

Church of the Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish: One Flock, One Family, Living and Sharing the Love of Christ!

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PARISH MINISTRY
 Altar Guild Namie Fontecha
 Altar Servers Dina Russell 432-6404
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 Buildings & Grounds-Finance Council 432-6404
Music Ministry
 Parish Music Dir. Rocco Enea 432-6404
 8:00am Choir Evelyn Arms 439-5351
 10:00am Choir Sal Bruno 432-0736
 12 Noon Fil Am Leandra Ramm 432-6404
 5:30 Spanish Leandra Ramm 432-6404
 Catholic Daughters Jane Russo 432-7889
Couples for Christ FFL
 Napoleon & Theresa Umadhay 427-5457
CYO Diane George 432-3043
Divine Mercy Ministry Tammy Vo 698-4559
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Ann & Bill Abitz 432-3995
Extra Ordinary Ministers to the Sick – Confetti’s 439-8958
Filipino Ministry Feli Buettner 427-5265
Finance Robert Calone 432-3300
Grief Ministry Judy Dudziak 565-2700
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Knights of Columbus – Allan Graff 570-4570
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 Romeo & Sery Razo 439-7706
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Stewardship Darla Kilgannon 432-0243
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Schedule of Masses

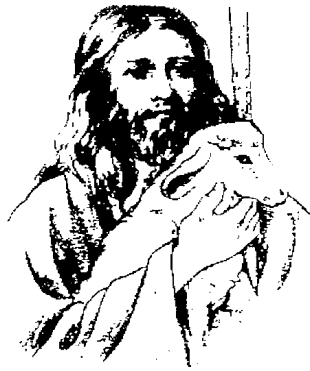
Sundays 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
12 noon & 5:30 pm Spanish
Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m.
1st Tuesdays & Fridays 7:00 p.m.
Morning Prayer 6:30 a.m.
Saturdays 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
(Vigil)
Holy Days 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Confessions: Saturday, 4:00 p.m., Tuesdays at 7 p.m., or by appointment.

Baptisms: In order to make baptismal arrangements, contact:
baptisms@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

Marriages: Couples are required to make arrangements at least six months in advance at:
weddings@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

Quinceaneras: In order to schedule a 15th Birthday Mass, contact:
quince@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

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 first be discussed with parish priest.



Father Carl's Corner 3rd Sunday of Advent

Question: Why do priests wear purple vestments during advent?

Answer: The purple color symbolizes the penitential nature of Advent and a reminder that the Christmas season hasn't started yet. I've mentioned before that Advent was once known as a "little Lent," and so the penitential color of purple makes an appearance, the organ is muted, and the Gloria--one of the most festive hymns of the Mass--isn't sung. Our thoughts, even on Sunday, are supposed to be on preparing ourselves for the coming of Christ, both at Christmas and at the Second Coming.

Source: <http://catholicism.about.com/b/2007/12/07/reader-question-why-do-priests-wear-purple-during-advent.htm>

Question: What Is Gaudete Sunday?

Answer: Gaudete Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. (See the Liturgical Calendar for Advent to find the date of Gaudete Sunday this year.) The Introit for Gaudete Sunday, in both the Traditional Latin Mass and the Novus Ordo, is taken from Philippians 4:4, 5: "*Gaudete in Domino semper*" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season, so the priest normally wears purple vestments. But on Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose vestments. The change in color provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation—especially prayer and fasting—for Christmas.

For this same reason, the third candle of the Advent wreath, first lit on Gaudete Sunday, is traditionally rose-colored. Gaudete Sunday has a counterpart in Lent: Laetare Sunday.

Source: http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/f/Gaudete_Sunday.htm

2014 Christmas Season Schedule Church of the Good Shepherd

- ◆ Daily Mass. 7 am M-F, 8 am Saturday
- ◆ December 16-24, Simbang Gabi, 9 Dawn Masses 5 am daily
- ◆ Christmas Eve, December 24, 5 am Simbang Gabi, 7 am Morning Mass, 5:30 pm Children's Mass, 11:30 pm Carols, Midnight Mass
- ◆ Christmas Day, December 25, 8 am, 10 am, (Children's Mass), 12 noon & 5:30 pm (Spanish)
- ◆ December 31, Mass for Peace, 7 pm in the Church
- ◆ January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation, Masses at 7 am and 10 am

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE
FR. CONRAD'S
25TH SACERDOTAL ANNIVERSARY



SUNDAY
DECEMBER 21st.
1:00PM

WE ARE SO BLESSED TO HAVE FR. CONRAD HERE WITH US AT GOOD SHEPHERD. EVERYONE IS ASKED TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING AFTER THE 12:00 NOON MASS ON DECEMBER 21, 2014 FOR A POTLUCK LUNCH IN HONOR OF FR. CONRAD'S 25TH YEAR BEING A PRIEST!

