

# Church of the Good Shepherd

December 13, 2015

Third Sunday of Advent

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

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Bingo Office (1st Tuesday of month only) 439-3100  
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 Choir 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 Becky Naca 858-9217  
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Communion Ann & Bill Abitz 432-3995  
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Romeo & Sery Razo 439-7706  
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Stewardship 432-6404  
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### Parish Staff

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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 ar-  
ranged by family, church and mortuary.  
Normal Christian burial consists of Vigil  
Service, Holy Mass and Burial in a  
Catholic Cemetery. Any other arrange-  
ments should first be discussed with  
parish priest.

## Father's Carl Corner Dec 12-13

### Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast

I commend the leadership of our Hispanic/Latino Community under Graciela Corona and her team for organizing this year's Guadalupe Feast. We had the morning veneration to Mother Mary with the mariachi, recitation of the Holy Rosary and the Holy Mass presided by Fr. Ricardo Chavez. As per observation, the Spanish mass attendance has increased. More "Quincenearas" have been booked for next year and hall rentals for such a celebration have increased as well. A major increase in our Children's Faith Formation happened due to the involvement and participation of both our Latino and Filipino families. This is an awesome experience for all of us to see all families from different backgrounds and cultures coming together building a community of faith. Let us continue to celebrate the richness of our diversity as a parish. Though we are many, we are one and one with the Lord. Our Lady of Virgen of Guadalupe, Pray for us!

### Simbang Gabi is almost here

What is Simbang Gabi? It is a devotional nine-day series of Masses practiced by Roman Catholics and Aglipayans in the Philippines in anticipation of Christmas and to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. The masses are held daily from December 16 to December 24, and occur at different times ranging from as early as 03:00 to 05:00 PST.<sup>[1]</sup> On the last day of the Simbang Gabi, which is Christmas Eve, the service is instead called Misa de Gallo (Spanish for "Rooster's Mass").

The Simbáng Gabi originated in the early days of Spanish rule over the Philippines as a practical compromise for farmers, who began work before sunrise to avoid the noonday heat out in the fields. Priests began to say Mass in the early mornings instead of the evening novenas more common in the rest of the Hispanic world. This cherished Christmas custom eventually became a distinct feature of Philippine culture and became a symbol of sharing.

Join us from Dec 16-24 for the 5AM novena masses with breakfast receptions after them. Come and experience the Filipino tradition of preparing for the Season of Christmas. This year's Simbang Gabi Raffle Prizes are (1st prize) 50 inch Samsung Smart TV with blur ray player, (2<sup>nd</sup> prize) apple mini-ipad 16gb, (3<sup>rd</sup> prize) Kuerig 200 coffee maker and other consolation prizes. All of these for \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5. Thank you to all our mass and food sponsors for your generosity. Don't miss this opportunity.

**SIMBANG GABI**

"Please join the Filipino Ministry in celebrating our annual 2015 Simbang Gabi beginning **Wednesday, December 16, 2015 through Thursday, December 24, 2015**. There will be a 5:00am mass held each morning for the duration and a breakfast reception to follow in the parish hall.



If you are interested in becoming a sponsor during Simbang Gabi, you can participate with mass intentions, and providing food. Monetary donations are also welcome. Please contact:

Gina Llaguno at, [925-522-6164](tel:925-522-6164) or [ginallaguno@yahoo.com](mailto:ginallaguno@yahoo.com),

Cecille Perez at, [925-300-6234](tel:925-300-6234) or [notcel@yahoo.com](mailto:notcel@yahoo.com)

or any ministry member for further information. Thank you for your continued support in all our activities."

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS,  
PITTSBURG #2956  
5TH ANNUAL  
CRAB FEED**



**CANCELLED DUE  
TO LACK OF CRAB**

**PREPARE FOR ADVENT!**

Carolyn Krantz, MSinED & MDiv, will continue to present a 5 week session to help us go down to the well of our souls and into the underground stream of God's love through scripture and spiritual writings to help us grow closer to the Lord during this Holy Season of Advent. Sessions are on Tuesday mornings from 8 to 9:30 am now through the Advent season in the parish Ministry Building. All are welcome! Love offerings accepted!

**INFORM YOUR FAITH!**

**Television:** EWTN on channel 261 on DISH Network  
or channel 370 on DIRECTV or channel 229 on Comcast

**Radio:** KSFB AM 1260 San Francisco  
**Sirius/XM Channels:**  
The Catholic Channel 129  
EWTN 130  
The Message 63

**December 14 - Third Sunday of Advent:**

In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise..."

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas. If you would like to take part in the Giving Tree, please bring a gift by the office this week. God Bless You!

"Trent Horn-Answering Life's Tough Questions  
January 9, 2016 from 10:00 - 1:30PM

Have a hard time explaining your faith? Join Trent Horn, radio personality, apologist, author, and speaker, to life's tough questions. Bring family and friends and don't miss out on this opportunity not only to enrich your faith, but to help others begin their own journey to faith. Tickets are a \$10 donation.

Contact Naomi & Brian at [925-303-6914](tel:925-303-6914) / [n.sarao87@gmail.com](mailto:n.sarao87@gmail.com)"

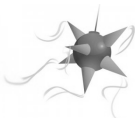
**LATINOS UNIDOS CLUB  
POSADA CELEBRATION  
BENEFIT SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

**December 18, 2016  
Pittsburg High School Cafeteria  
6-9 pm**

**Adults: \$5 Students: \$4 Children: \$3  
Children 6 and under are free!**

**Food and drink provided with each ticket.  
Performances by PHS Folklorico, Latin Mix,  
Danzas and DJ Rivera**

**Support the students and enjoy  
Traditional Mexican food, candies,  
piñatas and more!  
erodriguez@pittsburg.k12.ca.us or  
925-237-0775**



**“Ringin In the Holidays”~A Musical Revue**  
Pittsburg Community Theatre presents a collection of all your favorite holiday songs featuring the PCT Players and Good Shepherd Choir and much more.

Sunday – December 20, 2015 @ 2:00 pm  
California Theatre

Tickets on sale now – call 925-427-1611

Advance ticket prices \$10 children/students, \$15 seniors, \$20 adults Special Black Friday Weekend Sale after each mass November 28 & 29. Event Christmas Card Available for \$3 in addition to tickets. Cash, Check or Credit Card Accepted.



**INCOME FOR NOVEMBER 2015**

Plate Collections	54,029 (Sundays)
Catholic Voice	77
Sacramental Services	2,620 (Bapt, Fun)
Donations	450 (Memorials, etc)
Campaign Share	24,457 (With Diocese)
Events	2,260 (Pelita, Craft Fr)
Ministry Income	11,104 (CFF, Candles)
Bank Interest	3
Other Income	7,815 (Facilities Use/ Rentals)
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$102,815</b>

**EXPENSES FOR NOVEMBER 2015**

Administration	25,042 (Sal, Ins, Ass)
Parish Property	26,732 (Sal, Supplies, maintenance contracts, utilities, liability insurance for hall rentals)
Rectory Living	2,066
Priests	6,778 (Salary, Supply Priests, Insurances, Pension)
Liturgy & Music	6,852 (Sal, Supplies)
Faith Formation & CYO	17,838 (Sal, Supplies, Cont'g Ed)
Other Ministries	1,377
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$86,685</b>

INCOME	\$102,815
EXPENSES	\$ 86,685

**INCOME OVER EXPENSES AT MONTH END: \$16,130**

**YOUTH MINISTRY BOGO FUNDRAISER!!!!**

Youth Ministry is having a fund raiser to help our youth go on Retreat! Buy a key tag for \$20 and enjoy savings until November 2016! By One Get One FREE at Domino's Pizza or Togo's. Fantastic savings! See a youth ministry student or Debbie or Dina after Mass for this **SPECIAL DEAL** or contact the parish office.

