



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

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

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September
15 2019

Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

"Rejoice with
me because
I have found
the coin
that I lost."

Luke 15:9

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510-259-8706

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925-432-6404—Ext. 25

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.



When I was a child, I was not good at math. And I remember my dad was desperately trying to teach me how to count, but I just couldn't grasp the concept. My dad was not pleased with it. One day I went to mass and I heard the parable of the lost sheep in which Jesus said a man with a hundred sheep left 99 behind in the desert, went searching for the lost one. So I told my dad: daddy Jesus was not good at math either, for he thought, 99 equals one. But is it true that Jesus was not good at math?

To understand this parable, let's put ourselves in the context of the man who is working on a puzzle that has 100 pieces. He is filled with joy as he is approaching its completion, until he discovers that the last piece is missing. He cannot rest but searches every corner of the house until he finds the missing piece. To anyone who is not part of the game, the missing piece is just a worthless item. But to the person working on the puzzle, that insignificant item is everything to him.

In the same way, God values every single individual soul and he doesn't accept loss. He restores the wholeness to what is incomplete; re-uniting what has been divided; making up for what has been lost. He goes out searching for the lost one, searching for us, sinners. St Catherine of Sienna has a beautiful phrase which says: *God is crazy in love*. God falls in love with us, even though we sin against him, he keeps on loving us. That's nature of God's love for us.

God comes searching for us first. So heart of spiritual life is not so much of finding God but allowing ourselves to be found. You hear people say: *"I am very thankful that now I have found God"*, or *"Ever since I found God, my life is not the same again."* The fact is that we do not find God; He found us! We do not choose Him; He chose us. We do not run to Him; but He runs after us. God always takes the initiative. Our part is just to say Yes to Him, to cooperate with His grace, like the Prodigal Son, we accept our mistakes and change. Yes, God will always forgive us but we should be willing to admit we did wrong, that we committed a mistake as a condition for restoring our broken relationship with God.

Let these words from Saint Augustine become our own: *"O Lord, you were within me, but I was outside. You were with me, but I was not with you. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more."* Amen!

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JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST DAY OF ST. PADRE PIO!

St. Padre Pio Prayer Group invites you to join us in the nine-day novena from September 13 to September 21, 2019 in the chapel or spiritual garden at 7 pm. The mass in honor of St. Padre Pio will be celebrated on September 22 at 12 o'clock pm followed by a simple reception in the parish hall.

"Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer." Padre Pio

If you wish to be a mass sponsor, please contact Cecille Perez at 925-300-6234 or notcel@yahoo.com

Mila Benitez-925-726-7526



Children's Mass October 6 @ 10 am
Youth Mass October 20 @ 10 am

**CALLED TO BE CATHOLIC?
KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS,
OR WANT TO LEARN ABOUT YOUR
FAITH?**

Are you an adult interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Perhaps you've been thinking of becoming a member of Good Shepherd, or perhaps you are just curious about what Catholics believe. Maybe you wish to receive sacraments you missed earlier in life. Come to learn if you are being called to faith, or to learn more about your faith. Current parishioners are invited. All are welcome. No obligation. If you'd like more information, e-mail david@delunatic.com or call the parish office at 925-432-6404 and ask for Debbie or Aylin.

***Upcoming Parish Monthly
Dinners & Events***

Oct	18	Parish Monthly Dinner
Nov	15	Parish Monthly Dinner
Dec	13	Parish Christmas Dinner



**YOUTH MINISTRY CONFIRMATION
KICK OFF DAY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
AT 7PM IN THE HALL**

WE MEET TWICE PER MONTH.

**IF YOU ARE IN HIGH SCHOOL AND NOT
YET CONFIRMED, IT IS TIME TO
REGISTER TO COMPLETE YOUR
SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION!**

**CONTACT DEBBIE OR AYLIN
925-432-6404 ext 20**



**2019 ANNUAL CRAFT AND
CULTURAL FASHION SHOW**

November 3, 2019

9:00am – 3:00 pm

We are now offering registration for the 2019 Holiday Craft & Fashion Show at Good Shepherd. If you are interested in renting a booth or two as a vendor, Please contact Awilda at (925) 642-0876 or Email at: sewasuno@gmail.com

If you would like your ministry to cook in the kitchen this year, please also email or call Mrs. Graff. Please know that besides doing early shopping on great homemade items, you get a chance to learn about each other's culture with their attire and dances. We also help our parish in meeting financial goals.
Awilda Graff

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

September 25 to November 3

Daily from 8 am to 8 pm

Planned Parenthood, 1104 Buchanan Rd Ant

**This is a peaceful community prayer
vigil and community outreach for
the protection of
mothers and children.**

**For more information contact
sjstaker@gmail.com**



**The parish office is in need of
bi-lingual (Spanish) volunteers in the parish
office on**

**Wednesdays from 1-4 pm and on
Fridays from 9 am to Noon.**

**If you are interested in learning more and
possibly interviewing for one or both of the
time slots, please call the parish office to
schedule an appointment.**

925-432-6404.

come one! come all!

