

Church of the Good Shepherd

March 23, 2014

Third Sunday of Lent

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

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL-St. Peter Martyr 439-1014

PARISH MINISTRY

Altar Guild – 432-6404

Altar Servers – Dina Russell 439-1092

Bingo Office (1st Tuesday of month only) 439-3100

Buildings & Grounds 432-6404

Music Ministry

Parish Music Dir.–Rocco Enea 432-6404

8:00 a.m. Choir – Evelyn Arms 439-5351

10:00 a.m. Choir – Sal Bruno 432-0736

Couples for Christ – FFL

Napoleon & Theresa Umadhay 427-5457

CYO – Diane George 432-3043

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Ann & Bill Abitz 432-3995

Extra Ordinary Ministers to the Sick – Confetti's 439-8958

Finance – Sergio Palaganas 206-7416

Grief Ministry – Judy Dudziak

Italian Catholic Federation – Patty Jarrett 228-0810

Knights of Columbus – Ted Franger 252-0421

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St. Vincent DePaul 470-5222

Stewardship – Darla Kilgannon 432-0243

Ushers – Frank DiMaggio 776-5107

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Schedule of Masses

Sundays 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
& 12 noon

Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m.

1st Tuesdays & Fridays 7:00 p.m.

Liturgy of the Hours/Morning Prayer
6:45 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 ar-
rangements, contact:
baptisms@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

Marriages: Couples are required to make
arrangements at least six months in ad-
vance 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 Ser-
vice, Holy Mass and Burial in a Catholic
Cemetery. Any other arrangements
should first be discussed with parish
priest.



Father Carl's Corner March 22-23

A REFLECTION ON LENTEN FASTING by Rev. Daniel Merz, *Associate Director, USCCB Secretariat of Divine Worship* ~ Continuation... Humanity's "Fall" away from God and into sin began with eating. God had proclaimed a fast from the fruit of only one tree, the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:17), and Adam and Eve broke it. Fasting is here connected with the very mystery of life and death, of salvation and damnation. Food perpetuates life in this physical world, which is subject to decay and death. But God "created no death." (Wis. 1:13) Humanity, in Adam and Eve, rejected a life dependent on God alone for one that was dependent rather on "bread alone." (Dt. 8:3; Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4) The whole world was given to man as a kind of food, as a means to life, but "life" is meant as communion with God, not as food. ("Their god is their belly." Phil. 3:19) The tragedy is not so much that Adam ate food, but that he ate the food for its own sake, "apart" from God and to be independent of Him. Believing that food had life in itself and thus he could be "like God." And he put his faith in food. This kind of existence seems to be built on the principle that man does indeed live "by bread alone." Christ, however, is the new Adam. At the beginning of his ministry in the Gospel of Matthew, we read, "When He had fasted 40 days and 40 nights, He became hungry." Hunger is that state in which we realize our dependence on something else—when we face the ultimate question: "on what does my life depend?" Satan tempted both Adam and Christ, saying: Eat, for your hunger is proof that you depend entirely on food, that your life is in food. Adam believed and ate. Christ said, "Man does NOT live by bread alone." (Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4) This liberates us from total dependence on food, on matter, on the world. Thus, for the Christian, fasting is the only means by which man recovers his true spiritual nature. In order for fasting to be effective, then, the spirit must be a part of it. Christian fasting is not concerned with losing weight. It is a matter of prayer and the spirit. And because of that, because it is truly a place of the spirit, true fasting may well lead to temptation, and weakness and doubt and irritation. In other words, it will be a real fight between good and evil, and very likely we shall fail many times in these battles. But the very discovery of the Christian life as "fight" and "effort" is an essential aspect of fasting.

Christian tradition can name at least seven reasons for fasting:

From the beginning, God commanded some fasting, and sin entered into the world because Adam and Eve broke the fast.

For the Christian, fasting is ultimately about fasting from sin.

Fasting reveals our dependence on God and not the resources of this world.

Fasting is an ancient way of preparing for the Eucharist—the truest of foods.

Fasting is preparation for baptism (and all the sacraments)—for the reception of grace.

