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SEPTEMBER 10, 2023



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." - Mt 18:19-20

23ER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Pues donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi nombre, ahí estoy yo en medio de ellos". - Mt 18, 19-20

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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

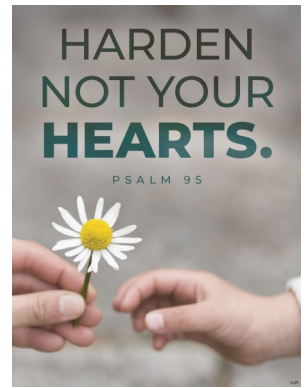
priest.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK HOTLINE: 510-259-8706

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. What to do?



Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "If your brother sins against you..." Notice the italicized words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against you? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine. But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times — frequently, perhaps — they simply are not.

— Father John Muir @ LPI

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA—23er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Creo que la pandemia nos dejó una enseñanza muy grande y fue rezar juntos en familia y el deseo de Dios es que sigamos unidos en oración. Familia, comunidad y sociedad, lo necesitamos urgentemente. Pedir unidos por la paz, por que termine la violencia en las calles, es deber de cristianos. Darnos la mano unos a otros es compromiso para enfrentar las situaciones difíciles. ¿Qué tipo de situaciones existen ahora que debemos orar juntos? ¿Crees que eres responsable de pedir por tu familia? También, debemos dar testimonio; recordemos el refrán que dice: "Las palabras mueven, pero el ejemplo arrastra".

El Evangelio también habla de la corrección fraterna, la cual se debe de hacer con prudencia, respeto y caridad, sin humillar al que se corrige. La catequesis del Papa Francisco a este respecto es muy específica y llena de enseñanza: "Para corregir al hermano que se ha equivocado, Jesús, sugiere una pedagogía de recuperación. Y siempre la pedagogía de Jesús es pedagogía de la recuperación; Él siempre busca recuperar, salvar" (09/06/2020). En resumen, es importante corregir con amor y estar abiertos también a que se nos corrija. Ponernos de acuerdo para pedir lo que nos conviene. Porque, Jesús asegura lo siguiente: "Pues donde están dos o tres reunidos en mi Nombre, allí estoy yo, en medio de ellos" (Mateo 18:20). Llamado para orar juntos y para participar en la Eucaristía dominical con entusiasmo. ¡Genial, Dios nos escucha y acompaña siempre!



DATE	Saturday, September 23, 2023 @ 8:00 am mass
MASS (indicate feast name)	St. Padre Pio Feast Mass
DONATION AMOUNT: If in check, please use "Church of the Good Shepherd" as payee	\$
NAME/s of SPONSOR/s (Please write the name legibly and as you want it read at mass or shown in program)	
INTENTION/s:	
Signature of Sponsor	
Sponsor's Telephone No.	

For questions, please contact Cecille Perez at 925-300-6234, Cora Clavel at 925-354-2259

MASS SPONSORSHIP for Feast/Masses

Deadline: Friday, September 22, 2023.

Contact Jasper Espiritu (415-503-8845), Ofelia Tanyag (925-890-2056), Shirley Quejado (925-586-7668) or Cecille Perez (925-300-6234)

DATE	Sunday, September 24 @ the 12:00 Noon mass
MASS (indicate feast name or "Simbang Gabi")	San Lorenzo Ruiz Feast Mass
DONATION AMOUNT: If in check, please use "Church of the Good Shepherd" as payee	
NAME/s of SPONSOR/s (Please write the name legibly and as you want it read at mass or shown in program)	
INTENTION/s:	
Signature of Sponsor	
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SAINTS FUN FACTS by John Sheppard



St. Lorenzo Ruiz is the first Filipino saint. He is also the first Filipino martyred for the Christian faith.

He was a Calligrapher, rendering documents in beautiful penmanship.

He left the Philippines and went to Japan because of some difficulties he was having in his homeland.


Immediately arrested after arriving in Japan, Lorenzo was persecuted for his Christian faith.

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FEAST OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ
Sept 24 at 12 Noon Mass
Mass sponsorship forms will be available above.

