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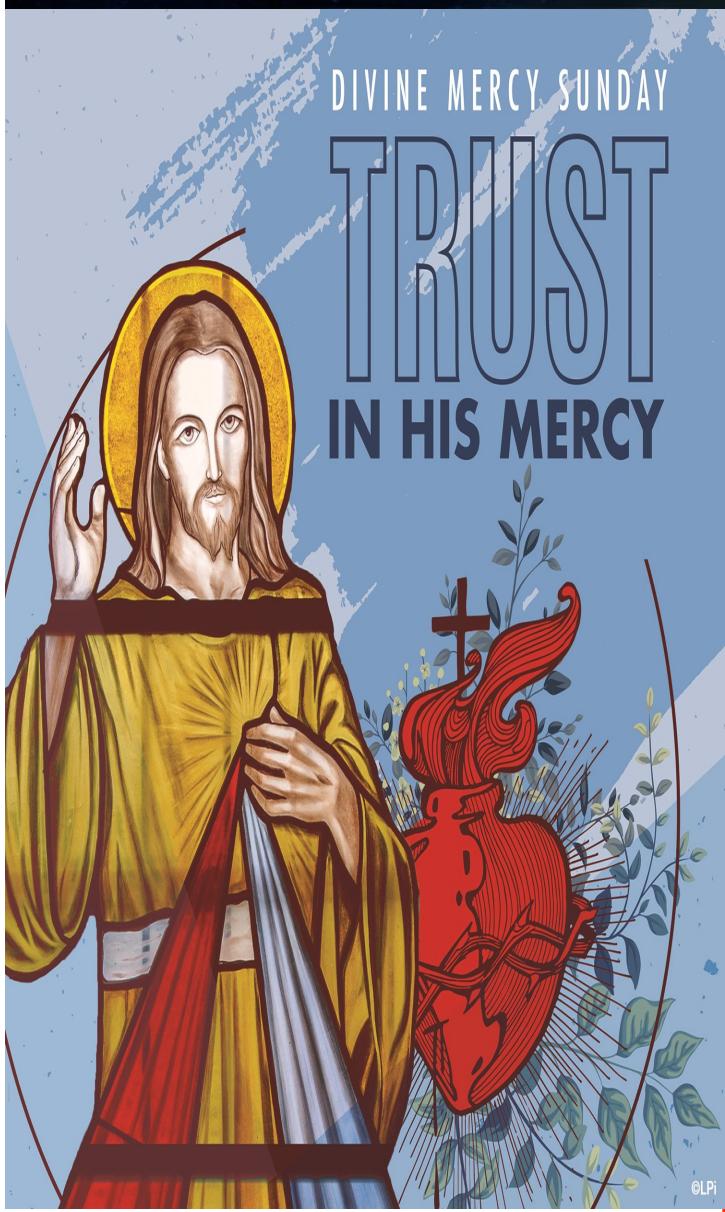
# DIVINE MERCY Sunday

April 16, 2023



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

# TRUST IN HIS MERCY



## 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)

12 noon & 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



Dear Friends in Christ,

“Jesus, I trust in you.” is the message of this Divine mercy Sunday. Jesus said to St. Faustina one day: *“Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy”*. St. John Paul II has realized how true this saying was when he saw the culture of death all over the world. And in the year of 2000 when he canonized sister Faustina, he made the Second Sunday of Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday. Why second Sunday of Easter? It is because on this Sunday we hear the story of Thomas who doubted the resurrection. To confirm Thomas’ faith, Jesus showed him the wounds caused by the sin of humanity. By showing Thomas the wounds, Jesus shows his mercy to the world and gives us a good model to respond to hatred and violence. What do you do when someone has hurt you? Will you hate them back. Will you take revenge? – an Eye for an eye? Pay back! What did Jesus do when people hurt him? He blessed them. He blesses us with his right hand on which we nail him on the Cross. He transforms the law of justice into the law of mercy. That’s is only the way to live a life of peace.

