

Church of the Good Shepherd

March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday

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

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12 Noon Choir Leandra Ramm 432-6404
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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: Daily after mass, Tuesdays at
7 p.m., Saturdays at 8:45 am, Sundays
at 4:30 pm in Spanish 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.

Final words of reflection from Fr. Mel Jurisich:Forgiveness

Forgiveness is what dying/rising of Jesus is all about. His life from Bethlehem to Calvary and beyond is summed up in three words: “Father, forgive them.” (Lk 23:34). Forgive not only the soldiers who crucified him; forgive every human being born into the world. How might we share in this redemptive work of Jesus?

One suggestion: Begin with the words of Jesus: “If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will the Father forgive you (Mt. 6:14 – 15). Jesus is talking about something important. He is talking about love and hate, likes and dislikes, about friends and enemies, about cold shoulders and shrugged shoulders. Two millennia after he was born and died to forgive us, he is asking us to make the first move when we hurt another, to make the first move if we are the ones hurt. He is asking us to love others as his Father loves us.

Good friends, let your imagination run loose. Imagine every man, woman, and child in this parish who has hurt another asking that person’s forgiveness. Imagine one who has been hurt taking the first step, seeking the other out? A Jubilee indeed, a cause for celebration! In your parish, in your family, in your inner self? Learn the lesson the Apostle Peter learned: “Lord, how often should I forgive? Seven times? No, Peter, seventy times seven” (Mt. 18: 21-22). A vivid way of saying that there is no end to forgiveness. In this year of Mercy, we are called to look at our hearts and recognize our own sinfulness and our need for God’s mercy. But this is not a year of sad reflection; it is a year to reflect that God’s mercy is overwhelming. Mercy is not earned; it is given and once given, we are to pass it along.

Passing Mercy Along

In order to help us examine how well we have been merciful to others, let us use the prayer of St. Faustina, written in 1937, in which she expresses how wide and deep the delicacy of feeling for mercy goes, what it can concretely mean for a Christian and what it can concretely accomplish.

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.

Help me, O Lord, that my ears may be merciful, so that I may give heed to my neighbors’ needs and not be indifferent to their pains and moanings.

Help me, O Lord, that my tongue may be merciful, so that I should never speak negatively of my neighbor, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all.

Help me, O Lord, that my hands may be merciful and filled with good deeds, so that I may do only good to my neighbors and take upon myself the more difficult and toilsome tasks.

Help me, O Lord, that my feet may be merciful so that I hurry to assist my neighbor, overcoming my own fatigue and weariness. My true rest is in service of my neighbor.

Help me, O Lord, that my heart may be merciful so that I myself may feel all the sufferings of my neighbor. I will refuse my heart to no one. I will be sincere even with those, I know, will abuse my kindness. May your Mercy, O Lord, rest upon me.

You yourself command me to exercise the three degrees of mercy. The first: the act of mercy, of whatever kind. The second: the word of mercy, if I cannot act out a work of mercy, I will assist by my words. The third: prayer—if I cannot show mercy by my deeds and words, I can also do so by prayer. My prayer can reach out there where I cannot reach out physically. Amen

Conclusion

The opening of the Holy Door is an encouragement to us to open the doors of our hearts. This single sign is an invitation to joy. It begins a time of great forgiveness for ourselves and others. It is a Jubilee of Mercy. It is a time to rediscover the presence of God and his tenderness. Tenderness not only for us but tenderness we show others. The joy of crossing through the door of mercy is accompanied by a commitment to welcome and witness to a love that goes beyond justice, a love that knows no boundaries.

So there we are at the Door of Mercy. Do we go through or are we stuck at the doorway?

**THE FLOCK PARTY IS COMING!
THE PARTY FEST IS COMING!**

In preparation for this year's Annual Flock Party, we are asking parishioners to donate cases of water and soda for the big event! The party will take place on Sunday, May 29.

One Flock...One Family... Living and Sharing the Love of Christ!

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

- ◆ **Workshop on Human Trafficking,
Saturday, April 16 from 2—5 pm
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Brentwood
522-9244**
- ◆ **YMI Membership Drive, April 23 & 24**

March 27: Easter Sunday

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others.

