



CHURCH OF THE

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

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**AUGUST 13, 2023**



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

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

Entonces le dijo Pedro: "Señor, si eres tú, mándame ir a ti caminando sobre el agua". Jesús le contestó: "Ven". Pedro bajó de la barca y comenzó a caminar sobre el agua hacia Jesús. - Mt 14, 28-29

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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 Ceme-

ttery. Any other arrangements should be discussed with parish

priest.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK HOTLINE: 510-259-8706**

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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

A man at my parish was struggling to overcome a habitual sin. He said to me, “Father, I know the chance that I will commit sin again is really high. Why should I keep confessing my sins? Isn’t that dishonest?” Anyone who has felt the tyrannical power of sin — and who hasn’t? — has pondered this kind of question.

I responded to him, “What was the probability Peter would walk on the stormy water?” After some silence, he said, “Zero. But when Jesus called, he did it.” I could tell my penitent friend was re-framing the question from his own weakness to the greatness of the Lord’s love for him. The question for us should not be one of human probabilities about our sin, but rather whether or not we will trust the Lord’s grace in our lives.

This week the Lord is calling you and me to do the impossible: overcome sin with love. The only way to do that is to trust *he* is calling, and then to walk with the eyes of faith locked on him. And if we sink, he will raise us up again and again. Of that, we can be 100% sure. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

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

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

Este pasaje de Mateo nos lleva a reflexionar sobre la importancia de la fe y de cómo la profesamos a lo largo de nuestra vida. Desarrollar la fe es un proceso que da comienzo el día de nuestro bautismo. En ese momento fue plantada la semilla de la fe. Ya de adultos, escuchar la Palabra de Dios nos ayuda a enfrentar las tormentas cotidianas. A veces se tambalea nuestra fe. Pareciera que nada vale la pena y es cuando acudimos al Señor, como Pedro en el Evangelio, y viene el grito de: ¡Sálvame, Señor! de la incertidumbre, del miedo y de la falta de paz en nuestras ciudades, en las familias y en nuestros corazones. A pesar de nuestra poca fe, queremos ser fieles a Jesús y sus enseñanzas. Solo él puede salvarnos. Aunque vacile a causa de mis debilidades, tómate de tu mano y llévame hacia ti. Porque tú no eres un fantasma, eres el Hijo de Dios. Eres quien me tranquiliza, me da paz y serenidad para discernir, con la ayuda del Espíritu Santo, lo mejor para salvarme, para salvarnos en familia, en comunidad. Para eso tenemos su Palabra y la Iglesia que nos ayuda y guía en todos los tiempos. “*Cerca está su salvación de los que le temen y habitará su Gloria en nuestra tierra. La Gracia y la Verdad se han encontrado, la Justicia y la Paz se han abrazado; de la tierra está brotando la verdad, y del cielo se asoma la justicia*” (Salmo 85:10-12). La meta de este domingo de fe, es siempre confiar en el Señor y no en nosotros mismos.

## Marian Feasts!

**Question:** Why does Mary have so many feast days and names? **Answer:** Christians first began celebrating feast days in honor of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the fifth century. That celebration (originally called the Feast of the Dormition and now known by Roman Catholics as the Solemnity of the Assumption) was celebrated on August 15. Very soon, however, other special days dedicated to Mary began to appear in Jerusalem, Rome, and other major cities of the Christian world. These days of feasting became important parts of the life of the community. But, more importantly, each of these unique celebrations became an opportunity to focus on a different facet of the Christian faith, as believers focused their attention on specific events or mysteries of the lives of Mary and her Son.

Over the centuries, some of these celebrations became universal (such as the Assumption on August 15, the Immaculate Conception on December 8, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1). Other celebrations were more closely tied to certain religious orders (such as the Carmelites celebration of “Our Lady of Mount Carmel” on July 16 or the Servite Friars feast of the “Seven Sorrows of Mary,” which is now celebrated as the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15). In more recent times, Marian apparitions (like Guadalupe, Lourdes, and Fatima) have inspired special liturgical celebrations. Pope Francis has added two new celebrations of Mary to the Church’s calendar: The Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church (on the Monday after Pentecost) and the Commemoration of Our Lady of Loreto (on December 10). The various titles of Mary (like those we find in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary) help us to reflect on different aspects of Mary’s faith and the ways that the Holy Spirit is at work in her and through her, especially as the Mother of Jesus. In the end, whatever the event or mystery being celebrated in a particular liturgy or the title of Mary being used, we are invited to always see Mary in connection with the saving work of her Son. She is, of course, a patroness and protector for every Christian, but she is also a model of discipleship and contemplation: “Having entered deeply into the history of salvation, Mary, in a way, unites in her person and re-echoes the most important doctrines of the faith: and when she is the subject of preaching and worship she prompts the faithful to come to her Son, to his sacrifice and to the love of the Father” (*Lumen Gentium*, 65). ©LPi

## Feast of the Assumption, August 15. Mass Schedule:

**7:30am -English; 7:00pm Bilingual Mass with Rosary Procession at 6:30pm.**



## Mass Intentions August 14 – August 20

## Mass Intentions For The Week



Mon	7:30 am	Herbert Roberts † <i>(Death Anniversary)</i>
Tue	7:30 am	Maria Bustillos †
	7:00 pm	Barbara Franger † <i>(Birthday)</i>
Wed	7:30 am	Animas del Purgatorio All Souls in Purgatory †
Thu	7:30 am	Amado Calma †
Fri	7:30 am	Jennie R. Vitalie † <i>(Birthday)</i>
	7:00 pm	Conversion de Emmanuel Morales y familia †
Sat	8:00 am	Mateo Munoz Rangel †
	5:30 pm	Aiello & Russo Family †
Sun	8:00 am	Sandra Myers † <i>(Birthday)</i>
	10:00am	Living & Deceased members of Aiello Family
	12 pm	Federico Bartolo Jr. & Angel Bartolo Smith †
	3:00 pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

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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 AUGUST 6, 2023**

**1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$12,317.05**

**2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 3,336.65**

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 56:1, 6-7  
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32  
Matthew 15:21-28

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

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**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.*

**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

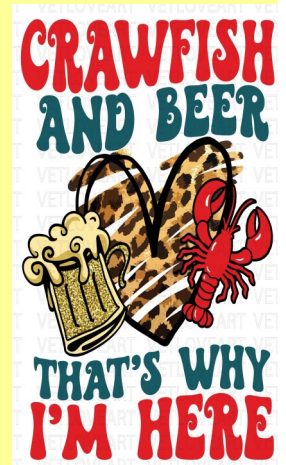
**Where:** *Church of the Good Shepherd*  
*3200 Harbor St, Pittsburg, CA 94565*

**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



- 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 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

**Revive & Rekindle the fire**

**"I Am With You Always"**

**September 15, 2023 (Youth)**  
5:00pm - 11:00pm  
**September 16,**

8-9 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2023 (ESPAÑOL)  
SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2023 (ENGLISH)

[OAKDIOCESE.ORG/EUCHARISTICREVIVAL2023](http://OAKDIOCESE.ORG/EUCHARISTICREVIVAL2023)

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**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](https://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](https://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.