We'd love for you to bring a dish or hors d'oeuvres to share although it is not necessary in order to attend. Please come and enjoy the afternoon.



UP COMING PRESENTATION OF THE
ST. FAUSTINA PLAY *Messenger of Divine Mercy*
PRESENTED BY THE DIVINE MERCY MINISTRY
Saturday, January 17, 2015 at 7 pm
In the Good Shepherd Parish Hall

Admission is \$15 per person or \$10 each for families of 5 or more or any youth 17 and under.

This presentation is suitable for those 13 years and older.
Contact Fr. Carl at fr_carl@goodshepherdpittsburg.org
for more information.

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE AFTER ALL MASSES!

**ATTENTION ALL MINISTRIES &
ORGANIZATIONS!!!**

Please submit your 2015 meeting and activity dates in writing to the parish office so that we can put them on the church calendar. Please do not assume that the office is automatically scheduling your meeting dates for next year. You **MUST** make contact with us at 432-6404.

INCOME FOR NOVEMBER 2014

Plate Collections	\$ 39,615	(Sundays)
Sacramental Services	2,810	(Bap, Fun, Wed)
Donations Restricted	3,928	(Debt Reduction)
Fund Raisers	2,384	(Craft Fair, Dinner)
Ministry Income	9,528	(CYO, CFF, Filipino, Candles)
Bank Interest	3	
Other Income	9,650	(Facilities Use/Rentals)
TOTAL INCOME	\$67,918	

EXPENSES FOR NOVEMBER 2014

Administration	\$ 40,068	(All Lay Salaries, Insurances, Assessments)
Parish Property	26,784	(Supplies, maintenance contracts, utilities, liability insurance for hall rentals)
Rectory Living	2,766	
Priests	5,040	(Salary, Supply Priests, Insurances, Pension)
Liturgy & Music	4,342	(Supplies)
CYO	7,894	
Faith Formation	700	(Supplies, Cont'g Ed)
Other Ministry	1,046	(Candles/Divine Mercy, etc)
Monthly Dinner /Craft Fair	688	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$89,328	

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EXPENSES OVER INCOME AT MONTH END	- NOVEMBER 2014 = \$21,410

Calling All Youth Ministry Members!
PASSION PLAY 2015 TRY-OUTS
TODAY 7 pm in the Church

This play has been an annual Good Shepherd tradition for 23 years and is presented entirely by Youth Ministry. Whether you want to be onstage or back stage, come and sign up for this exciting and meaningful project—and—earn your service hours. Call Sue at 451-8867 for questions.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER

This year, the Good Shepherd Conference of SVDP is helping with Christmas gifts. The giving tree is up and we have already had to stop taking names as we have reached our limit! Please take a look at the tree and see what you can help with. We will do everything in our power, with the help of God, to do all that is possible to support these requests for help this Holy Season. If you can help, please bring your gift back to the parish unwrapped and we will make sure it gets to the person/child intended.

Thank you for all that you do! May God continue to shower His blessings upon you!

Deacon Ken

FATIMA, LOURDES &**SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA**

A trip hosted by: REV. CARL ARCOSA

11 DAYS: NOVEMBER 3-13, 2015

**FOR ONLY \$3,159 PER PERSON FROM
SAN FRANCISCO!**

**(Air/Land tour price is \$2,479 plus \$680
government taxes/airline fuel surcharges)**

**Visiting: LISBON, FATIMA, SANTIAGO
DE COMPESETAL, SALAMANCA,
AVILA, MADRID & LOURDES**

*Including: Roundtrip Air from
San Francisco, \$680 government taxes/
airline fuel surcharges, First Class/Select
Hotels, Most Meals, Comprehensive
Sightseeing and much more!!!*

**FOR A BROCHURE & MORE INFOR-
MATION**

**CONTACT REV. ARCOSA AT
925-432-6404 (OFFICE) OR
510-552-6596 (CELL)**

**SPACE IS LIMITED AT THIS SPECIAL
PRICE!**

Life in the Spirit Seminar

Do you want a CLOSER WALK with Jesus?

