

# Church of the Good Shepherd

January 4, 2015

Feast of the Epiphany

## 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 Namie Fontecha	
Altar Servers Dina Russell	432-6404
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 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
Italian Catholic Federation – Patty Jarrett	228-0810
Knights of Columbus – Allan Graff	570-4570
Lectors David De Luna	698-8585
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Faith Formation dina@goodshepherdpittsburg.org	
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RCIA Deacon Ken Wedge	432-6404
Baptismal Prep – Robert & Sheena Beck	432-6404
Returning Catholics-Fr. Carl Arcosa	432-6404
Santo Nino Family Prayer Ministry	
Romeo & Sery Razo	439-7706
Social Justice Deacon Ken Wedge	432-6404
Spanish Ministry Graciela Corona	510-912-1102
St. Vincent DePaul Assistance Line	727-5712
Stewardship Darla Kilgannon	432-0243
Ushers Frank DiMaggio	776-5107
Vocations Fr. Carl Arcosa	432-6404
Wedding Liturgy Coordinators	
Danette Shipe 427-9561 or Bee Francisco	473-9247
Young Ladies Institute-Feli Buettner	432-7382

### Parish Staff

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Grace Yvette Ripoli,  
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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.

## The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

This feast is one of the oldest Christian feasts, though, throughout the centuries, it has celebrated a variety of things. *Epiphany* comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal," and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to man.

Such Divine Revelation of God through Incarnation (God becoming man) is God's way of telling us that He is with us and has pitched His tent or dwelling with us. It is fascinating to know that many understood religion as building a ladder to go and climb to God. However, our Catholic Christian Theology of such a mystery is understood as God building his ladder to go down to us. With this kind of understanding and concept, we see and meet a God who is so humble and loving who freely entered our human reality to make it holy, perfect and heirs of the Kingdom.

On this Feast, we encounter the story of the three wise men journeying to look or search for the King of the Jews guided by the bright star. Upon seeing the Baby Jesus, they paid their homage (fell on their knees - an act of worship) and gave their gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.

### Meaning of the Gifts

All three gifts are ordinary offerings and gifts given to a king. Myrrh being commonly used as an anointing oil, frankincense as a perfume, and gold as a valuable.

The three gifts had a spiritual meaning: gold as a symbol of kingship on earth, frankincense (an incense) as a symbol of deity, and myrrh (an embalming oil) as a symbol of death.

### Quick Facts:

**Date:** January 6. (In most countries and dioceses, the celebration is transferred to the Sunday between January 2 and January 8, inclusive.)

**Type of Feast:** Solemnity.

**Readings:** Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

**Prayers:** Collect for the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

"O God, Who by the guidance of a star didst this day reveal Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we, who know Thee now by faith, may be so led as to behold with our eyes the beauty of Thy majesty. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen."

Sources: <http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/p/Epiphany.htm> and [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Biblical\\_Magi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Biblical_Magi)

## 2015 Liturgical and Parish Events

### January

13, 20, 27	Life in the Spirit Seminar
17	St. Faustina Play 7PM
23	Parish New Year Dinner and Dance*
24	Feast of the Holy Infant Child Jesus

### February

3, 10, 17, 24	Life in the Spirit Seminar
7	Knights of Columbus Crab Feed
18	Ash Wednesday*
21	Parish Ministry Leaders' Retreat
20	Lenten Friday Soup Dinner* Station of the Cross
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### March

6	Lenten Friday Soup Dinner* Station of the Cross
9	Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service*
13	Lenten Friday Soup Dinner* Station of the Cross
16	Lenten Reflection with Jesse Romero (English)*
17	Reflexión Cuaresmal con Jesse Romero (Spanish)*
19	St. Joseph's Dinner with ICF and Youth Ministry
20	Lenten Friday Soup Dinner* Station of the Cross
27	Lenten Friday Soup Dinner* Station of the Cross
29	Palm Sunday

### April

2	Holy Thursday*
3	Holy Friday*
4	Holy Saturday and Easter Vigil
5	Easter Sunday
3-11	Novena for the Feast of Divine Mercy
12	Divine Mercy Sunday
23	Parish Dinner with Filipino Ministry & CFC FFL

### May

1-31	Month of the Rosary – For Peace
7	Dinner with Bishop Barber – Capital Campaign*
14	Ascension Sunday
24	Pentecost Sunday
30	Parish Flock Party*
31	Trinity Sunday/ Parish Flock Party
	10AM Mass w/ Archbishop Auza

Note: (\*) No ministry meeting should happen on that time or event

**CALLING ALL WOMEN!**

Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women is excited to welcome

*Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC*

As speaker at their next prayer breakfast meeting

January 31, 2015 at the Crown Plaza

45 John Glenn Dr., Concord, CA

9:30 am to 12:30 pm

\$28 per person

Fr. Calloway is a prominent Marian priest and a well-known speaker and author on the Divine

Mercy and our Blessed Mother!

*Come be inspired!*

Deadline reservation is January 17!

Go to [www.magnificat.org](http://www.magnificat.org) or call 925-788-7762

**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 including Fr. Bill Adams CSSR, Deacon Steve Greco, Julie Figueroa, Deacon Ed Spano, and others.

