

Church of the Good Shepherd

December 4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

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

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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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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.



**FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8—MASSES AT 7 AM & 7 PM
A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

PARISH MONTHLY DINNER NEWS

Please be advised that there will be no parish monthly dinner in November due to its close proximity to Thanksgiving. We will be hosting a special *Holiday Monthly Dinner* on Thursday, December 8 at 5:30 pm to inaugurate our new ovens! The menu includes tenderloin of beef, baked potato, vegetable, salad and dessert for \$20 per person. Reservations are limited to the first 200 people and can be made

**DECEMBER 12 PARISH ADVENT TALK BY
SANDY HEINISCH**

On December 12 we will have a workshop to help those who have suffered a loss. Loss can be from death, separation, divorce, job or any other life change. This workshop will be held here at Good Shepherd from 7-9 pm and will be conducted by Sandy Heinisch, Grief Minister/Counselor and Trainer from the Diocese of Oakland. Sandy will speak to all of us at the 8 am, 10 am and 12 noon masses on December 11. For more information, contact Carmen in the parish office at 925-432-6404, ext. 10.

Good Shepherd Celebrating Year of Mercy 2016

December	Intention: (Month for Abused Children and Suffering Children)
8	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 7AM & 7PM Masses (10am w/SPM School Children)
11	5AM Mananitas & 5:30PM Mass (In Spanish)
12	Our Lady of Guadalupee—English Mass at 7 am and Spanish Mass at 8:30 am
17	Parish Christmas Giving Tree
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

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 Christmas 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 In Spanish (Jan 1)

PLEASE COME JOIN US!!!!

Devotion to Padre Pio of Pietreicina, Patron Saint for those who are in pain and in need of healing. Novena prayer is scheduled every Thursday in the Good Shepherd Chapel at 7 pm.

See you all there!

For more information:

Mila Benitez	Edna Balili
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Singers Wanted

Our 8:00, 10:00, and Noon Choirs are seeking new choir members. Contact any choir member after Mass or call the church office and leave a message to join.

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 end December 23rd so get your tickets soon!

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

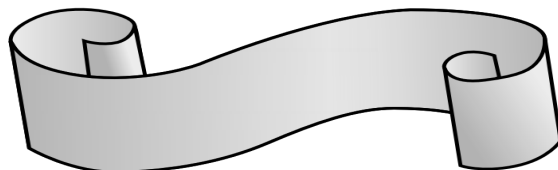
Wednesdays **8 & 10 Choir Rehearsals**~7 pm
Stewardship~Office~7pm~ 2nd & 4th
Youth Formation~Parish Hall
3-4, 4:30-5:30, 6-7, 7:30-8:30 Sept-May

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)



PITTSBURG COMMUNITY THEATRE

Home for Christmas
A Musical Review

December 17, 2016
2pm

For Tickets Call
925-427-1611
or online
www.PittsburgCaliforniaTheatre.com

CALIFORNIA THEATRE
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DIOCESAN SIMBANG GABI KICK OFF

Please join us on Friday, December 9 at 5 pm in the Good Shepherd parking lot to travel by bus to the Cathedral of Christ the Light to kick off the celebration of

Simbang Gabi with Bishop Barber!

Cost for the bus is \$15 per person and reservations are a must as seating is limited.

A gather/procession takes place at 6 pm at the Cathedral with mass following at 7 pm.

Bus will return to Good Shepherd by 10 pm.

Contact the parish office or Feli Beuttener for reservations.



**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

**ADVENT WREATH CANDLE BEARERS
NEEDED!**

If you would like to participate in bringing in the Advent candle one Sunday during Advent, please call the parish office and indicate your preferred date and time. We encourage all individuals and families to consider participating in the Mass in this special way. We will schedule on a first come, first served basis. Currently, all of these spots are open. Parish Office 432-6404.

3rd Sunday of Advent, December 11
8 am, 12 noon & 5:30 pm Spanish

4th Sunday of Advent, December 18
12 noon & 5:30 pm Spanish

As the masses are filled, they will drop off the list.

CUCIDATI CONTEST!!!!

C. Columbo Lodge #1315 is inviting you to our 7th. annual Cucidati Contest and Holiday Festa, Sunday, December 11, 2016, at the Antioch Historical Museum, 1500 West. 4th. St., Antioch. Entrance fee is \$5.00 per person payable at the door.

The entire museum will be beautifully decorated in a Victorian Christmas theme.

You can sample and vote for your favorite cucidati in the People's Choice Award. There will also be winners voted on by our team of judges.

There will be homemade baked goods, meatball sliders and cannoli's for sale, as well as drinks at the Victorian bar.

There will be a pizzelle demonstration with pizzelles for sale. Have fun singing our favorite Italian songs.

Come and buy your cookies for Christmas, and come and take a picture or "selfie" with our Grand Lodge Queen Mary Lucido.

For more information or tickets please contact Rosemarie DiMaggio at 432-3648.

Mass Intentions		Dec 5- 11
Mon	7 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory & Members of FOSS †
Tue	7 am	Joseph Aliotti †
Wed	7 am	Gloria Guzman & Asuncion Garcia †
Thu	7 am	Tony Pappas & Rose Manalatos †
	7 pm	Emilio C. Escudero Jr. †
Fri	7 am	Ben Martinez & Grace Lucido †
Sat	8 am	In Thanksgiving-Rose Winter
	5:30 _{pm}	Anthony & Frank Belleci †
Sun	8am	Lupe Aceves †
	10am	Mercedes Melazzi & Family †
	12pm	FOR THE PEOPLE
	5:30 _{pm}	Terese Barrios Sanchez †

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

THE 2017 MASS BOOK IS OPEN!
Come to the parish office to schedule those special dates for your loved ones.
We are only double booking on Mondays and Fridays.

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 10	5:30 pm	C Greely C Gonzalez	E Bond, M Bond, L Cellan, T Freel, L Mangante, D & R Lawson	R Almarinez, M & E Hart
Dec 11	8 am	L Madrigal E Viloría	G Shipe, L Hoggatt, I Kinadeter, P Lorenzo, M Marin, E Viloría, S Shephard	D Phan, X & Y Phan
Dec 11	10 am	L Ilas L Whatford	G Camacho, F Castillo, B Francisco, A & J Los Banos, B & J Naca, R Pascual, E Pittman	S Escajeda, A & E Buena, J Ortiz
Dec 11	12 noon	F Bartolo N Villamor	N Umadhay, T Umadhay, L Briones, N Ceballos, M Cruz, J, R & R Lagarejos D Phan	R Lagarejos, O Ross, A Ross, J Del Carmen
Dec 11	5:30 pm	A Gayton L Hernandez	R Granados, L Mata, M Alvarez, M Tru A Contreras, M Diaz, P Dominguez, C Greely, O Javrequi	J Diaz, A & J Toribio

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**Isaiah 25:1-6a, 10, James 5:7-10,
Matthew 11:2-11**

NEXT WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT