



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 22, 2023



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and
to God what belongs to God.” - Mt 22:21c

29° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

“Den, pues, al César lo que es del César,
y a Dios lo que es de Dios”. - Mt 22, 21

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

Flock's Activities last week



Baptism Oct 14
Elijah Simpauco, Anayah Simpauco, Sloane Ana Mendez and
Zaydan Jace Evangelista Liwag



Quince Oct 14



Wedding Oct 14



Rosary Procession Oct 13

RCIA
Blessing in
Spanish



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.

2ND ANNUAL

PITTSBURG FESTA ITALIA
Italian Street Festival

THEATRE STAGE

AND THE

PASQUALE ESPOSITO
PBS STAR 4PM-5:30PM

STREET STAGE

ITALICA

ESPOSITONES & FAMIGLIA

SUNDAY OCT 22nd
Railroad Ave

MUSIC~FOOD~DRINKS~FAMILY FUN!

also... The Michael Trucco Band *Fratello* MARIONETTES

PITTSBURG CALIFORNIA | **ORDER SONS OF ITALY** | **ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB** | **Minuteman Press** | **Federal D. GLOVER** | **CALIFORNIA THEATRE**

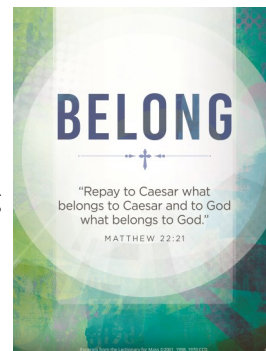
GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

With little more than a year until the United States' national elections, I find myself feeling, like many Catholics, both dread and energized. Dread, because our democratic republic can be a messy endeavor and campaigns a long, nasty, and unedifying slog; energized, because hope for positive societal change can be enticing and engaging. As a pastor, I see similar conflicting attitudes in those whom I serve. How can Catholics best engage our political arena in a way which is truly helpful and worthwhile?

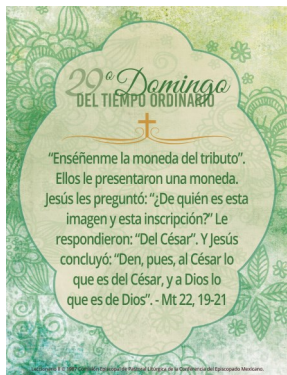
This week's gospel reading offers wisdom in this regard. Jesus says, "**Render therefore to Caesar the things are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.**" This riddle forces us to answer for ourselves a hidden question: what is the relationship between political and divine authority? Two common but false answers lead to mischief. If we answer that the two are equivalent, politics becomes our absolute authority. This happens whenever religion is slave to the state, as in the travesty of the pro-Nazi German Christian movement in the 1930s and 40s. It also usually occurs when there is an official state religion. If we answer that the two are totally unrelated, we end up with an unchecked aggressive secularist state as we often experience now. Thus, religion becomes a weak and private pastime. What's a better alternative? At our best, Christians hold that political authority does indeed have its own legitimate autonomy but is nested within God's all-encompassing authority. Think, for example, of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s respect for politics while also being able to criticize unjust human laws because he recognized a higher heavenly law. In other words, Caesar owns politics — *and God owns Caesar*. So, we should allow Jesus' words to lead us to have a deep respect and willingness to peacefully engage in politics without making that engagement our religion. We bring our faith to bear on our politics knowing confidently that Caesar isn't God — but he is indeed God's.

Father John Muir ©LPi



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

29° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



¿Cómo le pagaremos al Señor todo lo que ha hecho por nosotros? Trabajo, hogar, comida, familia, educación, salud y muchas cosas más, que si las nombráramos no terminaríamos. Cada uno debe agradecer a Dios las maravillas de su amor, y de su cuidado especial. En la Liturgia de hoy, ante la trampa que le ponen a Jesús en este Evangelio, nos da una gran lección. El impuesto debido al César: “Devuelvan, pues, al César las cosas del César, y a Dios lo que corresponde a Dios” (Mateo 22,21). Darle lugar a cada quien sin engañarnos con imágenes falsas. Por lo tanto, si Dios nos ha dado todo, lo menos que podemos ser es ser agradecidos.

“Y con esta respuesta, Jesús se sitúa por encima de la polémica. Jesús siempre más allá. Por una parte, reconoce que se debe pagar el tributo al César --- también nosotros: hay que pagar los impuestos---, porque la imagen sobre la moneda es la suya; pero, sobre todo, recuerda que cada persona lleva en sí otra imagen --- la llevamos en el corazón, en el alma ---, la de Dios, y por tanto es a Él, y solo a Él, a quien cada uno debe la propia existencia, la propia vida” (Papa Francisco 10/18/2020). Ante este mensaje, solo queda pedirle a Jesús, que nos ilumine con su verdad para distinguir lo que es civil y lo que es religioso, a no mezclar los campos, a no caer en trampas que nos alejen de la verdad que libera y hace justicia.

Mass Intentions October 23 – October 29

Mass Intentions For The Week



Mon	7:30 am	Marcelino Torres, Jr. †
Tue	7:30 am	Sal Cavallaro †
Wed	7:30 am	Terry Mercurio † (<i>Birthday</i>)
Thu	7:30 am	Thanksgiving for the Tampos-Casas Families (Living)
Fri	7:30 am	Sam B. Seals †
Sat	8:00 am	Mae Giambona †
	8:00 am	Ed Merced †
	5:30 pm	Anecito Casas † (<i>Death Anniversary</i>)
Sun	8:00 am	Dominic & Fran Confetti †
	10:00am	Larry E. Watson †
	12 pm	Efren Cayanan †
	3:00 pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

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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 15, 2023

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$11,786.28

2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$3,386.17

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

**All Saints Mass Schedule (Holy Day of Obligation), November 1st:
7:30am & 7pm Bilingual**

**All Souls Mass Schedule, November 2nd
7:30am, 1:30pm (at Holy Cross Cemetery)
7pm Bilingual**

**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, 1:30pm (HC Cemetery),
 7pm Bilingual
 Nov 18– Healing Mass 10am
 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 10am
 Dec 10-O.L Guadalupe 3pm Mass
 Dec 12– Feast of Guadalupe, Mass (Sp) 7pm
 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 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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 Ann & Bill Abitz 432-3995
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 Bill Abitz 432-3995
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Finance Robert Calone 432-3300
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Italian Catholic Federation Patty Jarrett 957-6457
Knights of Columbus Gerry Newell
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
Our Lady of PP Help Alma Espiritu 597-2515
Our Lady of Manaoag Rolly Brodie 925-203-0162
Pastoral Council Michelle Blair 698-8585
Pakistani Community Derrick Miranda: 510-712-9118
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St. Martha's Guild Mercy Cruz 408-960-9737
Santo Nino Ofelia Tanyag 890-2066
St. Nicholas of Tolentino Thea 925-7681641
St. Padre Pio Mila Benitez 726-7526
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
Ushers Benedict Viloría 550-6475
 Rosanne Ortland 783-8315
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 Bee Francisco 473-9247
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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**



CATHOLIC Q & A

Dropped Host

Question: What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?

Answer: This a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: *How should the minsters respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled?* If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).