

# Church of the Good Shepherd

March 20, 2016

Passion 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.



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**FR. CARL'S CORNER~Lenten Reflection Continued.....**

Since mercy is so essential to human and spiritual living, the Pope believes that we ought to celebrate a Jubilee Year of Mercy. But why? Let me suggest three reasons why mercy might not be highest on our list of virtues.

We are ambivalent about mercy in our lives because it implies forgiveness and that is best to be avoided in our world's thinking and doing;

We really don't understand the meaning of God's forgiveness and what that means for our lives;

We don't like to think about the consequences of being forgiven by God.

Why we are ambivalent about mercy in our lives

Most of us realize that we don't always do the right thing, and we offend God and one another. We know we need to seek forgiveness and strengthen our relationships. It would be wonderful if we actually sought forgiveness and reconciliation, but sad experience shows us how often we don't. There are reasons for this.

Sometimes, we are afraid to forgive too readily lest somehow that forgiveness will demean the degree of hurt we have felt or the harm that was done to us. WE nourish our anger as though it will produce a reparation that continues to add up like interest paid on an unpaid debt. The grudge then becomes a part of us, something too precious to renounce. We may ask ourselves, "Why shouldn't they beg forgiveness first? Why must I take the first step?" Each thinks precisely the same thing; each waits for the other to make the first move. Pride encourages procrastination and reconciliation never happens.

Forgiving the one who wronged us may force us to confront our own wrongdoing. It is hard enough to acknowledge our faults, we have a powerful drive within us to justify and excuse ourselves. Reconciliation fails unless each party admit and share in the responsibility.

Even our sincerest desire for reconciliation can drown in a flood of excuses. It is not the right time; it is not the right place. We don't have the right words. We don't know how our apology will be received. All these excuses to avoid the simple acknowledgement: "I am sorry". Forgiveness does not minimize the hurt or wrong or make it go away, but it does help to overcome the hurt. One way to become better at reconciliation is to look to people whose lives attest to the power of forgiveness: Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis and Cuba, Jimmy Carter.

Jesus' call to reconciliation also has a communal dimension. Our own personal sins give rise to social situations and institutions that are contrary to the divine goodness—causing violence, poverty, injustice, discrimination, racism, gossip. Individuals, families, communities, parishes, political parties, races, and nations are all called to reconciliation, but so many have good reasons to resist. It is safer to stay locked up in our own self-pity; it is safer to stay locked up in the worlds we have built.

Our ambivalence in seeking forgiveness from our fellow human beings can also characterize our relationship with God. We make excuses; it has been a long time since we examined our consciences; we're still attached to our old habits; we really didn't hurt anyone anyways; the confessor won't understand me; why can't I just say "I am sorry to God" on my own? Bottom line: there are two realities holding us back. We are afraid of God because we don't know God; and we are held back because of the shame we feel when we confront our own sinfulness.

Those are some reasons why we are ambivalent. Now maybe we understand why Pope Francis has called for a year of Mercy. In order to move forward, we must come to understand the meaning of God's forgiveness.

*To be continued.....*

**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 on the parish grounds and will include a BBQ and lots of fun and games. We hope everyone can join us for this community event!**

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

**March 20: Passion Sunday**

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and follow Jesus through death to new life.

There is still an opportunity to support the St. Vincent de Paul Almsgiving Campaign by submitting your pledge in the envelopes provided two weeks ago. If you did not receive a pledge card (or envelope), please pick one up from the tables in the entryways to the church. As you give alms, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who carry their cross of suffering and pain.

***Announcing the 2016 Passion Play!***

55 of our parish teens and young adults invite you to experience with them the

***Sacred Drama of the Lord's Passion.***

In its 24th year, the drama presents the Passion of Our Lord in a unique and

meaningful way. Please join them at one or more of the following performances:

**TODAY - March 20 - 1:30 PM**

**Holy Wednesday - March 23 - 6:30 PM**

**Good Friday - March 25 - 7:00 PM**

**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!**

**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**

**MORE EASTER FLOWER FUND OFFERINGS!**

M/M Henry Crosby, M/M Solomon Windham

M/M Alan Ferris, Christine Ghiselli,

M/M Sonny Andes, Grace Mabunga

May Plata-Rene Plata,

Betty Cardinale-Bennie Cardinale

M/M Joseph Viscuso-Alfio & Josie

Viscuso, Joe & Josie Mercurio

M/M Richard Ledesma-Deceased Members of the  
**Ledesma Family, Cuca Hernandez, Rafael Jimenez,  
Rose Contreras**

Hope Siino-Horace J. & Jennie K. Siino

Margaret Gonzales-Louis, Louis Ray & Julian  
Gonzales

Angelina Viscuso-Salvatore A. Viscuso & Deceased  
**Members of the Culcasi Family**

M/M Frank Lombardo-Ambrosini & Lombardo  
Families

M/M Ronn Ton-Carol Ann De Pasquale & Robert  
De Pasquale

M/M Gilbert Ruiz-Victoriano & Yldefonsa Quesada

M/M Isidro Trujillo-Familia Trujillo

M/M Mark Cappucini-Alphonse & Genevieve

Cappucini, Henru Gonzales

Uldarico Perez Family

Good Shepherd Celebrating Year of Mercy 2016**March Intention: (Month for Refugees and Migrants)**

23	Passion Play 6:30 PM
<b>21-26</b>	<b>Holy Week</b>
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
<b>April</b>	<b>Intention: (Month for the Elderly)</b>
2	Feast of Pedro Calungsod 8AM Mass
3	Divine Mercy Sunday
4	Healing Mass
<b>21</b>	Parish Dinner with, Choir, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors
<b>May</b>	<b>(Month of Mary Queen of Peace)</b>
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
<b>8</b>	<b>Mother's Day with New Hope Ministry Campaign for Women Suffering From Human Trafficking</b>
26	Mass of Confirmation with Bishop Michael Barber, SJ at 530PM
29	<b>Flock Party and Youth Day (Grand Raffle Draw)</b> more to come.....

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!

Mass Intentions

Mar 21-27

Mon 7 am Ed & Corazon Tolentino #  
Flores de Mayo  
Tue 7 am Bienvenido Guzim†\*  
Wed 7 am Ben C. Ramirez +  
10am Pilar & Emilio Escudero (SV)#



Holy Week

Holy  
Thu 8 am Morning Prayer  
7 pm Inez Arroyo + \*  
Good  
Fri 12pm Spanish Stations & Veneration  
2:30 Englis Passion Reading,  
Veneration, Holy Communion  
7 pm Passion Play, Veneration,  
Holy Communion

Easter Vigil  
Sat 8 am Morning Prayer  
7:30<sub>pm</sub> FOR THE PEOPLE \*

Easter  
Sun 8am Alejandra Navera† #  
10am John T. Galvan † \*  
12pm James & Mary Bugni † #  
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 10  
Weddings 1  
Sick Calls 3

LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR MAR 26/27

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>
Saturday 7:30	Various Scheduled for Vigil	
Sunday 8:00	Knights of Columbus	
10:00	Linda Whatford	May Plata
12:00	Sally Bellando	Bonnie Ozel
5:30	Leticia Hernandez	Anahy Hernandez

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR MAR 26/27

Saturday  
7:30: Patricia Dominguez, Bee Francisco, Robert Pascual, Jubene, Roy & Ronne Lagarejos, Arturo Bazan  
Sunday  
8:00 Bob & Sheena Beck, Milo & Adele Discipulo, Cynthia Greely, Ina Kinadeter, Danette Shipe, Georgette Shipe, Arturo Bazan  
10:00 Bill & Ann Abitz, Marifel Baber, Dom & Fran Confetti, Antonio & Jessica Los Banos, Krystina Smith, Arturo Bazan  
12:00 Napoleon & Theresa Umadhay, Cynthia Auza, Ronne Lagarejos, Cecilio & Shirley Jemera, Edgar & Melis Ramirez, Arturo Bazan  
5:30 Alicia Leon, John Bellando, Lydia Madrigal, Rosa Granados, Maria Trujillo, Arturo Bazan

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE FOR MAR 26/27

Saturday  
7:30 Special Schedule  
Sunday  
8:00 Arturo Bazan, Cameron Tanyag, Elijah & Mariah Hart  
10:00 Arturo Bazan, Riodelle Reyes, Rebecca Esquivel, Gillian & Giles Carlos  
12:00 Arturo Bazan, Ronne Lagarejos, Aidan & Livy Ross, Jamil Edwards  
5:30 Arturo Bazan, Alexis & Jesus Toribio, Jesus & Veronica Gonzalez

**YOU ARE INVITED TO:**  
**2016 DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**  
**Friday, March 25 to Sunday, April 2**  
**Weekdays after 7 am mass,**  
**Saturdays after 8 am mass &**  
**Sundays after the**  
**12 noon mass**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Colossians 3:1-4,  
John 20:1-9

NEXT WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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