



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

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

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November
17
2019

Lo, the day
is coming,
blazing like
an oven,
when all the
proud and
all evildoers
will be stubble.

Malachi 3:19



THIRTY-THIRD
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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

Schedule of Masses

Sundays: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12 noon & 3:00pm Spanish

Monday through Friday: 7:30 am

3rd Fridays: (Spanish): 7:00 pm

1st Fridays: 7:00 pm

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
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.

Dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The day is growing shorter, darker and gloomier. We are coming to the end of the calendar year. We also come to the very end of the liturgical year. This Sunday is the second to last Sunday in ordinary time. In two weeks we will enter the season of Advent preparing for Christmas. The readings also become darker this time of the year. It is all about the end time, about the four last things that we hold in our faith: Death- judgment – hell and heaven.

When is the end of time? We don't know. It could happen this year, next year, or very soon. So far it has not happened. Did early Christians believe in a physical end of the world? Surely they did, and many of them thought it likely to end soon. So they said that it was useless to work. St. Paul opposed to such lazy mentality strongly said in the second reading: *"Anyone who does not work should not eat."* Paul is saying that until Jesus comes to perfect the world, we must not sit around in idleness like those loafing Thessalonians. Also, let us not waste precious time thinking when the world will end, but keep working. In fact, the more we think of the end of the world, the harder we have to work.

Is there a more spiritual teaching about the end of the world? Yes, and we must pay attention to it. The deepest teaching about the end of the world is not about its physical ending, but about how you and I should be living now. The Prophet Malachi in the first reading reminds us that at some point we must all come before the Lord and answer for our lives. Lots of people today no longer believe this. Other people believe that we must answer for our lives in other ways, such as through reincarnation or being born again. We Christians believe that we have only one life and at the end of it, we shall have to account for this life and how we have used it. Most of us have not used our lives so very well. Lots of the time we want to use our lives well, but we get distracted. Sometimes we get caught up in desires of the flesh. Other times we get caught up in desires for power. Sometimes we are just concerned about what others think of us.

In the Catholic understanding of these passages of Scriptures, the final days of the world are always right in front of us. That means that we must be ready to die now, at this very moment. There is never any time to waste. If we need to repent from some sin, now is the time. If we want to thank God for something, now is the time. If we need to forgive someone, now is the time. The Scriptures tell us that now is the day of salvation. Now is the time when the Lord is with us, bringing compassion and love. Let us celebrate this Sunday as if it is our final Sunday.

Fr. Thi

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MINISTRY PRAYER IN THE CHAPEL

Mondays 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm Santo Nino Ministry

Tuesdays 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesdays 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm Spanish Divine Mercy

Thursdays 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm Padre Pio Ministry

Saturdays 9:00am to 10:00am LaPieta

Saturdays 10:30 am to 11:30 am Uncion de Lo Alto

You can either join the ministry groups in prayer or come before or after the scheduled times.

Puede unirse a los grupos de oración o orar después o antes de los horarios programados.

**Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!!
Church of Good Shepherd Staff!!!**



**Children's Mass December 1 @ 10 am
Youth Mass December 15 @ 10 am**

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.



Attention
Crab Feed Lovers
Save the Date – February 1, 2020
Good Shepherd Knights of Columbus
Crab Feed Tickets available soon

GOOD SHEPHERD CYO BASKETBALL WEEKEND SCHEDULE

November 16 games beginning at 12 noon until 6:15 pm
at the Pittsburg Youth Development Center, Pittsburg

GRIEF MINISTRY will place a REMEMBRANCE TREE in the Church by the image of our Lady of Guadalupe during the month of November.



Anyone can put the names of their family and friends on an envelope and place it on the tree. Several names can be placed on an envelope. Envelopes for this purpose will be available near the tree. We will remember all the people whose names are placed on the tree throughout the month of November. We hope you all will consider participating.

