



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

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the Love of Christ*

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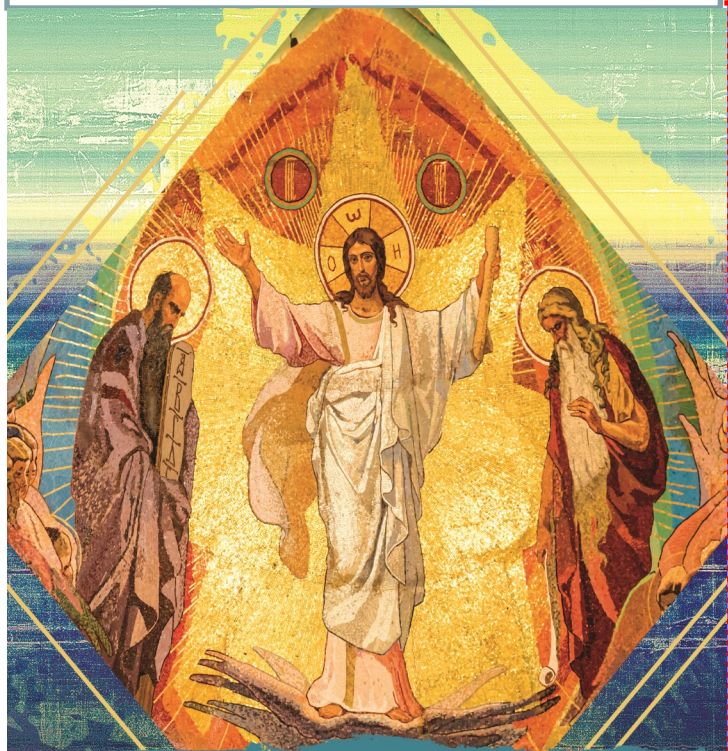
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FEBRUARY 25, 2024



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

2º DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA

Yse transfiguró en su presencia. Sus vestiduras se pusieron esplendorosamente blancas, con una blancura que nadie puede lograr sobre la tierra. - Mc 9, 2-3

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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

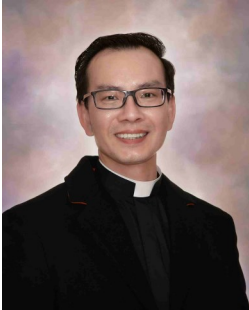
contact carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org 6 months prior to marriage date.

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

2nd Sunday of Lent



As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, “Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent.” I did. In my heart, the answer came: “Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days.” I winced.

Not possible, I thought. Can’t do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God’s command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: **“Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”** Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chaffs us that *God sets the terms* of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: “What do you want me to give up?” He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn’t make it easy.

Father John Muir ©LPi

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

2º Domingo de la Cuaresma

Iluminación para la esperanza en nuestra vida debe ser la experiencia de la Transfiguración. Pedro, Santiago y Juan acompañaron a Jesús, subieron a lo alto del monte para ver la manifestación de que Jesús era Dios. Fueron testigos de que junto a Jesús estaban Moisés y Elías, que conversaban con él y que eran los portavoces de la ley y los profetas. Para admiración de ellos, de una nube salió una voz que decía: *“Este es mi Hijo, el Amado, escúchenlo”* (Marcos 9, 7). Escuchar a Dios en la actualidad es difícil, estamos muy distraídos con tantas cosas. Debemos apagar el celular para darnos cuenta de la magnitud del mensaje de hoy.