## Mass Intentions

Dec 14-20

Mon	7 am	Rose Riso † #
Tue	7 am	Julie Macaluso † *
Wed	5 am	Felisa Carrillo † *
	7 am	Consolacion Guintivao † !
Thu	5 am	Fe Ricafrente † @
	7 am	Raymundo Mallari Sr. † #
Fri	5 am	Alma Carrillo † #
	7 am	Ella & Rene Barra and Orlando Ngo † *
Sat	5 am	Judeth Vallejo † @
	8 am	Laura & John Hoggatt † #
	5:30 <sub>pm</sub>	Aiello & Russo Families #
Sun	5 am	Lupe Aceves † @
	8am	Healing for Elizabeth Pettas #
	10am	Ken Monnens † *
	12pm	Ramon D. Perez + @
	5:30 <sub>pm</sub>	FOR THE PEOPLE ^

\*= Fr. Carl Arcosa                      #=Fr. Conrad Bayor  
 !=Fr. Helmut                              @=Fr. Dondong  
 ^=Fr. Ruben Morales  
 5 am masses are celebrating Simbang Gabi

## ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE FOR DEC 19/20

<b>Saturday</b>	
5:30	Rafael Almarinez, Evangeline & Lelan Jimenez
<b>Sunday</b>	
8:00	Cameron Tanyag, Mina Romingquet, Rafael Gayton
10:00	Riodelle Reyes, Alyssamae & Eugene Buena, Rebecca Esquivel
12:00	Ronne Lagarejos, Joshua & Juliana Carrillo, Bonifacio Dador
5:30	David Diaz, Carlos Mendoza, Emma Jacobo, Josue Corona

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve	5 am	Simbang Gabi
	7 am	Morning Mass
	5:30 pm	Children's Mass
	11:30 pm	Carols
	12 am	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	8 am, 10 am, 12 noon	
	5:30 pm	(Spanish)

Mass for Peace & Vigil for the Solemnity of Mary  
 December 31—7 am & 7 pm in the Church

Solemnity of Mary, January 1  
 Holy Day of Obligation-Mass at 10 am

## YEAR TO DATE SACRAMENT TOTALS

Baptisms	95
First Holy Communions	103
Confirmations	45
Deaths	35
Weddings	7
Sick Calls	6

## LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR DEC 19/20

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>
<b>Saturday</b>		
5:30	Joyce Fox	May Plata
<b>Sunday</b>		
8:00	Knights of Columbus	
10:00	Bee Francisco	Lydia Madrigal
12:00	Marina Bond	Sally Bellando
5:30	Anahy Hernandez	Oliba Cardona

## EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR DEC 19/20

<b>Saturday</b>	
5:30:	Carol & Ben Davi, Maya Duran, Tessie Freel, Josi Sobel, Josephine Saca
<b>Sunday</b>	
8:00	Bob & Sheena Beck, Martha Marin, Yvonne Lackey, Debbie Lawson, Ed Woodrow
10:00	Laura Canciamilla, Rose Carpenello, Dom & Fran Confetti, Namie Fontecha, Becky & June Naca, Robert Pascual, David Viart
12:00	Tammy Vo, Mila Benitez, Cynthia Auza, John Bellando, Lea Briones, Mercy Cruz, Jubene Lagarejos, Edgar & Melis Ramirez
5:30	Alicia Leon, Federico Andrade, Mariana Ortega

**The Sons of Italy, C. Colombo Lodge 1315  
 Annual Cucidati Contest  
 December 13, 2015, at 2PM**

**Antioch Historical Museum, 1500 W. 4th St.**

As before, the entrance fee is \$5.00 a person, which entitles you to a cup of coffee, and the opportunity to taste one piece ofucidati from all who have entered the contest, and to vote for theucidati of your choice for the "Peoples Choice Award". Tickets may be purchased at the door.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Micah 5:1-4a, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45

## NEXT WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN