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FIRST

Sunday of Advent

They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another.

Isaiah 2:4

December 1, 2019

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Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 9am-12 pm & 1-4 pm
Fridays: 9am-12pm (Covered by volunteer)

Schedule of Masses

Sundays: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12 noon & 3:00pm Spanish
Monday through Friday: 7:30 am

1st Fridays: 7:00 pm

3rd Fridays: 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Morning Prayer: (Liturgy of the Hours) 7:00 a.m. (Chapel)

Saturdays: 8:00 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Holy Days: 7:30 am & 7:00 pm

Confessions: Fridays after 7:30 a.m. Mass

Saturdays from 4-5 p.m. or by appointment

Adoration: Fridays after 7:30 am Mass until 9 am

1st Fridays after 7:30 am mass until 6:45 pm

24 Hour Adoration: In the Chapel (door code required ~ call parish office)

Devotions: Divine Mercy: Monday-Friday after 7:30am Mass,
 Saturdays & Sundays before Masses

Our Lady of Fatima/Perpetual Help~ 1st Saturday

Santo Nino 2nd Saturday

Divine Mercy 3rd Saturday

Saint Padre Pio 4th Saturday

Healing Mass 5th Saturday

(All devotions take place following 8:00 am Mass)

Baptisms: In order to make baptismal arrangements contact carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

Marriages: In order to make marriage arrangements contact carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org 6 months prior to marriage day.

Funeral Arrangements: Should be arranged by family, church and



Dearest Friends in Christ,

Happy New Year!

Today we begin a new liturgical year (Year A). When you enter the church, you will notice right away the changing of the environment. You see something new, something different than usual.

You see the evergreen Advent wreath with four candles which stands for life and four weeks of Advent. You see the color in purple which gives us a sense of hope and anticipation for Christmas. The church begins Advent with this changing of the environment to remind us of our spiritual waking up. Waking up is not always easy. We all feel good staying in bed. However, if we don't get up to have the Lord's works done, we would never achieve our journey to heaven. Each time Advent season comes, the world around us is fascinated with gifts, parties, cards, and decorations. But the Church invites us to fix our eyes on Jesus Christ, our Savior who is coming to us as the Gospel says: *You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.*"

Waking up is at the core of the message of Advent. It is like having a pail of cold water thrown on us to revive us, and get our attention. New year, new beginning! Advent is an opportunity for us all to begin anew. Think about it. Wouldn't it be nice to start anew? Are there things in your life that you'd like to leave behind or change? Most likely there are; and Advent may just be the time to do so. Beginning anew means that we take the past and give it over to our Divine Lord. It means that we let go of our past sin and hurt and ask Jesus to enter in. It means we turn to Him for a fresh start and have hope in all that He wants to accomplish in our lives. It is time to begin again!

Let us be mindful that when we go shopping for Christmas, we don't forget to do our spiritual shopping to prepare our hearts for Jesus to come. May this Advent, the liturgical new year, be a time of new life for us all.

The Two Parts of Advent

Part 1: up until December 16

While most liturgical seasons have the gospel as their main focus, during the first weeks of Advent, the Church gives us daily readings from the prophet Isaiah. With the eyes of faith, these foretell the coming of the Messiah. Rather than a continuous gospel narrative familiar to us for most of the year, this part of Advent offers a wide variety of gospel readings that support the first reading of the day. After almost two weeks of Isaiah readings, we hear the foretelling of a Messiah from other prophets from the Hebrew scriptures - in Sirach, Numbers, Zephaniah and returning to Isaiah. With each passing week, the prophets speak more clearly of the coming of a Savior.

So, in reading the first reading, for the first part of Advent, we listen to the anticipation, expectation, hope and promise. In listening to the second reading, we listen for the fulfillment or connection with the gospel.

Part 2: December 17 - 24

In these last eight days before Christmas, the relationship between the readings changes. Now the gospel brings us to our celebration of Christmas. The gospels are taken from the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke.

Each of these days, the first reading is taken from the Hebrew scriptures, and chosen to match the gospel. In many cases we can imagine Matthew or Luke having the first reading open on their desks while they wrote the gospel.

So, we can read the gospel first and then read the first reading. The sense of anticipation and fulfillment builds as we read the story of the preparation for Jesus' first coming into this world for us.

Have a grace-filled Advent.

