

Church of the Good Shepherd

December 18, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

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Music Ministry
Parish Music Dir. Rocco Enea 432-6404
8:00am Choir Evelyn Arms 439-5351
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12 Noon Choir Cynthia Auza 427-0778
5:30 Spanish

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Couples for Christ FFL

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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:

carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

Marriages: Couples are required to make

arrangements at least six months in

advance at:

carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

Quinceaneras: In order to schedule a 15th

Birthday Mass, contact:

carmen@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.

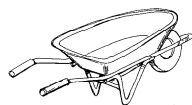
Good Shepherd Celebrating Year of Mercy 2016

December	Intention: (Month for Abused Children and Suffering Children)
18	Posadas with Hispanic Ministry
16-24	Simbang Gabi with Filipino Ministry
24	Children's Christmas Mass 530PM
25	Christmas Mass at 12MN, 8AM, 10AM, 12N and 530PM (Spanish)
30	Feast of the Holy Family 7AM & 7PM Mass with FFL and Matrimonios Para Cristo

HELP WANTED!

We are currently looking for anyone interested in volunteering to spread the woodchips behind the church, in between the back parking lot and the new sound wall.

Bring a shovel, bring a wheel barrel and bring a friend any time it's convenient for you to do a little work to spruce up the church and glorify God!



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS

If you are a registered parishioner, you should have received your Christmas Mailing by now. If you are not registered, the following is the schedule for this year. Please consider officially joining our parish to receive important information throughout the year, particularly at Christmas and Easter!

Simbang Gabi	9 Dawn Masses Daily From December 16 to 24
Christmas Eve	8 am Morning Mass 5:30 pm Childrens' Mass 11:30 pm Carols Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	Masses at 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm & 5:30 pm (Spanish)
Solemnity of Mary	Holy Day of Obligation 5:30 pm Vigil Mass (Dec 31) 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm & 5:30 pm Spanish (Jan 1)

INCOME FOR NOVEMBER, 2016

Plate Collections	44,632	Sundays
Sacramental Services	2,395	
Donations	7,576	
Ministry Income	11,549	CFE, Candles
Bank Interest	1	
Other Income	3,805	Facilities Use/Rentals
TOTAL INCOME	\$69,958	

EXPENSES FOR NOVEMBER, 2016

Administration	24,436	Sal, Ins, Assemnt
Parish Property	26,866	Sal, Supplies, maintenance con tracts, utilities, liability insur for hall rentals
Rectory Living	1,578	
Priests	9,969	Salary, Supply Priests, Insur- ances, Pension
Liturgy & Music	5,743	Sal, Supplies
Faith Formation & CYO	23,901	Sal, Supplies, Cont'g Ed
Other Ministries	1,000	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 93,493	

INCOME	\$ 69,958
EXPENSES	\$ 93,493

**EXPENSES OVER INCOME AT MONTH END:
\$23,535**

Thank you to the Catholic Daughters and the Padre Pio Ministry for their generous donations to our parish and some of our ministries this Holy Advent Season! May God Bless you all!

ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**CRAB FEED ~ JANUARY 21, 2017****GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH HALL**

Early Bird tickets are \$45 per person or \$40 per person if you buy a table of 8 or more at the same time.

Tickets will be available at the parish office beginning Monday, November 14.

Early Bird sales

ARE HAPPENING OUTSIDE OF MASS

TODAY

and end December 23rd so get your tickets soon!

ANNOUNCING 2017 PASSION PLAY
TRY-OUTS!

All Youth Ministry members and Peer Leaders are invited to audition for the 2017 Passion Play!

Sunday, December 18th, 12:00 pm

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In its 25th year, the Passion Play is a Good Shepherd tradition, spanning two generations, that is presented by the youth and young adults of our parish community. Whether you want to be on stage or backstage, come and sign up to be a part of this exciting and meaningful presentation of the Lord's Passion!

December 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God.

Your friends at St. Vincent de Paul thank you for your generosity this holiday season. Your gifts help us to see the face of Christ in others, and to be the face of Christ to those whom we serve.

