



CHURCH OF THE

# Good Shepherd

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

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*Second Sunday of*

# LENT

March 17, 2019



Peter said to Jesus,  
“Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents,  
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”  
*Luke 9:33*

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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)*

**Baptisms:** In order to make baptismal arrangements contact [carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto:carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org)

**Marriages:** In order to make marriage arrangements contact [carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto:carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org) 6 months prior to marriage day.

**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.

**This Week's Message From Fr. Chris~TRANSFIGURED LIFE**

When Pope Francis visited the Philippines last 2015, there was a Filipino girl orphan who asked him with tears in her eyes the question, "Why does God permit evil in this world? Why are there so many trials and sacrifices that I have to suffer?" Pope Francis just looked at the girl with compassion and just embraced her. There were no words but I believe that the girl found her answer in the warm embrace of God emanating from the pope. Truly, that was a sight to behold, a transfiguration that reveals the identity of a God that is so loving and merciful – a God that also suffer and sacrifice with all of us and take us up into His loving arms to lift us up from our daily crosses.

In the Gospel, Jesus brought Peter, John and James to a high mountain. There, Jesus revealed His true identity and his real destiny. Moreover, there was Moses and Elijah confirming that Jesus is the culmination of the Law and Prophet whom they represent respectively. This event is an encouragement for them to go on as they follow Jesus. It is an inspiration for them to hold on to their faith. No matter what trials, sacrifices and sufferings they would encounter, they would be able to surpass and overcome them when they stay close to Jesus. Human as we are, when such misfortunes hit us, we can feel discouraged and even cop out. However, that should not be the attitude of a true follower of Christ. A good Christian should have the resilience to rise from adversities, trusting in God's help and providence.

If God permits evil to befall on us, these maybe consequences of our own selfish interests and ambitions that we prioritize over what God wanted us to do. We may have followed our own will and not the will of the Father. We may also not have all the answers to the question of the presence of evil in this world. However, in the midst of this evil-stricken world we live in, there is still that lingering faith deep inside us that remains. This faith that keeps burning and transfiguring our lives when we are striving to follow the footsteps of Jesus even if it will take us into Calvary and die on our own crosses.

Let us bring with us that faith in Jesus that would let us face our crosses and be able to forgive those who betrayed and turned away from us; accept those whom we ignore and avoid; love those whom we dislike and have hurt us; heal those who have wounded us; and help those who need us. Let us live a transfigured life with Jesus and always Jesus.

**MARRIAGE CONVALIDATION OPPORTUNITY**

Dear Civilly Married Couples,

You may have chosen not to marry in the Church because of family issues or timing or concerns about cost or other  reasons, and now hesitate to have your marriage convalidated (sacramentally recognized by the  Church) because of similar worries about cost or time. **WORRY NO MORE! IT IS FREE NOW.**

We are going to have a group marriage convalidation here in our church on August 17 at 12pm.

To prepare for this celebration, we will have an "in house" marriage preparation session which will take place on April 27 from 9am to 3pm.

If you are interested in getting your marriage convalidated, please contact our parish secretary Carmen for registration.

**Attention! We accept only couples that are currently civilly married, and never been previously married or divorced.**

Fr. Thi Hoang

## 2019 Lenten and Easter Celebrations

**March 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5, 12** 5 PM Prayer in the Spiritual Garden (Spanish)  
 5:30 PM Parish Lenten Dinners  
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross in the Church (English)

**April 2** 7PM Parish Lenten Mission (Spanish)  
**April 3 & 4** 7PM Parish Lenten Mission (English)  
**April 7** 7PM Passion Play-1st Presentation  
**April 8** 7PM Bi-Lingual Reconciliation Service

**Confessions:****Adorations:****Stations of the Cross:****Parish Lenten Dinners:**

### **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES DURING LENT**

Mondays 7-8pm; Fridays 8-9am; Saturdays 4-5pm  
 Fridays 8am– 9am; First Friday from 8am to 6:30pm  
 Fridays @ 5pm (Spanish) in the S. Garden and 7pm (English) in the Church  
 Fridays 5:30pm in the Hall.

