



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

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

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SEPTEMBER 15, 2024



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me." - Mk 8:34*

24° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

*"El que quiera venir conmigo, que renuncie a sí mismo,
que cargue con su cruz y que me siga". - Mc 8, 34*

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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 Espanol &

4:30pm (1st Sunday of month) French

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

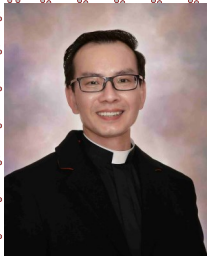
Marriages: In order to make marriage arrangements

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**
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This morning I received a text message that a member of my extended family will likely die of cancer within the next few hours. His name is Luke. He is a 45-year-old husband and father of six. Though I am not as close to him as my sister (she is his sister-in-law and knows him well), I wonder: how can we, including Luke himself, manage such a terribly awful and unfair situation?

The words of this Sunday's Gospel offer a powerful and challenging path. Jesus says, "**If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me**" (Mark 8:34). Today I see with new freshness the starkness and strangeness of the words *take up*. The cross stands for suffering which is unjust, absurd, seemingly hopeless, and humiliating. Jesus doesn't say "accept" or "endure" or "tolerate," but "take up." Embrace it, actively. Choose it and lift it up for others to see what terrifies and sickens us. But somehow, for Jesus, this is the path to "**saving one's life.**" A new world is breaking in, one in which love is everything, when no relationship can be wounded or die. I trust that in the embraced suffering of Luke and his loved ones, Jesus is taking up his cross and saving us all. By the time you read this, barring a miracle, Luke will have died. He will be carrying his cross no longer. But we all still face suffering. This week let's not just endure, but take up our crosses, big and small. That's our only hope for saving our lives.

- *Father John Muir* ©LPi

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

15 de septiembre de 2024
24° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Este domingo, Jesús nos invita a tomar nuestra cruz y a seguirlo, e inicia su mensaje con la pregunta a sus discípulos: ¿Quién dice la gente que soy yo? Por supuesto que obtuvo varias respuestas. Pero, lo importante ahora, es lo que cada uno de nosotros respondamos a esa pregunta. Muchas personas se hacen un Jesús a su medida y hasta piensan que lo manipulan y lo compran a sus caprichos. Sin embargo, Jesús no está atado a nuestros gustos ni medida. Jesús se mostró siempre sincero proclamando la justicia y la verdad, y es en la Sagrada Escritura y en la Tradición de la Iglesia cimentada por él, que podemos conocerlo y amarlo cada día más.

Después, llamó a toda la gente y les dijo: "*El que quiera seguirme, que renuncie a sí mismo, tome su cruz y me siga. Pues el que quiera asegurar su vida la perderá, y el que sacrifique su vida (por mí y) por el Evangelio, la salvará*" (Marcos 8:34-35). Aquí está el compromiso de querer salvar la vida, se refiere a evitar la cruz que nos toca llevar junto con Jesús. Entonces, no podemos evadirla, hay que poner todo de nuestra parte para que sea llevadera y con alegría. Seguir a Jesús es un camino seguro que nos llevará aquí en la tierra a buen puerto y en un futuro a la felicidad eterna. No perdamos el tiempo, vayamos presurosos hacia su misericordia con nuestras suplicas para nuestra salvación y la de nuestros hermanos y hermanas.

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ONLINE DONATIONS

Dearest Parishioners,

No word can express our gratitude to you for your generous hearts to give your time, talents and treasures, helping us keep our parish up on running smoothly. Many of you are on vacation during the summer, please keep remembering us in your weekly donations.

To make your giving easy and convenient, we have created a QR code for your Online Donations found in back of the church's pews. You just need to use your phone, open the camera, point the camera at the QR code, then tap the link that appears on your device. It will lead you to the Donations page. It is safe and secure. Once again thank you so much for your generosity.

God bless your good hearts.

God is good! All the time!

Celebrating the Feast of St. Padre Pio, Sept 22 at 12pm Mass

Who is St. Padre Pio? Saint Padre Pio was an Italian priest who was known for his adoration of charity and love for the people around him. He bore the wounds of Christ, which is still something that cannot be explained. Francesco Forgione was born May 25th, 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. Below is the Mass Sponsorship Form. Please fill it out and return it to **Cecille Perez at 925-300-6234, Cora Clavel at 925-354-2259**

DATE	Sunday, September 22, 2024 @ 12pm mass
MASS	St. Padre Pio Feast Mass
DONATION AMOUNT:	
NAME/s of SPONSOR/s	
Mass intentions	
Sponsor's Telephone No.	

FEAST OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ, Sept 29 at 12 Noon Mass

Mass sponsorship form is available below.