Fasting is a means of saving resources to give to the poor.

Fasting is a means of self-discipline, chastity, and the restraining of the appetites.

PARISH EVENTS:

LENTEN DINNER & STATIONS CONTINUE! Gwynne Davi, Sal Evola, Paul Flores and crew will be cooking another delicious Lenten dinner this coming Friday at 6 pm (**NOTE TIME CHANGE TO BETER COINCIDE WITH STATIONS OF THE CROSS**) in the Parish Hall. Stations of the Cross will follow at 7 pm in the Church. The cost for dinner is \$12.50 per person and proceeds benefit the remodeling of the parish hall kitchen.

Contact the parish office by **Wednesday** at 432-6404 to make your reservation for this Friday or any Friday during Lent!

CANDLE MINISTRY NEWS!

We are happy to inform you that if you wish to purchase candles for use at home, you can do so at the parish office any time during business hours, Monday through Thursday from 9 am until 4 pm. The requested donation is \$3 per candle. Please remember to return the empty glass to the church since we get a rebate for all glass returned to the candle company. If you do purchase candles directly from the church to take home, please make sure you have exact change and **DO NOT** remove any candles from the stands. Make your candle request to the Sacristan. Thank you!

SHEPHERD'S CLOSET NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Thank you to the many parishioners who have already donated many times to help build our inventory of needed baby clothes and accessories. As Lent begins we find it necessary once again to ask for your help. We are requesting clothes for children sizes newborn-24 months, 2T-5T, and sizes 4-8. We are looking for new and gently used clothes that can be used as Easter outfits and afterward for church and school. We could also use help locating creepers in all infant sizes. In addition, we need safe and usable furniture, such as regular or umbrella strollers, carryalls, cribs, highchairs, and bouncers. 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! For questions call Ann Abitz at 432-3995

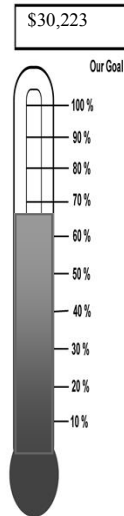
Set the World on Fire: Bishop's Appeal 2014

Every family is asked to make a proportionate sacrificial gift or pledge to the Bishop's Appeal. We realize that not everyone can make the same size gift, but we can all make the same size sacrifice!

Please place your clearly marked donations in any collection basket today or in the coming weeks.

Your generosity in helping our parish meet our goal is very much appreciated!

FYI-Last's Appeal rebate was \$7,071.49, half of which will stay in the parish and half will go to pay down our diocesan debt.

**SHEPHERD'S FIELD****OLIVE WOOD HANDCRAFTS**

**WILL BE SELLING THEIR BEAUTIFUL
HANDCARVED PIECES IN FRONT OF OUR
CHURCH TODAY!**

**JUST IN TIME FOR THE LENTEN & EASTER
SEASON!**

FEAST OF SAN PEDRO CALUNGSOD

April 5, 2014

5:30 pm Mass celebrated by Fr. Gerald Pedrera.

**A reception will follow outside of the church
immediately following the Mass.**

PLEASE JOIN US!

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY!

**Looking for New Work/Career/Retirement Direc-
tion? Life is about managing change. Join this
retreat opportunity to reflect on life and faith.
Participants will clarify work/life objectives and
address fears of transition while experiencing im-
aginative ways to explore their Christian faith at
LifeShift: Work & The Christian Journey
March 28-31 at San Damiano Retreat Center,
Danville, CA. 925-837-9141
www.centerforlifetransitions.net (click LifeSHIFT)**

**BUKAS PALAD will perform at ST. JOAN OF
ARC on MARCH 29 AT 7:30 PM. They have rec-
orded 18 albums and performed world-wide!
Call 925-252-6821 for tickets!**

WELCOME BACK DEACON KEN!

**Deacon Ken & Corky wish to thank you
for your prayers and support during his
time of illness. God has answered them!
The Deacon has been given permission to
return to his duties! Thanks be to God!**

JOIN US!

