

# Church of the Good Shepherd

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

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 10:00am Choir Sal Bruno 432-0736  
 12 Noon Choir Cynthia Auza 427-0778  
 5:30 Spanish  
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### Parish Staff

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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.

**2016 PRE-HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR SIGN UPS**

We are still taking sign ups for the Pre-Holiday Craft Fair this year to be held Sunday, October 23, 2016 from 9-3 pm.

We are also welcoming volunteers of all ages to wear and show a traditional cultural outfit you use from your country. This will happen after each of the masses the day of the fair. If you are interested in joining as a vendor or wear and show an outfit, please contact Awilda Graff at (925) 642-0876 or email at [sewasuno@gmail.com](mailto:sewasuno@gmail.com).

**Religious Education Update:**

- Grades 1-8 start on September 28th.
- Life Teen starts on October 2nd.
- The next Monday night Confirmation class is on the 19th at 7:00PM.
- Teachers please check your emails.

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS FOR THE  
NEXT PARISH MONTHLY  
DINNER ON**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER  
29TH AT 6 PM**

**IN THE PARISH HALL**

**Menu includes: chips, salsa,  
Fiesta chicken, rice, salad and dessert.**

**Deadline to RSVP will be Monday,  
September 26**

**at 4pm.**

**432-6404**

**INFORM YOUR FAITH!**

Television: EWTN on channel 261 on DISH Network  
or channel 370 on DIRECTV or channel 229 on Comcast

Radio: KSFJ AM 1260 San Francisco

Sirius/XM Channels:

The Catholic Channel 129

EWTN 130

The Message 63

**SPM PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE**

The School of St. Peter Martyr's 8th grade class will hold a Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale on Sunday, October 2 at Good Shepherd Church Hall from 7:30 am until 12 noon.

Please stop by and support the class.

Price: Adults \$7 ~ Children \$5

**Singers Wanted**

Our 8:00, 10:00, and Noon Choirs are seeking new choir members. If you enjoy singing and praising God through song come join our Music Ministry. Contact any choir member after Mass or call the church office and leave a message to join.

**Clothing Drive**

October 15th & 16th

Good Shepherd Church will sponsor a clothing drive to benefit Fr. Helmut's **Jail Ministry**.

Various Men's clothing slightly used and clean, most particularly bottoms: slacks, gym shorts, Levi's, shorts. The following items must be in original packaging for hygiene reasons: t-shirts, white socks, underwear, briefs & boxers.

Fr. Helmut will be available to accept these donations after each mass on October 15-16

Please call the Parish Office or Fr. Helmut at 925-382-8186 with any questions.

Thank You for your support and generosity.

Dear Parishioners,

As we approach the November National Elections, I would like to present the following principles in discerning and choosing for the public officials who will serve our country and our common welfare. For this month and next month, I shall devote my article in presenting these principles on voting for our candidates... the catholic way.

*A Brief Catechism for Catholic Voters*  
Fr. Stephen F. Torraco, PhD

**Isn't conscience the same as my own opinions and feelings? And doesn't everyone have the right to his or her own conscience?**

Conscience is NOT the same as your opinions or feelings. Conscience cannot be identical with your feelings because conscience is the activity of your intellect in judging the rightness or wrongness of your actions or omissions, past, present, or future, while your feelings come from another part of your soul and should be governed by your intellect and will. Conscience is not identical with your opinions because your intellect bases its judgment upon the natural moral law, which is inherent in your human nature and is identical with the Ten Commandments. Unlike the civil laws made by legislators, or the opinions that you hold, the natural moral law is not anything that you invent, but rather discover within yourself and is the governing norm of your conscience. In short, Conscience is the voice of truth within you, and your opinions need to be in harmony with that truth. As a Catholic, you have the benefit of the Church's teaching authority or Magisterium endowed upon her by Christ. The Magisterium assists you and all people of good will in understanding the natural moral law as it relates to specific issues. As a Catholic, you have the obligation to be correctly informed and normed by the teaching of the Church's Magisterium. As for your feelings, they need to be educated by virtue so as to be in harmony with conscience's voice of truth. In this way, you will have a sound conscience, according to which we you will feel guilty when you are guilty, and feel morally upright when you are morally upright. We should strive to avoid the two opposite extremes of a lax conscience and a scrupulous conscience. Meeting the obligation of continually attending to this formation of conscience will increase the likelihood that, in the actual operation or activity of conscience, you will act with a certain conscience, which clearly perceives that a given concrete action is a good action that was rightly done or should be done. Being correctly informed and certain in the actual operation of conscience is the goal of the continuing formation of conscience. Otherwise put, you should strive to avoid being incorrectly informed and doubtful in the actual judgment of conscience about a particular action or omission. You should never act on a doubtful conscience.

## 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 Ministry Building<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 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 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month 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><b>Teresita #123, YLI Pray &amp; Chat with Divine Mercy Group</b>  |
| <b>Saturdays</b>  | <b>La Pieta International Prayer Group</b> Every Saturday after the 8 am mass<br><b>Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Prayer Group</b> 1st Saturday of the Month From 9-10:30 am in the Ministry Bldg   |
| <b>Sundays</b>    | <b>Life Teen</b> -Parish Hall-11-1 pm September-May<br><b>12 Noon Choir Practice</b> -1 pm<br><b>Spanish Choir Practice</b> -4 pm (4:30 on 3rd Sundays of the month)   |

Please join the Morning Prayer Group daily at 6:30 am to pray the Liturgy of the Hours in the Church before morning mass!