Who is St Lorenzo Ruiz summary? Saint Lorenzo Ruiz is the first Filipino to be venerated in the Roman Catholic Church. Of Chinese-Filipino parentage, he became the country's protomartyr after his execution by the Tokugawa Shogunate during its persecution of Japanese Christians in the 17th century.

DATE	Sunday, September 29 @ the 12:00 Noon mass
MASS (indicate feast name or "Simbang Gabi")	San Lorenzo Ruiz Feast Mass
DONATION AMOUNT: If in check, please use "Church of the Good Shepherd" as payee	
NAME/s of SPONSOR/s	
INTENTION/s:	
Signature of Sponsor	
Sponsor's Telephone No.	

Contact Jasper Espiritu (415-503-8845), Ofelia Tanyag (925-890-2056), Shirley Quejado (925-586-7668)

Flock Activities last week!



- 1- Baptisms
- 2- Bill and Ann Abitz
60th Wedding Ann.
- 3- Divine Mercy Ministry food and drinks sales

Please Join Us

The members of the Padre Pio prayer group of Good Shepherd are planning to celebrate his feast day on September 2024. Everyone is invited.

We have a 9-day novena from September 13-21, 2024, inside the Church in front of St Padre Pio Statue.

The Feast Mass will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2024 at 12:00 PM followed by a light refreshment in front of the Church.

Please come and join us in these activities as we pray and sing "Be with me Lord" through the intercession of St. Padre Pio in our lives.

For more information, please call or email:

Cora Clavel (925)354-2259

Cdclavel1005@gmail.com

Or

Mila Benitez (925) 726-7526

For mass sponsorship, pls contact:

Cecille Perez -(925)300-6234

Cynthia Auza - (925)597-1178

Fe Reyes - (925) 642-6854

Regards.

The Cameroonian Catholic Community – East Bay

With great joy and anticipation, the Cameroonian Catholic Community at the Church of the Good Shepherd warmly invites you to our 1st Anniversary Celebration. This milestone represents a year of faith, fellowship, and the many blessings we have experienced together as a church community.

The celebration will take place on Saturday, September 28th, at 2:30 PM, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, located at 3200 Harbor St, Pittsburg, CA 94565. We have planned a special service to mark this significant occasion, followed by a fellowship meal and activities designed to bring our community together in gratitude and joy.

Your presence would be a true honor as we reflect on the past year and look forward to the future with hope and excitement. We would be delighted for you to join us in celebrating the growth of our community, the strengthening of our bonds, and the blessings that have enriched our lives through our shared faith.

Please feel free to invite your family and friends to this joyous occasion. We look forward to celebrating this special day with you. May God continue to bless you and guide you in all your endeavors.

Best regards,

For the Cameroonian Catholic Community – East Bay,

Patrick Siewe

**OCTOBER 6, 2024
GOOD SHEPHERD'S ANNUAL FLOCK PARTY
RAFFLE!**

If you are a registered parishioner you should have received a mailing for this event that includes raffle tickets for a drawing that will take place at the Flock Party. If you did not receive the mailing, you can purchase tickets after any mass between now and the event. No need to be present to win ~ but we'd love to see you there! Place your stubs in any Sunday collection basket, mail them in or bring them to the parish office.

**FLOCK PARTY WATER AND
SOFT DRINK DONATIONS
NEEDED!**

To help us offset expenses for the Flock Party, we are asking for donations from our generous parishioners .

If you can help us, bring your donations to the parish office any time during business hours, Monday-Thursday, 8 am to 4 pm.
Thank you!



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

**ANNUAL FLOCK PARTY
Sunday, October 06, 2024. All day from 9:00am-5:00pm**

The day will include Masses: 8am, 10am, 12pm and 2pm en espanol. Multicultural food such as Mexican, Italian, Nigerian, Cameroonian, American, Filipino, Tongan, Vietnamese, Malaysian, Pakistani; drinks, live music, dancing, games and all sorts of entertainment and best of all: Family fun!

You also have a chance to win big raffle prizes:

1st Prize: **\$2,500 Cash**

2nd Prize: **\$1,000 Cash**

3rd Prize: **75" Samsung TV**

4th prize: **\$500 Cash**

and many other consolation prizes.

Tickets are \$5 each or 6 tickets for \$25. You don't need to be present to win.

Raffle prizes will be drawn on the day of the Flock Party.

Bring your family and friends and stay with us for the whole day.



