



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

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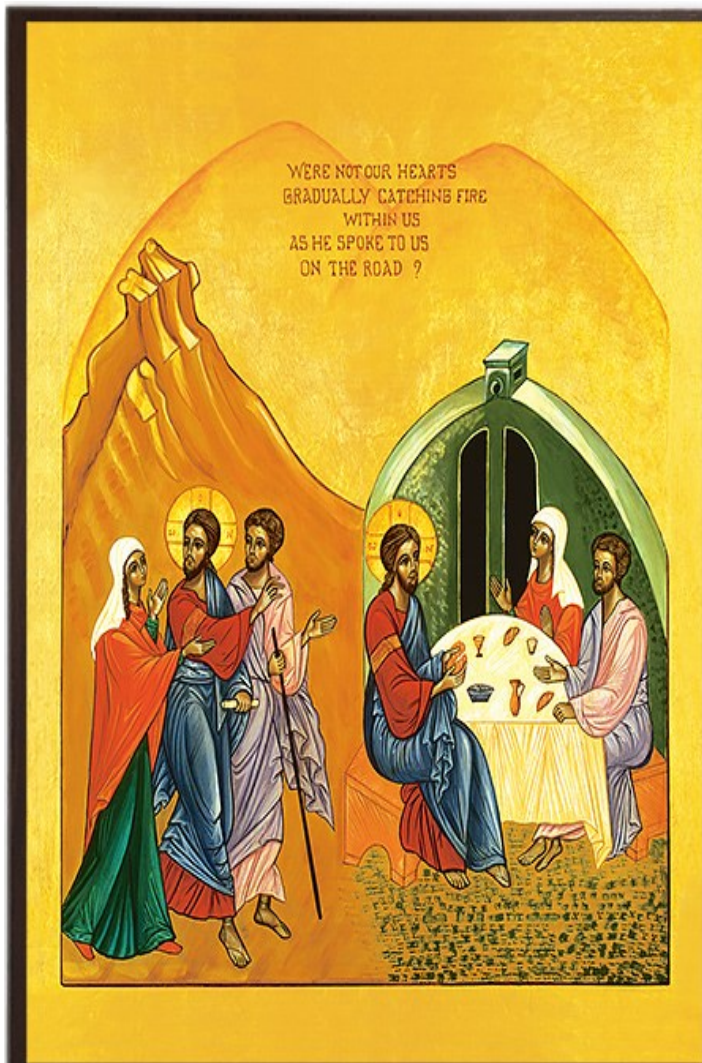
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**APRIL 14, 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**



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



My dear Friends in Christ,

Two disciples left for Emmaus while the rest of their grieving brothers and sisters were gathering in Jerusalem, mourning for Jesus' death. The two were so frustrated and depressed with what happened to Jesus. They couldn't accept the shameful defeat of their master whom they expected to overturn the Romans and set them free. This is one of my favorite Gospel stories. And I could preach on this for hours. You may be thinking: No way please! I like this story because I can relate to it easily. The story of the Road to Emmaus is our story, story of despair and disappointment, story of conversion and hope. Truly, we are the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

There's so much to appreciate in this well loved encounter: There are many spiritual lessons we can draw from this little story. First of all, we notice two disciples walking on the road, sad. They were sad because they were walking the wrong way. Jerusalem is supposed to be a place of promise and salvation, but they were turning away from it. And while they were frustrated, they met a stranger. Who was it that changed their lives? It was the risen Christ. This reminds us that we should not be afraid of strangers, Jesus now can appear and walk with us in all types of bodies: male and female, black and white, young and old, rich and poor, native and immigrant, Catholic and Protestant, Muslim, liberal and conservative, so on and so forth. We should welcome them with open arms, for many times Jesus comes to us as a stranger.

Second lesson: God always reaches out to us first. Jesus found the two disciples on the road. He sought them out so they could meet him face to face, heart to heart and be transformed. We should remember that on our journey of life, Jesus is continually seeking us out and desiring to find us. But we may all ask this question: Why didn't the disciples recognize Jesus? Because things did not happen as they had expected. They had a wrong perception of the resurrection. They thought that Jesus would redeem the Israel by a powerful and glorious way, not by a shameful death on the cross. We can learn that God's ways are not our ways. What we consider to be failure might not be so in the eyes of God. It might just be a necessary step to something truly greater. The cross, for some people, is a sign of failure, but for those who believe, it is truly a sign of victory.