Who is St Lorenzo Ruiz summary?

Saint Lorenzo Ruiz is the first Filipino to be venerated in the Roman Catholic Church. Of Chinese-Filipino parentage, he became the country's protomartyr after his execution by the Tokugawa Shogunate during its persecution of Japanese Christians in the 17th century.



Mass Intentions September 11– September 17

Mass Intentions For The Week



Mon	7:30 am	Sue Cavallaro †
Tue	7:30 am	Rochelle Doble †
Wed	7:30 am	Kenneth Shepherd †
Thu	7:30 am	Fran Confetti †
Fri	7:30 am	Magdalena & Rogelio Auza †
	7:00 pm	Conversion of Emmanuel Morales Family
Sat	8:00 am	Mae Giambona † Michelle & Sinead for the Healing & Sanctification
	5:30 pm	Jack Garcia & Anthony “Neno” Belleci †
Sun	8:00 am	Gil S. De Dios †
	10:00am	Thelma Perez †
	12 pm	Josi Orozco †
	3:00 pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

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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 25 of
this year. For more information, please
contact our faith formation office at
925-432-6404.

Weekend of AUGUST 27, 2023

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

Sirach 27:30-28:7
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

BISHOP'S APPEAL

Life in Christ Seminar

October 7, 2023

Reception in the Ministry Large Hall 2 PM

QR CODE



MFC - ECC
CONNECT WITH US

Link

<https://forms.gle/edqCLr9paC2RUNQ7>

Email: dmanalo.mfccc@gmail.com



MISSIONARY FAMILIES OF CHRIST

Defending Faith, Family, and Life

VISION

We are an evangelistic and missionary parish faith community committed to become families empowered by the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.



Spaghetti Dinner on September 16, 2023 being held by Young Ladies Institute and Young Men's Counsel Has been cancelled until further notice.

Statues Project



All the statues, Our Lady of Fatima and the Good Shepherd, Divine Mercy, our Lady of Guadalupe, and St. Padre Pio were successfully installed on our church premises. We soon will install the benches and do the landscaping around statues to make them stand out and beautiful. We need your help to be able to complete this project. If you donate \$500 or more, your name will be engraved on the donation plaques. Thank you so much for your generous support. God bless your gracious hearts.



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

ANNUAL FLOCK PARTY

Sunday, October 01, 2023. All day from 9:00am-5:00pm

The day will include Masses: 8am, 10am, 12pm and 2pm in Spanish.

Multicultural food such as Mexican, Italian, African, American, Filipino, Tongan, Vietnamese, Pakistani; drinks, live music, dancing, games and all sorts of entertainment and best of all: Family fun!

You also have a chance to win big raffle prizes:

1st Prize: **\$2,000 Cash**

2nd Prize: **7 Nights Luxury Resort Getaway good for up to 4 travelers**— Over 3000 locations worldwide to choose from, including Hawaii or Las Vegas. (Airfare, Taxes and Fees are not included).

3rd Prize: **65" TV**

4th prize: **\$500 cash, and many other consolation prizes.**

Tickets are \$5 each or 6 tickets for \$25. You don't need to be present to win.





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 1st– Feast of All Saints 7:30am; 7pm Bilingual
 Nov 2nd– All Souls 7:30am, 1pm (HC Cemetery), 7pm
 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 18- 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



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 95.97% of our goal

Revive & Rekindle the Fire

September 15, 2023

(Youth)

"I Am With You Always"

5:00pm - 11:00pm

September 16,

7:00am - 3:00pm



PLEASE JOIN US!

The members of St Padre Pio Prayer Group of Good Shepherd Church, Pittsburg CA, will be celebrating his Feast Day on September 23, 2023. Everyone is invited.

We have a 9-day Novena from September 14-22, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

Sept. 14, 21 & 22 - Parish Hall.

Sept. 15 - Parish Small office.

Sept. 16 & 20 – Parish Big Office

Sept. 17 – 19 - Church

The Feast Day Mass will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 8:00 AM followed by a simple reception at the Parish Hall.

