

# CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

*One Flock, One Family, Living and Sharing  
the Love of Christ*

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**Office Hours: Monday-Thursday  
9am-12 pm & 1-4 pm**

## Schedule of Masses

**Sundays:** 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12 noon & 3 p.m. Spanish  
**Monday through Friday :** 7:30 a.m.  
**3rd Fridays (Spanish):** 7:00 p.m.  
**1st Fridays:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours):** 7:00 a.m. (Chapel)  
**Saturdays:** 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. (Vigil)  
**Holy Days:** 7:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

**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  
or 24 Hour Adoration in the Chapel (door code required—call parish office)

**Devotions:** Divine Mercy Monday-Friday after 7:30am  
Mass  
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)*

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK HOTLINE:**  
510-259-8706

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ASSISTANCE LINE:**  
925-432-6404—Ext. 25



FEAST  
of the  
EPIPHANY



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There are so many details that we need to understand when we read the story of the Magi as we celebrate the Solemnity of Epiphany.

First of all, three wise men from the East come to see the newborn king of the Jews. This visitation has a strong sense of irony. Here were three pagan men, who did something that shocked the world. They came to worship the king of the Jews. They paid homage to a king who had no apparent kingdom. Yes, their action seemed bizarre. But the true irony comes from those close at hand. The Kings traveled across the world to honor Jesus, but those in their own back yard failed to recognize him. He was born the king of the Jews, but only a few Jewish shepherds recognized him.

Secondly, it was very unfortunate to see a woman like Mary giving birth in an “open place” with no privacy at all. But this setting helps us understand who our God is. He is the God of the universe, born to save all creatures. He was born in a manger, no walls, no windows and no door. In doing so, he makes himself available to all. Anybody, shepherd or king, gentiles or Jews, cows or angels, and all people from the East to the West can walk in to worship him.

Thirdly, it seems the gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh the Magi brought to Jesus have nothing to do with the birthday presents. But these are wise men. They knew what they did. Their gifts are meant to tell the whole world who Jesus is. Gold signifies the kingship of Jesus; frankincense is to say he is our God, for people in the ancient time used frankincense to worship God; and myrrh was used to preserve human body. It is to say Jesus is also human like us.

Lastly, the adventure of the Magi is very similar to our journey of faith. We can see that at the beginning of the journey, the Magi were full of hope and joy going in search for the Baby Christ with the guidance of the star. However, the guiding star was not always with them. But they didn't give up. They persevered in faith and hope. They were rewarded in the end. So we should imitate the Magi not to give up when we are in time of trials, but we put our trust in God's providence for we know that whatever path we take, it has its ups and downs, as long as we have hope and perseverance we will find Christ as the Magi did.

Happy Epiphany!

Fr. Thi Hoang



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<b>CATHOLIC SCHOOL</b> -St. Peter Martyr		439-1014
<b>PARISH MINISTRY</b>		
<b>St. Martha's Guild</b>	Mercy Cruz	408-960-9737
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Ronne Lagarejos	642-0493
<b>Bingo Office (1st Tuesday of Month)</b>		439-3100
<b>Music Ministry</b>		
<b>Parish Music Dir</b>	Rocco Enea	432-6404
<b>8:00 a.m. Choir</b>	Evelyn Arms	439-5351
<b>10:00 a.m. Choir</b>	Carrille Bruno Thayer	963-2155
<b>12 Noon Choir</b>	Cynthia Auza	427-0778
<b>3 pm Spanish</b>	Marco Figueroa	565-5501
<b>Catholic Daughters</b>	Sylvia Soliz	250-1236
<b>Couples for Christ FFL</b>		
	Nap & Theresa Umadhay	427-5457
<b>CYO</b>	Diane George	432-3043
<b>Divine Mercy</b>	Becky Naca	858-9217
<b>Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>		
	Ann & Bill Abitz	432-3995
<b>Extra Ordinary Ministers to the Sick</b>		
	Fran & Dom Confetti	439-8958
<b>Devotions</b>		432-6404
<b>Filipino Ministry</b>	Lelani Andes	212-8408
<b>Finance</b>	Robert Calone	432-3300
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<b>Liturgy Committee</b>	Rocco Enea	439-1014
<b>Padre Pio</b>	Mila Benitez	439-7304
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<b>Baptismal Prep</b>	david@delunatic.com	
<b>Santo Nino Family Prayer Ministry</b>		
	Romeo & Sery Razo	439-7706
<b>Spanish Ministry</b>	Arturo Alvarez	415-748-1771
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<b>Ushers</b>	David Viart	427-0127
<b>Wedding Coordinators</b>		
	Danette Shipe	427-9561
	Bee Francisco	473-9247
<b>Young Ladies Institute</b>	Michele Blair	548-7577

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

*Marriages:* In order to make marriage arrangements contact  
carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

*Funeral Arrangements:* Should be arranged by family, church and mortuary. Normal Christian burial consists of Vigil Service, Holy Mass and Burial in a Catholic Cemetery. Any other arrangements should first be discussed with parish priest.

*Happy  
New Year*

*Calling all Youth Ministry students and Peer Leaders!*  
*Announcing ~*  
**AUDITIONS** *for the* **2019**



**PASSION PLAY**

*Be part of something that has been a Good Shepherd Youth Ministry tradition for 27 years, by helping to bring Christ's story to life for our parish!*

Whether you want to be onstage or back stage,  
come and sign up for this fun and exciting project ~  
and earn your service hours!

**Sunday, January 13th - 12:30 pm - Church Hall**



*Hope to see you there!*



*Any questions, contact Sue Garcia: 925-451-8867*

## PARISH GENERAL CALENDAR

**Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday**  
9:00 am to Noon & 1 pm to 4 pm M-Thu

**Mondays** Prayer Group for the Sick-11 am  
to 12 noon in the Ministry  
Building

RCIA-7 pm- Ministry Building-1st &  
3rd Mondays of the month

**Confirmation Class**-7pm-Parish  
Hall

Mondays as Scheduled (Sept-May)

**Grief Ministry**-1st & 3rd Mondays  
at 7 pm in the Ministry Building

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

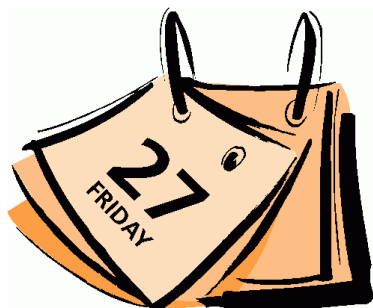
**Thursdays** **Bible Study**~Office~7pm  
**Novena to St. Padre Pio**~ 1st & 3rd  
Thursdays of the month 6:30-8:30  
pm in the Chapel  
**Senior Brown Bag Program**~Hall  
2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month  
10 am~11 am

**Fridays** **Adoration** begins after 7:30 am  
mass until 7 pm

**Saturdays** **Parish Devotionals** 8 am mass  
1st Sat~Our Lady of Fatima  
2nd Sat~Our Mother of  
Perpetual Help  
3rd Sat~Divine Mercy  
4th Sat~St. Padre Pio  
5th Sat~Santo Nino

**Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Prayer  
Group**-1st Saturday of the month  
From 9-10:30 am in the Ministry  
Building

**Sundays** Life Teen-Parish Hall-11:30 am-1



**Come all ye Buccaneers!**

The Knights of Columbus is having a Buccaneers' Beachcomber Feast Crab Feed on January 19 in the Parish Hall. Tickets go on sale starting Monday through the Parish Office and are \$50 per person or \$40 per person if bought as a group of 8 or more at the same time. Come to a night of feasting and fun. Raffle tickets are on sale now. First prize is a set of four Warriors tickets, 2nd and 3rd prizes are a set of two Warriors tickets each. Three chances to win Warriors tickets! See the office or a member of the Knights of Columbus.



***FEAST OF SANTO NINO!***  
**Good Shepherd Church is inviting**  
***EVERYONE***  
**To join us in celebrating the**  
***FEAST OF SANTO NINO***  
**On Sunday, January 13, 2019 at**  
***12 NOON MASS ~A***  
***POTLUCK***  
**reception will follow in**  
**the parish hall.**



**SPECIAL THANKS!**

We send a sincere thank you to the Albert D. Seeno Construction Company for their generous donation of \$2,500 this Christmas Season

&

The Theresita #123 YLI  
their generous \$500 donation.

We are so very blessed to have these generous donors support our parish along with our good and faithful parishioners.

*GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!*



**COUNSELING  
OPPORTUNITY  
AVAILABLE AT  
GOOD SHEPHERD**

Diocese of Oakland Counselor,  
Sandy Heinisch,  
is available for

counseling here at Good Shepherd

on Tuesdays. She is English speaking only. If you wish to set up an appointment to speak with Sandy, please contact her at

925-628-1503 or

sandynca@sbcglobal.net  
to set up an appointment.

**St. Peter Martyr School Open House & Enrollment  
OPEN HOUSE Sunday, January 27 from 10:00 A.M until Noon.**

St. Peter Martyr School is presently accepting applications for 3 yr.-old Preschool, 4 yr.-old PreKindergarten, Kindergarten, and grades 1-8. In addition to our strong academic program, students receive spiritual knowledge of our Catholic faith, morals, and values. Extended Care and extra curricular programs are also available. Applications are available at the school and on our website [www.stpetermartyrschool.org](http://www.stpetermartyrschool.org). St. Peter Martyr School is located at 425 West Fourth St. in Pittsburg. We are fully accredited and invite you to become part of our Catholic school family. Our Open House is Sunday, January 27, from 10:00 A.M. until noon. Bring the family, meet the teachers, and visit the classrooms. For further information about our affordable rates call the school at [925-439-1014](tel:925-439-1014) or visit [www.stpetermartyrschool.org](http://www.stpetermartyrschool.org).



**ESCUELA DE LA CRUZ, CADA MIERCOLES DE 7:30PM-8:30PM (OFICINA PARROQUIAL) CRISTO TE INVITA, ESCUCHA SU LLAMADO Y SIENTE SU INFINITO AMOR! VEN, TE ESPERAMOS, COMUNICATE CON ROMEO GONZALEZ AL (925) 565-9320.**

### NOTICIAS PARA PERSONAS MAYORES!

La Región de Diablo de Meals On Wheels (Comidas sobre Ruedas) dirige un programa de almuerzo para adultos en el Senior Center de Pittsburg, justo en la misma calle a donde esta situada la Iglesia!

El programa funciona de Lunes a Viernes para las personas mayores de 60 en adelante.

**Disfrute de un nutritivo almuerzo caliente por sólo \$3.00**

### La Sabiduría Católica

El Rosario es un arma poderosa para poner a los demonios a volar y para mantenerse uno alejado del pecado. Si ustedes desean paz en sus corazones, en sus hogares, y en su país, reúnanse cada noche para recitar el Rosario. No dejen que pase ni un solo día sin rezarlo, no importa cuán agobiado estén con muchas preocupaciones y trabajos. Papa Pío XI reflexión Personal sobre el Rosario

## !FIESTA DEL SANTO NIÑO!

*Iglesia del Buen Pastor está invitando a TODOS a unirnos en la celebración de la fiesta del SANTO NIÑO el Domingo, 13 de Enero, 2019 a la Misa del 12 del mediodía recepción de POTLUCK (DE TRAJE) seguirá en el salón parroquial.*



### VENID TODOS LOS BUCANEROS!

Los Caballeros de Colón tienen un Festín de Cangrejos de los Bucaneros el **19 de Enero** en el Salón Parroquial. Los boletos salen a la venta comenzando Lunes a través de la Oficina Parroquial y son \$50 por persona o \$40 por persona si se compran como un grupo de 8 o más al mismo tiempo. Ven a una noche de banquete y diversión. Las ventas de rifas también comenzarán pronto, y los premios más importantes serán los boletos para los Warrior.

### MINISTERIO HISPANO

- \* Facilitador General - Arturo Alvarez 415-748-1771
- \* Hospitalidad - Cristina Cummings
- \* Liturgia - Vicky Escrucería
- \* Ministros Extraordinarios de la Comunión - Arturo Alvarez
- \* Monaguillos - Marcelina Diaz 925-705-0479
- \* Proclamadores de la Palabra - Anahy Hernandez 925-698-3863
- Coro de Niños Armada Blanca - Angela Velasco
- Coro - Marco Figueroa 925-565-5501
- Catequesis - Lorena Reyes
- Grupos de Oración/Intercesión - Divina Misericordia - Anita Garcia
- Quinceañeras-Bodas - Emma Ramos
- Virgen Viajera - Milton Pérez, Rubén y Silvana Gutierrez
- ◇ Bautizos (Niño Pequeños) Para más Información llamar al 925-432-6404  
email: [carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto:carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org)

### LOS INVITAMOS A FORMAR PARTE DEL NUEVO GRUPO DE ORACIÓN.

Las reuniones son los Sábados de 11am a 12pm en la Capilla con el Santísimo y Viernes 7-9 pm en las oficinas parroquiales. Para mas información favor contactar a Laura y Alvino Alvarez.

**EL GRUPO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA** te invita a participar de sus reuniones y oraciones los Jueves de 6:30pm a 8:30pm, en el salón de la oficina y Miercoles de 6pm a 8 pm en la Capilla. Para más Información favor comuníquese con Anita Garcia.

### ◆ Misa en Español:

Domingo 3pm

### Confesiones en Español:

1er Domingo de cada mes a las 2:30pm

### ◆ Bautismos en Español:

1er & 3er Sábado del mes a las 10am

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

Hay tantos detalles que necesitamos entender cuando leemos la historia de los Magos mientras celebramos la solemnidad de la Epifanía.

En primer lugar, tres sabios del Este vienen a ver al rey recién nacido de los Judíos. Esta visita tiene un fuerte sentido de ironía. Aquí había tres hombres paganos, que hicieron algo que conmocionó al mundo. Vinieron a adorar al rey de los Judíos. Rindió homenaje a un rey que no tenía un reino aparente. Sí, sus acciones parecían extraña. Pero la verdadera ironía proviene de los que están a la mano. Los reyes viajaron por todo el mundo para honrar a Jesús, pero aquellos en su propio tras patio no lo reconocieron. Nació el rey de los Judíos, pero los únicos que lo reconocieron fueron los pastores Judíos.