All Souls Envelopes have been included in the envelope packet mailing or are available at the entrances of the church. Please take the opportunity to memorialize your loved ones by placing their names on an All Souls envelope and putting the envelope in any collection basket or bringing to the parish office. All envelopes will be placed on the altar for prayer and remembrance during the month of November.

ARE YOU SEEKING A RETREAT EXPERIENCE BEFORE THE HOLIDAY SEASON?
CONTACT SAN DAMIAN RETREAT HOUSE IN DANVILLE AT 925-837-9141 TO SEE
WHAT THEY HAVE TO OFFER!

*Upcoming Parish Monthly
Dinners & Events*

Dec 7 Christmas Concert

Dec 13 Parish Christmas Dinner



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- Search: Pittsburg, CA and click on Good Shepherd Church
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That's it!

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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!



Sponsored by
Young Ladies' Institute
Teresita (YLI)

Next weekend there will be two trees in the church filled with gift request ornaments.

Please consider picking an ornament, purchasing a gift and returning it unwrapped to the church office.

More information in next weekend's bulletin.

**TODAY IS OUR ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FOR
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

A program of the U. S. Catholic Bishops which funds grassroots organizations that are empowering low income people to lift themselves out of poverty.

PLEASE PLAN ON GIVING GENEROUSLY

CHRISTMAS SHEPHERD'S CLOSET

Christmas will be here in less than two months, 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.



**THE 2020 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN
MASSES ARE SCHEDULED ON A FIRST COME,
FIRST SERVED BASIS.
VISIT THE PARISH OFFICE.**

INCOME FOR OCTOBER 2019

Plate Collections	\$ 50,338
Voice	2,447
Unrestricted Donations	1,829
Restricted Donations	7,698
Parish Events	19,968
Ministry Income	18,657
Capital Campaign Interest	83
Other income	5,903
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 106,923

EXPENSES FOR OCTOBER 2019

Administration	\$ 27,751
Parish Property (\$94,585 parking lot)	120,609
Rectory Living	1,183
Priests	6,614
Liturgy & Music	5,404
Youth & Adult Formation/CYO	41,100
Other Ministries	4,622
Parish Festival	6,422
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 213,705

MONTH RECAP

INCOME	\$ 106,923
EXPENSES	\$ 213,705

EXPENSES OVER INCOME AT MONTH END:**\$106,782**

Please note: The \$94,585 bill for the parking lot was paid this month, raising this month's expenses considerably. However, the income for the parking lot came in in previous months.

PARISH GENERAL CALENDAR

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

- Mondays** **Prayer Group for the Sick**-10 am to 11 am 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
- Tuesdays** **Knights of Columbus**-2nd Tuesdays of the month 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~
Thursdays of the month 6:30-7:00 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 9:30 am
1st Fridays until 6:45 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-11:30am-1 pm
(After 10 am Mass) September-May
12 Noon Choir Practice- 1 pm
Spanish Choir Practice-2 pm

**Thanksgiving Day Mass
10 am (only mass that day)
With a Blessing Table!
Bring something
from your family
meal to place on the
table to be blessed.**



Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

El día es cada vez más corto, más oscuro y más sombrío. Estamos llegando al final del año calendario. Llegamos también al final del año litúrgico. Este domingo es el penúltimo Domingo en tiempo ordinario. En dos semanas entraremos en la temporada de Adviento preparándonos para Navidad. Las lecturas también se vuelven más oscuras en esta época del año. Se trata del fin del tiempo, de las cuatro últimas cosas que tenemos en nuestra Fe: Muerte- juicio – infierno y cielo.

¿Cuándo es el fin de los tiempos? No sabemos. Podría suceder este año, el año que viene, o muy pronto. Hasta ahora no ha sucedido. ¿Los primeros Cristianos creían en un fin físico del mundo? Seguramente lo hicieron, y muchos de ellos pensaron que es probable que termine pronto. Así que dijeron que era inútil trabajar. San Pablo opuesto a esa mentalidad perezosa dijo fuertemente en la segunda lectura: "Cualquiera que no trabaje no debe comer". Pablo está diciendo que hasta que Jesús venga a perfeccionar el mundo, no debemos sentarnos en la ociosidad como los Tesalonicenses que están de holgazanes. Además, no perdamos tiempo precioso pensando cuándo se acabará el mundo, sino que sigamos trabajando. De hecho, mientras más pensamos en el fin del mundo, más difícil tenemos que trabajar.