So the core of the Divine Mercy message is very simple as such: God says to us: *I am love and mercy. Come to me, I will heal your wounds. I am not going to punish you, but I want to heal your wounded hearts. Let me do it for you. And trust me.* Throughout his life, Jesus responded with mercy to people in all walks of life. He consoled a widow whose only son just passed away to say, don’t cry! He befriended the rich and the poor, tax collectors, prostitutes, lepers, and the Gentiles. He raised the dead to life. He healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, and fed the hungry. He grieved when his friend died, and forgave the people who crucified Him. *He said: Blessed are the merciful, for you will be shown mercy.*

Yes, we all need mercy. What is mercy? Mercy comes from a Latin word: *Misericordia miserere* (“pity” or “misery”) and *cordia* (“heart”). So Mercy means the suffering of the heart, a type of compassion, a deep, loving identification with people in their suffering. Having mercy means that we enter into the other person’s suffering. We feel the other person’s pain, and place ourselves inside the other person’s heart and mind. When that happens, we are moved to respond in a merciful way. Life is full of challenges and trials. We find these struggles because they demonstrate our inability to live our lives as we desire. (The pandemic reminded us that we are powerless; we are vulnerable.) That’s why we cry out today, **Jesus I trust in You.** He will bring our stormy days to pass and peace will come again. So, let us bring our struggles to Jesus. He knows the struggles and pains of this world; He knows what it is to suffer. But now, with Christ’s resurrection, suffering has a redemptive value. Now, the sufferings we endure, large or small, can be united to Jesus’ suffering on the Cross, the act that saved the world. And so, whether we are worrying about our appearance, our health, or our livelihood, we can enter into the struggle, knowing that Christ is with us, will help us walk this path, because there can be good that comes out of these days. So we pray: *For the sake of his sorrowful passion. Have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

Fr. Thi Hoang



Queridos Amigos en Cristo,

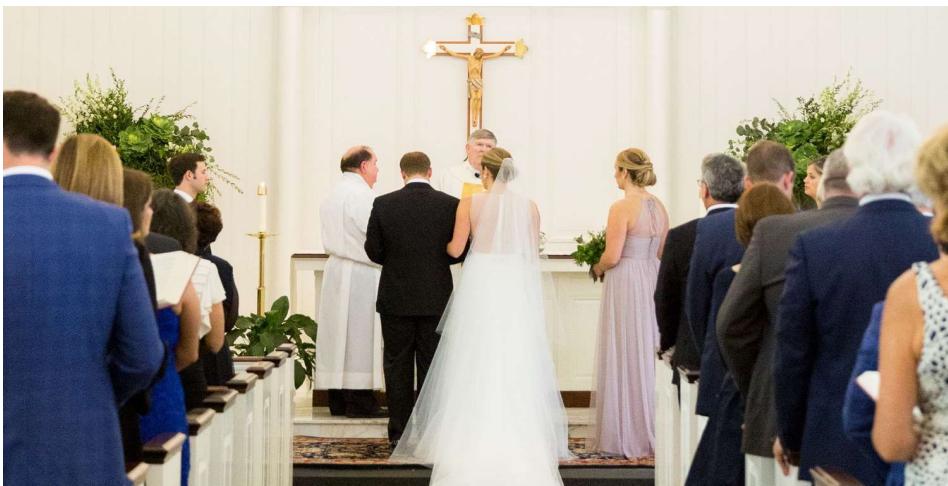
“Jesús, en ti confío”. es el mensaje de este Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. Jesús le dijo un día a Santa Faustina: *“La Humanidad nunca encontrará la paz hasta que se vuelva con confianza a la Divina Misericordia”*. San Juan Pablo II se dio cuenta de cuán cierto era este dicho cuando vio la cultura de la muerte en todo el mundo. Y en el año 2000 cuando canonizó a Sor Faustina, hizo del Segundo Domingo de Pascua el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. ¿Por qué el Segundo Domingo de Pascua? Es porque en este Domingo escuchamos la historia de Tomás que dudó de la resurrección. Para confirmar la fe de Tomás, Jesús le mostró las heridas causadas por el pecado de la humanidad. Al mostrarle a Tomás las heridas, Jesús muestra su misericordia al mundo y nos da un buen modelo para responder al odio y a la violencia. ¿Qué haces cuando alguien te ha hecho daño? ¿Los odiarás de vuelta? ¿Te vengarás? - ¿Ojo por Ojo? ¡A Pagar! ¿Qué hizo Jesús cuando la gente lo lastimó? los bendijo. Él nos bendice con su mano derecha en la que lo clavamos en la Cruz. Él transforma la ley de la justicia en la ley de la misericordia. Esa es la única manera de vivir una vida de paz.