**Is there SOMETHING MISSING from your spiritual
life?**

Do you DESIRE JOY in your life?

Do you want to KNOW MORE about the Holy Spirit?

THEN COME TO THE...

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR!

January 13 – February 24, 2015

Tuesday Evenings 7:00 – 9:00 PM

**Each night will be taught by dynamic teachers includ-
ing Fr. Bill Adams CSsR, Deacon Steve Greco, Julie
Figueroa, Deacon Ed Spano, and others.**

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Date, Topic

January 13, God's Love

January 20, Salvation

January 27, New Life

February 3, Receiving God's Gift

February 10, Praying for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

February 17, Growth

February 24, Transformation in Christ

**SHEPHERD'S CLOSET NEEDS HELP FOR
CHRISTMAS**

Thank you once again to all parishioners who have generously donated many items to Shepherd's Closet throughout the year. As we prepare for Christmas, we ask you to help us provide NEW clothes that can be used for Christmas, for church and for school. We are looking for children sizes 3 months - 24 months, as well and sizes 2T- 5T and sizes 4 - 6x. We continue to need receiving blankets, other blankets, towels, and disposable diapers, sizes 1 - 5. In addition, we would also appreciate baby shampoo, oil, lotion, etc.


There will be boxes located in the vestibule of the church in which to place your donations. If you are unable to shop, we will accept financial donations and do the shopping for you. May God bless you for adding Shepherd's Closet to your Christmas Shopping List. If you have any questions, call Ann Abitz at 432-3995.

Mass Intentions		Dec 15-21
Mon	7 am	Katie Vo *
Tue	5 am	Simbang Gabi *
	7 am	Ken Monnens † *
Wed	5 am	Simbang Gabi !
	7 am	Raymundo C. Millari Sr. † ^
Thu	5 am	Simbang Gabi ~
	7 am	Orlando Ngo † *
Fri	5 am	Simbang Gabi ~
	7 am	Laura & John Sergeant Hoggatt*
Sat	5 am	Simbang Gabi
	8 am	Renee Agaceta † #
	5:30 _{pm}	Aiello Family † *
Sun	5 am	Simbang Gabi *
	8 am	Agnes Crawford † #
	10am	Ameeya Mc Donald † #
	12pm	Ana Carolino † #
	5:30 _{pm}	FOR THE PEOPLE *

*= Fr. Carl Arcosa #=Fr. Conrad Bayor
 ^= Fr. Ricardo Chavez !=Fr. Gus
 ~=Mons. Reg

YEAR TO DATE SACRAMENT TOTALS	
Baptisms	98
First Holy Communions	74
Confirmations	48
Deaths	32
Weddings	5
Sick Calls	48

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE FOR DEC 20/21	
Saturday	
5:30	Gabby & Chris Barrett, Elijah & Mariah Hart, Brianna & Nick Ferris
Sunday	
8:00	Cameron Mendoza-Tanyag, Mina Romingquet, Taylor & Andrew Silva
10:00	Riodelle Reyes, Marcos Romero, Sophia Escajeda, Rebecca Esquivel
12:00	Jasper Lomod, Matthew Moynihan, Gillian & Giles Carlos, Jamil Edwards
5:30	Jesus, Veronica & Araceli Gonzalez, Kimberly Figueroa



EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR DEC 20/21	
Saturday	
5:30:	Bill & Ann Abitz, Loreta Cellan, Lucilla Mangante, Tessie Freel, May Plata
Sunday	
8:00	Bob & Sheena Beck, Steve Confetti, Danette Shipe, Yvonne Lackey, Ellen Viloría
10:00	John & Jan Rinaudo, Rose Carpenello, Florida Castillo, Bernadette Cawaring, Becky & Jun Naca, Letha Payne, Mimi Reynoso
12:00	George Camacho, Cynthia Auza, Lea Briones, Marc Cahayag, Roy & Ronne Lagarejos, Mercy Cruz, Debbie Lawson, Tammy Vo
5:30	Rosa Granados, Alicia Leon, Librado Mata



LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR DEC 20/21		
	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>
Saturday		
5:30	Joyce Fox	Cynthia Greely
Sunday		
8:00	Knights of Columbus	
10:00	Linda Ilas	Jane Russo
12:00	MacKinsey Russell	Sally Bellando
5:30	Angelica Arevalo	Oliba Cardona



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-11, 14a, 16,
 Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38

NEXT WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION

DEBT REDUCTION

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