Third lesson, after Jesus broke the bread, their eyes were open. Then and only then they turned to each other and said: Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explain the scripture to us? Notice that it's in looking back on the experience that they realized just how impactful it has been. It's in looking back and shifting and sorting through the events and the feelings of our day that we enhance our understanding, that we deepen our appreciation, we embrace the gift of love. Through daily examination of life, we grow in our appreciation of how much God loves us and how powerful his grace is at work in our lives. Every Sunday, when we come together to celebrate Mass, we reenact the Road to Emmaus Story. In saying: I Confess, we acknowledge all the darkness and sinfulness and lack of faith that we walk in. Then we listen to the word of God in Scripture and let the Spirit of Jesus speak to our hearts. And then we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

The key question then is: what do I do after encountering the Risen Christ? Will I be like the two disciples who made a U-turn to Jerusalem, on fire spreading the Good News? Do I bring this experience of Jesus with me at home, at work and in society? Do I feel my heart burning when I listen to the scripture? Am I taking Jesus' place as the stranger on the road, walking with others in need? Do I welcome strangers with open arms as I welcome Jesus? If I do all this, I am the true disciple of Christ, I am an Easter person. Alluia is my song. Amen!

**ATTENTION! MASS SCHEDULE CHANGED ON SUNDAY APRIL 21ST!
There is NO 10am Mass nor 12pm Mass, but 11am Mass only!**

Mis queridos amigos en Cristo,

Dos discípulos se fueron a Emaús mientras el resto de sus afligidos hermanos y hermanas se reunían en Jerusalén, de luto por la muerte de Jesús. Los dos estaban tan frustrados y deprimidos por lo que le sucedió a Jesús. No podían aceptar la vergonzosa derrota de su amo, de quien esperaban que derrocará a los romanos y los liberara. Esta es una de mis historias favoritas del Evangelio. Y podría predicar sobre esto durante horas. Usted puede estar pensando: ¡De ninguna manera, por favor! Me gusta esta historia porque puedo relacionarme con ella fácilmente. La historia del Camino de Emaús es nuestra historia, historia de desesperación y decepción, historia de conversión y esperanza. Verdaderamente, somos los discípulos en el camino a Emaús. Hay tanto que apreciar en este amado encuentro: Hay muchas lecciones espirituales que podemos sacar de esta pequeña historia.

En primer lugar, notamos a dos discípulos caminando por el camino, tristes. Estaban tristes porque iban por el camino equivocado. Se suponía que Jerusalén era un lugar de promesa y salvación, pero se estaban alejando de él. Y mientras estaban frustrados, conocieron a un extraño que cambió su vida. ¿Quién fue? Era el Cristo resucitado. Esto nos recuerda que no debemos temer a los extraños, Jesús ahora puede aparecer y caminar con nosotros en todo tipo de cuerpos: hombres y mujeres, negros y blancos, jóvenes y viejos, ricos y pobres, nativos e inmigrantes, católicos y protestantes, Musulmanes, liberales y conservadores, etc., etc. Debemos recibirlos con los brazos abiertos, porque muchas veces Jesús viene a nosotros como un extraño.

Segunda lección: Dios siempre se acerca a nosotros primero. Jesús encontró a los dos discípulos en el camino. Los buscó para que pudieran encontrarse con él cara a cara, corazón a corazón y ser transformados. Debemos recordar que en nuestro camino de la vida, Jesús está continuamente buscándonos y deseando encontrarnos. Pero todos podemos hacernos esta pregunta: ¿Por qué los discípulos no reconocieron a Jesús? Porque las cosas no sucedieron como ellos esperaban. Tenían una percepción equivocada de la resurrección. Ellos pensaron que Jesús redimiría a Israel por un camino poderoso y glorioso, no por una muerte vergonzosa en la cruz. Podemos aprender que los caminos de Dios no son nuestros caminos. Lo que consideramos un fracaso podría no serlo a los ojos de Dios. Podría ser solo un paso necesario para algo verdaderamente mayor. La cruz, para algunas personas, es una señal de fracaso, pero para aquellos que creen, es verdaderamente una señal de victoria.

