



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

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

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OCTOBER 15, 2023



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite
to the feast whomever you find.” - Mt 22:9

28° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

“Salgan, pues, a los cruces de los caminos y conviden al
banquete de bodas a todos los que encuentren”. - Mt 22, 9

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 & 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 Ceme-
tery. Any other arrangements should be discussed with parish
priest.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK HOTLINE: 510-259-8706

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I confess that I have a soft spot for the scary things Jesus says because they are usually ignored. But there's gold in them thar hills, if we have courage to look. This week Jesus gives us a terrifying warning in his parable about the king who gives a marriage feast for his son and promptly goes berserk when people don't respond. The point: those who do not properly respond to God's generous invitation will face totally devastating consequences. The invitees who don't show up get their city burned to the ground. The poor homeless man is tortured for not wearing the correct clothes. Scary indeed.



Is Jesus trying to intimidate or bully us into following him? No, because that is certainly not how he treats anyone in the Gospels. A better view is this: to Jesus, your life matters. The universe is not an empty wasteland where anything goes. It is a theater of love offered and either accepted or rejected. How easy it can be to glide through life thinking my life doesn't make a difference. But it does. It really does. This should not only be sobering but exhilarating. The positive side of the negative in Jesus' scary parables is the thrill and joy that he is inviting us, therefore our lives matter a great deal. There is a reason to get up in the morning. God's generous love is relentlessly calling us. True, obstinately saying no through our indifference is a catastrophe for us and those around us. But how wonderful must the consequences of our 'yes' be?

Father John Muir ©LPi

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

28° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¡Vengan a la fiesta! Todo está preparado, no falta nada, solo los invitados. Los primeros invitados del Evangelio de hoy responden de mala gana, son indignos de ir a la fiesta. Además, maltratan a los enviados a invitarlos. ¡Qué falta de educación y responsabilidad! Con justa razón el rey se enoja, y actúa de diferente manera. Invita a la gente de los caminos, de todas partes, sin importar su estatus migratorio, ni nacionalidad, ni costumbres, buenos y malos. Todos tienen un lugar en el banquete del reino. Solo existe una condición, llevar vestido de fiesta de gala. Y ¿Cuál es ese traje de fiesta ahora? El traje de fiesta es la Gracia que nos otorgan los Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana.



Cabe preguntar lo siguiente: ¿Cuáles son los pretextos que pongo para aceptar las invitaciones de Dios en mi vida? ¿Cuál es el banquete al que Dios me invita actualmente? Dios nos quiere felices, y desea que gocemos de sus dones terrenos y espirituales desde ahora, de inmediato. Sin embargo, la meta debe estar puesta en lo eterno, en lo duradero, en el cielo. Saber gozar es un don. San Pablo nos da la

pauta a seguir en la segunda lectura de hoy: *“Todo lo puedo en aquel que me fortalece” (Filipenses 4,13)*. Nosotros nos fortalecemos cada domingo en el Banquete de la Eucaristía. A este banquete estamos invitados todos. El traje es gratis, lo puedes adquirir en el Sacramento de la Reconciliación. ¡Acepta la invitación del Señor!



Animal Blessings Oct 4, 2023



Flock's Activities Last Week



Baptism Oct 7



Quincenera Oct 7

Youth Ministry Trunk or Treat



Come join us for some Halloween fun on Sunday, Oct. 29 after all masses! We will have decorated cars and offrendas that everyone can participate in!!

We are asking for candy donations to help make this event successful. Any donations can be taken to

the office or left in the baskets with a note saying they're for Trunk or Treat, at the front of the church.



