



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

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

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APRIL 7, 2024

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**TRUST
IN HIS MERCY**



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



Dear Friends in Christ,

"Jesus, I trust in you." is the message of this Divine mercy Sunday. Jesus said to St. Faustina one day: "Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy". St. John Paul II has realized how true this saying was when he saw the culture of death all over the world. And in the year of 2000 when he canonized sister Faustina, he made the Second Sunday of Easter the Divine Mercy Sunday. Why second Sunday of Easter? It is because on this Sunday we hear the story of Thomas who doubted the resurrection. To confirm Thomas' faith, Jesus showed him the wounds caused by the sin of humanity. By showing Thomas the wounds, Jesus shows his mercy to the world and gives us a good model to respond to hatred and violence. What do you do when someone hurts you? Will you hate them back. Will you take revenge? – an eye for an eye? What did Jesus do when people hurt him? He blessed them. He blessed them with his right hand on which they nailed him on the Cross. He transforms the law of justice into the law of mercy.

So the core of the Divine Mercy message is very simple as such: God says to us: *I am love and mercy. Come to me, I will heal your wounds. I am not going to punish you, but I want to heal your wounded hearts. Let me do it for you. And trust me.* Throughout his life, Jesus responded with mercy to people in all walks of life. He consoled a widow whose only son just passed away! He befriended the rich and the poor, tax collectors, prostitutes, lepers, and the Gentiles. He raised the dead to life. He healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, and fed the hungry. He grieved when his friend died, and forgave the people who crucified Him. He said: Blessed are the merciful, for you will be shown mercy.

Yes, we all need mercy. What is mercy? Mercy comes from a Latin word: Misericordia - Miseri ("pity" or "misery") and cordia ("heart"). So Mercy means the suffering of the heart, a type of compassion, a deep, loving identification with people in their suffering. Having mercy means we enter into the other person's suffering. We feel the other person's pain, and place ourselves inside the other person's heart and mind. When that happens, we are moved to respond in a merciful way. Life is full of challenges and trials. We find these struggles because they demonstrate our inability to live our lives as we desire. That's why we cry out today, *Jesus I trust in You.* He will bring our stormy days to pass and peace will come again. So, let us bring our struggles to Jesus. He knows the struggles and pains of this world; He knows what it is to suffer. But now, with Christ's resurrection, suffering has a redemptive value. Now, the sufferings we endure, large or small, can be united to Jesus' suffering on the Cross, the act that saved the world. And so, whether we are worrying about our appearance, our health, or our livelihood, we can enter into the struggle, knowing that Christ is with us, will help us walk this path, because there can be good that comes out of these bad days. So we pray: *For the sake of his sorrowful passion. Have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

Fr. Thi Hoang

Queridos Amigos en Cristo,

"Jesús, en ti confío". es el mensaje de este Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. Jesús le dijo un día a Santa Faustina: "La Humanidad nunca encontrará la paz hasta que se vuelva con confianza a la Divina Misericordia". San Juan Pablo II se dio cuenta de cuán cierto era este dicho cuando vio la cultura de la muerte en todo el mundo. Y en el año 2000 cuando canonizó a Sor Faustina, hizo del Segundo Domingo de Pascua el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. ¿Por qué el Segundo Domingo de Pascua? Es porque en este Domingo escuchamos la historia de Tomás que dudó de la resurrección. Para confirmar la fe de Tomás, Jesús le mostró las heridas causadas por el pecado de la humanidad. Al mostrarle a Tomás las heridas, Jesús muestra su misericordia al mundo y nos da un buen modelo para responder al odio y a la violencia. ¿Qué haces cuando alguien te ha hecho daño? ¿Los odiarás de vuelta? ¿Te vengarás? - ¿Ojo por Ojo? ¡A Pagar! ¿Qué hizo Jesús cuando la gente lo lastimó? los bendijo. Él nos bendice con su mano derecha en la que lo clavamos en la Cruz. Él transforma la ley de la justicia en la ley de la misericordia.

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Esa es la única manera de vivir una vida de paz. Entonces, el núcleo del mensaje de la Divina Misericordia es muy simple como tal: *Dios nos dice: Yo soy amor y misericordia. Ven a mí, sanaré tus heridas. No los voy a castigar, pero quiero sanar sus corazones heridos. Déjame hacerlo por ti. Y confía en mí.* A lo largo de su vida, Jesús respondió con misericordia a las personas en todos los ámbitos de la vida. Consoló a una viuda cuyo único hijo acababa de fallecer para decirle, ¡no llores! Se hizo amigo de ricos y pobres, recaudadores de impuestos, prostitutas, leprosos y gentiles. Él resucitó a los muertos. Sanó a los enfermos, dio vista a los ciegos y alimentó a los hambrientos. Se afligió cuando murió su amigo y perdonó a las personas que lo crucificaron. Él dijo: Bienaventurados los misericordiosos, porque se les mostrará misericordia.

Sí, todos necesitamos misericordia. ¿Qué es la misericordia? Misericordia proviene de una palabra en latín: Misericordia. Miseri ("lástima" o "miseria") y cordia ("corazón"). Entonces Misericordia significa el sufrimiento del corazón, un tipo de compasión, una identificación profunda y amorosa con las personas en su sufrimiento. Tener misericordia significa entrar en el sufrimiento del otro. Sentimos el dolor de la otra persona y nos ubicamos dentro del corazón y la mente de la otra persona. Cuando eso sucede, nos sentimos impulsados a responder de manera misericordiosa. La vida está llena de desafíos y pruebas. Encontramos estas luchas porque demuestran nuestra incapacidad para vivir nuestras vidas como deseamos. Esta pandemia nos recuerda que somos impotentes; somos vulnerables. Por eso clamamos hoy, Jesús en Ti confío. Él traerá nuestros días tormentosos a pasar y la paz vendrá de nuevo. Entonces, traigamos nuestras luchas a Jesús. Él conoce las luchas y los dolores de este mundo; Sabe lo que es sufrir. Pero ahora, con la resurrección de Cristo, el sufrimiento tiene un valor redentor. Ahora, los sufrimientos que soportamos, grandes o pequeños, pueden unirse al sufrimiento de Jesús en la Cruz, el acto que salvó al mundo. Y así, ya sea que estemos preocupados por nuestra apariencia, nuestra salud o nuestro sustento, podemos entrar en la lucha, sabiendo que Cristo está con nosotros, nos ayudará a caminar este camino, porque puede haber algo bueno que salga de estos días. . Así oramos: *Por su dolorosa pasión. Ten misericordia de nosotros y del mundo entero.*

Padre Thi Hoang

SAVE THE DATE

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

**THERE WILL BE A MULTICULTURAL
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 desert 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.



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).

April 7, 2024

Masses: 8am, 10am, 12pm, 3pm Spanish

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be said after each Mass.
Note: We will especially celebrate this Feast Day at 12pm Mass with Procession, Mass offerings and Sponsorship.



Contact Becky Naca at 925-858-9217 for Mass sponsorship by fill out the form below.

Church of the Good Shepherd

3200 Harbor Street
Pittsburg, CA 94565

DONATION AMOUNT	Feast of Divine Mercy
Please issue check payable to Church of the Good Shepherd	April 7, 2024 - 12:00 noon - Mass Sponsorship
	\$
Name/s of Sponsor's (Please write the name legibly and as you want it read at mass or shown in program)	
INTENTION/s:	
Signature of Sponsor	
Sponsor's Telephone No.	

***Please return completed form with your payment to Becky Naca**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



- April 7- Parents Class E
 April 10- First. Com. Confession 6pm
 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

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

For More Information, Please Contact:

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DON'T MISS OUT! SIGN UP TODAY!



Mass Intentions April 8– April 14

Mass Intentions For The Week



Mon	7:30 am	Sison Family
Tue	7:30 am	Clemente & Antonia Soliz †
Wed	7:30 am	Fred Giambona †
Thu	7:30am	Mike Giambona †
Fri	7:30am	Hildelisa Castillo † <i>(Death Ann.)</i>
Sat	8:00am	Myrna McNee <i>(Birthday)</i>
		Esperanza Tiquia †
	5:30pm	Laureana Luna Espiritu †
Sun	8:00am	For all the Souls in Purgatory and the Members of FOSS
	10:00am	Romualdo M. Reyes † <i>(1st. Death Anniversary)</i>
	12:00pm	Dorothy Arce †
	3:00pm	For the People of the Parish



**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.

Thank you so much for your support!

Staff Contact Information

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Weekend of MARCH 24, 2024

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 10,683.75

2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$4,433.15

EASTER WEEKEND

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$17,866.67

2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$5,832.11

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 3:13-15, 17-19

1 John 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

BISHOP'S APPEAL

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FRIENDS WHO WERE INITIATED AT EASTER VIGIL ON MARCH 30, 2024



2023 Annual Report

INCOME FOR 2023

Plate Collections	\$668,740.33
Unrestricted Donations	\$ 49,041.00
Restricted Donations	\$ 93,102.50
Special Events-Fundraising	\$115,938.21
Ministry Income	\$163,046.95
Diocesan Interest	\$ 3,133.33
Other income	\$ 79,414.31
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,172,146.63

EXPENSES FOR 2023

Administration	\$265,156.24
Parish Property	\$227,868.38
Rectory Living	\$ 20,363.83
Priests	\$ 94,304.03
Liturgy	\$ 38,776.45
Music	\$ 58,829.91
Formation/CYO	\$ 21,928.15
Children, Youth & Adult	\$ 94,666.31
Other Ministries	\$ 23,031.62
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 54,273.02
Depreciation	\$ 32,056.57
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$931,853.51

YEAR RECAP

INCOME	\$ 1,172,146.63
EXPENSES	\$ 931,853.51

INCOME OVER EXPENSES AT YEAR END:

\$ 240,563.12