Fr. Thi Hoang



**Attention
Crab Feed Lovers!
Save the Date –
February 1, 2020
Good Shepherd Knights of Co-
lumbus Crab Feed
Tickets available soon**

**GOOD SHEPHERD CYO BASKETBALL WEEKEND
SCHEDULE : November 24th
12 noon & 4 pm at Pittsburg Youth Development Center**

Youth Mass December 15 @ 10 am

Upcoming Parish Monthly Dinners & Events

Dec 7 Christmas Concert



**Dec 13 Parish Christmas
Dinner of Prime Rib
\$20 person. Contact
the parish office for
reservations.**



**DECEMBER 3, 7PM
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
500 Fairview Avenue, Brentwood, CA 94513**

**DECEMBER 5, 7PM
ST. PETER MARTYR OF VERONA
740 Black Diamond Street, Pittsburg, CA 94565**

**DECEMBER 9, 7PM
OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE WORLD
3155 Winterbrook Drive, Baypoint, CA 94565**

**DECEMBER 13, 7PM
MOST HOLY ROSARY
1313 A Street, Antioch, CA 94509**

**DECEMBER 16, 7PM
CHURCH OF GOOD SHEPHERD
3200 Harbor Street, Pittsburg, CA 94565**

**DECEMBER 19, 7PM
ST. ANTHONY
971 O'Hara Avenue, Oakley, CA 94561**

ADORATION
As a reminder Adoration is on the first Friday of every month followed by a Mass for the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at 7 PM. December's 6th hours have changed due to visitation and funeral.



The hours are as follows,

Adoration - 8:00 AM to 10:45 AM

Visitation/Funeral - 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Adoration – 1:15 PM to 6:45PM

Jesus said to His Apostles: "My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here and stay awake with me.' And going on a little further he fell on his face and prayed. 'My Father,' he said, 'if it is possible, let this cup pass me by. Nevertheless, let it be as you, not as I would have it.' He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, 'So you had not the strength to stay awake with me for one hour?

We need at least one person per hour to sit with the Blessed Sacrament, the signup book is in the vestibule as you enter the church on the right-hand side.

If you have any questions please call Bill or Ann (432-3995)

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SIMBANG GABI NEWS
**You are invited to join us for
 "SIMBANG GABI!"**
**This wonderful tradition in
 the Philippines meaning
 mass at dawn for nine days
 before Christmas.**
**Our celebration of Simbang
 Gabi will begin with a 5am
 mass starting on December
 16 through December
 24. Traditionally each mass is
 followed with breakfast
 which will be served at the
 parish hall immediately after
 mass. This is also a spiritual
 preparation for Christmas
 and commemorating the birth
 of Jesus Christ.
 The celebration is also a way
 of requesting the blessing
 from the Lord. Most people
 believe that if one completes
 the whole series of 9 dawn
 masses wishes will be
 granted. If you are interested
 in sponsoring a mass any day
 during Simbang Gabi, please
 contact Cecille Perez
 925-300-6234,
 Lani Andes 925-212-8408 or
 the parish office at
 925-432-6404.
 Raffle tickets for this event
 will be sold after all masses
 for \$2 each or 3 for \$5.
 1st prize-\$500
 2nd prize-\$300
 3rd prize-\$200
 Plus many consolation prizes
 Thanks!**



Giving Tree

Sponsored by
Young Ladies' Institute
(YLI) Teresita 123

Please return gift by Sunday
December 8th

- Pick an Ornament (or more) from the tree!
- Purchase a Gift (1 or more)
- Return it Unwrapped to the church or office.

During Mass, unwrapped gifts can be placed under the trees. During the week, unwrapped gifts can be dropped off at the church office (see bulletin for office hours).

Additional Ways to Support the Giving Tree:
New Wrapping Supplies & Gift Cards

MAGNIFICAT SOTI
A Ministry for Catholic Women

Invites all to join them at their Prayer Breakfast on
 Saturday, December 7, from 9:30 am-12:30 pm
 Crown Plaza, 45 John Glenn Dr., Concord, CA
 In preparation of Advent and the birth of our Lord!
 Guest speaker is Fr. Erick Villa, Parochial Vicar at IHM
 Tickets are \$33/\$40 after November 30th.
magnificatsotirsyp@gmail.com
 Kim Sullivan 925-683-8220

CHRISTMAS SHEPHERD'S CLOSET

Christmas is fast approaching and Shepherd's Closet once again needs your help. In order to get ready for our Special Christmas Give-Away on December 10th.

We give new clothes and toys to families who come to us asking for help during the holidays. Last year, through your overwhelming generosity, we were able to give out over 60 outfits and new toys. But we can't do it alone. We need your help. We usually need clothes for boys and girls in sizes 3 to 24 months, 2T to 5T, 4 to 6x and 7's and 8's. On Sunday, we'll have two boxes. in the vestibule, covered with Christmas gift wrap. If you buy anything in these sizes, you can leave them in these boxes in church, or in the office.

If you're not able to shop, we will accept monetary donations. You can place them in the baskets at mass, please mark them Shepherd's Closet.

Preparing for Advent – Getting in Touch with Myself

One of the best ways to prepare for the very special season of Advent is to "get in touch with ourselves." It may sound odd, but one symptom of our contemporary lives is that we can often be quite "out of touch" with what is going on in our very own hearts. We are about to begin our Advent, right at the time our Western culture begins Christmas preparations. It is a busy time, and our heads are filled with details to remember. And, it is a time of emotional complexity that is part of this holiday season - with all of the expectations and challenges of family and relationships: who we want to be with and who we struggle to be with. So, our hearts are a bit tender, if not completely defended from experiencing anything deeply. We are about to hear some very powerful and stirring readings from Isaiah, the Prophet. We will re-enter the ancient tradition of a people longing for the coming of a Savior. We may remember the days of our childhood when we longed for Christmas to come, because it was a magical time of receiving gifts. As adults, we have to ask ourselves: "What is it I long for now?" The answer won't come easily. The more we walk around with that question, and let it penetrate through the layers of distraction and self-protection, the more powerfully we will experience Advent.

Source: Creighton University's Online Ministries

**FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**
*(not a Holy Day of
Obligation this year)*

**Masses on Monday,
December 9th**
7:30 am &
7:00 pm Mass



Good Shepherd Music Ministry Presents



CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Saturday, December 7, 2019
7pm
In the Church
Admission is Free
Love offerings accepted

**Enjoy the spirit of the season as our various choirs perform the
songs of the season!
Bring your family & friends!**



¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

Queridos Amigos en Cristo,

Hoy comenzamos un nuevo año litúrgico (Año A). Cuando entramos en la iglesia, notamos de inmediato el cambio del entorno. Ves algo nuevo, algo diferente de lo habitual. Ves la corona de Adviento con cuatro velas que significa vida y cuatro semanas de Adviento. Ves el color en morado que nos da una sensación de esperanza y anticipación para la Navidad. La iglesia comienza el Adviento con este cambio de ambiente para recordarnos nuestro despertar espiritual. Despertar no siempre es fácil. Todos nos sentimos bien quedandonos en la cama. Sin embargo, si no nos levantamos para hacer las obras del Señor, nunca podremos garantizar nuestro viaje al cielo. Cada vez que llega la temporada de Adviento, el mundo que nos rodea está fascinado con regalos, fiestas, tarjetas y decoraciones. Pero la Iglesia nos invita a fijar nuestros ojos en Jesucristo, nuestro Salvador que viene a nosotros como dice el Evangelio: "**También debes estar preparado, porque a una hora no esperada, vendrá el Hijo del Hombre.**"

Despertar es la esencia del mensaje de Adviento. Es como derramar un cubo de agua fría sobre nosotros para revivirnos, y llamar nuestra atención. ¡Año nuevo, nuevo comienzo! El Adviento es una oportunidad para que todos comenzamos de nuevo. Piénsalo. ¿No sería bueno empezar de nuevo? ¿Hay cosas en tu vida que te gustaría dejar atrás o cambiar? Lo más probable es que los haya; y el Adviento puede ser el momento de hacerlo. Comenzar de nuevo significa que tomamos el pasado y se lo entregamos a nuestro Señor Divino. Significa que dejamos nuestro pecado pasado y sufrimiento y le pedimos a Jesús que entre en nosotros. Significa que nos dirigimos a El para un nuevo comienzo y tenemos esperanza en todo lo que El quiere lograr en nuestras vidas. **¡Es hora de empezar de nuevo!**

Seamos conscientes de que cuando vayamos de compras para la Navidad, no nos olvidamos de hacer nuestras compras espirituales para preparar nuestros corazones para que Jesús venga. Que este Adviento, el nuevo año litúrgico, sea un tiempo de vida nueva para todos nosotros.

Tengan un Adviento lleno de gracia.

Padre Thi Hoang

GUARDA ESTAS PROXIMA FECHAS

Celebración de Nuestra Dulce Madre, La Virgen de Guadalupe!!!

Jueves Diciembre 12:

5pm: Procesión desde su lugar de reposo hasta el templo

7pm: Misa. Después de la Misa compartiremos chocolate/café y pan



Domingo Diciembre 15:

4:45 a 5:45am: Mañanitas a la Virgen. Después compartiremos chocolate/café y pan

2 a 3pm: Procesión del salón parroquial a la Iglesia

3 a 4:30pm: Misa

4:30pm: Procesión y estaciones de la Virgen por el estacionamiento hasta el salón parroquial.

5 a 8pm: Danzas, música y comida en el salón parroquial.

Posadas Navideñas

Las posadas se harán todos los días a las 7:00 PM en el salón parroquial del 16 al 23 de Diciembre.

Próximas Cenas Parroquiales y Eventos

Dec 7	Concierto Navideña
Dec 13	Cena Parroquial Navideña

ESTUDIO BIBLICO EN ESPAÑOL

Quieres aprender mas sobre la Fe? Quieres fortalecerte en ella y vivirla plenamente?

Apartir de **Agosto, cada tercer y cuerto Lunes de cada mes, de 7-9pm** en el salón pequeño de la oficina. Ven te esperamos!



Misas de Niños, *1er Domingo de cada més* – próxima Misa **Dec 1 a las 3 pm**

SIMBANG GABI NOTICIAS

Les invitamos a "SIMBANG GABI!" Esta maravillosa tradición en Filipinas significa misa al amanecer durante nueve días antes de Navidad. Nuestra celebración de Simbang Gabi comenzará con una Misa de las 5 de la mañana que comienza del 16 de Diciembre al 24 de Diciembre. Tradicionalmente cada Misa se sigue con el desayuno que se servirá en el salón parroquial inmediatamente después de la Misa. Esta es también una preparación espiritual para la Navidad y conmemoración del nacimiento de Jesucristo. La celebración es también una manera de pedir la bendición del Señor. La mayoría de la gente cree que si uno completa toda la serie de 9 misas del amanecer se concederán deseos. Si usted está interesado en patrocinar una Misa cualquier día durante Simbang Gabi, por favor póngase en contacto con Cecille Pérez 925-300-6234, Lani Andes 925-212-8408 o la oficina parroquial al 925-432-6404. Las entradas para la rifa para este evento se venderán después de todas las masas por \$2 cada uno o 3 por \$5. 1er premio-\$500 2o premio-\$300 3er premio-\$200 Más muchos premios de consolación Gracias!

Abre tu corazón y comparte tus bendiciones esta Navidad!

En la Iglesia tenemos dos árboles navideños con *adornos de solicitud de regalo para un niño/niña o familia de nuestra comunidad*. Por favor considera elegir un adorno y comprar un regalo, sin empacar, puedes traerlo a la oficina de la Iglesia. Gracias y que Dios te bendiga!



13 de Diciembre de 2019 a las 6:00pm en el Salón Parroquial
Cena de Navidad Parroquial de Costilla Prime \$20 por persona
Póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial para reservas más tardar el lunes, 9 de diciembre.

EL MINISTERIO DE DUELO COLOCARÁ UN ÁRBOL DEL RECUERDO

En el Santuario durante el mes de Noviembre.

Cualquiera puede poner los nombres de su familia y amigos en un sobre y colocarlo en el árbol.

Se pueden colocar varios nombres en un sobre.

Los sobres para este propósito estarán disponibles cerca del Árbol. Recordaremos a todas las personas cuyos nombres se colocan en el árbol durante todo el mes de Noviembre.

Esperamos que todos consideren participar.

Todos los sobres de las almas han sido incluidos en el paquete de sobres mandados por correo y tambien están disponibles en las entradas de la Iglesia.

Por favor, aproveche la oportunidad para conmemorar a sus seres queridos colocando sus nombres en un sobre de las almas y poniendo el sobre en cualquiera de las canastas de colección o puede llevarlo a la Oficina Parroquial.

Todos los sobres serán colocados en el altar para la oración y el recuerdo durante el mes de Noviembre.

Mass Intentions December 2-8

Mass Intentions For The Week

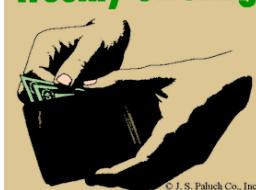


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- Mon** 7:30 am 1st Year Death Anniversary of Erlinda Bonifacio †
- Tue** 7:30 am Death Anniversary of Rico Fonzi †
- Wed** 7:30 am Holy Souls in Purgatory † & Living Members of FOSS
- Thu** 7:30 am Lolita Ybanez †
- Fri** 7:30 am Primrose Capupus Family
7:00 pm Nacho, Josie & Yolanda Orozco, Joel & Ron Miller †
- Sat** 8:00 am Daniel Herrera †
Antonio Esiquivel Thanksgiving
5:30 pm Birthday of Amelia Lalu
- Sun** 8:00 am Lupe Aceves†
10 am Ramona Noon †
12 pm Gilbert & Glen Dagdagant †
3 pm FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH ^

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Offering



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2nd Collection-

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Please help contribute for the smooth operation and good services of our parish. We appreciate your generosity and for making Good Shepherd a part of your family. Also, please remember Good Shepherd when planning your last will and testament. Thank you!

Fr. Thi

MASS DATE	TIME	LECTORS	EM'S	ALTAR SERVERS
Dec 7	5:30 pm	R Freeman J Fox	B Abitz, A Abitz, L Cellan C & B Davi, J Hurtado, L Mangante A Roldan, R & R Sorci	Check for Servers
Dec 8	8:00 am	I Kinadeter J Florido	G Shipe, M & A Discipulo, T Vo C Mendoza, P Lorenzo, M Marin E Viloria, P Wilson, S Shephard	C Tanyag Orta Family
Dec 8	10 am	S Garcia J Rivera	L Canciamilla, M Baber, K King N Fontecha, M Hill, E Pittman M Plata, D Viart, J Escajeda V Contreras	S Escajeda Rodriguez Family
Dec 8	12 noon	S Quejado L Whatford	J Lagarejos, M Cruz, T Freel N Gavino, C Greely, R & R Lagarejos, J Singco, N & T Umadhay	R Lagarejos M Alvarez T Ramos C Carpio
Dec 8	3:00 pm	A Gaytan L Castaneda	M Diaz, A Diaz, A Garcia L Hernandez, L Mata, B & R Mendieta, A & L Alvarez	J Diaz A Whearty Hernandez Family

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

**ISAIAH 11:1-10, ROMANS 15:4-9,
MATTHEW 3:1-12**

We are at 76% of our 2019 Bishop's Appeal goal. Next weekend's 2nd Collection will be our final push to meet this year's goal!

Church of the Good Shepherd
Advent and Christmas Schedule 2019

- December 1: Advent Season -Sunday, December 1st to Sunday, December 22nd
- December 7: Christmas Concert – 7 pm in the Church – Free-Will Offering
- December 9: Feast of the Immaculate Conception-Monday-Not a Holy Day of Obligation
Masses at 7:30 am & 7:00 pm
- December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day – Thursday
Mass at 7:00 pm (Spanish)
- December 13: Parish Christmas Dinner of Prime Rib at 6 pm in the parish hall.
\$20 per person. Reservations required. Call the parish office.
- December 15: Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
5:00 a.m. Mananitas 3:00 p.m. Spanish Mass with continued celebration in hall
- December 16: Advent Parish Reconciliation: 7:00 p.m.
- December 16 - 24: Simbang Gabi - 9 Dawn Masses 5:00 a.m. daily (Filipino Tradition)
- December 16-23: Las Posadas 7:00 p.m. in the hall (Spanish Tradition)



- December 24: **Christmas Eve:-Tuesday**
4:00 p.m. Children Family Mass
6:00 p.m. English Mass
12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass (11:30 p.m. Christmas Carols)
- December 25: **Christmas Day-Wednesday**
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12 noon & 2:00 p.m. (Spanish)
- December 31: New Year Eve - Vigil Mass: Mary, Mother of God, Mass @ 5:30 p.m.
- January 1, 2019: **Solemnity of Mother of God- Holy Day of Obligation**
Masses: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

