



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

3200 HARBOR STREET. PITTSBURG, CA 94565

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

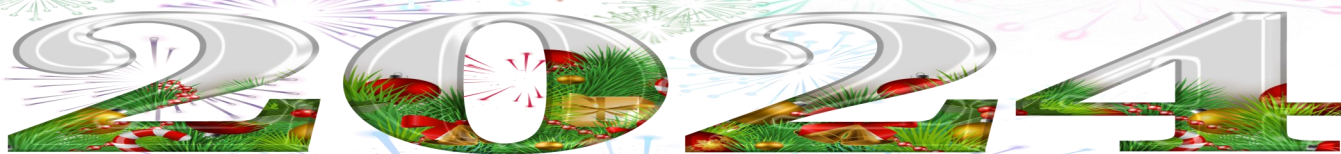
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HAPPY NEW YEAR



DECEMBER 31, 2023



THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

LA SAGRADA FAMILIA

El niño iba creciendo y fortaleciéndose, se llenaba de
sabiduría y la gracia de Dios estaba con él. - Lc 2, 40

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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

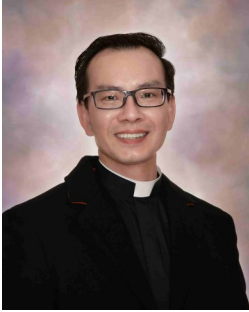
Marriages: In order to make marriage arrangements

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK HOTLINE: 510-259-8706



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024!

Dearest Flock of the Good Shepherd,

We begin the New Year with the celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. This is a fitting and proper celebration for two main reasons: First, just as every human life starts in the womb of the mother, so also the life of the New Year for humanity starts with Mary, the Mother of the Church. Second, the New Year usually comes with some uncertainties. Starting the year with the Mother of God gives us a reason to feel secure and at peace just as a baby in her mother's arms.

We often make resolutions when New Year comes. Sometimes we are able to keep them, other times we fail. But that should never discourage us. We all must have "a new beginning for a new year." This year I would recommend you a new way of making your New Year's resolutions. That is to always wear a HAT in your spiritual life as the Gospel of today presents to us: H-A-T: Haste – Amaze - Treasure.

Haste: When the shepherds were announced by the Angels about the birth of the Savior, they were in haste to him. They did not delay. They move and act. This is a basic approach to our faith. When you know what God wants you to do, you should do it right away. If you feel like you want to call somebody to say hi or apologize, do it right away. The longer you delay, the more chance you give to the devil to tempt you. You end up giving up. **Amazed:** Christianity is not natural religion. It is a revealed religion. God is breaking into history and amazes us. If you don't find it amazing, you are not living your faith. Miracles happen everyday. Are we amazed with God's wonders? Or we are just indifferent with our faith? **Treasure:** Mary treasures these things in her heart. What does that mean? It means in her mind, she turns over these amazing things to contemplate to find the meaning, to make sense of them. Mary treasures one of the greatest dramas of all time: the drama of God who became man. Through her fiat, God has become one of us. We look up to her wearing our H.A.T always as we live out our faith at home, at work and in society. We go in haste to make our new year's resolutions: Go in haste amending our lives; be amazed at God's wonders; and treasure his love for humanity.

Happy New Year to you!

In everything, our faith tells us that we must always give thanks and praise to God, the Father Almighty. I am thankful to Him for His many blessings upon us as a parish family. I never fail to marvel at what a wonderful family we have here at Church of the Good Shepherd. My thanks and appreciation go to you all. I pray God to bless and reward you for your dedication and devotion to our beloved parish. I wish you and your family a blessed, happy, peaceful, and healthy New Year in 2024. God bless you and your loved ones!

Acknowledgments

Thank you so much for remembering me during this holy time. The beautiful cards, delicious treats, candy, notes, phone calls, visits, and wonderful gifts are such a blessing. I am deeply thankful that God has allowed me to serve as your shepherd. I am ever mindful of the honor of being called "Father", yet also mindful of the obligation I have to love and serve you in any way I possibly can. May God continue to bless our amazing parish family, your family, and everyone who loves and serves the Lord!

Fr. Thi

¡FELIZ AÑO NUEVO 2024!

Queridísimo Rebaño del Buen Pastor,

Comenzamos el Año Nuevo con la celebración de la Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios. Esta es una celebración adecuado y apropiada por dos razones principales: en primer lugar, así como toda vida humana comienza en el seno de la madre, así también la vida del Año Nuevo para la humanidad comienza con María, la Madre de la Iglesia. En segundo lugar, el Año Nuevo suele venir con algunas incertidumbres. Comenzar el año con la Madre de Dios nos da una razón para sentirnos seguros y en paz como un bebé en los brazos de su madre.

A menudo hacemos resoluciones cuando llega el Año Nuevo. A veces somos capaces de mantenerlos, otras veces fracasamos. Pero eso nunca debe desanimarnos. Todos debemos tener "un nuevo comienzo para un nuevo año". Este año te recomendaría una nueva forma de hacer tus propósitos de Año Nuevo. Eso es llevar siempre un SOMBRERO en tu vida espiritual como el Evangelio de hoy nos presenta: H-A-T: (Haste – Amaze – Treasure en ingles) y en Español Prisa – Asombro – Tesoro.

Prisa: Cuando los ángeles anunciaron a los pastores el nacimiento del Salvador, se apresuraron a ir a Él. No se demoraron. Se mueven y actúan. Este es un enfoque básico de nuestra fe. Cuando sepas lo que Dios quiere que hagas, debes hacerlo de inmediato. Si sientes que quieres llamar a alguien para saludarlo o disculparte, hazlo de inmediato. Cuanto más te demores, más posibilidades le darás al diablo de tentarte. Terminas rindiéndote. **Asombrado:** El Cristianismo no es una religión natural. Es una religión revelada. Dios está irrumpiendo en la historia y nos sorprende. Si no lo encuentras asombroso, no estás viviendo tu fe. Los milagros ocurren todos los días. ¿Estamos asombrados con las maravillas de Dios? ¿O simplemente somos indiferentes con nuestra fe? **Tesoro:** María atesora estas cosas en su corazón. ¿Qué significa eso? Significa que en su mente, ella le da vueltas a estas cosas asombrosas para contemplarlas, para encontrar el significado, para darles sentido. María atesora uno de los dramas más grandes de todos los tiempos: el drama de Dios que se hizo hombre. A través de su fiat, Dios se ha convertido en uno de nosotros. La admiramos vistiendo nuestro H.A.T. siempre mientras vivimos nuestra fe en casa, en el trabajo y en la sociedad. Vamos a toda prisa a hacer nuestros propósitos de año nuevo: ir a toda prisa a enmendar nuestras vidas; asombrarnos de las maravillas de Dios; y atesorar su amor por la humanidad.

¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

En todo, nuestra fe nos dice que siempre debemos dar gracias y alabar a Dios, el Padre Todopoderoso. Le agradezco por sus muchas bendiciones sobre nosotros como familia parroquial. Nunca dejo de maravillarme de la maravillosa familia que tenemos aquí en la Iglesia del Buen Pastor. Mi agradecimiento y aprecio a todos Ustedes. Le pido a Dios que los bendiga y recompense por su dedicación y devoción a nuestra amada parroquia.

Le deseo a Usted y a su familia un Año Nuevo bendecido, feliz, pacífico y saludable en 2024.

¡Que Dios te bendiga a ti y a tus seres queridos!

Reconocimientos

Muchas gracias por acordarse de mí durante este tiempo santo. Las hermosas tarjetas, las deliciosas golosinas, los dulces, las notas, las llamadas telefónicas, las visitas y los maravillosos regalos son una bendición. Estoy profundamente agradecido de que Dios me haya permitido servir como su pastor. Siempre soy consciente del honor de ser llamado "Padre", pero también consciente de la obligación que tengo de amarte y servirte de cualquier manera que pueda. ¡Que Dios continúe bendiciendo a nuestra increíble familia parroquial, a su familia y a todos los que aman y sirven al Señor!

P. Thi

New Year Hospitality

We, the family of Church of the Good Shepherd, warmly welcome you to our church. If you are visiting us for the first time, we thank you for your loving presence. We hope you will visit us again. We hope you will feel at home in our community.

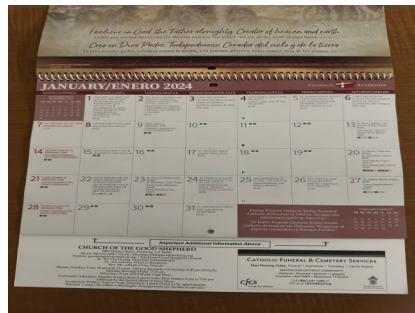
Fr. Thi, Fr. Arn, Deacon Alberto and the staff of Church of the Good Shepherd wish all of you a grace filled and prosperous New Year. May the peace, joy and love of the Holy Family be present in your lives each day of the New Year.



In order for our priests and parish staff to enjoy the holidays with their families, the parish office will be closed on Tuesday after the New Year!

2024 Church Calendar

is available for pick up. Since we have limited copies, take one Only per family so we may have enough for all families.



Parish Crab Feed Dinner Saturday, February 24 at 5:30 pm

Call the parish office to make reservation.

More details to follow closer to the date.

Our Lady of Lourdes,
The World Day of the Sick
Healing Mass at 10am,
February 10.
Come and Be Healed!