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[fr\\_carl@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto:fr_carl@goodshepherdpittsburg.org)

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

**PARISH GENERAL CALENDAR**

Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday

9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon & 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Fridays 9 am to 3 pm

CHAPEL HOURS: Monday-Sunday 7 am-7 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Fridays from 8 am—6 pm

<b>Mondays</b>	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)
<b>Tuesdays</b>	Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help (Mass on each first Tuesday)~Church~7 pm Bad Girls of the Bible~Office~7 pm
<b>Wednesdays</b>	8 & 10 Choir Rehearsals~7 pm Stewardship~Office~7pm~ 2nd & 4th Youth Formation~Parish Hall 4-5,6-7,7:30-8:30 Sept-May
<b>Thursdays</b>	Bible Study~Office~7pm Senior Brown Bag Program~Hall 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month 10 am~12 noon
<b>Fridays</b>	Adoration begins after 7 am mass until 7 pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal-7pm FilAm Choir Rehearsal-8 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy-3 pm Teresita #123, YLI Pray & Chat with Divine Mercy Group
<b>Saturdays</b>	La Pieta International Prayer Group Every Saturday after the 8 am mass
<b>Sundays</b>	Life Teen-Parish Hall-1-3 pm-Sep-May

**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.

**YLI NEWS & EVENTS**

Saturday, January 17, 2015

YLI CASINO TRIP TO

FEATHER FALLS

Call Ginger for reservations at 439-1978



Tuesday, January 20, 2015

BUNCO

Sponsored by Catholic Daughters & YLI

## A Divine Mercy Moment

"Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbors' souls and come to their rescue."

- St. Faustina (Diary 163)

# Faustina

Live Theatrical Drama Coming  
Saturday, January 17, 7:00 p.m.

Good Shepherd Church, Pittsburg  
More info: [DivineMercyDrama.com](http://DivineMercyDrama.com)

**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 COMPESETALA, SALAMANCA,  
AVILA, MADRID & LOURDES**

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

**FOR A BROCHURE & MORE I  
NFORMATION  
CONTACT REV. ARCOSA AT  
925-432-6404 (OFFICE)**

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

## ADORATION CHAPEL

When you are in the chapel, there are a number of ways you can spend your time with the Lord. You can just sit quietly in adoration. There are rosaries that you can use to help you if you want to pray a Rosary or a Chaplet of Divine Mercy. There are also a number of prayer books and other Christian books to help you develop a more intimate relationship with Jesus. You are free to use these whenever you want to while you are in the chapel, but we ask that you do not remove them from the chapel.

We have noticed that some of the books that were placed in the chapel are no longer there, If you took any of them with you so you could read them at home, we ask that you return them to the chapel as soon as possible so that everyone has the opportunity to use these books.

## Good Shepherd Parish New Year's Dinner and Dance

Featuring  
**AFTER  
SIX  
BAND**

# 2015

Happy New Year!

\$20 Admission  
and Dinner

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Wine, Beer  
& Water for  
purchase

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Raffle Prizes



## LET'S PARTY!

January 23, 2015  
Friday @ 6PM  
Parish Hall

For More Information and Reservation:

Yvette or the Parish Office  
(925) 432 6404

3200 Harbor Street, Pittsburg, CA



Mass Intentions

Jan 5-11

Mon 7 am Rose Seeno † ☩  
Jimmy Roberts & Joslyn Navera  
Birthdays #

Tue 7 am Ken Monnens † \*  
7 pm Trujillo Family \*

Wed 7 am Dominic Vu † ^

Thu 7 am Dominic Vu † \*

Fri 7 am Maria Castro Manalo &  
Dominic Vu † \*

Sat 8 am Dominic Vu † \*  
5:30<sub>pm</sub> Leroy Walker † ~

Sun 8 am Dominic Vu † \*  
10am FOR THE PEOPLE ~  
12pm Juana Escobar † ~  
Death Anniversary  
5:30<sub>pm</sub> No Intention Scheduled \*

\*= Fr. Carl Arcosa

#=Fr. Helmut Richter

^= Fr. Ricardo Chavez

~=Fr. Bill

YEAR TO DATE SACRAMENT TOTALS

Baptisms

First Holy Communions

Confirmations

Deaths

Weddings

Sick Calls

PRAYER REQUESTS~BOOK OF THE SICK

The prayer request book found in the vestibule of the church is starting anew in 2015!

Please feel free to place the name (s) of your friends and loved ones in the book so that our Monday Morning Prayer Warriors can include them in their prayers!

LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR DEC JAN 10/11

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>
Saturday		
5:30	Cynthia Greely	Chelo Gonzalez
Sunday		
8:00	Knights of Columbus	
10:00	Jessica Florido	Linda Whatford
12:00	MacKinsey Russell	Marina Bond
5:30	Ramiro Hurtado	Leticia Hernandez



EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR JAN 10/11

Saturday

5:30: Carol & Ben Davi, Maya Duran, Nora Gavino, Napoleon & Theresa Umadhay

Sunday

8:00 Bob & Sheena Beck, Kevin Carter, Patricia Dominguez, Danette Shipe, Georgette Shipe

10:00 John & Janis Rinaudo, Rose Carpenello, Namie Fontecha, Bee Francisco, Becky & Jun Naca, Letha Payne, Dina Russell

12:00 Romeo & Sery Razo, Steven Confetti, Lea Briones, Mercy Cruz, Roy & Ronne Lagarejos, Debbie Lawson, Melis Ramirez

5:30 Rosa Granados, Marcelina Diaz, Alicia Leon

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 55:1-11, 1 John 5:1-9, Mark 1:7-11

NEXT WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION

DIOCESAN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN