



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 17, 2023



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. - Jn 1:6-7

Este vino como testigo, para dar testimonio de la luz, para que todos creyeran por medio de él. El no era la luz, sino testigo de la luz. - Jn 1, 6-7

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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 & 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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK HOTLINE: 510-259-8706

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

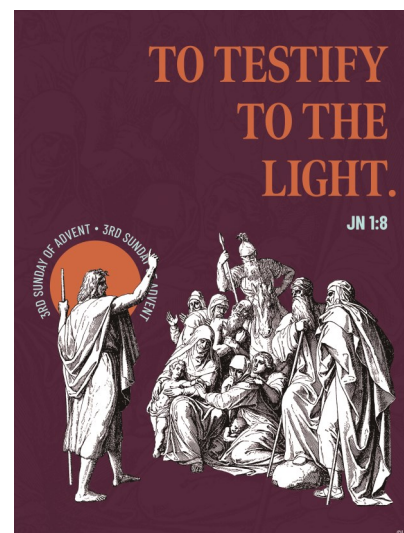
December 17, 2023
3rd Sunday of Advent

Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: **"There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him."** The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a *pattern* at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

— Father John Muir @ LPi



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

3^{er} Domingo de Adviento


El Tercer Domingo de Adviento es el domingo de “Gaudete”, que en latín quiere decir alégrense o estar alegres. Por este motivo, las lecturas de hoy nos hablan del regocijo de tener al Señor ya casi con nosotros: *“Estén siempre alegres en el Señor, les repito, estén alegres.” El Señor está cerca.* A esta altura del Adviento, debemos estar ya preparados y listos para recibir a Jesús, especialmente en la familia. Es esencial ayudar a los más pequeños a comprender que el mejor regalo de Navidad es Jesús en nuestro hogar. Danos Señor la alegría del Evangelio y el gozo de María, al esperar a su Hijo amado. Danos el compromiso de Juan Bautista, que anunciaba la luz del que iba a venir, y del cual no era digno de desatarle la correa sus sandalias. Todo eso es lo que nos hace cristianos comprometidos, ayudándonos unos a otros a ir al encuentro de Dios en esta Navidad. *“El camino de la alegría no es fácil, no es un paseo. Se necesita trabajo para estar siempre en la alegría” (Papa Francisco 12-13-2020).* ¿Cuándo soy testigo de la alegría que existe en mí por mi bautismo? ¿Cuándo soy testigo de la luz de Cristo? Señor, tú me conoces bien y sabes que muchas veces mi estilo de vida no está al nivel que tu mereces. Sabes que, en lugar de confiar en ti plenamente, cierro las posibilidades de encuentro, de confianza contigo y con mi familia. Deseo ser libre de toda oscuridad, dame tu luz para ver tu verdad. ¡Ven Señor! ©LPi

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)



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 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

Christmas

Question:

With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.

Answer:

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

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Parish Breakfast with Santa, December 3rd

Mass Intentions Dec 18 - Dec 24, 2023

Mass Intentions For The Week



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| Mon | 7:30 am | Taylor Bustos † |
| Tue | 7:30 am | Taylor Bustos † |
| Wed | 7:30 am | Taylor Bustos † |
| Thu | 7:30 am | Ashley Abigail Ramirez (<i>Birthday</i>) |
| Fri | 7:30 am | Martha De la Torre † (<i>Birthday</i>) |
| Sat | 8:00 am | Arsenia Inaclang (<i>Birthday</i>) |
| In Thanksgiving of Benedict & Ellen Viloría Family | | |
| | 5:30 pm | Jack Garcia & "Neno" Belleci † |
| Sun | 8:00 am | Jess A. Soliz † (<i>Death Ann.</i>) |
| | 10:00 am | Louis Sami † |
| | 12 pm | For the people of the parish. |
| | 4:00 pm | Alphonse & Genevieve Cappuchini † |
| | 6:00pm | Thankful for the Ifeoma Muokekwu Family |
| | 12:00am | Sal "Tudi" Bruno |

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1- Santo Nino Feast Day
Sunday, January 14th, 2024 at
12pm Mass and reception to fol-
low

2- Parish Crab Feed, Satur-
day, February 24th, 2024 at 5pm.

3- Parish Good Shepherd Feast Day
Sunday, April 21st, 2024 at 11am.

More details will be announced on these im-
portant dates



Weekend of DECEMBER 10, 2023
This information will be posted on the 17th.

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

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 (11B)
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT



3200 Harbor St.
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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 vegeta-
bles

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
Reconcilia-
tion
Monday,
December
18
at 7pm

Come One! Come
All and Be Healed!



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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, December 24
4:00pm (Children Mass), 6:00pm
11pm Christmas Carol Prelude
12:00am (midnight)

Christmas Day, December 25
8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm (Spanish)

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve, December 31
7pm - New Year's Eve Party

New Year, January 1, 2024
10:00am Bilingual



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

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| 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

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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