IT'S FLOCK PARTY TIME!

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
IN THE PARISH GARDEN
9 AM TO 5 PM**

**WITH RAFFLE DRAWING
AT 4 PM**

**admission IS
FREE**

**GREAT MULTI CULTURAL
FOOD SELECTION!**

FUN & GAMES!

FABULOUS

entertainment-

**a SCHEDULE OF events WILL
be PUBLISHED in next
week's BULLETIN!**

a DAY WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS



We thank Nora Gavino for her generous heart
in donating \$700 for the parking lot!

We are also grateful to all the beloved sons and
daughters of St Padre Pio Ministry for giving a
check of \$1,000 for the parking lot!

A very generous person, Bob McCullough,
gave us \$2,000 for this
project as well!

Thank you so very much for your good hearts!

We did it!

\$80,000
\$70,000
\$60,000
\$50,000
\$40,000
\$30,000
\$20,000
\$10,000

\$84,000

Our goal

THANK
YOU!

PARKING LOT FUND RAISING PROJECT

WOW!

This week brought in \$4,459 for our
parking lot project!

Donations Collected:

\$ 86,711.04

Amount Needed:

\$ 84,000.00

Over Goal:

\$ 2,711.04

**WE DID IT!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!**



GOOD SHEPHERD CYO BASKETBALL NEWS!

Sign ups for Good Shepherd CYO Basketball are open for grades 3 through 8! Sign up at

www.goodshepherdcyo.com
(Coaches also needed!)

If you have any questions, email goodshepherdcyo@gmail.com

GRIEF RETREAT

Presented by our own Sandy Heinisch

November 22-24, 2019 at

San Damiano Retreat House, Danville, CA

The loss of someone you love changes you forever. Whether that loss is through death or divorce, the journey of recovery is long, difficult and unique. This retreat will help you understand better the journey. It will give you hope, spiritual tools, peace and guidance on this grief path.

\$245 for a private room.

\$215 per person double occupancy.

On line registration is available at www.sandamiano.org or by calling 925-8379141.

SEPTEMBER 15TH FOOD SALES AT THE 8 AM, 10 AM AND NOON MASS BY YOUTH MINISTRY PARENTS BENEFITING THE PARISH:
pancit, chicken, lumpia & eggrolls

Sadcoc Council #59 of the Young Men's Institute is sponsoring its 'Woman of the Year' luncheon on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at the St. Peter Martyr School Cafeteria. The event honors an outstanding woman active in her parish and the community. The price \$15 and features a catered Chinese buffet. Doors open at 12 noon and lunch is at 1pm. For tickets and information please contact Frank DiMaggio @925-325-2048. A portion of the proceeds benefits St. Peter Martyr School.

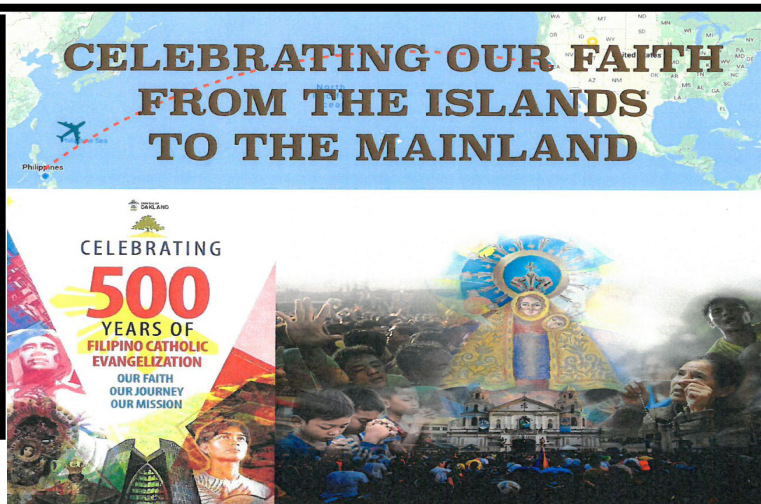
LITURGICAL MINISTRY MANDATORY WORKSHOPS IN THE CHURCH

Eucharistic Ministers 10/7/2019 @ 7 pm

Lectors 10/21/2019 @ 7 pm

Ushers 10/28/2019 @ 7 pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Understanding and Appreciating Filipino Spirituality and Religiosity

Pananampalataya (Faith)

Panalangin (Prayer)

Pagsasabuhay (Living the Faith)

OCTOBER 5, 2019 (SAT) 8AM - 4PM

St Michael Catholic Church 458 Maple St Livermore, CA 94550

Free event Pre-register: www.500thAnniversaryCelebration2019.eventbrite.com

Email oakjourneyto2021@gmail.com



Celebrate Our Blessed Virgin Mary. Register today.



