



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

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

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DECEMBER 10, 2023

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 Cemetery. Any other arrangements should be discussed with parish priest.

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of
repentance for the forgiveness of sins. - Mk 1:4

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ANOINTING OF THE SICK HOTLINE: 510-259-8706

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free. It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "**The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**" It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.

Father John Muir ©LPi

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

El evangelista Marcos inicia su Evangelio con una exigencia de preparación, del cumplimiento de la Sagrada Escritura en Jesús y la invitación de Juan Bautista a la conversión: "*Mira, te voy a enviar a mi mensajero delante de ti para que te prepare el camino. Escuchen ese grito en el desierto: Preparen el camino del Señor, enderecen sus senderos*" (Marcos 1,2-3). Sin embargo, esa llegada suya requiere de nosotros una conversión verdadera desde el fondo del corazón. Salir en busca de lo novedoso, como el pueblo que seguía a Juan Bautista, implica movimiento y apertura. ¿Qué pide este pasaje del Evangelio de nuestra parte? ¿Qué cambios haré en este Adviento que ayude a mejorar mi relación con los que me rodean?

Otro elemento importante, en este segundo Domingo de Adviento, es lo que el Profeta Isaías nos indica con referencia a consolar a los que sufren. El deber de consolar lo experimentamos muy fuerte en el tiempo de la pandemia. ¿Lo recuerdas? El sufrimiento obliga a estar cerca del otro y anima a tener esperanza y a vivir más conscientes de las necesidades de nuestro prójimo. "*Consuelen, dice Yavé, tu Dios, consuelen a mi pueblo*" (Isaías 40,1). Entonces, comencemos, no esperemos sentados, llevemos consuelo y esperanza a nuestro alrededor. Enderecemos los caminos, las curvas que evitan llegar al Señor, para que su ternura baje del cielo y se pose en cada persona y así germine la justicia y la fidelidad. ¡Ven Señor!

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 <p>CHURCH OF THE <i>Good Shepherd</i></p> <p>CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE</p> <p>Christmas Eve, December 24 4:00pm (Children Mass), 6:00pm 11pm Christmas Carol Prelude 12:00am (midnight)</p> <p>Christmas Day, December 25 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm (Spanish)</p>		<p><i>One Flock, One Family, Living and Sharing the Love of Christ</i></p> <p>3200 Harbor St. Pittsburg, CA 94565</p> <p>NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE</p> <p>New Year's Eve, December 31 7pm– New Year's Eve Party</p> <p>New Year, January 1, 2024 10:00am Bilingual</p>
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HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

8 de diciembre, 2023

7:00pm Misa de Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen– Bilingual

**Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe
10 de diciembre 2023**

Todos estamos invitados a celebrar la fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe el 10 de diciembre, este es el programa:

5:00 am Cantarlea la Virgen las Mañanitas en la Iglesia. Después se saldrá en procesión hacia el salón parroquial haciendo las estaciones a la Virgen. En el salón parroquial se ofrecerá un desayuno para todos.

3:00 pm Misa dominical un grupo en español. Dentro de la Misa habrá danzarte para honrara la virgen. Después de la Misa se venderá almuerzos en el salón parroquial con música a la Virgen.

12 de diciembre, 2023

7:00pm Misa de Guadalupe
Posadas Navideñas

Días: del 16 al 23 de diciembre, 2023 de 7:00pm en el salón parroquial. Traiga a sus niños vestidos de pastorcillos o de personajes del pesebre para que como familia disfrutemos de nuestra tradición y nos preparemos para la venida de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

Attention!!! Attention!!!

Cambio de horario para las misas del
24 y 25 de Diciembre:

Domingo: Diciembre 24

1:30 p.m. (no habra misa a las 3:00
de la tarde)

Lunes: Diciembre 25

1:30 p.m. (no habra misa a las 3:00
de la tarde)

Celebrating the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe

All are invited to join us for the celebration of the Feast day of our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday, December 10. Here is the program:

5:00am Mañanitas with Mariachi band in the Church followed by the breakfast in the hall.

