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JANUARY 05, 2025



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
 They were overjoyed at seeing the star.
 - Mt 2:10

DÍA DE LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR
 Al ver de nuevo la estrella, se llenaron
 de inmensa alegría. - Mt 2, 10

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday—Thursday: 8am-12pm & 1pm-4pm
Fridays: 9am-12:pm & 1pm- 3pm
(Fridays 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: 8am (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).

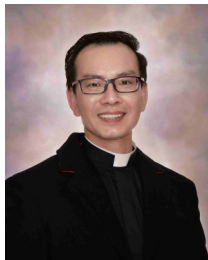
Devotions: Divine Mercy Monday-Friday after 7:30 am Mass
 Our Lady of Fatima/Perpetual Help~1st Saturday
 Santo Niño~2nd Saturday
 Divine Mercy~3rd Saturday
 Saint Padre Pio~4th Saturday
 Healing Mass & OL of Manoaog ~5th Saturday
(All devotions take place following 8:00am Mass)

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



Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

First of all, the story of the three kings has a strong sense of irony. Here were three pagan men, who did something that world must think they were crazy. They came to worship a Jewish Baby. They paid homage to a king who had no apparent kingdom. Yes, their action seemed bizarre to those around them. But these were wise men. They knew what they were doing. The true irony comes from those close at hand. The Kings traveled across the world to honor Jesus, but those in their own back yard failed to recognize him. He was born the king of the Jews, but the only a few Jewish shepherds recognized him. The Jews had supposedly been looking for the Messiah for hundreds of years. But it was a group of pagans that saw his light. Somehow God's chosen people failed to see the light. The star, the sign of God was so obvious, but they did not get it. We too sometimes fail to see the Messiah in our midst. We lose sight of God's presence in our lives.

Secondly, it was very unfortunate to see a woman like Mary giving birth in an "open place" with no privacy at all. But this setting helps us understand who our God is. He is the God of all. He was born in a manger with no walls, no windows and no doors so that anyone, shepherds or kings, gentiles or Jews, cows or angels, and all people from the East to the West can walk in to worship him. He is available all the time. We don't have to make an appointment to see him.

Lastly, the adventure of the Magi is very similar to our journey of faith. We can see that at the beginning of the journey, the Magi were full of hope and joy to look for Christ because the star was always there guiding them and show them the direction. However, the journey to God was not as easy as they thought it was. The guiding star, which was only sign for them certainly disappeared. Maybe God tested their faith. But they didn't give up. They kept going. We sometimes experience the star shining in our lives. We feel full of energy and passion to live our faith. But at times, we feel nothing at all. But we should not give up. We should imitate the Magi keep going in hope, we will find Christ as the Magi did.

The solemnity of the Epiphany reminds us to recognize God's presence in our daily lives, to know that he is the God of all and we should always persevere in faith as we journey with him to heaven. Amen!

Fr. Thi Hoang

Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor

En primer lugar, la historia de los tres reyes tiene un fuerte sentido de ironía. Aquí había tres hombres paganos que hicieron algo que el mundo debe pensar que eran locos. Vinieron a adorar a un bebé judío. Rindieron homenaje a un rey que no tenía ningún reino aparente. Sí, su acción parecía extraña para quienes los rodeaban. Pero estos eran hombres sabios. Sabían lo que estaban haciendo. La verdadera ironía viene de los que estaban cerca. Los Reyes viajaron por todo el mundo para honrar a Jesús, pero los que estaban en su propio patio trasero no lo reconocieron. Nació como el rey de los judíos, pero los pocos pastores judíos lo reconocieron. Los judíos supuestamente habían estado buscando al Mesías durante cientos de años. Pero fue un grupo de paganos el que vio su luz. De alguna manera, el pueblo elegido de Dios no vio la luz. La estrella, la señal de Dios era tan obvia, pero no la entendieron. Nosotros también a veces no vemos al Mesías en medio de nosotros. Perdemos de vista la presencia de Dios en nuestras vidas.

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En segundo lugar, fue muy desafortunado ver a una mujer como María dar a luz en un “lugar abierto” sin privacidad alguna. Pero este escenario nos ayuda a entender quién es nuestro Dios. Él es el Dios de todos. Nació en un pesebre sin paredes, sin ventanas y sin puertas para que cualquiera, pastores o reyes, gentiles o judíos, vacas o ángeles, y todas las personas de Oriente a Occidente puedan entrar a adorarlo. Él está disponible todo el tiempo. No tenemos que hacer una cita para verlo.

Por último, la aventura de los Magos es muy similar a nuestro camino de fe. Podemos ver que al principio del viaje, los Magos estaban llenos de esperanza y alegría de buscar a Cristo porque la estrella siempre estaba allí guiándolos y mostrándoles la dirección. Sin embargo, el viaje hacia Dios no fue tan fácil como pensaban. La estrella guía, que era solo una señal para ellos, ciertamente desapareció. Quizás Dios puso a prueba su fe. Pero no se dieron por vencidos. Continuaron adelante. A veces experimentamos la estrella brillando en nuestras vidas. Nos sentimos llenos de energía y pasión por vivir nuestra fe. Pero a veces no sentimos nada en absoluto. Pero no debemos rendirnos. Debemos imitar a los Magos y seguir adelante con la esperanza, encontraremos a Cristo como lo hicieron los Magos.

La solemnidad de la Epifanía nos recuerda que debemos reconocer la presencia de Dios en nuestra vida diaria, saber que él es el Dios de todos y que debemos perseverar siempre en la fe mientras caminamos con él hacia el cielo. ¡Amén!

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while having fun with friends and making new ones!*

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exciting way to bring Christ's Passion to life ~ and earn your service hours!*

Sunday, January 19th - 12:30 (after LifeTeen) - Church Hall



Hope to see you there!



Any questions, contact Sue Garcia: 925-451-8867

Children's Mass



**Children's and Family
Mass: First Sunday of
every month at the 10:00 AM mass
and 3pm Spanish. All are welcome.**

Youth Mass

**Every 3rd Sunday of the Month at
10am. All are welcome.**

Youth Confirmation Retreat

Please keep our youth in your prayers. They will have two day retreat on Jan 11 & 12 here at our church. May the Lord inspire our youth with his zeal and passion so they may go and make a difference.



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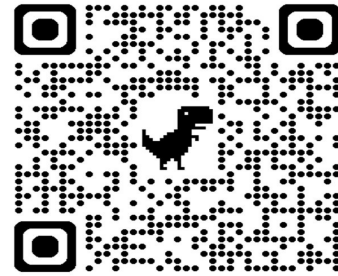
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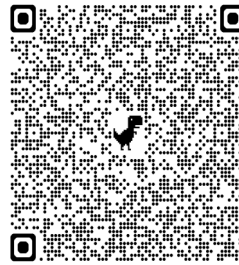
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Be friends with us on our new facebook page, to get updated information and activities of our parish.

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No words can express our gratitude to you for your generous hearts to give your time, talents and treasures, helping us keep our parish up and running smoothly.

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2025 Church Calendars

Are arriving SOON Since we have limited copies, take one Only per family so we may have enough for all families. Thank you for your understanding!

Dear All Civilly Married Couples,
 You might have chosen not to marry
 in the Church for various reasons.
 Now, worry no more.
 Let's get your marriage convalidated!



IT IS ALL FREE OF CHARGE!

We are going to have a group marriage convalidation here in our church on **Saturday, August 23 at 12pm.**
 To prepare for this celebration, we will have an "on site" marriage preparation session which will take place on **Saturday, March 15 from 9am to 2pm.**
 If you are interested in getting your marriage convalidated in the church, please contact our parish office for registration. *Attention!* We accept only couples that are currently civilly married, and have never been previously married or divorced.

COME AND JOIN US!

CASINO BUS TRIP
CACHE CREEK RESORT & CASINO (5 hours)
SATURDAY - 01/11/2025

9:30 AM - check in @Church of the Good Shepherd
3200 Harbor St., Pittsburg
9:45 am - departure time
5:30 pm - Est. drop off @Church of the Good Shepherd

Cost: \$45.00/person
Refund: \$20 free play with ID

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Diocese of Oakland

Are you being called?