¿Hay alguna enseñanza más espiritual sobre el fin del mundo? Sí, y debemos prestarle atención. La enseñanza más profunda sobre el fin del mundo no se trata de su final físico, sino de cómo tú y yo deberíamos vivir ahora. El profeta Malaquías en la primera lectura nos recuerda que en algún momento todos debemos venir ante el Señor y responder por nuestra vida. Mucha gente hoy en día ya no cree esto. Otras personas creen que debemos responder por nuestras vidas de otras maneras, como por ejemplo a través de la reencarnación o el nacer de nuevo. Nosotros los Cristianos creemos que sólo tenemos una vida y al final de ella, tendremos que dar cuenta de esta vida y de cómo la hemos utilizado. La mayoría de nosotros no hemos usado nuestras vidas muy bien. Muchas veces queremos utilizar bien nuestras vidas, pero nos distraemos. A veces nos atrapamos en los deseos de la carne. Otras veces nos quedamos atrapados en deseos de poder. A veces nos preocupa lo que otros piensan de nosotros.

En la comprensión Católica de estos pasajes de las Escrituras, los últimos días del mundo están siempre justo delante de nosotros. Eso significa que debemos estar listos para morir ahora, en este preciso momento. Nunca hay tiempo que perder. Si necesitamos arrepentirnos de algún pecado, ahora es el momento. Si queremos dar gracias a Dios por algo, ahora es el momento. Si necesitamos perdonar a alguien, ahora es el momento. Las Escrituras nos dicen que ahora es el día de la salvación. Ahora es el momento en que el Señor está con nosotros, trayendo compasión y amor. Celebremos este Domingo como si fuera nuestro último Domingo.

Fr. Thi

GUARDA ESTAS PROXIMA FECHAS

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

Jueves, Diciembre 12, 2019, 5pm - Peregrinación cerca de la Iglesia
Misa 7pm – Despues de Misa compartiremos Chocolate y Pan

Domingo por la mañana, Diciembre 15, Mañanitas 4:45am-5:45am Despues compartiremos Cafe/Chocolate y Pan

Domingo por la tarde, Diciembre 15, 2019

2pm-3pm – Procecion del Salon a la Iglesia
 3pm-4pm – Misa
 4pm-5pm – Danza
 5pm-6pm – Folklore
 6pm-7pm – Banda

Posadas Navideñas – Diciembre 16, 2019 – Diciembre 23, 2019



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*



GRUPO DE ORACIÓN UNCIÓN DE LO ALTO- Viernes 7-9pm en las oficinas parroquiales y **Sábados de 11am-1pm** en la Capilla con el Santísimo. Para mas información por favor contactar a **Laura y Alvino Alvarez 925-765-0231**. Si tienes talentos musicales y tocas la guitarra ven acompañalos.

GRUPO ESCUELA DE LA CRUZ Cristo te espera, ven a descubrir su amor divino y su misericordia! te esperamos los **Miercoles 7:30pm-8:30pm (Oficina Parroquial)**. Para más información, por favor comunícate con **Romeo Gonzalez 925-565-9320**.

EL GRUPO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA - Miercoles 6pm-8pm en la Capilla y Jueves 6:30pm-8:30pm, en el salón de la oficina. 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 **Milton Pérez, Rubén y Silvana Gutierrez al 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.

ATENCIÓN MONAGUILLOS

Si les gustaria participar en la sagrada Misa y aprender aún más de su FE, comuníquense con **Rebeca & Bulmaro al 925-286-2276**, ellos los guiarán y enseñarán el bello ministerio de ser monaguillos.