3:00pm Mass honoring our Lady of Guadalupe in the church

4:30pm—Dinner in the hall

December 12, actual Feast Day of our Lady, Mass at 7pm

Deanery 10**Advent 2023 Reconciliation Service****Our Lady Queen of the Word**

December 04 @ 7pm

St. Peter Martyr

December 14 @ 7pm

Church of the Good Shepherd

December 18 @ 7pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary

December 19 @ 7pm

Most Holy Rosary

December 20 @ 7pm

St. Anthony

December 21 @ 7pm

**Our Lady of Guadalupe****Question:**

Is Our Lady of Guadalupe only a cultural devotion?

Answer:

You may be familiar with Our Lady of Guadalupe from devotions in Hispanic communities. There is a rich heritage originating in Mexico, the site of the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe. But Mary is for all of us! Our Lady of Guadalupe is, in fact, named the patroness of *all* the Americas, from the Chilean Patagonian mountains to the Arctic islands of Canada. After Mary appeared to St. Juan Diego as a young, mestizo woman, conversions to Catholicism began to grow exponentially throughout Latin America. Our Lady of Guadalupe has been meaningful to the Mexican people, and her image and devotions have been incorporated as broader symbols of culture.

This apparition inspires across lines of nationality and culture. Juan Diego, recipient of the apparition, was a poor laborer. The famous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe did not appear on silk or stone, but on the simple, natural woven fibers of Juan Diego's tunic. The apparition affirms the dignity of the poor and shows striking solidarity. Mary appeared as the people appeared. In the apparition, Mary is indeed radiant, with the sun behind her and a cloak of stars around her. But her dress is simple, and she is pregnant. This apparition also reminds us of the sanctity of life and the need for life's protection at all stages. Mary's moving words to Juan Diego are words for us all: "*Am I not here who am your mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Are you not in*

Mass Intentions Dec 11 - Dec 17, 2023

Mass Intentions For The Week



Mon	7:30 am	Frank Bustillos †
Tue	7:30 am	Jess Hernanedz †
Wed	7:30 am	Victoria, Jose & Coralia Bermudez †
Thu	7:30 am	Magdalena Torres † (<i>Death Ann.</i>)
Fri	7:30 am	Adelqui Mosca †
Sat	8:00 am	Frank Carini † Thomas Wolf †
	5:30 pm	In Thanksgiving of the Alesna Family
Sun	8:00 am	Dominic & Fran Confetti †
	10:00am	Jesse Anthony Soliz †
	12 pm	Cesar Panugaling
	3:00 pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

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Shepherd's Closet Christmas Giveaway

When: December 12th, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Where: Church of the Good Shepherd Parish Hall, 3200 Harbor St. Pittsburg

WILL BE OFFERING FREE BABY SUPPLIES

New clothing- infants 3 - 24 months, toddlers 2T - 5T, children's 4 - 6x and 7 - 8 and new toys for Children newborn to 8 years old.



**Contact: Church (925) 432-6404
Ann Abitz (925) 432-3995**



Weekend of NOVEMBER 26, 2023

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$8,288.77

2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$4,416.60

Weekend of DECEMBER 3, 2023

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$9,300.92

2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$3,481.81

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 61:1-2a,10-11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8,19-28

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



3200 Harbor St.
Pittsburg, CA 94565

BLACK & WHITE

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

**DECEMBER
31, 2023
7PM**



Live Music

With Vocal - ease and the Boogie Men Band

Raffle Tickets

\$5 each or 6 tickets for \$20

1st Prize & 2nd Prize valued at \$2000 each

(These are the vacation vouchers of 2 nights stay for 2 in the US. Airfare included. Taxes and Fees are not included.)

3rd Prize \$300 Cash.

Plus other consolation prizes

Drawing at the New Year's Eve Party, December 31
Need not to be present to win.

MENU

Caesar salad

Bread and butter

Chicken Marsala

Roast pork loin

Pasta Alfredo

Rice pilaf

Seasonal fresh vegetables

Dessert

Prices: \$30 for Adult; \$15 for Children of 12 yrs & under

Contact the parish office to make your reservation or call Tammy Vo at 925-698-4559

Parish
Advent
Reconciliation
Monday,
December
18
at 7pm

Come One! Come
All and Be Healed!



Sharing Your Blessings Program 2023

Sponsored By:

Shepherd's Closet & Good Shepherd's Giving Tree

- Please take one or more ornaments from the tree to help us provide gifts for as many families as possible this Christmas
- Purchase a Gift
- Return it Unwrapped by December 10th

During Mass, unwrapped gifts can be placed under the trees or dropped off at the church office (see bulletin for office hours).