Diaconate Formation Information Meetings

"By ordination, particularly and officially committed to service, the deacon is to inspire, promote and help coordinate the service that the whole Church must undertake in imitation of Christ. He has a special responsibility to identify to the Church those who are in need and particularly those who are without power of voice at the margins of our society. Among such people, the deacon is to speak about Christ and to offer them the Church's varied assistance. But in the Church, he is also to speak about the needy, to articulate their needs, and to inspire and mobilize the whole community's response. He thus becomes a representative figure in whom the Church reaches out to the needy and the needy challenge the Church." (National Conference of Catholic Bishops: Permanent Deacons in the United States - Guidelines on Their Formation and Ministry - 1984 Revision, par 37)

Candidate Qualifications

- Practicing Catholic for 10 years or more.
- Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, and be validly married by the Church, if applicable.
- At least 33 years of age but not older than 60 years of age at the time of application.
- Good physical and mental health.
- Gainfully employed or otherwise financially secure.
- Sufficient time to devote to the formation program.
- Demonstrates leadership ability and calling to the social justice ministry of the Church.
- If married, both oral and written support, endorsement and consent of his wife and family. His wife should be willing to participate in the formation process.
- A commitment to celibacy is required of non-married candidates, as well as widowers.

Time 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Sunday January 5, 2025 or on **Sunday January 26, 2025**

Location: Transfiguration Church parish hall, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley

Attend only one meeting. If married, wives are encouraged to attend.

For additional information contact, Diocesan Office of Clergy Services
 Cielo Barroso-Branco, 510-267-8356 C Branco@oakdiocese.org

Events Calendar 2025

Jan 01- New Year 2025: Mother of God- 10am Mass and 11:30am Mass
 Jan 05: Feast of O.L. Manoaog at 12pm Mass - CCD English Parents Class
 Jan 11- 12: Confirmation Retreat: Saturday Morning to Sunday afternoon
 Jan 18: YLI Spaghetti Dinner at 7pm
 Jan 19- Spanish Parents Class
 Jan 26: Feast of Santo Nino at 12pm Mass
 Jan 29: Lunar New Year- 7:30am Mass
 Feb 02: English Parents Class
 Feb 08: Healing Mass at 10am
 Feb 16: Spanish Parents Class
 Feb 22: Parish Crab Feed- 5:30pm
 March 02: English Parents Class
 March 05: Ash Wednesday- 6:30am (Ash Service only); 7:30am; 12pm; 4:30pm (CCD); 6pm; & 7:30pm (Spanish)
 March 06: Lenten Studies at 7pm
 March 07- Friday Lenten Dinner @ 5:30pm; Stations of Cross 6:30pm and Mass of Sacred Heart at 7pm
 March 08: Rite of Election for RCIA at the Cathedral at 11am
 March 09: TOB speaker to confirmation students at 11:09am
 March 11: Lenten Confession 7pm
 March 13: Lenten Studies 7pm
 March 14: Friday Lenten Dinner @ 5:30pm; Stations of Cross 7:00pm
 March 15: Marriage Convalidation Retreat 9am-2pm
 March 16- Lenten retreat Spanish at 1:30pm (Spanish Parents Class attending the retreat)- Tentative Fr. Ponce
 March 18: Lent Confession 7pm
 March 20 Lenten Studies 7pm
 March 21 – Friday Lenten Dinner @ 5:30pm; Stations of the Cross 6:30, Guadalupe Mass at 7pm
 March 25: Lent Confession 7pm
 March 28- Friday Lenten Dinner @ 5:30pm; Stations of Cross 7pm
 March 31- April 1: Parish Lenten Retreat 6pm (Tentative)
 April 3- Lenten Studies 7pm
 April 4- Lenten dinner at 5:30pm; Stations of Cross 6:30pm; Mass of S. Heart 7pm
 April 6- Parents Class (English)
 April 8: Lent Confession 7pm
 April 09: FHC Confession at 5:30pm
 April 10- Lenten Studies at 7pm
 April 11- Lenten dinner at 5:30pm; Stations of Cross 6:30pm; Taize Prayer 7pm
 April 13- Palm Sunday
 April 15: Lent Confession 7pm
 April 17: Holy Thursday: 7:30am Morning Prayer; 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
 April 18: Good Friday: 12pm (English), 3pm (Spanish), 6pm English)
 April 19- Easter Vigil 8:00pm
 April 20 - Easter: 7am; 8:30am; 10am; 12pm; 3pm (Spanish)
 April 27- Parents Class (Spanish)
 May 3- FHC (English) 10am
 May 3- From Water to Fire (Confirmation Retreat) 5pm- 9pm with Confession
 May 6-7: Youth Confirmation Discernment at 4pm-7pm
 May 10- First Communion (Spanish) at 10am
 May 10: Parish Feast Day – Bishop Barber presides 5:30pm Mass
 May 13 – Fatima- Marian Procession 6:30pm & Mass 7:30pm
 May 17- First Holy Com Spanish 10am

