

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

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# EPTEMBER 24, 2023



# 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Are you envious because I am generous?" Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:15-16

#### 25° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¿O vas a tenerme rencor porque yo soy bueno?' De igual manera, los últimos serán los primeros, y los primeros, los últimos". - Mt 20, 15-16

#### 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

7:30 am (livestreamed) Mon-Fri: 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 8 am-9 am;

Adoration:

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 & OL of Manaoag ~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.

#### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once I gave my three-year-old niece a certain toy for Christmas. When she opened it, she was happy. Shortly thereafter her five-year old sister opened another present from me: the same toy, along with some play jewelry. The three-year-old cried out: "That's not fair! Why'd she get the jewelry, too?!"

Let's face it: there's something about God's grace in our religion which bugs us. We love to look at others' blessings and cry out: "That's not fair!" Catholicism is not fair in the sense that it is a religion founded on God's grace which is *unmerited* favor. God pours his mercy, love, and divine life upon us not because we're good but because He is infinitely good.



If you think the "not fair" quality of grace is easy to accept, consider how typically angry we get when we hear the parable of the workers who get paid way more than they deserve. The hyper-generous landowner says to the indignant hard workers, "Are you envious because I am generous?" Well, yes, they are, and so are we! Therefore, we *have* to reckon with this painful truth in order to move into the divine sphere of gifts, which is the world of Christ and his Church. Then we are able to move beyond a tit-for-tat world and into one where gifts are poured forth on those who don't deserve it — namely, upon us.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

# MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA 24 de septiembre de 2023 25º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



El Señor siempre es justo y es todo bondad. Esta es una invitación explicita para todos a trabajar en su Viña. Todos, sin excusa ni pretexto, a cualquier tiempo, se debe acudir y buscar obreros para la Viña. Ese es el Dios bueno y justo que nos presenta Jesús. Que paga lo mismo a todos sin discriminación ni egoísmos. Su bondad y generosidad no tienen medida. El reto es trabajar. Somos llamados en distintos momentos y circunstancias a servir en sus ministerios. Las parroquias buscan siempre servidores voluntarios honestos y bondadosos para servir. Hay muchas personas que han servido por años. Pero hay otras que están esperando un lugar para también trabajar con Jesús.

"Recordemos quien fue el primer santo canonizado en la Iglesia: el Buen ladrón. Robó el cielo en el último momento de su vida. Esto es la Gracia, así es Dios también con todos nosotros. El que piensa en sus propios méritos, fracasa; quien confía con humildad a la misericordia del Padre, pasa de último---como el Buen Ladrón---a primero (Papa Francisco (09/20/2020). "Así sucederá: los últimos serán primeros, y los primeros serán últimos" (Mateo 20:16). La pregunta es: ¿Tú qué haces para que el Reino de Dios crezca? Dejemos de quejarnos, y manos a la obra. Hay tan-

tas personas que ofrecen su tiempo voluntario para ayudar y consolar siendo bondadosos. Gracias, Señor, por todas estas personas. Hay mucho que hacer. "La cosecha es abundante, pero los trabajadores pocos" (Mateo 9:37). ¡Vengan también ustedes a mi Viña! ©LPi

CHURCH OF THE

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# ANNUAL FLOCK PARTY

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

3200 Harbor St. Pittsburg, CA 94565

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.



Besides the four main prizes, we have these below consolation prizes and many others:



New Mecca Café
Waterfront Grill and Café
Hannah Nicole Winery
Rocco Ristorante Pizzeria
And many others.....



# **Entertainment Program**

10:30am Cyd Domantay solo-singing

10:45 kamryn k-pop dance

11:00 ukulele lovers of Vallejo

11:45 cameroonian group - singing

12:00 noon "danza de Palma" mexican Men's dance group

1:00 p.m Cultura Karilagan Int'l dance Ensemble

1:30 FPB band by Dennis Manalo

2:30 12 noon Choir group

2:45 Pakistani dance group

3:15 Otto's paradise dance group

3:45 Aldrin Nieves solo- singing

4:00 Filipiniana dance group

4:30 Giovani solo- singing

4:45pm Raffles



Place your stubs with money in any Sunday collection baskets, mail them in or bring them to the parish office or on the Flock Party Day

#### **Raffle Prizes Donors**

2nd prize is donated by Gerard D'Cruz & his own company GT Power Construction Inc. Transferable prize; no cash value.