### **HOLY WEEK**

**April 13-Palm Sunday Vigil** 7PM Passion Play Performance (after the 5:30 pm mass)

**April 14— Palm Sunday** **5:30 PM Passion Play Performance—Please note time change**

**April 17-Holy Wednesday** 6:00PM – Celebration Passion Play (Children Faith Formation)

**April 18-Holy Thursday** 8AM Morning Prayer/Liturgy of the Hours  
 7PM Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of Feet followed  
 by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Mid-Night in the hall

**April 19-Good Friday** **8AM Morning Prayer/Liturgy of the Hours**  
**12PM Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross**  
**3:00PM Spanish Stations of the Cross & Veneration of the Cross**  
**6:30PM Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross**  
**7:30PM Passion Play Presentation**

**April 20-Holy Saturday** **8:00AM—Morning Prayer/ Liturgy of the Hours**  
**8:30AM— Rehearsal for Easter Vigil**  
**8:00PM— Easter Vigil**

### **EASTER**

**April 21-Easter Sunday** **7:00AM Mass; 8:30AM Mass**  
**10AM Mass & Easter Egg Hunt for children at the Prayer Park**  
**12:00PM Mass & Easter Egg Hunt for children at the Prayer Park**  
**3:00PM Mass – Spanish Easter Egg Hunt for Children Prayer Park**

**Experience the Passion of our Lord with the  
 youth of Good Shepherd parish.**



**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM – Opening Performance (with informal reception following)**

**Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM**

**Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 PM**

**Holy Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 PM**

**Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 PM (with veneration of the Cross)**



**DEANERY LENTEN PENANCE  
SERVICE SCHEDULE  
7pm**

- March 20**   **Immaculate Heart, Brentwood**
- March 25**   **Holy Rosary, Antioch**
- March 27**   **St. Peter Martyr, Pittsburg**
- April 3**   **St. Anthony, Oakley**
- April 4**   **St. Anne, Byron &  
St. Ignatius of Antioch**
- April 8**   **GOOD SHEPHERD**
- April 17**   **Our Lady Queen of the  
World, Bay Point**

You are welcome to go to any one of these local Penance Services for your Lenten Penance. All local priests will preside at each of them so our entire deanery can be served.

**PARISH LENTEN DINNERS & STATIONS**  
**RETURN TO GOOD SHEPHERD**  
**Every Friday from March 8 to April 12**  
**5 pm Spanish Stations in the Garden**  
**5:30 pm Lenten Dinner (\$15 per person)**  
**7 pm Live Stations of the Cross with FFL/YFL**

**March 22 Menu**

Cream of Tomato Soup, Grilled Salmon with Pineapple Relish, Grilled Prawns on a Skewer, Season Vegetables, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Bread, Butter & Dessert

RSVP to the Parish Office at 925-432-6404 by the Monday before each dinner.  
Soft drinks & water sold for \$1. Bring your own wine and spirits.

Future Lenten Dinner Menus include Egg Plant Parmesan (3/29), Sand Dabs (4/5) & Calamari (4/12)!

**THANK YOU TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
PITTSBURG COUNCIL 2956**  
**FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION OF \$2,500  
TO GOOD SHEPHERD FROM THIS YEAR'S  
CRAB FEED. THANK YOU TO THEM AND TO  
EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THE CRAB  
FEED!**

**Feast of Saint Pedro Calungsod  
April 7, 2019**



Saint Pedro Calungsod was a roman catholic Filipino migrant, sacristan and cathechist who along with Spanish Jesuit Missionary Diego Luis De San Vitores suffered religious persecution and martyrdom in Guam for their missionary works in 1672. He was beatified on March 5, 2000 by St John Paul II, was officially canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 21, 2012 at St Peter's Basilica, Vatican City .Calungsod is the second Filipino Saint after San Lorenzo Ruiz.

Church of the Good Shepherd is inviting you to celebrate the Feast of San Pedro Calungsod on April 7, 2019 at the 12 noon mass. If anyone is interested in sponsoring the mass and offering your intentions, please call Cecile Perez at 925-300-6234.