May 18- Youth and Adult Confirmation @5pm and 7pm
 May 31- Healing Mass 10am
 June 13- Fatima procession 7pm
 June 16- Faith Formation registration Kick Off
 July 12- Fatima Procession 6:30pm (After 5:30pm Mass)
 July 19- Parish Hawaii Dinner Dance- Fundraising at 7pm
 August 6- Staff Retreat – All Day
 August 14- Assumption Vigil Mass at 7pm
 August 15- Assumption- 7:30am Mass; 6:30pm Procession; 7:00pm Mass
 August 23- Group Marriage Convalidation at 12pm
 August 30- Healing Mass at 10am
 August 31- Closing of RE Registrations
 Sept 7-Faith Formation begins
 Sept 13- Fatima Procession 6:30pm
 Sep 22- RCIA begins
 Oct 5- Flock Party – All Day: Masses 8am, 10am, 12pm, 1:30pm (Spanish)
 Oct 12- Parents Sessions (English)
 Oct 13- Fatima Procession 6:30pm, Mass at 7pm
 Oct 19- Parent Sessions (Spanish)
 Oct 31- All Saints Vigil Mass 7pm
 Nov 1- All Saints- Saturday 8am; 10am, 12pm Bilingual
 Nov 2- All Souls- 8am, 10am, 12pm, 3pm
 Nov 2- Parents Sessions (English)
 Nov 15 – Music Concert....7:00pm?
 Nov 16- Parent Sessions (Spanish)
 Nov 22- Healing Mass at 10am
 Nov 27- Thanksgiving
 Nov 30- Advent
 Dec 5- Taize Prayer 7pm
 Dec 7- O.L of Guadalupe- 5am Mananitas and 2pm Mass
 Dec 12- Guadalupe Mass at 7pm
 Dec 14- Parent Sessions (English)
 Dec 15- Advent Reconciliation 7pm
 Dec 21 Parents Sessions (Spanish)
 Dec, 24 Christmas Eve, 4pm, 6pm, 12midnight
 Dec 25- Christmas Day: 8am, 10am, 12pm, 1:30pm
 Dec 31- New Year's Eve: Mass 5:30pm
 New Year 2026- 10am; 11:30am Bilingual

Mark Your Calendars

UPCOMING

EVENTS





SPAGHETTI DIN-
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JANUARY 18TH

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FEAST OF SANTO NINO

JANUARY 26, 2025 @12PM

PARISH CRAB FEED DINNER

FEB 22, 2025 @ 7PM


JANUARY 6 - JANUARY 5

Mon	7:30am	Castro M. Buzon, Jr. † <i>(First Death Ann.)</i>
Tue	7:30am	Primo 'Bigs" Arellano 1 †
Wed	7:30am	Genoveva Gomez † & Francisia Bravo †
Thu	7:30am	Maria Ochoa † & Dolores Mendoza †
Fri	7:30am	Luis & Ignacio Segvra †
Sat	8:00am	Benjamin Villafranca † & Jose Lara † Joslyn Tatsuno <i>(Birthday)</i>
	5:30pm	Frank & Marlene Martinez †
Sun	8:00am	Lorrainr Galvan †
	10:00am	Rodolfo Navera † <i>(Birthday)</i>
	12:00pm	Paul A. Cottton, Jr. †
	3:00pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

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Weekend of December 22nd.
1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$8,161.68
2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$2,707.29

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.

The week of 29th, will be updated
January 12th due to early submission of the bulletin.
NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION
THE 2ND COLLECTION HAD A PRINTING ERROR FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES. BELLOW ARE THE CORRECT DATES
JANUARY 12: DOCESAN VOCATIONS
JANUARY 19: FLOWERS AMD CANDLES
JANUARY 28: DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT
NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS
ISAIAH 60:1-6
EPHESIANS 3:2-3A, 5-6
MATTHEW 2:1-12