**FIESTA ANUAL DE REBAÑO
DOMINGO, OCTUBRE 6, 2024**

Un Rebaño, Una Familia, Viviendo y Compartiendo el Amor de Cristo
3200 Harbor St. Pittsburg, CA 94565

**Fiesta Anual De Rebaño
Domingo, Octubre 6, 2024**

Todo el dia desde las 9:00am-5:00pm

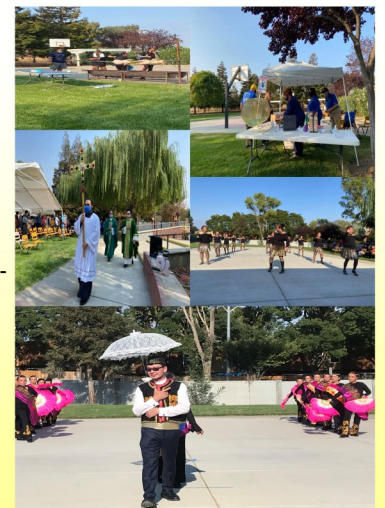
El día va incluir las siguiente misas: 8am, 10am, 12pm y 2pm en Español. Comida multicultural como Mexicana, Italiana, Nigeriana, Camaroonia, Americana, Filipina, Tongana, Vietnamita, Malaysiana, Pakistani; bebidas, música en vivo, baile, juegos y todo tipo de entretenimiento y lo mejor de todo: ¡ Diversion en familia!

También tienes la oportunidad de ganar un gran premio de rifa.

Estos son los premios: **1st Premio \$2,500 en efectivo, 2nd Premio \$1,000, 3rd Premio 75" Samsung TV, 4th Premio \$500 en efectivo, y muchos otros premios de consolación.**

Boletos son \$5 cada uno o 6 boletos por \$25. No necesitas estar presente para ganar.

Traiga a su familia y amigos y quédese con nosotros durante todo el día.





- Sept 13- Fatima Procession 7pm
- Sept 15-Faith Formation begins
- Sep 23- RCIA begins
- Oct 6- Flock Party
- Oct 13- 6:30pm Fatima Procession Mass
- Nov 1- All Saints- 7:30am; 12pm, 7pm Bilingual
- Nov 2- All Souls- 7:30am, 1pm Holy Cross Cemetery, 7pm Bilingual
- Nov 10- Craft Fair
- Nov 16- Appreciation dinner for volunteers at 7pm
- Nov 28 - Thanksgiving at 10am
- Dec 1- Advent
- Dec 6- Taize Prayer 7pm
- Dec 8- O.L of Guadalupe- 5am Mananitas and 3pm Mass
- Dec 16- Advent Reconciliation 7pm
- Dec, 24 Christmas Eve, 4pm, 6pm, 12 Midnight
- Dec 25- Christmas Day: 8am, 10am, 12pm, 1:30pm
- Dec 31- New Year's Eve: 5:30pm Mass & 7pm Party
- Jan 1st- New Year: 8am and 10am Bilingual

Religious Education News!

- 1- Children faith formation program and youth confirmation will begin on Sunday September 15.
- 2- Edge and Post Holy Communion Program will start on Wednesday September 18
- 3- RCIA and Adult Confirmation will begin on September 23

We are still taking registrations for all above programs. Please come and register now so we can arrange the classes accordingly. Thanks

FIRST HOMLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION KICK OFF THIS SUNDAY, SEPTMEBER 15.



"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

Take part in the Mass and become an Altar Server

All children and teens are invited to be Altar Servers
You must have received First Communion

If interested please scan the QR code below and fill out the form
The altar server coordinator will contact you
Thank you and God Bless
Fr. Thi



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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Email: tammyhairtrends@gmail.com

DON'T MISS OUT! SIGN UP TODAY!

Mass Intentions September 16 - September 22

Mass Intentions For The Week



Mon	7:30am	Mae Giambona †
Tue	7:30am	Susie Galvan Balingit †
Wed	7:30am	Alfred Llenos †
Thu	7:30am	Giselle Castro † (<i>Death Anniversary</i>)
Fri	7:30am	Louis Sami †
	7:00pm	Daniel Cortez Acuña †
Sat	8:00am	Avarig Yvonne Solis (<i>8th Birthday</i>)
		Taylor Bustos †
	5:30pm	Gloria Carandang †
Sun	8:00am	Salvatore Calone & Elaine Calone †
	10:00am	Brianna Flint (<i>Birthday</i>) Robert DePasquale † (<i>Death Anniversary</i>)
	12:00pm	Auza Family (<i>Thanksgiving</i>)
	3:00pm	For the People of our Parish

Staff Contact Information

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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 \$24,810.78(60.7%). Thank you so much for your support!

Weekend of September 1, 2024

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$11,772.79

2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$3,074.11

Weekend of September 8, 2024

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$9,138.16

2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$4,442.76

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

WISDOM 2:12,17-20

JAMES 3:16-43

MARK 9:30-37

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

PARISH FLOCK PARTY