2019 MARIAN CONFERENCE

OCT 11-12 | IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

500 Fairview Avenue, Brentwood, CA 94513 | (925) 634-4154

marianconference.ihmbrentwood.com

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Talks on the Eucharist, Divine Mercy, Parenthood and Social Justice

Praise and Worship | Candlelight Rosary Procession

8-foot Blessed Sacrament | Marian Shrine (Prayer Room) | Parallel Sessions in Spanish



Registration forms are available at the Parish Office.

For more information on how to get involved, kindly visit www.ihmbrentwood.com and check out the Conference link, or simply scan this QR code.

Sister Act
A Divine Musical Comedy

Sept 7-22, 2019

\$22-\$28
Groups of 10+
20% Discount
For a single performance

CALIFORNIA THEATRE
351 Railroad Ave.
Pittsburg, California

925-427-1611
PCTCA.org

Individual and Season Tickets Available Now!

Misas de Niños, *1er Domingo de cada mes* – próxima Misa *Oct 6 a las 3*



Próximas Cenas Parroquiales y Eventos

Sep 29	Festival Parroquial del Rebaño
Oct 12/13	El Grupo <i>"Unción De Lo Alto"</i> nos invita al próximo Retiro que será Octubre 12 y 13, más información próximamente.
Oct 18	Cena Mensual de la Parroquia
Nov 15	Cena Mensual de la Parroquia
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 cuarto Lunes de cada mes*, de *7-9pm* en el salón pequeño de la oficina. Ven te esperamos!



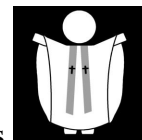
Attention! Attention! Attention!

La misa en español del domingo, 29 de septiembre va hacer a las **2:00pm** y no a las 3:00pm!! Hecimos este cambio para que nos acompañen al Rabaño Annual de la Iglesia.

Coro de Niños - Armada Blanca

Contactar a Maria Angela Velazco 925.428.9540

Se reúnen para rezar el santo Rosario, los **Viernes de 5 a 6 pm** y los **Domingos después de Misa**, para repasos de coro (*junto a la oficina de la parroquia*). Tambien estan invitando a Padres de Familia que tengan *niños entre 6 y 13 años*, para que participen en la próxima *pastorela de navideña*.



RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS PARA EL PROYECTO DEL ESTACIONAMIENTO

WOW!

Donaciones recolectadas:

\$86,711.04

Cantidad Necesaria:

\$84,000.00

Over goal:

\$ 2,711.04

**LO HICIMOS!
MUCHISIMAS GRACIAS!
DIOS ES BUENO, TODO EL TIEMPO!**

VENIR UNO!
VIENEN TODOS!
ES TIEMPO DE LA
FIESTA DEL
REBAÑO!
DOMINGO, 29 DE
SEPTIEMBRE
EN EL JARDIN
PARROQUIAL
9 am a 5 PM
CON EL SORTEO DE
RIFA a LAS
4 PM
La ENTRADA es
GRATIS
GRAN SELECCION
DE COMIDA
MULTICULTURALES!
DIVERSION Y
JUEGOS
ENTRETENIMIENTO
FABULOSO
EL PROGRAMA DE
EVENTOS SE
PUBLICARA en EL
BOLETIN DEL LA
PROXIMA semana!
UN DIA CON LA
FAMILIA Y amigos

La reflexión del Padre Thi

Cuando era niño, no era bueno en matemáticas. Y recuerdo que mi padre estaba tratando desesperadamente de enseñarme a contar, pero no podía entender el concepto. Mi padre no estaba contento con eso. Un día fui a misa y escuché la parábola de las ovejas perdidas en la que Jesús dijo que un hombre con cien ovejas dejó 99 en el desierto, fue a buscar a la perdida. Así que le dije a mi papá: papá Jesús tampoco era bueno en matemáticas, porque pensaba, 99 era igual a uno. Pero, ¿es cierto que Jesús no era bueno en matemáticas?

Para entender esta parábola, vamos a ponernos en el contexto del hombre que está trabajando en un rompecabezas que tiene 100 piezas. Está lleno de alegría cuando se acerca a su finalización, hasta que descubre que falta la última pieza. No puede descansar, busca en cada rincón de la casa hasta que encuentra la pieza que falta. Para cualquiera que no sea parte del juego, la pieza que falta es sólo un objeto sin valor. Pero para la persona que trabaja en el rompecabezas, ese objeto insignificante es todo para él.