**MINISTRY**

**Saturday & Sunday**  
**March 30 & 31 after all Masses**  
**Please consider joining any one of our awesome parish ministries.**  
**The following ministries are in need of immediate help:**

**HOSPITALITY-LECTORS-ST. VINCENT DE PAUL-ALTAR SERVERS-RCIA-USHERS**

**ADORATION**

**Starting on the first Friday in April and thereafter on the first Friday from 8 AM to 6:45 PM Adoration will be in the Church, followed by a Mass for the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at 7 PM.**

**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 sign up book is in the vestibule as you enter the church on the right hand side.**

Join us for :

**YOUTH FOR LIFE CAMP APRIL 26-28**

**YFL Youth Camp on April 26-28**

at Holy Redeemer Retreat Center in Oakland, CA, hosted by the Couples for Christ, Family for Life (CFC-FFL) Ministry. The youth camp is a three-day retreat, where youth ages 12-17, will find a place where they will hear the Word of God spoken by other youth, in a fun and exciting environment. At the Youth Camp, teens can expect to create new friendships with each other as they play games, share ideas and experiences in a wholesome environment, where Christian values are talked about and actively practiced. We would love to have your child join us for this life-changing experience. For questions or to register for camp, please contact Tess Cahayag at [tesscahayag@yahoo.com](mailto:tesscahayag@yahoo.com) or 925-325-6409.



## **2019 BISHOP'S APPEAL REBUILD MY CHURCH**

**2019 Goal: \$35,600**

**Amount Collected so far:  
\$14,107.59**

Bishop Barber personally chose the theme for this year’s Bishop’s Appeal. For context, I will share the historical story which is the basis for the theme. The following passage is from St. Bonaventure’s *The Life of Francis*: “One day when Francis went out to meditate in the fields he was passing by the church of San Damiano which was threatening to collapse because of extreme age. Inspired by the Spirit, he went inside to pray.

Kneeling before an image of the Crucified, he was filled with great fervor and consolation as he prayed. While his tear-filled eyes were gazing at the Lord’s cross, he heard with his bodily ears a voice coming from the cross, telling him three times: “Francis, go and repair my house which, as you see, is falling into ruin.”

Trembling with fear, Francis was amazed at the sound of this astonishing voice, since he was alone in the church; and as he received in his heart the power of the divine words, he fell into a state of ecstasy. Returning finally to his senses, he prepared to put his whole heart into obeying the command he had received. He began zealously to repair the church materially, although the principle intention of the words referred to that Church which Christ purchased with his own blood, as the Holy Spirit afterward made him realize...”

**Good Shepherd got an early start on this year’s appeal. Please continue to help us meet our goal through prayer and contribution placed in any 2nd collection basket.**

### APELACIÓN DEL OBISPO DE RECONSTRUIR MI IGLESIA 2019

Objetivo del 2019: \$35,600

La colección de este año comienza el próximo fin de semana. Por favor, discierna cómo nos puede ayudar mejor a cumplir con nuestro objetivo a través de la oración y la contribución.

### Cuaresma tiempo para volver a Dios

¿Tiene usted algún plan para crecer espiritualmente para esta Cuaresma?

Venga y crezcamos juntos guiados por el Espíritu Santo.

Todos los jueves de 7 a 9 pm en el salón grande de las oficinas.

Por favor inscríbase con Carmen en la oficina al teléfono: 925-432-6404; o a través de Email al: [Carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto:Carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org)

Misas de Niños, *1er Domingo de cada mes* – próxima Misa *Abrial 7 a las 3 pm*

### EL HORARIO DECANATO DE CONFESIONES

#### Horarios de Servicio

**Marzo 20 – 7pm Immaculado Corazón, Brentwood**

**Marzo 25 - 7pm Santo Rosario, Antioch**

**Marzo 27 – 7pm San Pedro Mártir, Pittsburg**

**Abrial 3 - San Antonio, Oakley**

**Abrial 4 - Santa Ana, Byron & San Ignacio de Antioch**

**Abrial 8 - El Buen Pastor**

**Abrial 17 - en nuestra Señora Reina del Mundo, Bay Point**

Usted es Bienvenido a ir a cualquiera de estos servicios de penitencia a los locales indicados para su preparacion de Penitencia Cuaresmal. Todos los Sacerdotes locales presidirán cada uno de ellos para que todo nuestro decanato les puedan servir

**LOS INVITAMOS A FORMAR PARTE DEL NUEVO GRUPO DE ORACIÓN.:** Las reuniones son los **Sábados de 11am a 1pm** en la Capilla con el Santísimo y **Viernes 7-9pm** en las oficinas parroquiales. Para mas información favor contactar a Laura y Albino Alvarez.