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)



Come and experience St. Peter Martyr School! We are a community of lifelong learners and believers. We prepare children to be God-centered, socially aware citizens who can effectively communicate. We're committed to their spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, social, and cultural development.

JANUARY 28, 2024
10 AM - 12 PM

- ✔ Experience the close community
- ✔ Learn about academics and activities
- ✔ Take a tour around the campus
- ✔ Meet students, staff, and teachers



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ST. PETER MARTYR SCHOOL



2024 - 2025
ADMISSION OPEN

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School Facilities:

Small class sizes, individualized learning, diverse community, library, garden, and fresh made meals.

Enroll Now!

(925) 439-1014



Santo Nino Feast Day
Sunday, January 14, 2024
at 12 pm Mass and reception to follow.

If you would like to make a Mass offering for your special intentions. Please contact our ministries coordinators: Ofelia 925-427-1197.

The Santo Niño de Cebú is a Roman Catholic title of the Child Jesus associated with a religious image of the Christ Child widely venerated as miraculous by Filipino Catholics. It is the oldest Christian artifact in the Philippines, originally a gift from explorer Ferdinand Magellan to Rajah Humabon and his chief consort on account of their Christian baptism in 1521.

CELEBRATION OF OUR
LADY OF MANAOAG,
SUNDAY 7TH AT 12PM
MASS.
COME AND JOIN US!



The apparition of Our Lady of Manaoag is a miraculous church event with a 400 year long history of renowned miracles and pious occurrences. According to the legend of its origin centuries ago, a farmer was walking through a field when he heard a woman's voice. He looked around and saw the Virgin Mary with a rosary in her right hand and the child Jesus in her left, standing in a cloud veiling a treetop. The man fell to his knees before the apparition, who told him where she wanted her church to be located. He told people of his vision and soon a church was built on the spot where the lady appeared. A town quickly flourished around it, and was called "Manaoag".

"Our Lady of Manaoag" actually refers specifically to an ivory statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, brought from Spain via Acapulco in the early 17th century to the Philippines by Padre Juan de San Jacinto. Now located in the shrine in the church, the image is one of the most venerated Marian images in the country, and is thought by believers to possess healing powers as patroness of the sick, the helpless and the needy.

Mass Intentions Jan 1 - Jan 7, 2024

Mass Intentions For The Week



Mon	10:00am	Thomas S. Russo † Sery Razo † (<i>Birthday</i>)
Tue	7:30 am	Fr. Donald Kinney
Wed	7:30 am	Auza Family (<i>Thanksgiving</i>)
Thu	7:30 am	Antonio Esquivel, Jr. (<i>Special Intention</i>)
Fri	7:30 am 7:00pm	Jimmy Roberts (<i>Birthday</i>) Marcial Butler Vioria (<i>Death Ann.</i>)
Sat	8:00 am	Joslyn Navera (<i>Birthday</i>) Panfilo & Emma Manguera, Jr. †
	5:30 pm	Conrad & Mary Jansz (<i>34th Wedding Ann.</i>) John Mangante, Jr. (<i>Birthday</i>)
Sun	8:00 am	Yvonne Hurtado †
	10:00 am	Rose D. Tesdoro †
	12:00pm	For the people of the parish.
	3:00 pm	Joshue Corona (<i>Birthday</i>)

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- 1- **Santo Nino Feast Day**
Sunday, January 14th,
2024 at 12pm Mass and
reception to follow
- 2- **Celebration of our Lady of Ma-**
naoag, January 7 at 12pm Mass
- 3- **Healing Mass, February 10 at 10am**
- 4- **Parish Crab Feed, Saturday,**
February 24th, 2024 at 5pm.
- 5- **Parish Good Shepherd Feast Day**
Sunday, April 21st, 2024 at 11am.

More details will be announced on these important dates



Weekend of DECEMBER 24, 2023

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$
2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$

Due to the early submission of the bulletin, The totals for this week will be available next week.

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 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

**DIOCESAN VOCATIONS
MAINTENANCE FUND**



3200 Harbor St.
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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 \$25

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

**Come and join
ADORATION of
THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**
*Every First Friday of the
Month from 8 AM to 6:45 PM,
followed by a Mass for the
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at
7 PM*

SIMBANG GABI 2023



SALAMAT! SALAMAT! SALAMAT!

WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP GRATITUDE TO FILIPINO MINISTRY AND ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO WORKED SO HARD TO BRING A GREAT SUCCESS TO OUR SIMBANG GABI THIS YEAR. WE WILL REPORT THE FINANCE INCOME OF THIS EVENT WHEN IT IS READY. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LOVING SUPPORT FOR OUR PARISH. GOD BLESS YOUR GOOD AND GENEROUS HEARTS.