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the Love of Christ**

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JULY 16, 2023



15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” - Mt 13:23

15^o DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

“En cambio, lo sembrado en tierra buena representa a quienes oyen la palabra, la entienden y dan fruto: unos, el ciento por uno; otros, el sesenta; y otros, el treinta”. - Mt 13, 23

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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)

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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a relationship, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

Father John Muir ©LP

15º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Escuchar la Palabra de Dios, entenderla con la mente y llevarla al corazón para que enseguida dé fruto. Así de fácil es decirlo, pero, ponerla en práctica es como el proceso de la semilla que se siembra, se entierra, y poco a poco, con la luz del sol, brota cuando menos se espera. Cuidar es la clave para que haya fruto en abundancia. Dejar que la semilla penetre en el corazón es no dejar de luchar contra las tentaciones que a diario nos aquejan. El diablo siempre está en busca de quitarnos las cosas buenas que tenemos, tal como la bondad y las ganas de trabajar por la justicia y la paz. La vida cristiana no es fácil, no estamos aquí para encontrarlo todo fácil y a la medida de nuestros caprichos, sino que estamos para servir.

El Papa Francisco nos dice sobre este Evangelio que "La parábola del sembrador es un poco la madre de todas las parábolas, porque habla de la escucha de la Palabra. Nos recuerda que la Palabra de Dios es una semilla que en sí misma es fecunda y eficaz; y Dios la esparce por todos lados con generosidad, sin importar el desperdicio. ¡Así es el corazón de Dios! Cada uno de nosotros es un terreno sobre el que cae la semilla de la Palabra, ¡sin excluir a nadie! La palabra es dada a cada uno de nosotros" (07/12/2020). El reto para cada uno de nosotros es pedir una mente atenta y un corazón fértil para escuchar la Palabra de Dios y dar frutos abundantes. ¿Cuáles son tus frutos? ¿Cómo los esparces a los demás?

Father John Muir ©LPi

Warm Greetings from Vietnam!

Thank
You

My parents got home safe and sound. Thank you so much for your prayers. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my deep gratitude to all of you for your hospitality, kindness and generosity to welcome my parents to our Good Shepherd Family and gave them many precious gifts of all kind. They had a wonderful time staying here. May God bless your good and gracious hearts. Fr. Thi





I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS
 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL 2023

2023 Bishop's Ministries Appeal. Our goal this year is: \$35,600.00,
 We have reached 75.77% of our goal
Thank you!

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

SAVE THE DATE

ST. PETER MARTYR SCHOOL
 HOSTS

COMMUNITY RUMMAGE & USED UNIFORM SALE

SATURDAY, JULY 15
 9 AM TO 1 PM
 425 W. FOURTH STREET

CONTACT THE OFFICE TO BOOK A BOOTH:
 (925) 439-1014
 KWILSON@CSDO.ORG

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Together, we are the hands and feet of *Jesus*, doing *His* work and serving those *He* dearly loves. Sharing our gifts is a clear demonstration that people of faith are never alone.

Approximately 150 families in need are served each week at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry which is located next to the parish office. We are in dire need of additional volunteers in order to continue to serve our community. If you are interested in serving, please come by the pantry during any of the days/times listed.

We look forward to serving with you!



Urgent Volunteer Needs:

Day of Week	Time	Description of Need	Location
Thursday	8:30 – 11:30	Pick Up Food Donations	*Concord
Thursday	10:30 – 11:30	Sort Food Donations	SVdP Pantry
Friday	8:30 – 11:30	Pick up Food from Food Bank	*Antioch
Friday	10:30 – 11:30	Sort Food	SVdP Pantry
Saturday	9:00 – 11:00	Pantry Set Up	SVdP Pantry
Saturday	11:00 – 1:30	Food Distribution	SVdP Pantry

NOTE: Time may differ slightly on Food collection days based on amount of donations

*Departs from SVdP Pantry at Good Shepherd

Mass Intentions July 17 – July 23

Mass Intentions For The Week



Mon	7:30 am	Ted Rodella †
Tue	7:30 am	Tiffany Vo (<i>Birthday</i>)
Wed	7:30 am	Theresa Navarro
Thu	7:30 am	Consuelo† & Jess Segovia (<i>63 Wedding Ann</i>) Lisa Segovia (<i>Birthday</i>)
Fri	7:30 am	Marcelino Rosado, Jr. †
Sat	8:00 am	Jack Garcia †
	5:30 pm	Stephanie Crowder (<i>Birthday</i>)
Sun	8:00 am	Abelardo, Alma & Alvin Carillo†
	10:00am	Brian A. Johnson †
	12 pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
	3:00 pm	Hildelisa Castillo †

Staff Contact Information

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R.C.I.A.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

**Do you feel called to come back to
the Catholic Church or to
complete the
Sacraments of Initiations?**

Join our **RCIA &
Adult Confirmation Program**
which will begin in September of this
year. For more information, please
contact our faith formation office at
925-432-6404.

Weekend of JULY 2, 2023

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 12,165.07

2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$3,201.51

Weekend of JULY 9, 2023

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 9,935.89

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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 12:13,-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

BISHOP'S APPEAL



SANTA MARTHA FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Everyone is invited to attend the Feast Day of SANTA MARTHA on July 29, 2023 at 8 am mass. A simple reception to follow in front of the church. There will be 9 days novena prayer from July 20-28 after the 7:30 am mass in the church.