**Good Shepherd Celebrating Year of Mercy 2016**

<b>Sept</b>	<b>Intention: (Month for the Poor)</b>
25	Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila @ 12Noon Mass
27	Feast of St. Vincent de Paul
29	Parish Dinner with Hispanic Ministry
<b>October</b>	<b>Intention: (Month for Life)</b>
1-31	Divine Mercy for Life –Home Visits
5	Feast of St. Faustina Kowalska 7AM Mass with Simple Refreshments
7	Feast of the Holy Rosary 7AM & 7PM Masses Rosary before Mass
8	Blessing of Pets/ Animals – St. Francis of Assisi Day at 9AM
17	Parish Dinner with Knights of Columbus
<b>November</b>	<b>(Stewardship Month)</b>
1	All Saints Day 7AM and 7PM Masses
2	All Souls Day 7Am and 7PM Masses
7-17	Parish Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
19	St. Vincent De Paul Thanksgiving Baskets
19-20	Stewardship Sunday and Testimonials at Sunday Mass
24	Thanksgiving Day at 9AM
<b>December</b>	<b>Intention: (Month for Abused Children and Suffering Children)</b>
5	Parish Advent Penance Service 7PM with Fr. _____
8	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 7AM & 7PM Masses
12	Our Lady of Guadalupe at 7AM Mass (English) 5AM Mananitas & 7PM Mass (In Spanish)
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

**September 25-26th Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

On Tuesday, September 27, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

As we celebrate the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, please pray that as we serve our brothers and sisters in Christ that we are given the grace to emulate St. Vincent in the five virtues essential for promoting love and respect for the poor: Simplicity, Humility, Gentleness, Selflessness, and Zeal.

"Put your trust in Him and follow His example, always act humbly, graciously, and in good faith." ~ St. Vincent de Paul

**DIOCESAN SPONSORED EVENTS**

- \* Marriage Encounter Weekends. Contact Mike and Rhoda at 925-292-9585.
- \* Wedding Anniversary Mass, celebrated by Bishop Barber on Sunday, October 2 at 10 am, Cathedral of Christ the Light for Married Couples celebrating 25+ years of marriage. \$20 fee per couple. 510-267-8395.
- \* Chautauqua 20th Anniversary Celebration, October 8, 9:30 am @ St. Lawrence O'Toole, Oakland, celebrating 100 years! oakdiocese.org/Chautauqua.
- \* Annual Blue Mass, October 14 10 am celebrating first responders at the Cathedral. oakdiocese.org/BlueMass2016.
- \* Thanksgiving Mass for Health Care Providers, October 29 at 10 am, Cathedral of Christ the Light, in honor of those in physical, mental and spiritual health care professions. 510-893-4711.

Mass Intentions		Sept 26-Oct 2
Mon	7 am	Emilia M. Murella Jose Antonio Ponce † ^
Tue	7 am	Manuel A. Viray † *
Wed	7 am	Gloria Torralba *
	10 am	Stoneman Village Mass
Thu	7 am	Alfred Franger † #
Fri	7 am	Francisco Llanera Joan Davi † #
Sat	8 am	Luis A. Viray †
	5:30 <sub>pm</sub>	Inting Family †
Sun	8am	Peter Dong †
	10am	Henry Gonzales †
	12pm	Milagros Orias Lim †
	5:30 <sub>pm</sub>	FOR THE PEOPLE

\*= Fr. Carl      #=Fr. Conrad      ^=Fr. Mars



YEAR TO DATE SACRAMENT TOTALS	
Baptisms	54
First Holy Communions	217
Confirmations	71
Deaths	28
Weddings	7
Sick Calls	10

**BAD GIRLS NEWS!**

Can you recite the Hail Mary?  
Have you ever reflected on the words?  
Bad Girls of the Bible are starting a new series of sessions with a DVD  
*"What Every Catholic Needs to Know About Mary"*  
And  
*"Word - By - Word Slowing Down With the Hail Mary"*  
Join us Tuesdays at 7pm to 8:30 PM.  
Call Patty Cadena at 925-439-3181 for more information or pick up a brochure in the vestibules of the church with details.

**ANNOUNCING THE OPENING OF  
THE 2017 MASS BOOK -  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20  
9 AM  
IN THE PARISH OFFICE  
STIPENDS REMAIN AT \$10 EACH**

MINISTERS	FOR NEXT	WEEKEND'S	LITURGIES	
Date	Time	Lectors	EM's	Altar Servers
Oct 1	5:30 pm	D Lawson Y Ripoli	C Davi, B Davi, L Cellan, M Duran, T Freel, L Mangante, J Sobel	
Oct 2	8 am	T Dudziak I Kinadeter	P Wilson, B & S Beck, A Discipulo, P Lorenzo, I Kinadeter, E Woodrow	
Oct 2	10 am	M Bond R Rivera	L Canciamilla, G & P Camacho, R Carpenello N Fontecha, A & J Los Banos, M Reynoso, Tammy Vo	
Oct 2	12 noon	S Bellando J Russo	R Razo, M Cruz, J Lomod, C & S Jemera, E & M Ramirez, N & T Umadhay	
Oct 2	5:30 pm	A Leon O Cardona	M Diaz, R Granados, C Greely, M Trujillo, L Mata	

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS	NEXT WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION
<b>Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4, 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14, Luke 17:5-10</b>	<b>THE CATHOLIC VOICE</b>