### GRUPOS DE ORACIÓN DE LA COMUNIDAD HISPANA

Divina Misericordia- Lidia Castañeda 925-705-3045

**Jueves 6:30pm-8:30pm** (Oficina) y **Miercoles 6pm-8pm** (Capilla)

Escuela de la Cruz - Julio Rodelo 925-848-74770

Romeo Gonzalez (925) 565-9320

**Miercoles 7:30pm-8:30pm** (Oficina)

Armada Blanca - Coro de Niños - María Ángela Velazco 925-428-9540

Unción de lo Alto - Alvino y Laura Alvarez 925-523-1043

**Viernes 7-9pm** (Oficina) y **Sábados 11am-1pm** (Capilla)

CENAS PARROQUIALES DE CUARESMA Y ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ VUELVEN AL BUEN PASTOR

*Todos los Viernes Marzo 8 a Abril 12*

*Las Estaciones en Español 5pm en el Jardín*

**5:30 pm Cena Cuaresmal (\$15 por persona)**

**7pmEstaciones en Vivo de la Cruz con FFL/YFL**

**El Menú del 22 de Marzo** Crema de Sopa de Tomate, Salmón Asado con Salsa de Piña, Gambas a la Plancha en Brocheta, Vegetables de temporada, Puré de Papas con Ajo, Pan, Mantequilla y Postre

Por Favor reservar su lugar llamando a la Oficina Parroquial a 925-432-6404 el Lunes antes de cada Cena. Habran Refrescos y Agua de venta por \$1. O traiga su propio vino y licores.

¡Próximamente se publicarán los futuros menús de la cena cuaresmal!

**Confesiones Semanales en Cuaresma**

**Lunes 7-8pm, Viernes 8-9am; Sabados 4-5pm**

## VIDA TRANSFIGURADA

Cuando el Papa Francisco visitó las Filipinas el pasado 2015, había una niña Filipina huérfana que le preguntó con lágrimas en sus ojos la pregunta: "¿Por qué Dios permite el mal en este mundo? ¿Por qué hay tantas pruebas y sacrificios que tengo que sufrir?" El Papa Francisco sólo miró a la niña con compasión y la abrazó. No había palabras, pero creo que la niña encontró su respuesta en el cálido abrazo de Dios que emanaba del Papa. Verdaderamente, eso fue un espectáculo para contemplar, una transfiguración que revela la identidad de un Dios que es tan amoroso y misericordioso – un Dios que también sufre y se sacrifica con todos nosotros y nos lleva a sus brazos amorosos para levantarnos de nuestras crues diarias.

En el Evangelio, Jesús trajo a Pedro, a Juan y a Santiago a una montaña alta. Allí, Jesús reveló su verdadera identidad y su verdadero destino. Además, Moisés y Elías confirmaron que Jesús es la culminación de la ley y el Profeta a quienes representan, respectivamente. Este acontecimiento es un estímulo para que sigan adelante mientras siguen a Jesús. Es una inspiración para ellos aferrarse a su Fe. No importa qué juicios, sacrificios y sufrimientos encontrarían, serían capaces de superarlos y vencerlos mientras permanecían cerca de Jesús.

Humanos como nosotros, cuando las desgracias nos golpean, podemos sentirnos desanimados e incluso queremos rendirnos. Sin embargo, esa no debe ser la actitud de un verdadero seguidor de Cristo. Un buen Cristiano debe tener la resiliencia para levantarse de las adversidades, confiando en la ayuda y la providencia de Dios.

Si Dios permite que el mal caiga sobre nosotros, estas quizás serían consecuencias de nuestros propios intereses egoístas y ambiciones que priorizamos sobre lo que Dios quiere que hagamos. Podemos haber seguido nuestra propia voluntad y no la voluntad del Padre. Tampoco podemos tener todas las respuestas a la cuestión de la presencia del mal en este mundo. Sin embargo, en medio de este mundo mal herido en el que vivimos, todavía hay esa Fe persistente en lo profundo de nosotros que permanece. Esta Fe que sigue ardiendo y transfigurando nuestras vidas cuando nos esforzamos por seguir los pasos de Jesús, incluso si nos llevará al Calvario y morieramos en nuestras propias crues.