Below is the Mass Sponsorship form. If you would like to be a mass sponsor, please fill in the form below and send the form and payment to: Mercy Cruz 408-960-9737; Marina Bond 925-203-0113; [Ellen Vicente 925-642-3339](mailto:Ellen.Vicente@dioceseofakland.org). Thank you.

DATE	July 29, 2023 – Saturday at 8 am Mass
MASS (indicate feast name)	Feast of St Martha
DONATION AMOUNT: If in check, please use "Church of the Good Shepherd" as payee	
NAME/s of SPONSORS/ S (Please write the name legibly and as you want it read at mass or shown in program)	
INTENTIONS/s	
Signature of Sponsors	
Sponsor's Telephone no.	

Revive & Rekindle the fire of the Eucharist in our hearts!

"I Am With You Always"
Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Congress:

September 15, 2023 (Youth)
5:00pm - 11:00pm
September 16, 2023 (Adults)
7:00am - 3:00pm



- July 15- Parish Dinner Fundraising at 7pm
- August 9- 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
- Sept 13- Fatima Procession 7pm
- Sept 10-Faith Formation and youth confirmation kick off
- Sept. 23- Spanish Group Convalidation 11am
- 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

Church of the Good Shepherd

Christian Youth Organization
Boys/Girls Basketball Sign Ups is Open
Until September 8, 2023

www.goodshepherdcyo.com



For 2nd through 8th grade
(2nd grade plays at 3rd grade level)

For more information, please email
goodshepherdcyo@gmail.com



or call 925-437-8044

Great opportunity for your child to have fun and work within a team structure.

In person sign ups can be arranged at Church of the Good Shepherd



3200 Harbor Street, Pittsburg, CA

CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH

Mary, Mother of the Eucharist



JULY 20

Start date for the Consecration to Jesus through Mary

AUGUST 22

Consecration Day at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, with Bishop Michael Barber, SJ presiding

Are you ready to respond to the call for missionary discipleship, with Mary as the perfect model? Consider consecrating yourself to the Lord through our Blessed Mother with this 33-day consecration!

DIOCESAN CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY
a part of the
2023 DIOCESE OF OAKLAND EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Faith Formation Registration for 2023-2024. Here are the details:

Registration 2023 begins July 3rd

A Baptism and Birth Certificate are required with your child's registration form.

Classes:

RCIC—Class for children **7 years or older** to receive Baptism and First Communion. It is one year, no matter what grade they start.

(Starting Date: Sunday, September 10 2023 from 11:15-12:15pm)

First Communion Class is 2 years no matter what grade they start.

(Starting Date: Sunday, September 10, 2023. 9:00-9:50am, 1:10-2:00pm, 2:00-2:50pm)

EDGE—Our junior high program to receive a sacrament.

(Starting Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 from 4:30-5:30pm)

Youth Confirmation Class is 2 years starting in 9th, 10th, or 11th grade.

(Starting Date: Sunday, September 10, 2023 from 11:15-12:45pm)

Adult Confirmation—Class for adults that are interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.

(Starting Date: Monday, September 25, 2023 at 7:00pm)

Parents Classes—Mandatory Parent Sessions once a month. Session dates TBA.

To register, you can do it at the parish office or go to our website at goodshepherdpittsburg.org.

Click—Religious Education and then Click—Registration Information

You will find links to forms and payments.

Then fill out your forms; you can email them to me at klarisse@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

If you're feeling called to be a catechist, please contact Klarisse at the email above. No experience is required, we will have a training day for anyone interested. Training date TBA.

El Registro 2023 Comienza el 3 de julio

Necesito una copia del certificado de nacimiento y el certificado de bautismo de su hijo, junto con la registracion.

Clases:

RCIC— Clase para niños de **7 años o más** para recibir Bautismo y Primera Comunión. En un año, sin importar qué grado van de escuela.

(Fecha de inicio: domingo, 10 de Septiembre de 2023 de 11:15-12:15pm)

La preparacion para la **primera comunión** es de 2 años.

(Fecha de inicio: domingo 10 de Septiembre de 2023. 9-9:50am, 1:10-2:00pm, 2:00-2:50pm)

EDGE—Nuestro programa de secundaria para recibir un sacramento.

(Fecha de inicio: miércoles 13 de septiembre de 2023 de 4:30-5:30pm)

La clase de **confirmación** para jóvenes es de 2 años a partir de 9, 10, y 11 grado.

Clases empiezan: domingo 10 de Septiembre de 2023 de 11:15-12:45pm

Confirmación de Adultos—Clase para adultos que están interesados en recibir el sacramento de la Confirmación.

(Fecha de inicio: lunes 25 de Septiembre de 2023 a las 7:00pm)

Mandatorio sesion para padres una vez al mes. Se daran a conocer cuando empiezen las clases de catecismo.

Vaya a nuestro sitio web en goodshepherdpittsburg.org

Educación Religiosa

Información de registro Encontrará enlaces para formularios y pagos.

Después de completar sus formularios, puede enviarme un correo electrónico a Lorena@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

Si sienten el llamado para ser catequistas les invitamos a participar en esta bella jornada de catecismo. No necesita experiencia. Tendremos un entrenamiento. Despues se les dara la fecha. Por favor comuniquese con Lorena al correo electronic mencionado arriba.