Pray, Hope & Don't Worry"

For more information, pls call:

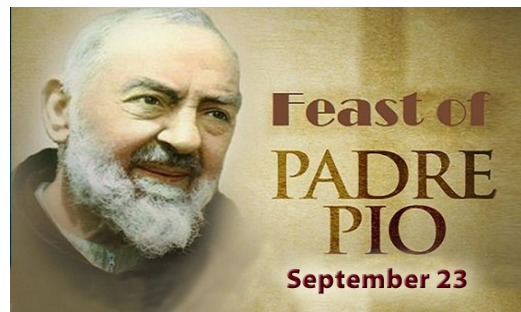
Mila Benitez – (925)626-7526

Cora Clavel- (925) 354-2259

For Mass Sponsor, Pls contact:

Cynthia Auza – (925) 597-1178

Cecille Perez- (925) 300-6264



Who was St. Padre Pio?

Saint Padre Pio was an Italian

priest who was known for his adoration of charity and love for the people around him. He bore the wounds of Christ, which is still something that cannot be explained. Francesco Forgione was born May 25th, 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy.



Our next Multilingual Rosary Prayer Procession to honor our Lady of Fatima will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 7pm. All are welcome!



school year!

Children Mass this Sunday Sept 10 at 10am. All are welcome!

CCD and Youth Confirmation Classes begin today.

May God bless our religious



Un Rebaño, Una Familia, Viviendo y Compartiendo el Amor de Cristo

FIESTA ANUAL DE REBAÑO

Domingo, Octubre 1, 2023 Todo el día desde las 9:00am-5:00pm

El día va incluir las siguiente misas: 8am, 10am, 12pm y 2pm en Español.

Comida multicultural como Mexicana, Italiana, Nigeriana, Americana, Filipina, Tongana, Vietnamita, Pakistani; bebidas, música en vivo, baile, juegos y todo tipo de entretenimiento y lo mejor de todo; Diversion en fa-

También tienes la oportunidad de ganar gran premios de rifa.

1st Premio **\$2,000 en efectivo**

2nd Premio **7 Noches en un Resort de Lujo bueno para hasta 4 viajeros**—Más de 3000 ubicaciones en todo el mundo para elegir, incluyendo Hawái o Las Vegas.

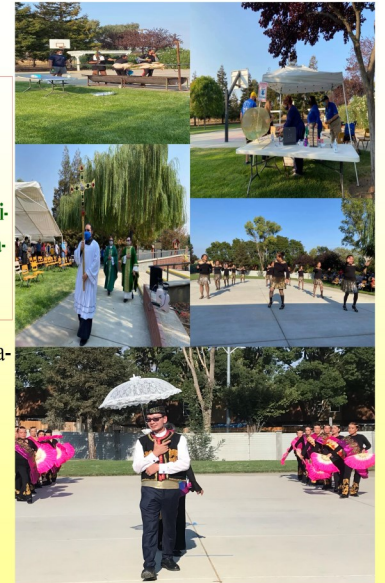
(Vuelos, los impuestos y tarifas no están incluidos),

3rd Premio **65" TV**

4th Premio **\$500 en efectivo, y muchos otros premios de consolación.**

Boletos son \$5 cada uno o 6 boletos por \$25. No necesitas estar presente para ganar.

Traiga a su familia y amigos y quédese con nosotros durante todo el día.



**OCTOBER 1, 2023
GOOD SHEPHERD'S ANNUAL FLOCK PARTY
RAFFLE!**

If you are a registered parishioner you should have received a mailing for this event that includes raffle tickets for a drawing that will take place at the Flock Party. If you did not receive the mailing, you can purchase tickets after any mass between now and the event. No need to be present to win ~ but we'd love to see you there! Tickets are \$5 each or 6 tickets for \$25.

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Place your stubs in any Sunday collection basket, mail them in or bring them to the parish office.

**FLOCK PARTY WATER AND
SOFT DRINK DONATIONS
NEEDED!**

To help us offset expenses for the Flock Party, we are asking for donations from our generous parishioners .

If you can help us, bring your donations to the parish office any time during business hours, Monday-Thursday, 8 am to 4 pm.

Thank you!