PARA MEJOR SERVIR A NUESTROS FELIGRESES ESTAMOS ANUNCIANDO LA APERTURA DE LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL LOS VIERNES DESDE LAS 9 AM HASTA EL MEDIODIA

Una voluntaria bilingüe estará disponible en persona o por teléfono para algunas citas, responder a preguntas y proporcionar algunos servicios limitados los Viernes. Damos la bienvenida y damos las gracias a Diana Crespo por ayudarnos en este esfuerzo. También agradecemos a Ann Abitz y Inés Romo que actualmente nos ayudan con las tareas de recepcionista los Lunes y Miércoles.

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 también 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

Nov 18-24

**Mass Intentions
For The Week**



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- Mon 7:30 am Amy Dwight Hom † *
- Tue 7:30 am Death Anniversary of Ramon Iniquez † #
- Wed 7:30 am Mike & Mae Giambona † *
- Thu 7:30 am Joel Miller † #
- Fri 7:30 am Birthday of Virgilio Capupus *
- Sat 8:00 am Daniel Herrera & Lino Embudo † #
- 5:30 pm Juan & Mercedes Narez & Family #
- Sun 8:00 am Tony & Rose Contreras † #
- 10 am Herbert L. Roberts † *
- 12 pm Cesario & Alfreda Buban Jr. † *
- 3 pm FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH ^

*=Fr. Thi, #=Fr. Christopher, ^=Fr. Francisco

WEEKLY COLLECTION



November 10, 2019- \$7,530.48

2nd Collection-Debt Reduction \$2,628.18

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
Nov 23	5:30 pm	Y Ripoli J Florido	B Abitz, A Abitz, E & M Bond L Cellan, M Duran, L Mangante J Sobel, A Roldan, R Soric	Lawson Family
Nov 24	8:00 am	C Ghiselli I Kinadeter	D Shipe, G Camacho M & A Discipulo, C Mendoza P Lorenzo, G Shipe, M Marin E Woodrow, T Vo	C Tanyag B Cabading A Duran
Nov 24	10 am	R Freeman M Plata	J Rinaudo, M Baber, L Canciamilla N Fontecha, A & J Los Banos, B & J Naca, I Pacheco, R Pascual	Castro Family Ross Family
Nov 24	12 noon	C Perez S Bellando	N Umadhay, T Umadhay, M Cruz T Freel, N Gavino, C Greely R & R Lagarejos, A & E Pacheco	R Lagarejos C Carpio B Dador
Nov 24	3:00 pm	A Alvarez I Pantoja	M Diaz, M Alvarez, A Garcia L Hernandez, L Mata, B & R Mendieta, L Castaneda, J Rodelo	Gonzalez Family Toribio Family

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

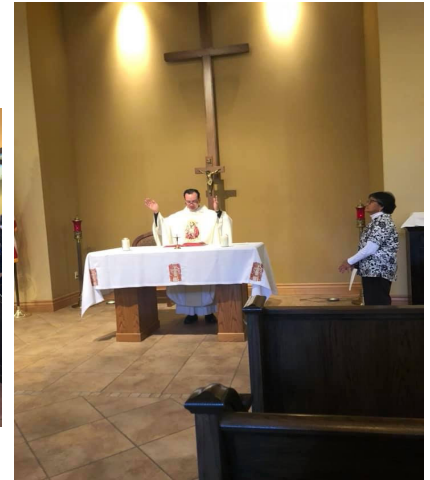
2 SAMUEL 5:1-3, COLOSSIANS 1:12-20,
LUKE 23:35-43

HYMN BOOKS & MUSIC LICENSES

ACTIVITIES AMONG THE FLOCK LAST WEEKEND



Sons and daughters of St. Padre Pio feeding the hungry...



We celebrated the All Souls Mass at the Holy Cross Cemetery on Nov. 9th



Solar Craft & PG&E working hard to get our solar done by the end of this month.



EMMA RAMOS' DAUGHTER CELEBRATED HER QUINCEANERA, DANCING WITH HER GRANDPA (Emma Ramos is our coordinator for Spanish Weddings and Quincenas)