Entonces, el núcleo del mensaje de la Divina Misericordia es muy simple como tal: Dios nos dice: *Yo soy amor y misericordia. Ven a mí, sanaré tus heridas. No los voy a castigar, pero quiero sanar sus corazones heridos. Déjame hacerlo por ti. Y confía en mí.* A lo largo de su vida, Jesús respondió con misericordia a las personas en todos los ámbitos de la vida. Consoló a una viuda cuyo único hijo acababa de fallecer para decirle, ¡no llores! Se hizo amigo de ricos y pobres, recaudadores de impuestos, prostitutas, leprosos y gentiles. Él resucitó a los muertos. Sanó a los enfermos, dio vista a los ciegos y alimentó a los hambrientos. Se afligió cuando murió su amigo y perdonó a las personas que lo crucificaron. *Él dijo: Bienaventurados los misericordiosos, porque se les mostrará misericordia.*

Sí, todos necesitamos misericordia. ¿Qué es la misericordia? Misericordia proviene de una palabra en latín: Misericordia *miserere* ("lástima" o "miseria") y *cordia* ("corazón"). Entonces Misericordia significa el sufrimiento del corazón, un tipo de compasión, una identificación profunda y amorosa con las personas en su sufrimiento. Tener misericordia significa entrar en el sufrimiento del otro. Sentimos el dolor de la otra persona y nos ubicamos dentro del corazón y la mente de la otra persona. Cuando eso sucede, nos sentimos impulsados a responder de manera misericordiosa.

La vida está llena de desafíos y pruebas. Encontramos estas luchas porque demuestran nuestra incapacidad para vivir nuestras vidas como deseamos. Esta pandemia nos recuerda que somos imponentes; somos vulnerables. Por eso clamamos hoy, **Jesús en Ti confío**. Él traerá nuestros días tormentosos a pasar y la paz vendrá de nuevo. Entonces, traigamos nuestras luchas a Jesús. Él conoce las luchas y los dolores de este mundo; Sabe lo que es sufrir. Pero ahora, con la resurrección de Cristo, el sufrimiento tiene un valor redentor. Ahora, los sufrimientos que soportamos, grandes o pequeños, pueden unirse al sufrimiento de Jesús en la Cruz, el acto que salvó al mundo. Y así, ya sea que estemos preocupados por nuestra apariencia, nuestra salud o nuestro sustento, podemos entrar en la lucha, sabiendo que Cristo está con nosotros, nos ayudará a caminar este camino, porque puede haber algo bueno que salga de estos días. . Así oramos: *Por su dolorosa pasión. Ten misericordia de nosotros y del mundo entero.*

Padre Thi Hoang



Queridas parejas que están casadas por el civil, tenemos buenas noticias. Tal vez no han tenido la oportunidad de poder casarse por la iglesia.

Ahora, no se preocupe más. Tendremos bodas comunitarias. SIN NINGÚN COSTO. La ceremonia será el 23 de septiembre a las 11am (en español). La clase prematrimonial será el 29 de Abril de 9:00 a 12:00pm. Si están interesados, pueden llamar a la oficina para registrarse y recibir más detalles.

Únicamente parejas que están casadas por el civil y que no hayan estado casadas antes o divorciados.

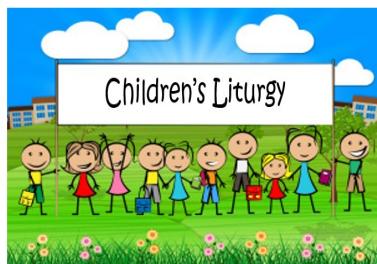
### *Children's Mass*

**Children's and Family Mass has started again. First Sunday of every month at the 10:00 AM mass All are welcome.**

**We are in need of more children to do the reading and bring up the gifts.**

**We will provide the reading and help them practice. If your child is interested please contact Klarisse at 925-432-6404 x21**

Les recordamos que cada primer Domingo del mes se estarán ofreciendo misas para los niños, en las cuales están invitados a participar en alguna de las siguientes actividades; Bienvenida, Liturgia de la palabra , colecta y/o llevar las ofrendas al altar . Si les gustaría participar por favor comunicarse con Lorena Reyes (925) 432-6404 ext 20



## ARE YOU READY FOR SOME **BUNCO?**

Hosted by YLI

Let's Play **BUNCO**

Benefit ALS

Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> Good Shepherd Ministry Bldg.

12:00 P.M. Lunch with Bunco to follow

Cost: \$25.00

Cash Prizes & Gifts

Call For Reservations

Gina 925 522-0550, Lynn 925 437-3767 or Tessie 925 325-5896

Limited Seating Available





## I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL 2023

**2023 Bishop's Ministries Appeal. Our goal this year is: \$35,600.00, Please give to support our Diocese.**

Please visit our website to learn more about our Bishop's Appeal.

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10 DAYS: OCTOBER 17-26, 2023

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FOR A BROCHURE WITH COMPLETE DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT OR DETACH & MAIL TO:

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Tel: (925) 698-4559  
Email: tammyhairtrends@gmail.com

# YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

All Young Adults 21 - 35 years old are invited to join our Young Adult Ministry! Starting in April, we will begin meeting on the first and third Wednesday of the month. We meet at 7:00 pm in the ministry building. If you have any questions, or would like to be added to the email list, please contact Dulcinea at [yam@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto:yam@goodshepherdpittsburg.org)



**SAVE THE DATE  
THE FLOCK WILL CELEBRATE THE GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY—OUR PARISH FEAST DAY ON APRIL 30 AT 11AM.  
OUR BISHOP MICHAEL WILL BE HERE TO CELEBRATE WITH US. THERE WILL BE A MULTICULTURAL RECEPTION AFTER THE MASS  
LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS SPECIAL DAY.**

April 16, 2023



**"Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy."**  
(St. Faustina's Diary, p. 132)

Masses: 8am, 10am, 12pm, 3pm Spanish

We will pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy after each Mass  
 P/s: We will especially celebrate this Feast Day at 12pm Mass  
 with Mass offerings and Sponsorship

#### MASS SPONSORSHIP for Feast/Masses

DATE	April 16, 2023 at the 12:00 Noon mass
MASS <small>(indicate feast name)</small>	Divine Mercy Sunday Feast Mass
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>	
INTENTION/s:	
Signature of Sponsor	
Sponsor's Telephone No.	

For questions, please contact Becky or Jun Naca at 925-858-9217  
 Completed forms must be received by 5:00 pm on Friday, April 14, 2023

## Mass Intentions April 17– April 23

Mass Intentions  
For The Week

Mon	7:30 am	Josefa Pala Tampos † ( <i>Death Ann.</i> )
Tue	7:30 am	Lucy Laxa †
Wed	7:30 am	Stephen Esposito †
Thu	7:30 am	Angie Sorci †
Fri	7:30 am	Nora Ferrante †
	7:00 pm	Hari, Everardo & Miguel Avila †
Sat	8:00 am	Josie Torres †
	5:30 pm	Sancho Alesna †
Sun	8:00 am	Ann Aceves †
	10:00am	Carol Zbacnik & Jim Matejeck †
	12 pm	Elena Panugaling †
	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**

**Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33**

**1 Peter 1:17-21**

**Luke 24:32**

## Staff Contact Information

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**Gerry Brochu, Maintenance**

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## Weekend of APRIL 9, 2023

**1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$14,711.26**

**2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$5,474.00**

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**

## FAITH FORMATION

**CONGRATULA-  
TIONS TO OUR 66  
FRIENDS WHO  
WERE INITIATED  
AT EASTER VIGIL  
ON APRIL 8.**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

*Mark Your Calendars*

- April 9- Easter: 7am; 8:30am; 10am; 12pm; 3pm (Spanish)
- April 16- Parents Class E
- April 17- First H. C. Confession at 6pm
- April 23- Parents Class Sp
- April 30- Parish Feast Day: 11am Mass presided by Bishop Barber
- May 6- First Communion English at 10am
- May 8-9 - Confirmation discernment at 5pm
- May 10- Confirmation Confession at 7pm
- May 13- First Com Spanish 10am
- May 13 – Fatima- Marian Procession & Mass 6:30pm
- May 21 – Youth Confirmation at 5pm
- June 13- Fatima procession 7pm
- June 17- Music Concert in the church at 7pm
- July 1- Faith Formation registration begins
- July 13- Fatima Procession 7pm
- July 15- Parish Dinner Fundraising at 7pm
- August 2- Staff Retreat – all day
- August 12- Group Convalidation at 12pm
- August 15- Feast of the Assumption: 7:30am Mass and 6:30pm Procession and Bilingual Mass
- August 19- Parish Crawfish Dinner at 7pm
- August 23- Spanish Group Convalidation 11am
- Sept 13- Fatima Procession 7pm
- Sept 17- Faith Formation and youth confirmation kick off
- Sep 25- RCIA & Adult confirmation kick off
- Oct 1- Flock Party
- Oct 13- Fatima Mass and Procession 6:30pm
- Nov 18- Appreciation dinner for volunteers at 7pm
- Nov 23 – Thanksgiving at 10am
- Nov 26- Advent
- Dec 3- Christmas Concert 5pm
- Dec 8- Feasts of the Immaculate Conception: 7:30am Mass & 7pm Bilingual
- Dec 10-O.L Guadalupe 3pm Mass
- Dec 11- Advent Reconciliation 7pm
- Dec 16- Simbang Gabi 5:30am
- Dec, 24 Christmas Eve, 4pm, 6pm, 12Midnight
- Dec 25- Christmas Day: 8am, 10am, 12pm, 1:30pm
- Dec 31- New Year's Eve: 5:30pm Mass and Party at 7pm
- New Year 2024, 10am