Tercera lección, después de que Jesús partió el pan, sus ojos estaban abiertos. Entonces, y solo entonces, se miraron el uno al otro y dijeron: ¿No ardía nuestro corazón dentro de nosotros mientras nos hablaba en el camino y nos explicaba la escritura? Tenga en cuenta que es al mirar hacia atrás en la experiencia que se dieron cuenta de lo impactante que ha sido. Es al mirar hacia atrás y cambiar y clasificar los eventos y los sentimientos de nuestro día que mejoramos nuestra comprensión, que profundizamos nuestro aprecio, que abrazamos el regalo del amor. A través del examen diario de la vida, crecemos en nuestra apreciación de cuánto nos ama Dios y cuán poderosa es su gracia obrando en nuestras vidas.

Todos los domingos, cuando nos reunimos para celebrar la Misa, recreamos la Historia del Camino a Emaús. Al decir: Confieso, reconocemos toda la oscuridad, el pecado y la falta de fe en la que caminamos. Luego escuchamos la palabra de Dios en las Escrituras y dejamos que el Espíritu de Jesús hable a nuestros Corazones. Y luego nos encontramos con Jesús en la Eucaristía. La pregunta clave entonces es: ¿qué hago después de encontrarme con Cristo Resucitado? ¿Seré como los dos discípulos que se alejaron de Jerusalén, ardiendo en la difusión de las Buenas Nuevas? ¿Llevo esta experiencia de Jesús conmigo en casa, en el trabajo y en la sociedad? ¿Siento que mi corazón arde cuando escucho las escrituras? ¿Estoy tomando el lugar de Jesús como el extraño en el camino, caminando con otros necesitados? ¿Recibo a los extraños con los brazos abiertos como acojo a Jesús? Si hago todo esto, soy el verdadero discípulo de Cristo, soy una persona de Pascua. Alluia es mi canción. ¡Amén!

Feast Day of St Pedro Calungsod

Come and join us for the celebration of the Feast of St. Pedro Calungsod on April 14 at 12pm Mass. If you would like to have Mass sponsorship for this Feast Day, please fill out the form below or contact our coordinators.

FILIPINO MINISTRY Mass Sponsorship for Filipino Feast/Masses	
DATE	APRIL 14, 2024, 12 NOON MASS
MASS:	FEAST OF SAN PEDRO CALUNGSOD
DONATION AMOUNT: Please issue check payable to: Church of the Good Shepherd	
NAME OF SPONSOR/S (all in capital letters)	
INTENTIONS (all in capital letters)	
Signature of Sponsor/s	
Sponsor's Phone No.	

Please return the completed request form to: Shirley Quejado (925/586-7668) or Ofelia S Tanyag (925/890-2066), or Cynthia Auza (925/597-1178).

SAVE THE DATE

**THE FLOCK WILL CELEBRATE
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
OUR PARISH FEAST DAY
ON APRIL 21 AT 11AM.**

**THERE WILL BE A MULTICUL-
TURAL RECEPTION AFTER THE
MASS IN THE HALL.
LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS
SPECIAL DAY.**



This is going to be a Potluck Reception. We truly appreciate your contribution for this celebration. Please bring a dish to share. It could be a favorite dish you always serve or one that has ingredients that are specific to your ethnicity. Whatever you decide to bring, either an appetizer, a main dish or a dessert or soft drinks, please let us know so we can plan accordingly.

We have sign up sheet at the church vestibule. Write down what you will bring to share. Or contact Tammy Vo for further information at 925-698-4559. Thank you.



UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* **EVENTS**



- April 13- Confirmation Student Retreat and Confession & Discernment
- April 21- Parish Feast Day- Combined Mass at 11am Mass and Potluck reception to follow
- May 4- First Communion E at 10am
- May 11- First Com Spanish 10am
- May 13 – Fatima- Marian Procession & Mass 6:30pm
- May 18- First HC Spanish 10am
- June 2 – Youth Confirmation at 5pm
- June 13- Fatima procession 7pm
- July 13- Fatima Procession 6:30pm
- June 17- Faith Formation registration Kick Off
- July 20- Parish Hawaii Dinner Dance- Fundraising at 7pm
- August 7- Staff Retreat
- August 15- Assumption Mass and Procession 6:30pm
- August 17- Summer Music Concert 7pm
- Sept 13- Fatima Procession 7pm
- Sept 15-Faith Formation begins
- Sep 23- RCIA begins
- Oct 6- Flock Party
- Oct 13- Fatima Mass and Procession 6:30pm
- Nov 1- All Saints- 7:30am; 12pm, 7pm Bilingual
- Nov 2- All Souls- 7:30am, 1pm Holy Cross Cemetery, 7pm Bilingual
- Nov 16- Appreciation dinner for volunteers at 7pm
- Nov 23 – Thanksgiving at 10am
- Dec 1- Advent
- Dec 6- Taize Prayer 7pm
- Dec 8- O.L of Guadalupe- 5am Mananitas and 3pm Mass
- Dec 14- Christmas Concert 7pm – Potluck Christmas Party
- Dec 16- Advent Reconciliation 7pm
- Dec, 24 Christmas Eve, 4pm, 6pm, 12Midnight
- Dec 25- Christmas Day: 8am, 10am, 12pm, 1:30pm
- Dec 31- New Year’s Eve: 5:30pm Mass & 7pm Party
- New Year 2025- 8am, 10am- Bilingual



Hosted by the YLI!
Saturday, April 20, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.
Buffett Lunch with BUNCO to follow
(doors open at 12:30 p.m.)

Good Shepherd Ministry Building
(behind the Church Hall)
3200 Harbor Street

COST: \$25.00
Cash Prizes and Raffle

Limited Seating - Pre-Pay Required
For Reservations Call Gina (925) 522-6164

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS
 ST. MARY MARGARET COURT #1450
 PRESENTS

Spring Tea with Mother and Me
Luncheon

Saturday April 27, 2024
 Church of the Good Shepherd Parish Hall
 3200 Harbor Street
 Pittsburg, California
 12:00 —3:00pm

TICKETS
 Adults—\$30.00 Per Person
 Children—\$10.00 Per Child
 (10 and under)

Join us in celebrating all our Mothers.

Purchase Tickets
 Call/Text/E-Mail
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Special Performance By
The Espositones

Games
 Basket Raffle
 Hat Contest



**Commissioning
 New Eucharist
 Ministers
 4/6/14 at 5:30pm
 Mass**

Mass Intentions April 15– April 21

Mass Intentions For The Week



Mon	7:30 am	Gilbert Ruiz †
Tue	7:30 am	Jose G. Abad †
Wed	7:30 am	Josefa P. Tamos †
Thu	7:30am	Jose Luis Diaz Vazquez †
Fri	7:30am	Yolanda Gam and Family
	7:00pm	Daniel Cortez Acuña †
	8:00am	Obioma Onyeador †
	5:30pm	Elena Panugaling † Deceased Members of Juana Mercedes Narez Family †
Sun	8:00am	Nora Ferrante †
	10:00am	Joe & Mike Lucero †
	12:00pm	For the People of the Parish
	3:00pm	Luz Enriquez † (Death Ann.) Erick Magdaleno † (Death Ann.)

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**MANY MINISTRIES
ONE CHURCH**
BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024

2024 Bishop's Ministries Appeal.

Our goal this year is: \$35,600.00 Let's work together to achieve our goal again this year.

Year to date we have raised \$12,875.34

Thank you so much for your support!

Weekend of APRIL 7, 2024

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 9,062.02

2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$3,389.29

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

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

FAITH FORMATION

We celebrated Divine Mercy Sunday!
We are truly grateful to Divine Mercy Ministry for
their labor of love. They have made a total of \$5,682
from selling Tahoe and Mass sponsorships. All the
proceeds will go to the sanctuary remodel fund.
Jesus, we trust in You.



JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY
11 DAYS: FEBRUARY 10-20, 2025

VENICE * PADUA * FLORENCE * ASSISI * ROME * PAPAL AUDIENCE
 WITH THE VATICAN AND THE HOLY DOORS

Hosted by
FR. THI HOANG

\$3999 FROM SAN FRANCISCO*
 *Air/land tour price is \$3469 plus \$530 gov't taxes/airline surcharges

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