Also accepting New Wrapping Supplies

**LAST DAY TO RETURN GIFTS IS
DECEMBER 10TH**

- Por favor, tome uno o más adornos del árbol para ayudarnos a proporcionar regalos para tantas familias como sea posible esta Navidad.
- Comprar un regalo
- Devuélvalo sin envolver antes del 10 de Diciembre

Durante la Misa, los regalos sin envolver pueden colocarse debajo de los árboles o dejarse en la oficina de la iglesia (consulte el boletín para conocer las horas de oficina).

**EL ÚLTIMO DÍA PARA DEVOLVER LOS REGALOS
ES
10 DE DICIEMBRE**



ADVENT SCHEDULE 2023

Mass

Monday - Friday 7:30am (livestream)

Saturday 8:00am (livestream); 5:30pm Vigil

Sunday 8:00am, **10:00am (livestream)**, 12:00pm, 3:00pm (Spanish)

Adoration

Fridays 8am – 9am; First Friday 8am-6:45pm followed by the Sacred Heart Mass at 7pm

Confession

Fridays 8:00am-9:00am; Saturdays 4:00pm – 5:00pm or by appointment

December 03:

9am- Breakfast with Santa in the parish hall

December 08:

Feast of the Immaculate Conception-Holy Day of Obligation

Masses at 7:30am (livestream); 12pm & 7:00pm Bilingual

December 09:

10am- Diocesan Simbang Gabi Kick off Mass presided by our Bishop Barber

With the blessing of the Statutes and the reception to follow.

December 10:

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day

5:00am -Mananitas and 3pm -Mass in Spanish

December 12:

7pm- Misa de Virgen de Guadalupe

December 16 - 24:

5:30am Simbang Gabi Masses (livestream)

(9 Filipino Dawn Masses before Christmas)

December 16-23:

7:00pm Las Posadas Navideñas in the hall

(Hispanic Novena Tradition before Christmas)

December 18:

7pm- Parish Advent Reconciliation

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24:

Christmas Eve-Sunday

4:00pm Children Mass (livestream)

6:00pm

11pm: Christmas Carol Prelude

12:00am Midnight Mass (livestream)

December 25:

Christmas Day-Monday

8:00am

10:00am (livestream)

12:00pm

1:30pm (Spanish)



NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

December 31:

New Year's Eve - Sunday

7:00pm New Year's Eve Party

January 1, 2024:

New Year - Monday – Mother of God- Not a Holy Day of Obligation

10:00am Bilingual (livestream)

FILIPINO COMMUNITY

MASS SPONSORSHIP for SIMBANG GABI Masses

DATE <i>(Please encircle mass date)</i> <i>Complete 1 form for each requested date.</i>	DECEMBER 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24
MASS	SIMBANG GABI
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 or displayed in mass slides)	
INTENTION/s:	
Signature of Sponsor	
Sponsor's Telephone No.	

Please return completed form with your cash/check at least **3 DAYS BEFORE YOUR REQUESTED MASS DATE** to Shirley Quejado, Ofelia Tanyag, Cecille Perez or Cynthia Auza.
For questions, please "TEXT": Shirley (925-586-8668), Ofelia (925-890-2066), Cecille (925-300-6234), Cynthia (925-597-1178).

SIMBANG GABI

2023



DECEMBER 16-24 AT 5:30AM

There will be four dine –in breakfasts in the hall after the Masses on Dec 16, 17, 23, &24. The rest of the days, coffee and donuts will be served in front of the church.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets will be sold at all masses **for \$5 each or 6 tickets for \$20**

1st Prize valued at \$2000 —*This is the vacation voucher of 2 nights stay for 2 in the US. Airfare included. Taxes and Fees are not included.*

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SIMBANG GABI MASS SCHEDULE

Church of the Good Shepherd– Pittsburg
December 16-24 at 5:30am

IHM– Brentwood
December 16-24 at 6:00am

Most Holy Rosary - Antioch
December 15-23 at 7:30pm

St. Anthony—Oakley
December 16-24 at 5:00am

O.L.Queen of the World— Baypoint
December 15-23 at 7:00pm

St. Ignatius- Antioch
December 15-23 at 7:00pm