De la misma manera, Dios valora cada alma individual y no acepta la pérdida. Restaura la totalidad a lo que está incompleto; reuniendo lo que se ha dividido; compensa lo que se ha perdido. Sale a buscar al perdido, a buscarnos, a los pecadores. Santa Catalina de Siena tiene una hermosa frase que dice: Dios está loco en el amor. Dios se enamora de nosotros, a pesar de que pecamos contra él, él sigue amándonos. Esa es la naturaleza del amor de Dios por nosotros.

Dios viene a buscarnos primero. Así que el corazón de la vida espiritual no es tanto encontrar a Dios, sino dejarnos encontrar. Escuchas a la gente decir: "Estoy muy agradecida de que ahora he encontrado a Dios", o "Desde que encontré a Dios, mi vida no es la misma". El hecho es que no encontramos a Dios; ¡Él nos encontró! No lo elegimos; Él nos eligió a nosotros. No corremos hacia Él; pero corre detrás de nosotros. Dios siempre toma la iniciativa. Nuestra parte es sólo decir sí a Él, al cooperar con su gracia, como el Hijo Pródigo, aceptamos nuestros errores y cambiamos. Sí, Dios siempre nos perdonará, entonces debemos estar dispuestos a admitir que lo hicimos mal, que cometimos un error como condición para restaurar nuestra relación rota con Dios.

Que estas palabras de San Agustín se conviertan en nuestras palabras: "Oh Señor, estabas dentro de mí, pero yo estaba afuera. Estabas conmigo, pero yo no estaba contigo. Llamaste, gritaste y rompiste mi sordera. Brillastes, iluminastes y disipastes mi ceguera. Te he probado, ahora tengo hambre y sed de más. ¡Amén!

HONORING OUR LADY OF FATIMA FIRST SATURDAY



SPANISH CHARISMATIC MINISTRY FOOD SALES



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**WELCOME & PRAY FOR OUR
NEWLY BAPTIZED**

**SOFIA ESPERANZA ELIAS
ALEXANDER HERNANDEZ ZARAGOSA
ISABELLA THERESA PALACIOS RESULEO**

**CONGRATULATIONS & GOD'S
BLESSING TO OUR NEWLY
MARRIED COUPLE**

EDGAR & NUBIA VILLAGRANA

FLOCK PARTY RAFFLE TICKET SALES

Have you purchased your tickets yet!

1st Prize \$2,500

2nd Prize \$1,000

3rd Prize \$500

Plus consolation prizes!

**Tickets on sale after every mass this
weekend!**

Mass Intentions

Sept 16-22

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Mon 7:30 am Francisco Manalo † #
Tue 7:30 am Joel Miller † *
Wed 7:30 am Josie Orozco † *
Thu 7:30 am Mae Giambona † #
Fri 7:30 am Apolonia Embudo † #
 7:00 pm Death Anniversary of
 Luis Fernando Longoria † #
Sat 8:00 am Timi Tumbaga &
 Mary Estella Ramirez † *
 5:30 pm Birthday of Abe Roldan *
Sun 8:00 am In Thanksgiving Auza
 Family #
 10am Birthday of Brianna Flint #
 12 pm Death Anniversary of
 Tarcela Cabigon Pepito † *
 3 pm FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH *
 *=Fr. Thi, #+Fr. Christopher, ^=

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Offering



September 8, 2019- \$6,849.13

2nd Collection-Priest Retirement

\$3,024.05

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
Sept 21	5:30 pm	B Francisco S Garcia	E Bond , M Bond, R Almarinez J Hurtado, L Cellan, L Mangante J Sobel, R Sorci	R Almarinez Hart Family
Sept 22	8:00 am	E Vilorio I Kinadeter	P Dominguez , G Camacho, M Marin D Phan, M Romingquet, P Wilson E Woodrow, S Shephard	Silva Family
Sept 22	10 am	J Rivera R Sorci	L Canciamilla , M Baber, M Benitez M Hill, A & J Los Banos, B & J Naca J Escajeda	J Ortiz I Rodriguez Ross Family
Sept 22	12 noon	N Villamor C Greely	E Ramirez , M Ramirez, L Briones M Cruz, N Gavino, J & R Lagarejos A & E Pacheco, S Quejado	R Lagarejos C Carpio J Del Carmen B Dador
Sept 22	3:00 pm	A Gayton A Hernandez	J Rodel , A & M Alvarez, A Garcia L Hernandez, B & R Mendieta	Gonzalez Family A Toribio

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

Amos 8:4-7, 1 Timothy 2:1-8, Luke 16:1-13

FLOCK PARTY