



CHURCH OF THE

*Good Shepherd*

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

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**JULY 30, 2023**



**17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

"El Reino de los cielos se parece a un tesoro escondido en un campo. El que lo encuentra lo vuelve a esconder y, lleno de alegría, va y vende cuanto tiene y compra aquel campo". - Mt 13, 44

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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](mailto:goodshepherdpittsburg.org) or*

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

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our culture seems more polarized and divided than ever. Into this wounded situation, our Catholic faith has a healing remedy to offer: the gift of wisdom. When the Lord offers to give King Solomon anything the monarch desires, he requests “an understanding heart” (1 Kings 3:9). In his polarized situation, the King doesn’t ask for power to defeat his enemies. He asks for a wise and understanding heart to judge right from wrong. This wisdom is elevated and fulfilled in Jesus who teaches us to bring forth “both the new and the old” (Matthew 13:52).

In our fractured society, we Christians should stop pining for political power to crush our perceived enemies. That often just makes things worse. Rather, it’s much more useful to beg for the grace of true wisdom which transcends both sides of the aisle. This places us in a fresh position from which we can help our culture see what is true and good all across the ideological spectrum. Sometimes we’ll look like liberals (e.g., in our love for the poor and marginalized) and other times like conservatives (e.g., in our sexual ethics and views on religious freedom). Because this wisdom is free from ideological narrowness, it will help to heal these painful fractures. Lord Jesus, this week, pour into us your healing wisdom.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi

### MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

17<sup>o</sup> Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Ahora, el Señor usa para su enseñanza las palabras tesoro, comerciante y red. Otras tres parábolas hermosas para aprender a trabajar por el Reino de los cielos. El comerciante encuentra el tesoro y compra todo el campo, pero antes, vende todo lo que tiene para obtener lo mejor. ¡El tesoro! Nuestro tesoro, actualmente, podría ser nuestra amistad con Dios, dejar todo por conservarla, sería el reto. El comerciante en perlas finas hace lo mismo. Nuestras perlas pueden ser la bondad y la justicia, el trabajo de servir con amor a los que nos rodean. La red que recoge toda clase de peces, podría ser no tener prejuicios contra nadie, no discriminar a la persona por su raza o apariencia. Ya que todos somos iguales ante Dios. Veamos ahora que nos dice el papa Francisco en su catequesis: “*El reino de los cielos es lo contrario de las cosas superfluas que ofrece el mundo, es lo contrario de una vida banal: es un tesoro que renueva la vida todos los días y la expande hacia horizontes más amplios. De hecho, quien ha encontrado este tesoro tiene un corazón creativo y buscador, que no repite, sino que inventa, trazando y recorriendo caminos nuevos, que nos llevan a amar a Dios, a amar a los otros, a amarnos verdaderamente a nosotros mismos*” (07/26/2020). Jesús nos advierte que al final de los tiempos seremos separados y habrá un destino eterno diferente. Ahora es el momento del cambio, de la conversión. Pon manos a la obra, no pierdas el tiempo.

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We were so honored to have Bishop Dan Parcon from the Diocese of Talibon, Phillippines and his singing priests visiting us and celebrated the Mass on July 23 at 12pm.

Congratulations to Msgr. Policarp on his 44th Priestly Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass with his family and friends. July 22, 2023



**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.



**Come and join ADORATION of THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
*Every First Friday of the Month from 8 AM to 6:45 PM, followed by a Mass for the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at 7 PM*

*Jesus said to His Apostles: "My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here and stay awake with me." And going on a little further he fell on his face and prayed. "My Father," he said, "if it is possible, let this cup pass me by. Nevertheless, let it be as you, not as I would have it." He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "So you had not the strength to stay awake with me for one hour?"*

*We need at least one person per hour to sit with the Blessed Sacrament, the sign-up 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)*

**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*

**BIG THANK YOU TO RAMAR FOOD DISTRIBUTION FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION FOR OUR DINNER/ DANCE!!**