Thank you for your generosity with today's second collection as you continue to show mercy by your acts of compassion which help those in need. God Bless and Happy Easter!

Fr. Carl, Fr. Conrad, 
**Brother Arturo and the
parish staff wish all of you
and your families a holy &
blessed Easter Season!**



COURT 1450 ST. MARY
MARGARET

Cordially invites you to:

"A SPRING HAT SALAD LUNCHEON"

At 2:00 pm, Saturday, April 23, 2016

Good Shepherd Parish Hall

\$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 10

For information,
contact Josie Torres 432-2265

Sacristan Wanted

If you love the Lord and have the time to serve your parish community, then maybe your talents can be used at the 10:00 mass on Sundays. Your job would be to assist the priests by making sure everything is out and ready before mass begins.

If you're interested or need more information please contact Bill Abitz 925 432-3995.

**Bunco at the Museum
Pittsburg Historical Society &
Pittsburg Women's Community League**

BUNCO

Sunday, April 3rd

Pittsburg Museum

Doors open at 1:00 pm

Cost: \$25

Seating is limited

For more information or to reserve a seat

Call Gail Pearson 432-7876,

Jackie Hurtado 427-6580 or

Joan Evola 432-3767

(call Joan to pay by credit card).

Food, Fun & Prizes Will Be Provided

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

OPEN AUDITIONS!

Have a song to sing or any special talent? Audition to perform at the Catholic Daughter's Spring Hat Luncheon coming on April 23rd! Auditions are April 3 from 4 -6 pm in the parish hall. Bring your own music or accompaniment. Contact Josie at 925-216-7766 for more info!



Good Shepherd Celebrating Year of Mercy 2016

April	Intention: (Month for the Elderly)
2	Feast of Pedro Calungsod 8AM Mass
3	Divine Mercy Sunday
4	Healing Mass with Fr. Bill Adams, CSSR, 7 pm in the church
21	Parish Monthly Dinner supported by Choir, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors
May	(Month of Mary Queen of Peace)
1-31	Rosary for Peace – Home Visits with Perpetual Help and La Pieta Rosario por La Paz – Visita a La Casa con Grupo de Divina Misericordia
7	First Communion (English) 9:30 AM Primera Comunion (Espanol) 2:30 PM
8	Mother's Day with New Hope Ministry Campaign for Women Suffering From Human Trafficking
26	Mass of Confirmation with Bishop Michael Barber, SJ at 530PM
29	Flock Party and Youth Day (Grand Raffle Draw)
June	Intention: (Month for Married Couples and Family)
3	Feast of the Sacred Heart 7AM & 7PM Masses
4	Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary 8AM Mass
16	Parish Monthly Dinner supported Filipino Ministry
19	Father's Day
July	Intention: (Month for Prisoners)
16	Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel 8AM Mass
21	Parish Dinner - Fr. Carl's Birthday Celebration with Staff, PPC, PFC and Ministry Leaders' Network
August	Intention: (Month for the Homeless)
6-9	Parish Mission c/o Pastoral Council (TBD)
15	Assumption 7AM & 7PM Masses (Day of Obligation)
18	Parish Monthly Dinner supported by YLI

PLEASE SUPPORT *Rose Winter* and *Winter Chevrolet Honda*
3750 Century Boulevard, Pittsburg, CA

Mrs. Winter and Winter Chevrolet/Honda made a 100% donation of the Honda LX we will be raffling off in May. Please show your appreciation by patronizing her business.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
FEAST OF SAN PEDRO CALUNGSOD**
Mass will be celebrated on April 2 at 8
am with a potluck
immediately following in the
Spiritual Garden.
Mass sponsorships are being accepted!
Contact Feli Buettner at
felipeneta1@yahoo.com

EASTER CANDY NEEDED!
In order to support this year's Easter Egg
Hunt for our children, which will take
place on Easter Sunday in the Spiritual
Garden, we are asking families to donate a
bag or two of candy to fill the eggs.
If you can help us "fill" this need, please
drop off your donations to the parish
office no later than Palm Sunday,
March 20th.
Thank you!

