

# Church of the Good Shepherd

February 21, 2016

2nd Sunday of Lent

## 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  
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Communion Ann & Bill Abitz 432-3995  
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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.

**◆ Stations and Dinner, February 26**

6PM Lenten Dinner (Tortellini & Pesto) followed by 7:30 PM Stations of the Cross with YFL (Bi-lingual)  
RSVP to the parish office 432-6404 **by February 22** if you plan on attending the dinner.

**Development of the Stations of the Cross**

A prayer form that is most often associated with the season of Lent, the Way of the Cross (as it is formally called) is a prayer for all seasons. The idea of this prayer came from the ancient practice of pilgrimage. Some who had particular spiritual burdens to discharge, penances to do, or needs to intercede for would make the long journey to the Holy Land on foot in search of the special graces attached to the land where Christ had walked. Obviously, this took considerable time and resources to accomplish, and not everyone could make the journey even once in a lifetime. But the spiritual benefits of a pilgrimage were enormous, not the least of which was the community that often spontaneously formed along the way for protection, mutual encouragement, and fellowship. The final leg of the journey was to follow the Via Dolorosa, or Way of Sadness—the route that Jesus presumably took through Jerusalem to Calvary with his cross. It was this final stage of pilgrimage that led to the idea of the stations, or stops, that Jesus took along that last sad street.

The stations of the cross became standardized over time, encompassing at last the fourteen stops we have today (fifteen if the Resurrection is included). Originally, the franchise of the stations belonged to the Franciscan order, who were the guardians of the Holy Land. At Franciscan parishes and retreat centers, anyone unable to make an actual pilgrimage to the Holy Land was invited to symbolically journey through those fateful stops and make the same reparations and intercessions that other pilgrims made. Today almost every Catholic parish has a specially installed group of stations, and many retreat centers will have outdoor stations as well. By walking the stations one can literally “move” toward spiritual wholeness. We can understand our spiritual lives as a journey toward greater integrity through accompanying the passion of Jesus by this wholly engaging prayer. We can use one of the many books of meditations on the stations that have been written by spiritual masters to accompany us along the way, or we can simply offer our own prayers as we go.

This is an excerpt from *A Faith Interrupted: An Honest Conversation with Alienated Catholics* by Joel Schorn and Alice Camille.

*Please join us each Friday of Lent for Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm in the church or pray the Stations any time in our beautiful spiritual garden.*

**ARE YOU REMEMBERING TO.....**

**Honor your pledge payments to the Diocesan  
Capital Campaign?**

**In order for the parish to receive our fair share, you must keep up with your commitment.  
Thank you!**

**February 21st: Second Sunday of Lent**

Today we hear of Peter, John, and James up on the mountain-becoming frightened, and then hearing a voice from the cloud which said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

How often do we stop and listen for "the voice in the clouds" to guide us? This Lent, if your heart so moves you by a voice, please consider making a commitment to serving this in need at St. Vincent de Paul. We (SVdP) are in need of both first-time and repeat volunteers. If you are interested, please come to the pantry, or send a note to [goodshepherd.vincentian@gmail.com](mailto:goodshepherd.vincentian@gmail.com) to find out how your talents and treasures can match up with the needs of SVdP.

**COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS**

- ◆ **Retrouvaille—A Marriage Saving Weekend**  
February 26-28 ~ 510-276-4118
- ◆ **Priesthood Discernment Meeting for men ages 13-40 years old, Saturday, February 27**  
7-9 pm at St. Francis of Assisi in Concord.  
Call Anhvu Nguyen at 925-682-5447
- ◆ **Seeking God's Dream for Me; A Young Adult Retreat (Ages 15-35), Saturday, March 5 from 10 am to 5 pm-Notre Dame De Namut Campus in Belmont, CA featuring Fr. Christopher Nguyen, SJ. Cost is \$10 including food! Register on line at [HTTP://BIT.LY/GODSDREAM](http://bit.ly/godsdream)**
- ◆ **Diablo Choral Artists presents a concert *Bach and His Predecessors* March 11 at 8 pm St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Walnut Creek and March 14 at 3 pm St. Stephens Episcopal Church, Orinda—Tickets are \$25**  
[http://www.brownpapertickets.com/producer/16457:](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/producer/16457)
- ◆ **Monastic Retreat for Catholic Men**  
March 11-13 at Abbey of Our Lady of New Clairvaux-Vina, CA  
[www.newclairvaux.org](http://www.newclairvaux.org) to register
- ◆ **Magnificat Women's Ministry Breakfast—**  
March 12 Crown Plaza Hotel in Concord-9:30 am to 12:30 pm Denise Bossert will share her conversion story- 925-788-7762

**Singers Wanted**

Our 8:00 and 10:00 Choirs are seeking new choir members. If you enjoy singing and praising God through song come join our Music Ministry. Contact any choir member or call the church office!

**LENTEN WORKSHOP: Deep River Series II-Get to know the Lord more deeply this Lent.** Join us for a series of exercises to deepen and expand our understanding of what it means to live a Christian life. Facilitator: Carolyn Krantz-MSinED & MDiv. The series continues every Tuesday through March 15 from 8:00 AM to 9:30 in the Parish Hall. Free will offering will be accepted.

**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

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| <b>Mondays</b>    | <b>Prayer Group for the Sick</b> -11 am to 12 noon in the Ministry Building<br><b>Confirmation Class</b> -7 pm-Ministry Building-2nd & 4th Mondays (Sept-May)<br><b>Grief Ministry</b> -1st & 3rd Mondays at 7 pm in the Apartment<br><b>Novena to Holy Infant Jesus (Santo Nino)</b> - 7 pm in church (Mass on 1st Monday of the month). Blessing of the statues takes place before mass. |
| <b>Tuesdays</b>   | <b>Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help (Mass on each first Tuesday)</b> ~Church~7 pm<br><b>Bad Girls of the Bible</b> ~7 pm~432-3181                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Wednesdays</b> | <b>8 &amp; 10 Choir Rehearsals</b> ~7 pm<br><b>Stewardship</b> ~Office~7pm~ 2nd & 4th<br><b>Youth Formation</b> ~Parish Hall<br>3-4, 4:30-5:30, 6-7, 7:30-8:30 Sept-May                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Thursdays</b>  | <b>Bible Study</b> ~Office~7pm<br><b>Senior Brown Bag Program</b> ~Hall<br>2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month<br>10 am~12 noon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Fridays</b>    | <b>Adoration</b> begins after 7 am mass until 7 pm<br><b>Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b> -3 pm<br>Teresita #123, YLI Pray & Chat with Divine Mercy Group                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Saturdays</b>  | <b>La Pieta International Prayer Group</b><br>Every Saturday after the 8 am mass                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Sundays</b>    | <b>Life Teen</b> -Parish Hall-11-1 pm<br>September-May<br><b>12 Noon Choir Practice</b> -1 pm<br><b>Spanish Choir Practice</b> -4 pm<br>(4:30 on 3rd Sundays of the month)                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

**Good Shepherd Celebrating Year of Mercy 2016**

**February Intention: (Month for the Sick and the Homebound)**

- 12, 19, 26 6PM Dinner followed by 7:30 PM Stations of the Cross with YFL  
(Bi-lingual)  
28 St. Vincent De Paul Campaign at all Masses

**March Intention: (Month for Refugees and Migrants)**

- 4, 11, 18 6PM Soup Dinner followed by 7:30 PM Stations of the Cross with YFL  
(Bi-lingual)  
7 **Parish Lenten Penance Service with Fr. Mel Jurisich**  
13 Passion Play 7 PM  
19 Feast of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary 8 AM Mass St. Joseph's Table and Lunch  
for the SVDP Volunteers, Clients and Indigents with ICF Members  
Passion Play 7 PM  
20 **Palm Sunday**—Passion Play 1:30 PM  
23 Passion Play 6:30 PM  
**21-26 Holy Week**  
24 Triduum: Holy Thursday  
8AM Morning Prayer  
Mass of the Last Supper 7AM  
25 Triduum: Good Friday  
8AM Morning Prayer  
12Noon Stations of the Cross and Liturgy (Spanish)  
3PM Good Friday Liturgy (English)  
7PM Good Friday Liturgy (English with Youth Ministry)  
26 Triduum: Holy Saturday  
Morning Prayer 8AM  
Easter Vigil 730PM  
27 Easter Sunday With Children's Easter Egg Hunt after Masses at the  
Prayer Garden with Parish Youth Ministry

more to come.....

**SHEPHERD'S FIELD OLIVE WOOD HAND-  
CRAFTS RETURN TO GOOD SHEPHERD**

**NEXT WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 27 & 28!**

A group from the Holy Land will be selling religious articles after masses to support the Catholic Christian minorities in Bethlehem. As a tradition, many of the Catholic families there work in small workshops to produce religious articles made of olive wood. Due to lack of tourists in the Holy Land, they are facing economic hardship and are offering their wares in other places. The population of Christians has dropped to 2%. In effort to preserve the Catholic identity of the birthplace of our Savior Jesus, please support these crafters.

**YOUTH 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! Buy 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.

**BUY ONE! GET ONE FREE!**

Mass Intentions		Feb 22-28
Mon	7 am	Ed & Marina Bond Flores de Mayo #
Tue	7 am	Ken Monnens † *
Wed	7 am	Fr. Louis Dabovich † #
	10 am	Stoneman Village
Thu	7 am	Rose & Albert Seeno Sr. † #
Fri	7 am	Capupus Family Joseph & Anna Nguyen †*
Sat	8 am	Douglas Freel † #
	5:30 <sub>pm</sub>	Fr. Louis Dabovich † #
Sun	8am	Espedita C. Ramirez † *
	10am	Ray & Jim Matejcek † #
	12pm	Gunzie Aceves † *
	5:30 <sub>pm</sub>	FOR THE PEOPLE *

\*= Fr. Carl Arcosa                      #=Fr. Conrad

**YEAR TO DATE SACRAMENT TOTALS**

Baptisms	11
First Holy Communions	
Confirmations	
Deaths	1
Weddings	1
Sick Calls	3

**LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR FEB 27/28**

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>
Saturday		
5:30	Joyce Fox	Yvette Ripoli
Sunday		
8:00	Darla Kilgannon	Chris Ghiselli
10:00	Jessica Florido	Bee Francisco
12:00	David De Luna	Sally Bellando
5:30	Lydia Madrigal	Angelica Arevalo

**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE FOR FEB 27/28**

Saturday	
5:30	David, Brianna & Nicholas Ferris, Chris Barrett
Sunday	
8:00	Arturo Bazon, Don Phan, Elijah & Mariah Hart
10:00	Arturo Bazan, Sophia Escajeda, Sofia Viart, Joseph Ortiz, Nick Ceballos
12:00	Arturo Bazan, Isaiah & Briana Rodriguez, Matthew Moynihan
5:30	Arturo Bazan, Alexis & Jesus Toribio, Veronica & Jesus Gonzalez

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR FEB 27/28**

Saturday	
5:30:	Bill & Ann Abitz, Loreta Cellan, Tessie Freel, Josephine Saca, Rose Sorci
Sunday	
8:00	Patrick Wilson, Bob & Sheena Beck, Ina Kinadeter, Priscilla Lorenzo, Ed Woodrow
10:00	Laura Canciamilla, Marifel Baber, Mila Benitez, Becky & Jun Naca, Robert Pascual, John & Jan Rinaudo, Krystina Smith
12:00	Napoleon & Theresa Umadhay, Bee Francisco, John Bellando, Jubene, Roy & Ronne Lagarejos
5:30	Rosa Granados, Alicia Leon, Lydia Madrigal, Federico Andrade, Mariana Ortega, Sonja Shephard

Pittsburg Community Theatre presents  
"Once Upon A Mattress"

A musical twist of

"The Princess and the Pea" fairy tale

March 4-13 – California Theatre

For Tickets - Call 925-427-1611

or online at [PittsburgCaliforniaTheatre.com](http://PittsburgCaliforniaTheatre.com)

FYI – Special guest appearance by our own

Freddy Ripoli on Friday - March 11

Come see Freddy as you have never seen  
him before, and probably never will again!

**PRAYER MINISTRY NEWS**

The Monday Morning Prayer Ministry prays for all of those whose names are written in the Book of the Sick. Some names are removed each Monday as people pass on or receive the Lord's graces. If your name or that of your friend or loved one is removed in error, please re-write them in the book. Thank you! We are praying for you!

The Monday Morning Prayer Group

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS
<b>Exodus:3-18a, 13-15, 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12, Luke 13:1-9</b>

NEXT WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION
<b>EASTER FLOWERS</b>