En segundo lugar, fue muy lamentable ver a una mujer como María dando a luz en un "lugar abierto" sin privacidad en absoluto. Pero este escenario nos ayuda a entender quién es nuestro Dios. Él es el Dios del universo, nacido para salvar a todas las criaturas. Nació en un pesebre, sin muros, sin ventanas y sin puerta. Al hacerlo, se pone a disposición de todos. Cualquiera, pastor o rey, gentiles o Judíos, vacas o ángeles, y todas las personas de Oriente a Occidente pueden caminar para adorarlo.

En tercer lugar, parece que los dones: el oro, el incienso y la mirra que los Magos trajeron a Jesús no tienen nada que ver con los regalos de cumpleaños. Pero estos son hombres sabios. Sabían lo que hacían. Sus dones están destinados a contarle al mundo entero quién es Jesús. El oro significa la realeza de Jesús; el incienso es decir que Él es nuestro Dios, porque la gente en el tiempo antiguo utilizó el incienso para adorar a Dios; y la mirra se utilizó para preservar el cuerpo humano. Es decir que Jesús también es humano como nosotros.

Por último, la aventura de los Magos es muy similar a nuestro camino de fe. Podemos ver que al comienzo del viaje, los Magos estaban llenos de esperanza y gozo en busca del niño Cristo con la guía de la estrella. Sin embargo, la estrella guía no siempre estaba con ellos. Pero no se rindieron. Perseveraron en la fe y la esperanza. Fueron recompensados al final. Así que debemos imitar a los Magos para que no nos demos por vencidos cuando estamos en tiempos de pruebas, pero pongamos nuestra confianza en la Providencia de Dios porque sabemos que cualquier camino que tomamos, tiene sus altibajos, siempre y cuando tengamos esperanza y perseverancia encontraremos a Cristo como lo hicieron los Magos.

¡Feliz la Epifanía!

P. Thi Van Hoang  
Administrador Parroquial





## Mass Intentions

Jan 7-13

**Mon** 7:30 am Primrose Capupus Family \*

**Tue** 7:30 am Orozco & Miller Families †#  
10:30am Diamond Ridge#

**Wed** 7:30 am Maria Castro Manalo †#

**Thu** 7:30 am Primrose Capupus Family \*

**Fri** 7:30 am Dominic Vu † #

**Sat** 8:00 am For the Safety of  
Carl Gabriel Miral &  
The Birthday of  
Roldolfo Navera \*

5:30 pm Birthday of Jun Roldan #

**Sun** 8:00 am 1st Death Anniversary of  
Marina Feliciano † \*

10am Birthday of James Couchman\*

12 pm Family Members & Friends  
Of the Santa Nino Prayer  
Group #

3 pm FOR THE PEOPLE ^

\*=Fr. Thi, #+Fr. Christopher, ^=Fr. Oscar

## WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE

To break even for our parish expenditures,  
we need to reach our goal every week.

Christmas: \$ 16,878.48

Weekly Goal. \$ 15,000.00

December 23, 2018 \$ 6,077.19

Under \$ 8,922.81

2nd Collection-Building Fund : \$2,675.84

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

Fr. Thi

MDATE	TIME	LECTORS	EM'S	ALTAR SERVERS
Jan 12	5:30 pm		<b>E Bond</b> , M Bond, R Almarinez C & B Davi, M Duran, J Sobel A Roldan	M & E Hart
Jan 13	8:00 am		<b>P Dominguez</b> , D Shipe, M Discipulo C Mendoza, P Lorenzo, M Romingquet, E Vilorio, P Wilson	<b>M Romingquet</b> <b>C Mendoza</b> A Duran
Jan 13	10 am		<b>J Rinaudo</b> , M Baber, M Benitez G Camacho, L Canciamilla N Fontecha, M Reynoso, K King B Francisco	J Ortiz I Rodriguez O & A Ross
Jan 13	12 noon		<b>N Umadhay</b> , T Umadhay, J Bellando L Briones, T Freel, J & R Lagarejos S Quejado, J Singco	<b>R Lagarejos</b> J Del Carmen B Dador
Jan 13	3:00 pm		<b>A Alvarez</b> , L Alvarez, I Aguilera M Alvarez, S Rodriguez, J Rodelo Dec Gustavo	J & V Gonzalez A Toribio

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**ISAIAH 40:1-5, 9-11,**  
**TITUS 2:11-14, 3:4-7, LUKE 3:15-16, 21-22**

## NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

**SEMINARY COLLECTION**