### St. Peter Martyr's School News

#### 2023-2024 School Year Applications and Re-Registration

We are now accepting applications for the 2023-24 school year for all grade levels, Preschool (3 years old by September 1), Prekindergarten (4 years old by September 1), Kindergarten (5 years old by September 1), and grades 1-8. If you have a child who is not currently enrolled at St. Peter Martyr School and wish them to attend during the 2023-2024 school year, please complete the online application and we will reach out to schedule an assessment.

**"Tell A Friend":** Current St. Peter Martyr School families may earn a tuition credit of \$300.00 for each new family they bring to our school. The new family must list you as the source of the referral on their application to SPM School. The credit will be issued upon the acceptance and payment of the new family's registration fee. If more than one family is listed as a referral the \$300 tuition credit will be shared equally among the names listed.

### WANTED: Couples Interested in their Marriages

**TEAMS OF OUR LADY** is a group of 5-7 couples that meet monthly in their homes to share their news, a meal, prayer, and study topic with a family/marriage/spiritual focus. The couples form a unit that is supportive and caring. If you are interested in building up your marriage among true friendships that glorify God, please **RSVP to [sairaf@ yahoo.com](mailto:sairaf@ yahoo.com)** for one of the following Information Meetings – refreshments will be provided:

April 23: 9 a.m. – 10 a.m; 11am-12pm

April 30: 11am-12:30pm

Parish Ministry Center (small room in the Parish Office)

Information Couples: Chuck and Erica Raeder at 925.849.7661 or [theraeders@comcast.net](mailto:theraeders@comcast.net)

Linus and Diana Farias at [sairaf@ yahoo.com](mailto:sairaf@ yahoo.com)

<https://teamsofourlady.org>

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL

-St. Peter Martyr 439-1014

### PARISH MINISTRIES

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	Ann & Bill Abitz	432-3995
<b>Homebound Ministers to the Sick</b>		
	Bill Abitz	432-3995
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<b>Grief Ministry</b>	Carol Mondragon	457-3909
	Cynthia Greely	437-7846
<b>Italian Catholic Federation</b>	Patty Jarrett	957-6457
<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	Robert Calone	432-3300
<b>Lectors</b>	May Plata	473-0835
<b>Liturgy Committee</b>	Cynthia Auza	597-1178
<b>Missionary Families for Christ FFL</b>		
Dennis Manalo; Nap & Theresa Umadhay		427-5457
<b>Music Ministry</b>	Dennis Kiray	432-6404
<b>Nigerian Community</b>	Ann Ekweogu	300-6327
<b>Our Lady of PP Help</b>	Alma Espiritu	597-2515
<b>Padre Pio</b>	Mila Benitez	726-7526
<b>Pastoral Council</b>	Michelle Blair	698-8585
<b>Pakistani Community</b>	Derrick Miranda: 510-712-9118	
<b>RCIA</b>	david@delunatic.com	
<b>St. Martha's Guild</b>	Mercy Cruz	408-960-9737
<b>Santo Nino</b>	Ofelia Tanyag	890-2066
<b>Shepherd's Closet</b>	– 2nd Tuesday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm	
	Ann Abitz	432-3995
<b>Spanish Ministry</b>	Arturo Alvarez	415-748-1771
<b>St. Vincent DePaul</b>	Chelo Gonzalez	
<b>Tongan Community</b>	Florentina Tangitau	278-4813
<b>Ushers</b>	Benedict Viloria	550-6475
	Rosanne Ortland	783-8315
<b>Wedding Coordinators</b>	Danette Shipe	427-9561
	Bee Francisco	473-9247
<b>Young Ladies Institute:</b> Rosanne Ortland		698-0825
<b>Young Adult Ministry:</b> Dulcinea Jauregui		813-2071