Mass Intentions October 16 – October 22

Mass Intentions For The Week



Mon	7:30 am	Lucila Alcantara † (<i>Death Anniversary</i>)
Tue	7:30 am	Dominic & Fran Confetti †
Wed	7:30 am	Thomas S. Russo †
Thu	7:30 am	Antonio Carandang †
Fri	7:30 am	For Holy Souls in purgatory, specially members of FOSS †
	7:00 pm	Nicolasa Perez †
Sat	8:00 am	Trinidad Maralisang †
	8:00 am	Rica Nunez †
	5:30 pm	Jack Garcia †
Sun	8:00 am	Rafael Jimenez †
	10:00am	Richard Zocchi †
	12 pm	Cipiana † (<i>1st Year Death Anniversary</i>)
	3:00 pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

Staff Contact Information

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YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

All Young Adults 21 - 35 years old are invited to join our Young Adult Ministry! We gather together on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, or would like to be added to the email list, please contact Dulcinea at yam@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

Weekend of OCTOBER 8, 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

Isaiah 45:1-4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
HOME MISSION APPEAL



In October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is designated as Respect Life Sunday. To support these annual observances, the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities provides materials to help Catholics understand and value the gift of human life and help build a culture that cherishes and protects it. **The Office for Life & Justice at the Diocese of Oakland has compiled the following resources for parish use as we celebrate Respect Life Month.**

<https://oakdiocese.org/respect-life-month>

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!

2024 Mass Intention Request Form

REQUESTED BY: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

Date	Time	Intention (Living or Deceased)
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Amount owed \$		Amount paid \$



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

Flock Party 2023 Finance Report

Flock Party income: \$30,919.67
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 Flock Party expenses: \$12,160.33

 Total gross income: \$45,941.34

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

-St. Peter Martyr 439-1014

PARISH MINISTRIES

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 Bill Abitz 432-3995
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Italian Catholic Federation Patty Jarrett 957-6457
Knights of Columbus Robert Calone 432-3300
Lectors May Plata 473-0835
Liturgy Committee Cynthia Auza 597-1178
Missionary Families for Christ Dennis Manalo 510-585-8220
Music Ministry Dennis Riray 432-6404
Nigerian Community Ann Ekweogu 300-6327
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Pastoral Council Michelle Blair 698-8585
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Santo Nino Ofelia Tanyag 890-2066
St. Nicholas of Tolentino Thea 925-7681641
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Shepherd's Closet - 2nd Tuesday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
 Ann Abitz 432-3995
St. Vincent DePaul Chelo Gonzalez 925-519-3693
Tongan Community Florentina Tangitau 278-4813
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 Rosanne Ortland 783-8315
Wedding Coordinators Danette Shipe 427-9561
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Young Ladies Institute: Rosanne Ortland 698-0825
Young Adult Ministry: Dulcinea Jauregui 813-2071

**YOUNG MEN'S
INSTITUTE**



Please join us for the

2023 Woman of the Year Luncheon

Sponsored by The Young Men's Institute - Sadoc
Council #59

(A fraternal order of Catholic Men)

When: Saturday, October 28, 2023

Where: Church of the Good Shepherd Parish Hall
3200 Harbor Steet
Pittsburg, CA 94565

Time: Doors Open at 12pm; Lunch served at 1pm

Price: \$15.00 per person

Menu of Catered Chinese Food: Broccoli Beef; Orange Chicken;
Vegetable Shrimp; Pork Fried Rice; Chicken Chow Mein; Egg Roll

Make Checks Payable to:

Sadoc Council #59 YMI

Ticket purchase deadline: Wednesday, October 25, 2023

For Tickets & Information:

Rob Laxner: 925-628-7486

Frank DiMaggio: 925-325-2048

**YOUNG MEN'S
INSTITUTE**



The Knights of Columbus Members will be outside Distributing free Tootsie Roll and will be asking for a donation of any amount, to support Our local Linn Center in Pittsburg. The Center is a Day Care Center for Children with Disabilities. We ask for your support in this worthy program.

We will be have small boxes (50 each) of tootsie roll available for a donation of \$5.00 or you can order a case of 300 Tootsie roll for a donation of \$30.00. Each case has 6 small boxes of 50 tootsie. Thank you for your support. Knights of Columbus, Pittsburg Council 2956.