Llevemos con nosotros esa Fe en Jesús que nos permitiría enfrentar nuestras crues y ser capaces de perdonar a aquellos que nos traicionaron y se alejaron de nosotros; aceptar a aquellos a quienes ignoramos y evitamos; amar a aquellos a quienes no nos simpatizan y nos han herido; sanar a los que nos han herido; y ayudar a los que nos necesitan. Vivamos una vida transfigurada con Jesús y siempre con Jesús.

**EL PAPA FRANCISCO TE DICE QUE... "NO TENGAS MIEDO DE IR AL SACRAMENTO DE LA CONFESIÓN, DONDE ENCONTRARAS A JESÚS QUE TE PERDONA."**

### 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 6pm-8pm en la Capilla**. Para más información, por favor comuníquese con Lidia Castañeda (925) 705-3045

**LA VIRGEN PEREGRINA** - Las Familias que desean inscribirse después de la Misa para llevarse a la Virgen Peregrina a sus casas, por favor comunicarse con Silvana Gutierrez, 925-439-7640.

**ATENCIÓN COMUNIDAD HISPANA**  
Si algún miembro de la comunidad Hispana **esta interesado en recibir visitas a domicilio o comunión a los enfermos**, por favor comuníquense a la oficina parroquial para hablar con Carmen y establecer este servicio para nuestros miembros enfermos y confinados a casa.

### GRUPO ESCUELA DE LA CRUZ

*Cristo te espera, ven a descubrir su amor divino y su misericordia! te esperamos cada Miercoles de 7:30pm-8:30pm (Oficina Parroquial) Para más información, por favor comunicate con Romeo Gonzalez al*

## Mass Intentions

Mar 18-24

## Mass Intentions For The Week



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Mon	7:30 am	In Thanksgiving-St. Jude*
Tue	7:30 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory Members of FOSS#
Wed	7:30 am	Mary Dôi †#
	10 am	Stoneman Village*
Thu	7:30 am	1st Death Anniversary of Consuelo Iniguez†*
Fri	7:30 am	In Thanksgiving-St. Jude*
Sat	8:00 am	Antonio Esquivel Thaksgiving Frank & Cora Relampagos †#
	5:30 pm	Dr. Joseph H. Siino † #
Sun	8:00 am	1st Death Anniversary of Ron Miller † *
	10am	Aiello "Matafumi" Family †#
	12 pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH *
	3 pm	Edwin Justo ^

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

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

## Weekly Offering



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Ash Wednesday	\$4,835.98
March 10, 2019	\$6,813.52
2nd Collection-CRS	\$3,955.85

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
Mar 23	5:30 pm	S Garcia D Lawson	E Bond, M Bond, R Almarinez L Cellan, M Duran, J Hurtado J Sobel, R Sorci	R Almarinez N & R Ferris
Mar 24	8:00 am	I Kinadeter C Ghiselli	P Dominguez, L Hoggatt, P Lorenzo M Marin, D Phan, E Viloria E Woodrow, T Vo	D Phan X & Y Phan
Mar 24	10 am	M Hill J Florido	L Canciamilla, M Benitez, M Baber N Ceballos, N Fontechia, B Francisco I Pacheco, R Pascual, M Plata, K Tan	N Ceballos S Escajeda J Ortiz C Carpio
Mar 24	12 noon	L Ilas C Greely	N Umadhay, T Umadhay, L Briones N Gavino, C Greely, J & R Lagarejos S Quejado, E & M Ramirez	R Lagarejos J Del Carmen
Mar 24	3:00 pm	S Bellando F Bartolo	A Alvarez, L Alvarez, A Diaz M Diaz, L Hernandez, L Mata L Castaneda	J Diaz A & J Toribio

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

## NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

**EXODUS 3:1-8A, 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-6, 10-12, LUKE 13:1-9**

**EASTER FLOWERS**



THIS WEEK WE:

Decorated the Church



Kicked off Lent with Ash Wednesday Masses/Services



Experienced the Stations of the Cross presented by YFL



We learned about our faith



And we spent time playing Bunco together and enjoying the company of our parish friends