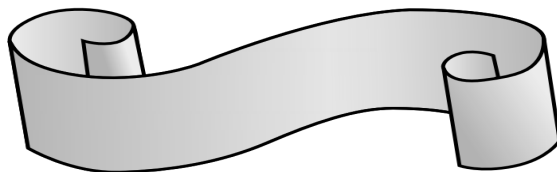
PARISH GENERAL CALENDAR

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-4 pm

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-Parish Hall-1st & 3rd Mondays (Sept-May)
Grief Ministry-1st & 3rd Mondays at 7 pm in the Ministry Building
Novena to Holy Infant Jesus (Santo Nino) - 7 pm in church (Mass on 1st Monday of the month). Blessing of the statues takes place before mass.
- Tuesdays** **Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help (Mass on each first Tuesday)**~Church~7 pm
Bad Girls of the Bible~7 pm~432-3181
- Wednesdays** **8 & 10 Choir Rehearsals**~7 pm
Stewardship~Office~7pm~ 2nd & 4th
Youth Formation~Parish Hall 3-4, 4:30-5:30, 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 7 pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy-3 pm
Teresita #123, YLI Pray & Chat with Divine Mercy Group
- Saturdays** **La Pieta International Prayer Group**
Every Saturday after the 8 am mass
Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Prayer Group 1st Saturday of the Month
From 9-10:30 am in the Ministry Bldg
- Sundays** **Life Teen**-Parish Hall-11-1 pm
September-May
12 Noon Choir Practice-1 pm
Spanish Choir Practice-4 pm
(4:30 on 3rd Sundays of the month)



FATHER CARL'S CORNER**Guadalupe Feast Recap**

I would like to thank Graciela Corona and the organizers and sponsors of our Annual Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This year we had a better attendance and the Mass was packed. But I am still alarmed of the non attendance of many parishioners who missed this opportunity to know and experience the diversity of our parish. I encourage you all to take time to support our Hispanic community. Your presence and your support are a big boost for them in their endeavor to attract more Hispanics to join our parish. Remember that we are one yet diverse. We have many gifts but we have one mission... one flock, one family sharing the love of Christ.

Simbang Gabi - Christmas Novena Mass

You are all invited to our simbang gabi masses. 9 mass novenas in preparation for Christmas. Our guest priest from the Philippines is Fr. Philip Sabidong Sinco, a professor and formator of St. Joseph Regional Seminary in Jaro, Iloilo City. Fr. Philip finished his formation and studies at San Jose Seminary, Ateneo de Manila University, Quezon City the same seminary where I studied for almost 4 years. Please make an effort to try to go to 1 or 2 masses this year. That would be a good start. Now what is simbang gabi?

Is also called Misa de Gallo more literally translated as "Rooster's Mass". It is said that the "Rooster's Mass" owes its name to the idea that rooster would have been among the first to witness the birth of Jesus, and thus be the one to announce it.

In most Spanish speaking countries, *Misa de gallo* entails a typical midnight mass, starting at around 12:00 a.m. on Christmas Eve. However, as practiced in the Philippines, this custom lasts for nine days, starting on December 16 up to December 24, during which Filipinos attend dawn masses, usually starting at around 3:00-4:30 a.m. This is the Filipino Way of celebrating Advent and preparing themselves for Christmas. This practice started during the Spanish colonial period when priests held early dawn masses for the farmers who wanted to attend Christmas mass but could not leave their fields. These masses were held before daybreak, hence, the Filipino term "*Simbang Gabi*" (Midnight Mass). Even today, Filipinos wake up very early in the morning to attend the *Misa de Gallo* as an expression of devotion to God. It is also an expression of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Misa_del_Gallo)

ANNOUNCING A CHANGE IN THE MORNING MASS TIME!
BEGINNING JANUARY 2, 2017 THE WEEKDAY MORNING MASS TIME WILL CHANGE FROM 7 AM TO
7:30 AM

Reclaiming Christ's Mission

We are proud of all our parishioners who have helped us reach 100% of our goal (pledges). We thank you for your prayers and generosity in making this happen.