**40 DAY HOLY HOUR
CONTINUES NIGHTLY IN THE
CHAPEL FROM 7-8 PM!!!**

**Please join us in adoration and prayer as
we prepare our hearts
during this Lenten Season for Christ's
Resurrection!**

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

**Our Parish Festival is coming! Mark
your calendars for:**

Sunday, June 1st

**This is going to be an event for the en-
tire family. Food booths, LOTS of kids
games and activities, beer, wine, bever-
ages, live band, DJ, contests for all ages
and a WHOLE LOT MORE! The drawing
will be for an all expense paid trip to the
HOLY LAND, including airfare! Don't
miss this party. Bring the whole family.
Watch for more information coming soon!**

LOST AND FOUND

**We have recently found a black watch in
the church. If you believe it to be yours,
call the parish office at 432-6404 and de-
scribe it and we will gladly return it to
you!**

PARISH LITURGY & EVENTS CALENDAR Year 2014

March 9 -	
April 17	40 Day Holy Hour Devotion 7-8 pm - Chapel
March 21, 28	Stations of the Cross-Lenten Dinner
March 17	Feast of St. Patrick
March 19	Feast of St. Joseph-Table for the Poor, Edge
March 25	Parish Reconciliation & FHC Children
April 4, 11	Stations of the Cross-Lenten Dinner
April 5	Feast of San Pedro Calungsod
April 13-19	Holy Week
April 6, 12, 13, 16, 18	Passion Play Presentations
April 17, 18, 19	Holy Triduum
April 20	Easter Sunday – with Children’s Easter Mass
April 18-26	Novena of the Divine Mercy
April 27	Divine Mercy Sunday-Celebration for the Canonization of Blessed John Paul II & Blessed John XXIII-Parish Hall
May 3	First Holy Communion (youth)
June 1	Parish Festival & Ministry Fair
June 8	Pentecost Sunday
	Confirmation @12:00 Mass (w/the Vicar)
June 13 – 21	Novena for the Feast of Corpus Christi
June 22	Corpus Christi Sunday
June 24-26	Triduum - Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
June 27	Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (2 Masses)
July 4-29	Fr. Brendan Carmody, SJ Visiting Priest
July 28-29	Jesuit Missionary Coop Appeal
August 15	Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM (Holy Day of Obligation)
August 16-20	Parish Mission w/Redemptorist Priest
August 30-31	Food for the Poor Campaign w/Visiting Priest
September 6	Deacon Ken’s Flea Market
September 27	Feast of St. Vincent de Paul-Filipino Fiesta
September 28	Filipino Community Fiesta & Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz
October 1-31	Month of the Holy Rosary/Month for Life
October 4	Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
October 4/5	Respect Life Sunday
October 7	Feast of our Lady of the Holy Rosary
October 13	Feast of Our Lady of Fatima
October 18/19	World Mission Sunday w/Maryknoll Priest
October 31	International Rosary
	Trunk-or-Treat
November 1	All Saints Day
November 2	All Souls Day (2 Masses)
November 8-9	Fr. Dan McKinnon (Redemptorist Priest)
	Onbound Ministry -Vocation Awareness & Stewardship Sunday /Min Heads Speaking
November 16	Parish Craft Fair
November 23	Feast of Christ the King-Commitment Sunday
November 27	Parish Thanksgiving Mass 9AM
December 1	Advent Parish Reflection
December 2	Parish Advent Reconciliation
December 8	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
December 12	Feast Our Lady of Guadalupe/Spanish Mass
December 16-24	Simbang Gabi – 9 Novena (5am) Masses
December 25	Christmas Day with Children’s Mass
December 31	Evening Mass for Peace (Vigil of the Solemnity of the Mary, Mother of God)

PARISH GENERAL CALENDAR

**Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday
9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon & 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Fridays CLOSED**

CHAPEL HOURS: Monday-Sunday 7 am-7 pm

Beginning Friday, April 25: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday from 8 am—6 pm

Mondays	Prayer Group for the Sick-11 am to 12 noon in the Ministry Building Confirmation Class-7 pm-Ministry Building-2nd & 4th Mondays (Sept-May)
Tuesdays	Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help (Mass on each first Tuesday)~Church~7 pm Bad Girls of the Bible~Office~7 pm
Wednesdays	8 & 10 Choir Rehearsals~7 pm Stewardship~Office~7 pm Youth Formation~Parish Hall 4-5,6-7,7:30-8:30 Sept-May
Thursdays	Bible Study~Office~7pm Senior Brown Bag Program~Hall 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month 10 am~12 noon
Fridays	Adoration begins after 7 am mass until 4 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy-3 pm Teresita #123, YLI Pray & Chat with Divine Mercy Group All above events take place on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month in church
Saturdays	La Pieta International Prayer Group Every Saturday after the 8 am mass
Sundays	Life Teen-Parish Hall-1-3 pm September-May

YLI RED HAWK CASINO BUS TRIP
Saturday, April 5th

\$31 per person

Call: Ginger 439-1978 or Feli 207-3501



**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE
MOVIE PREMIER OF “NOAH”**
Thursday, March 27 at 7 pm at Maya Cinema
**Cost is \$15 per person and all proceeds go to the
Emergency Fund. Call Feli at 207-3501 or the
Parish Office at 432-6404 for reservations.**

Mass Intentions

Mar 24-30

Mon	7 am	Dominic Minh Vu † *
Tue	7 am	Ken Monnens † *
Wed	7 am	Dominic Minh Vu † #
Thu	7 am	Dominic Minh Vu † #
Fri	7 am	Al Verduzco † *
Sat	8 am	David A. Viray † *
	5:30	Stephen & Nita Esposito † #
Sun	8am	Cuca Hernandez † #
	10am	FOR THE PEOPLE #
	12pm	Acosta Family #
	5:30pm	Spanish Mass ~

*= Fr. Carl Arcosa
~=Fr. Fabio Correa

#=Fr. Conrad Bayor

YEAR TO DATE SACRAMENT TOTALS

Baptisms	12
First Holy Communions	0
Confirmations	0
Deaths	6
Weddings	2
Sick Calls	8

END OF YEAR TAX INFORMATION

If you wish to receive a tax letter stating your contributions for the year 2013, please call the parish office at 432-6404 and make your request. Please also indicate whether you wish to pick it up, have it emailed to you or have it mailed to your home.

THE 2014 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN!

Mass intentions are \$10 each!

Come to the parish office any time

Monday-Thursday

between 9 am & 4 pm to

reserve your dates

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!

SUNDAY SPANISH MASS INTENTIONSAVAILABLE AT 5:30 PM FOR THE ENTIREYEAR. BOOK NOW!!!!!!!

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE FOR MAR 29/30

Saturday

5:30 Gabby & Chris Barrett, David, Nick & Brianna Ferris

Sunday

8:00 Jordan Windham, Mina Romingquet

10:00 Justin, Joshua, Juliana Carrillo, Alyssamae Buena

12:00 Rafael Almarinez, Matthew Moynihan, Michael Llaguno, Bonifacio Dador

5:30 Armando Camacho Jr., Jesus Antonio & David Diaz. Baruch Rios

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR MAR 29/30

Saturday

5:30: Carol & Ben Davi, Mary Deren, Nora Gavino, Josi Sobel, Rose Sorci

Sunday

8:00 Fe Castillo, Blakeley Loyola, Cynthia Greely, Lynn Hoggatt, Yvonne Lackey, Ellen Viloría

10:00 Dom & Fran Confetti, Rose Carpenello, Bernadette Cawaring, Namie Fontecha, Mimi Reynoso

12:00 Romeo & Sery Razo, Lea Briones, Melis Ramirez, Fran Scott, Tammy Vo

5:30 Martha Marin, Rosa Granados, Marcelina Diaz

LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR

Mar 29/30

Saturday

5:30 1st Sally Bellando 2nd Chelo Gonzalez

Sunday

8:00 Lydia Madrigal Ellen Viloría

10:00 Linda Whatford Bee Francisco

12:00 Tess Cayahag Letha Payne

5:30 Alicia Leon Lydia Madrigal

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Ephesians 5:8-14,
John 9:1-41

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

DEBT REDUCTION

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