Es una gracia, un don, el saber escuchar. Será por eso la insistencia de Dios en este domingo de que escuchemos al Amado. Jesús intentaba ayudar a sus discípulos a entender el mensaje de su Pasión, pero, era difícil para ellos. La Transfiguración indica la esperanza de que después de pasar por el Viernes Santo vendrá la resurrección. Hay que pasar por el sufrimiento para merecer la Gloria prometida. ¿Cómo escucho la palabra de Dios? ¿De qué modo la hago mía y la vivo? El Papa Francisco sobre este Domingo nos dice que *“La Fiesta de la Transfiguración del Señor nos recuerda que estamos llamados a vivir el encuentro con Cristo, para que iluminados por su luz, podamos llevarla y hacerla brillar en todas partes, como pequeñas lámparas del Evangelio que llevan un poco de amor y de esperanza”* (08-06-2021). ¡Escuchemos la voz de los marginados y hagamos algo por ellos! ©LPi

**Reminder: March 3rd—Children Mass at 10am and 3pm Spanish
English CCD Parents Classes**

As a reminder Adoration is on the first Friday of every month followed by a Mass for the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. **This months adoration is on March 1st.**

Adoration - 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM

Mass – 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.

We need at least one person per hour to sit with the Blessed Sacrament, the signup book is in the vestibule as you enter the church on the right-hand side.

If you have any questions please call Bill or Ann (432-3995)



Our catechumens and candidates received the rite of election on Saturday Feb 17 at the Cathedral Christ the Light officiated by our Bishop Barber. Congrats!

Lenten Confession Schedule

**Fridays 8am; Saturdays 4pm; Tuesdays 7pm
March 11: Parish Reconciliation Service at 7pm**

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

All Young Adults 18 - 39 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 Conference Room. If you have any questions, or would like to be added to the email list, please contact Dulcinea at YAM@goodshepherdpittsburg.org



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Lenten Bible Study Series

Last year we offered a Bible study series led by David de Luna. It was very well received. David has agreed to offer a new series this year.

Sessions are Thursdays 7pm in the Parish Hall starting February 15.

Lent is the time for renewing, faith, hope and love. It is a good time to pray and discern to see if you can make a commitment to join and help a ministry.



Check out the Church of the Good Shepherd website to see all the great ministries available. They would love to hear from you.

<http://www.goodshepherdpittsburg.org/gs/ministries/>

Spanish Ministries:

<http://www.goodshepherdpittsburg.org/gs/ministerio-hispano/>

Would you like to participate more during mass and become closer to the Lord, consider becoming an Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

If you meet the following requirements, baptized, received confirmation if married, you must be married in the catholic church. Those interested in becoming an Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion are invited to attend a procedural training on Wednesday, February 28th from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. in the Church. If you plan on attending, you must contact Ann & Bill Abitz at 432-3995 or the Rectory (432-6404) before February 26th.



LENTEN DINNERS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Everyone is invited to attend our Friday Lenten Dinners. The first dinner is February 16. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm In the parish hall. Cost is \$20.00 per person for a delicious meat free meal.

Dinner reservations are a must!

Deadline is every Monday of Lent by 4:00 pm. Call the parish office with your name and the names of the people who will be attending with you. (925)432-6404

Menu

2/23 Cheese Stuffed Pasta Shells

3/1 Eggplant Parmesan

3/8 Linguini & Clams

3/15 Prawns & Polenta

3/22 Sand Dabs

Stations of the Cross follow at 7:00 pm in the Church.

Parish Lenten Retreat

**March 10 at 2pm
Spanish**

**March 18 &19 at 7pm
English**

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RECONCILIATION SERVICE FOR LENT 2024

Church of the Good Shepherd

March 11 @ 7pm

Most Holy Rosary

March 20 @ 7pm

Our Lady of Queen of the World

March 18 @ 7pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary

March 12 @ 7pm

St. Ignatius of Antioch

March 21 @ 7pm

St. Anthony

March 21 @ 7pm

St. Peter Martyr

March 14 @ 7pm



2023 TAX LETTERS

2023 TAX DONATION LETTERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST BY CALLING OR EMAILING THE PARISH OFFICE 432-6404 AND ASK FOR CARMEN, Carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org OR LORENA, Lorena@goodshepherdpittsburg.org PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCE FOR RECEIVING YOUR LETTER, BY REGULAR MAIL, EMAIL OR PICK UP.