We are already seeing the results. Our back parking lot has been repaved; paid for in full and we are now in the process of making plans to update our parish hall. **ONLY** with your help in fulfilling your pledge can we accomplish our plans here at Good Shepherd and in the diocese.

Please continue your pledge by sending in your payments as promised either weekly, monthly, or quarterly. Only in this way can we accomplish our goals.

If I can be of any help please feel free to contact me.

**Robert Calone, Chairman,
 Reclaiming Christ's Mission**

SIMBANG GABI CHOIR NEEDS YOU!

Christmas is here again! And it means preparing for Simbang Gabi masses from December 16-24 at 5:00 am (yes, early morning)! The Simbang Gabi choir needs your help again! If you are interested in sharing your time and talent by joining us during all 9 day masses, please contact our choir director, Dennis Riray, or any member of the noon mass choir for more information. We will start rehearsing in November!

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

Mass Intentions		Dec 19-25
Mon	5 am	Simbang Gabi #
	7 am	Laura & John Hoggatt † *
Tue	5 am	Simbang Gabi ^
	7 am	John & Jenni Vitalie † #
Wed	5 am	Simbang Gabi ^
	7 am	Ana Padilla Carolino † #
Thu	5 am	Simbang Gabi *
	7 am	Frank Vitalie Thanksgiving #
Fri	5 am	Simbang Gabi #
	7 am	Ella & Rene Barra & Natividad Lucas † *
Sat	5 am	Simbang Gabi # *
	8 am	Robert Navarro † #
	5:30pm	Alphonse & Genevieve Cappucini † *
	12 am	Astro Leon-Jhong Birthday *
Sun	8 am	Living & Deceased Members of the Calone & Rodella Families † #
	10am	Harry & Dan Castiglioni † *
	12pm	Jesse Anthony Soliz † ^
	5:30pm	FOR THE PEOPLE @

*= Fr. Carl @=Fr. Chavez ^=Fr. Phillip #=Fr. Conrad

YEAR TO DATE SACRAMENT TOTALS

Baptisms	72
First Holy Communions	217
Confirmations	71
Deaths	37
Weddings	11
Sick Calls	10

SHEPHERD'S CLOSET NEEDS HELP ~FOR CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY

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 once again to help us provide NEW winter clothes children can wear for Christmas, for church and for school. We are looking for children sizes 6 months - 24 months, as well as sizes 2T- 5T, 4 - 6x and 7-8.

You will find Christmas boxes located in the vestibule of the church in which to place your donations. They will be there for your convenience until December 11th. 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 List. If you have any questions, call Ann Abitz at 432-3995.

MINISTERS	FOR NEXT	WEEKEND'S	LITURGIES	
Date	Time	Lectors	EM's	Altar Servers
Dec 24	5:30 pm	J Florido D Lawson	B Abitz, A Abitz, C & B Davi, T Freel, J Sobel, R Sorci, D & R Lawson	
Dec 24	Midnight	C Gonzalez S Bellando	T Vo, E Viloría, N Fontecha, R Pascual, J, R & R Lagarejos, F Castillo, P Wilson	
Dec 25	8 am	D Kilgannon I Kinadeter	B Beck, S Beck, J Hurtado, P Dominguez, L Hoggatt, P Lorenzo, M Marin, S Shephard, E Woodrow	
Dec 25	10 am	N Villamor B Francisco	J Rinaudo, J Rinaudo, M Duran, A & M Discipulo, M Baber, M Benitez, N Fontecha, E Pittman	
Dec 25	12 noon	D De Luna L Madrigal	N Umadhay, T Umadhay, L Mangante, J Bellando, L Briones, N Ceballas, S Quejado, E & M Ramirez	
Dec 25	5:30 pm	M Trujillo L Castaneda	A Leon, A & M Alvarez, O Cardona, A Contreras, L Mata, S Rodriguez	

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-6,
John 1:1-18

NEXT WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION

None Scheduled