3rd prize, 65" TV is donated by the Jansz Family Consolation prizes are donated by individuals or ministries.

We are so grateful to the above donors for their generosity to help with the raffle prizes.

May god bless their good and gracious hearts.



Mass Intentions September 25- October 1

# Mass Intentions For The Week



Mon 7:30 am Elisa Calma †

Tue 7:30 am Salvatore Calone †

Wed 7:30 am Ben Aguba †

Thu 7:30 am Theresa Navarro

Fri 7:30 am Alfred Franger †

Sat 8:00 am Norma Buffo † (Memorial Mass)

Carol Castiglione †

5:30 pm Opal Harper †

Sun 8:00 am Yolanda Orozco †

10:00am Henry Gonzalez †

12 pm Joe Arenivar †

3:00 pm FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH



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.

# **Staff Contact Information**

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Weekend of SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$11,715.65

2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$3,180.68

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**

**NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION** 

Ezekiel 18:-28
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

PARISH'S FLOCK PARTY

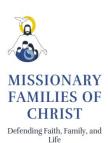
#### Life in Christ Seminar

October 7, 2023 Reception in the Ministry Large Hall 2 PM

#### 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.







ANNOUNCING THE OPENING OF THE 2024 MASS BOOK!

We will be opening the 2024 Mass Book Thursday, October 19th. In order to insure your health and safety as well as the staff's, we will take mass intention requests again this year via email or in written form beginning Thursday, October 19 at 8:00 am (any received prior will not be valid) and prioritize them in the order we receive them with a maximum of 6 masses for the 1st round (until Nov. 10) then you can request more (6 max. @ a time). No phone calls please so that we can maintain a written, prioritized list as the requests come in. We ask that you make sure your email address and telephone number are included in your request so that we may contact you if there are conflicts with the date requests.

Donation request remains \$10 per mass intention. In accordance with Diocesan policy, only the Saturday morning 8 am mass may be double-booked for intentions. Initially we are limiting the number of requests per family to 6 maximum so that everyone has a fair opportunity.

Mass intentions are available for Monday through Friday masses at 7:30 am, Saturday morning masses at 8 am, our weekend schedule of Saturday at 5:30 pm, Sunday at 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon and 3 pm in Spanish.

We also have mass intentions available on the 1st Friday of the month at 7 pm and the 3rd Friday of each month at 7 pm in Spanish if you'd like to request any of those and any other days of obligation.

Please feel free to use the form provided. You can email this form, mail this form, put it in any collection basket or place it in the mail slot in the parish office door or bring it into the office.

Please print legibly!

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Eucharistic Revival, Sept 16 at the Cathedral Christ the Light

2024 Mass Intention Request Form			
EMAIL:			
Date Time	Intention (Living or Deceased)		
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Amount owed \$ Amount paid \$			

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Sept. 23- Spanish Group Convalidation 11am

Sep 25- RCIA & Adult confirmation kick off

Oct 1- Flock Party -All Day

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 Bi

Nov 18- Appreciation dinner for volunteers at 7pm

Nov 23 – Thanksgiving at 10am

Dec 3-Advent

Dec 8- Feasts of the Immaculate Conception: 7:30am

Mass & 7pm Bilingual

Dec 9- Diocesan Simbang Gabi Kick Off 11am

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



2023 Bishop's Ministries

Appeal. Our goal this year is: \$35,600.00,

We have reached 95.97% of our goal

Thank you!

#### 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.



The Mayor of Pittsburg visited our Brothers Knights of Colombus Council on Sept 12.



St Padre Pio and San Lorenzo Ruiz Novena Prayers Sept 14-23



Our next Multilingual Rosary Prayer Procession and Mass to honor our Lady of Fatima will take place on Friday, Oct. 13 at 6:30pm.

All are welcome!

### **Animals Blessings**

To honor the Feast of St. Francis, the Patron Saint of animals, we will have the Blessing of Animals service on **Oct 4 at 5pm** in front of the fountain (between the hall and the rectory) If you want to have your pets to be blessed, please bring them to church on the above date.

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

# FIESTA ANUAL DE REBAÑO

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

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

Comida multicultural como Mexicana, Italiana, Nigeriana, Americana, Filipina, Tongana, Vietnamita, Pakibebidas, música en vivo, baile, juegos y todo tipo de entretenimiento y lo major 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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# 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!