2024 Lenten & Easter Celebrations



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES DURING LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE: Feb. 14 @ 6:30am (Ash service only); 7:30am Mass; 12pm Mass; 4:30pm Mass (CCD); 6pm Mass; & 7:30pm Mass (Spanish)

Confessions: Fridays 8-9 am; Saturdays 4-5 pm and every Tuesday during Lent from 7-8 pm

Lenten Parish Reconciliation: March 11 @ 7pm (Bilingual)

Adorations: Fridays 8 am– 9 am; First Friday from 8am to 7pm followed by Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Lenten Bible Study: Thursdays during Lent starting Feb. 15 @ 7pm in Parish Hall.

Stations of the Cross: All Fridays of Lent @ 7 pm

Lenten Dinners: On Fridays @ 5:30pm, Feb. 16, Feb 23, March 1, 8, 15, & 22

March 10	2pm retiro de cuaresma y 3pm Misa en Español with Fr. Luis Lopez
March 11	7pm Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service
March 17	7pm Opening Passion Play Performance 1
March 18 & 19	7:00pm Lenten Retreat with Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, O.C.D. (This event is livestreamed as well on our Youtube Channel)
March 22	7pm Lenten Taize Prayer

HOLY WEEK

March 23- Palm Sunday Vigil	5:30 pm Mass- 7pm Passion Play Performance 2
March 24- Palm Sunday	8am, 10am, 12pm, 3pm (Spanish); 5:00pm Passion Play Performance 3
March 27- Holy Wednesday	6pm—Passion Play Performance 4
March 28 -Holy Thursday	7:30am Morning Prayer/Liturgy of the Hours 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of Feet followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Mid-Night. 7:30am Morning Prayer/Liturgy of the Hours 12pm Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross 3:00pm Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross (Spanish) 6:00pm Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross 7:30pm—Passion Play Performance 5
March 29 -Good Friday	

EASTER VIGIL/ EASTER

March 30 -Holy Saturday	8:00am—Morning Prayer/ Liturgy of the Hours 8:00pm Easter Vigil (livestreamed)
March 31 -Easter Sunday	7:00am Mass; 8:30am Mass; 10am Mass (livestreamed) 12:00pm Mass; 3:00pm Mass – Spanish

Celebraciones de la Cuaresma y la Pascua para la Comunidad Hispana

Retiro de Cuaresma: 10 de Marzo a las 2:00pm y 3:00pm la Misa en Español con Padre Luis Lopez

Confesiones Parroquial de Cuaresma: 11 de Marzo a las 7:00pm (sacerdotes en español)

Via Crucis: Todos los Viernes a las 7pm

Cenas de Cuaresma: Los viernes a la 5:30pm, febrero 16, 23, Marzo 1, 8, 15 y 22.

Jueves Santo: 28 de Marzo a las 7:00pm Misa de la Ultima Cena del Señor y Lavatorio de Pies seguido de Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento hasta media noche.

Viernes Santo: 29 de Marzo a las 3:00pm Liturgia y veneracion de la cruz en español.

VIGILIA PASCUAL / PASCUA

Sábado Santo: 30 de Marzo a las 8:00pm

Domingo de Resurrección: 31 de Marzo a las 3:00pm Misa en Español

Mass Intentions Feb 26– March 3, 2024

Mass Intentions For The Week



Mon	7:30 am	Fr. Thi Van Hoang
Tue	7:30 am	Queva Family
Wed	7:30 am	David Zarri
Thu	7:30 am	Mary Fonseca †
Fri	7:30 am	Fr. Arn Cabris
Sat	8:00 am	Viart Family
		Del Mando Family
	5:30 pm	Taylor Bustos †
Sun	8:00 am	Anthony Obidi †
	10:00 am	Sal “Tudi” Bruno †
	12:00pm	Ron & Joel Maller †
	3:00 pm	For the People of the Parish.

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



More details will be announced on this important date

Weekend of FEBRUARY 18, 2024

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$14,690.50
2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$3214.51

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

Exodus 20:1-17
1 Corinthians 1:22-25
John 3:16

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

MAINTENANCE FUND