliation: March 13 at 7:00pm (Bilingual)**

**SHEPHERD'S CLOSET SUPPORTERS**



We are getting low on children's clothes in LARGER SIZES. (2's 3's, 4's, 5's, 6's and 7's only). If you cleaned your children's closets after Christmas and want to donate them to Shepherd's Closet, we would really appreciate it. Mark them Shepherd's Closet and drop them off at the office.

**THE HOLY LAND**

**10 DAYS: OCTOBER 17-26, 2023**



**Haifa  
Tiberias  
Nazareth  
Bethlehem  
Jerusalem**

Hosted by  
**FR. THI HOANG  
FR. JOSEPH TUAN LE  
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Mass Intentions February 20–26

**Mass Intentions For The Week** 

Mon	7:30 am	Auza Family ( <i>Thanksgiving</i> )
Tue	7:30 am	Consuelo Segovia † ( <i>1 Year Death Ann.</i> )
Wed	7:30 am	Blanca Mosca †
Thu	7:30 am	Fr. Louis Dabovich †
Fri	7:30 am	Rico Fonzi † ( <i>5 Year Death Anniversary</i> )
Sat	8:00 am	Joe Navera ( <i>Birthday</i> ) Ike Jr. Muonekwu ( <i>Birthday</i> )
	5:30 pm	Sancho Alesna †
Sun	8:00 am	Nacho Orozco & Ron Miller †
	10:00am	Ron K. Atkinson †
	12 pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
	3:00 pm	Adelina Del Real Delgado †

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**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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**Weekend of FEBRUARY 12, 2022**

**1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT)**

**2nd 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!*

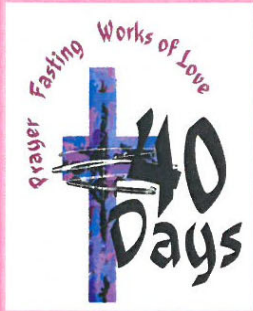
**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7**  
**Roman 5:12-19**  
**Matthew 4:1-11**

**NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION**

**BISHOPS APPEAL**

## 2023 Lenten & Easter Celebrations



### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES DURING LENT

**ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE:** Feb. 22 @ 6:30am (service only); 7:30am; 12pm; 4:30pm (CCD); 6pm; & 7:30pm (Spanish)

**Confessions:** Fridays 8-9 am; Saturdays 4-5 pm  
and every Tuesday during Lent from 7-8 pm

**Lenten Parish Reconciliation:** March 13 @ 7pm (Bilingual)

**Adorations:** Fridays 8 am– 9 am; First Friday from 8am to 7pm followed by Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**Stations of the Cross:** All Fridays of Lent @ 7 pm

**Lenten Bible Study:** All Thursdays of Lent @ 7pm

**Lenten Dinners:** On Fridays @ 5pm, Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31

7:00pm Lenten Retreat with Msgr. John McLaughlin

*(This event is livestreamed as well on our Youtube Channel)*

2pm retiro de cuaresma y 3pm Misa en Español

7pm Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service

7pm Opening Passion Play Performance 1

7pm Lenten Taize Prayer

### HOLY WEEK

Vigil 5:30 pm Mass- 7pm Passion Play Performance 2

8am, 10am, 12pm, 3pm (Spanish); 5:30pm Passion Play Performance 3

6pm—Passion Play Performance 4

7:30am Morning Prayer/Liturgy of the Hours

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of Feet followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Mid-Night.

7:30am Morning Prayer/Liturgy of the Hours

12pm Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross

3:00pm Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross (Spanish)

6:00pm Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross

7:30pm—Passion Play Performance 5

March 6 & 7

March 12

March 13

March 26

March 31

April 1- Palm Sunday

April 2- Palm Sunday

April 5- Holy Wednesday

April 6-Holy Thursday

April 7-Good Friday

### **EASTER VIGIL/ EASTER**

April 8-Holy Saturday

8:00am—Morning Prayer/ Liturgy of the Hours

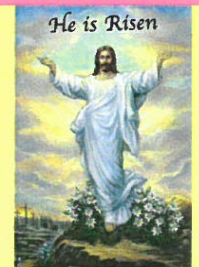
8:00pm Easter Vigil (*livestreamed as well*)

April 9-Easter Sunday

7:00am Mass; 8:30am Mass; 10am Mass (*livestreamed*

*as well*); 2:00pm Mass; 3:00pm Mass – Spanish

April 16- Divine Mercy Sunday



### **Celebraciones de la Cuaresma y la Pascua para la Comunidad Hispana**

Retiro de Cuaresma para los líderes de los Ministerios :

Sabado, 25 de Febrero de las 9:30am a 3:30pm en Español en la iglesia con el Pdre. Candelario Jimenez.

Viernes Santo: 7 de Abril a las 3:00pm Liturgia y veneracion de la cruz en español.

Retiro de Cuaresma: 12 de Marzo a las 2:00pm y 3:00pm la Misa en Español

VIGILIA PASCUAL / PASCUA

Sábado Santo: 8 de Abril a las 8:00pm

Confesiones Parroquial de Cuaresma: 13 de Marzo a las 7:00pm(sacerdotes en español)

Domingo de Resurrección:

Jueves Santo: 6 de Abril a las 7:00pm

Misa de la Ultima Cena del Señor y Lavatorio de Pies seguido de Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento hasta media noche.

9 de Abril a las 3:00pm Misa en Español