Our Final Profit from our Fundraiser Dinner & Dance of July 15, 2023

**\$11,523.09**

**Thank you for your Support!**

## Mass Intentions July 31 – August 6

## Mass Intentions For The Week



Mon	7:30 am	Sue Cavallaro †
Tue	7:30 am	Robert & Sharon Calone (58th Wedding Ann.)
Wed	7:30 am	Jim Macalisang †
Thu	7:30 am	Theresa Navarro
Fri	7:30 am	Armando Solis † (Death Anniversary)
	7:00 pm	Jesse Hart (Birthday)
Sat	8:00 am	Frank Vitalie (Birthday) Ada Avila †
	5:30 pm	Erma Glanzman †
Sun	8:00 am	Dominic Confetti †
	10:00am	Araceli Salvo Yap †
	12 pm	Ritzi Bonifacio Ramos † (2nd death Ann.)
	3:00 pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

## 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 23, 2023

**1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ \$7,265.05**

**2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 2,744.00**

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 READINGS

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
2 Peter 1:16-19  
Matthew 17:1-9

### NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

**MAINTENANCE FUND**

**Feast of the Assumption, August 15. Mass Schedule**  
**7:30am -English; 7:00pm Bilingual Mass with Rosary Procession at 6:30pm.**  
*Use this below form for Mass Sponsorship. Thanks*

Church of the Good Shepherd

3200 Harbor Street Pittsburg, California 94565

Mass Sponsorship for Feast/Mass

DATE	August 15, 2023
MASS (Please indicate Feast name)	The Feast of the Assumption
DONATION AMOUNT (If in check, please make it out to: Church of the Good Shepherd as payee)	\$
NAME/S OF SPONSOR/S (Please write full name legibly and as you want it read at Mass or shown in program)	
INTENTION/S	
SIGNATURE OF SPONSOR	
SPONSORS PHONE NUMBER	

For Questions, Please Contact:

Tammy Vo (925) 698-4559

Jasper Espiritu (415) 503-8845

Villia Frizzell (925) 231-5642



Let the good times Boil!

Join us for a

**Crawfish Boil Party**

When: Saturday, August 19th at  
6:30 pm

Where: Church of the Good Shepherd  
3200 Harbor St, Pittsburg, CA 94565

**Who:** Everyone is invited!

**What:** Crawfish or Steak (please let us know, if you want steak ahead of time)

**Menu** Summer sizzling Seafood boilers ( southern style)  
- appetizers ( lumpia and shumai). salad with Dressing, rice and Garlic noodles

crawfish or steak, shrimp w/head on, sausage, potatoes, & corn.

**How much:** \$50 per Adult; \$15 for Children from 6-12 yrs.

Free for children of 5yrs & under.

Purchase tickets after weekend Masses or buy them at our parish office: 925-432-6404 or via Tammy Vo at 925-698-4559

Beer & Boil



**CRAWFISH  
AND BEER**



**THAT'S WHY  
I'M HERE**



- 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](http://www.goodshepherdcyo.com)



For 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
(2<sup>nd</sup> grade plays at 3<sup>rd</sup> grade level)

For more information, please email  
[goodshepherdcyo@gmail.com](mailto: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



Welcome the three newly baptized children and their families to our community, Kai Labao, Luca Ventura and Eleni Avanson.

**Available Ad Space**

**Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!**

Jaime Arvizu from LPi, our parish communication partner, will be working with us, securing new ads for our bulletin. Please consider purchasing an ad, sponsoring a charity, or in Memory of a Loved One. Your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

**BENEFITS OF ADVERTISING**

- Local, targeted community advertising for **one full year, at one low price.**
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- FREE, professional ad design, and 4 free ad changes per year.

**JAIME** [jarvizu@4LPi.com](mailto:jarvizu@4LPi.com)  
602-642-4136



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](http://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](mailto: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.

Classes:

**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 comunion** 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](http://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](mailto: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. Después se les dará la fecha. Por favor comuníquese con Lorena al correo electrónico mencionado arriba.