



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

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

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Anyone of you who
does not renounce
all your possessions
cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:33

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ANOINTING OF THE SICK HOTLINE
510-259-8706

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ASSISTANCE LINE
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.

Last week, we reflected upon humility and imitate Jesus as meek and humble of heart. This Sunday is somewhat the opposite. I think this is the harshest Gospel passage there is! "Unless you hate your father, your mother, your wife, your children, your property, and even your own life, you cannot be my disciple!" Furthermore, "whoever does not carry his own cross and who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

It is just like asking, are you ready to give up your job? Your boyfriend? Your wife? To follow Jesus!? Well most of us would be honest to say: No, I don't think I'm ready. Well, if I'm a celibate, I have been willing to give up a wife. If I own no property, I guess I'd be willing to give up all my property. But just how far can one go? And how far is God going to push me? Do I have the strength to do what is humanly impossible? No, I do not have it.

However, this is what Jesus demands of being his true disciple, his real followers.

The first demand/condition sounds harsh: hating your family. He's saying that nothing, not even family relationships, should stand in the way of following Him completely. For instance, how many parents try to discourage a son or daughter who wants to enter the seminary or convent? Hating your family does not mean here to get angry and be hateful to your parents and siblings. What Jesus is demanding is to renounce all domestic security and comforts. Hating here also means an expression of absolute and complete detachment.

Secondly, to be Jesus' disciple, one must carry his/her cross. Jesus is asking us to be faithful to the end. He demands our total and unconditional commitment. He advises us to count the cost of following him and following him entails carrying the cross. We must also be serious and strong with our decision in following Him so that when following Him gets tough, we will hold on to Him and will not give up.

Finally, we have to renounce all our possessions. Jesus is asking us to attach ourselves to him and detach from material things. Relationships and possessions are important for our personal growth but these should not hinder our following of Christ. Let Jesus be our only treasure. Let Jesus be our prized possession.

Jesus wants us to be his followers, his true followers who love and serve Him with undivided heart and in everything. He wants us to be His followers even if we have to hate our family, to carry our cross and to renounce all our possessions. It is not easy but we must hold on to Him everyday and always. May we become his true disciple, a disciple of Jesus who is willing to sacrifice, surrender, love and serve Him in everything.

*In omnibus amare et servire Domino
In everything love and serve the Lord.
Blessings,*

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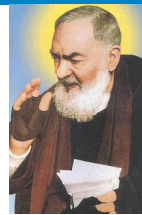
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JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST DAY OF ST. PADRE PIO!

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

DIOCESAN PREIST RETIREMENT COLLECTION

The special collection for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust is **THIS WEEKEND**. This collection allows us to express gratitude and support for our retired and soon-to-be retired priests, many of whom are still "laboring in the vineyard" in service to the faithful. They now face retirement with minimal government assistance. Please prayerfully consider how you can match their generosity to the Church by contributing to the Retirement Fund.

**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



**THANK
YOU
FOR
YOUR
ATTENTION**

Ministries, Parish Organizations and Users of our Facilities: *We are more than happy to share our meeting spaces with all of you but we have one request! Please make sure to turn off all lights, air conditioning and other electric devices before you leave the premises.*

It is disheartening to enter a building and realize that the lights are on or the air conditioning has been running all night. Let us strive to be good stewards of the resources we have been blessed with. Last month our PG&E bill was over \$6,000.00! We appreciate your assistance in this matter. **Fr. Thi**



**ALTAR SERVER
TRAINING AND PICNIC DAY**

We have scheduled an Altar Server training for the current Altar Servers and those who are interested in becoming an altar server.

The date of this event will be September 14 at 9am in the church.

You should have received First Communion to qualify to be an altar server. Your commitment is about 2 Masses a month. You can select what Mass time is best for you.

If you feel called to serve our lord in our church, please give us a call. Fr. Thi, Fr. Chris and the family of Good Shepherd truly appreciate your service.

We will have lunch and fun together in the spiritual park after the training.

Please call Carmen to register: **925-432-6404**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!!**

GOOD SHEPHERD COUNCIL #2956

We need your help in updating our council's membership information to ensure that your information in the national database is accurate. If you are a KofC member of the Good Shepherd Council (active or inactive), please send the following membership information to the Financial Secretary, **ALEX AUZA** via email at acauza@comcast.net or by telephone at **(925) 427-0778** (landline).

**YOUR NAME
STREET ADDRESS
CITY, STATE & ZIPCODE
TELEPHONE NUMBER (with area code)
EMAIL ADDRESS**

IT'S FLOCK PARTY TIME!

Raffle ticket sales are underway!

All registered parish members should have received raffle tickets in the mail. We encourage you to purchase your tickets ASAP and be part of this exciting drawing! This weekend kicks off the sale of raffle tickets outside of mass between now and the festival. The more you buy, the better your chances of winning our cash prizes! Please support this important parish fund raising effort! **Fr. Thi**

Would you like to make a donation for the party?

As in years past, we are requesting donations of canned soda and bottled water for the party. Your donations will be gladly accepted at the parish office from now until the day of the event.

THIS IS A PARTY FOR *EVERYONE* SO PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT BY PURCHASING RAFFLE TICKETS, SHARING YOUR TALENTS AND/OR MAKING A DONATION BUT MOST ESPECIALLY BY ATTENDING THIS YEARLY PARISH EVENT. IT IS MORE THAN A PARISH FUND RAISER,

IT IS A TIME TO GATHER TOGETHER AS A FAITH FAMILY IN OUR BEAUTIFUL GARDEN AND EAT AND CELEBRATE WITH ONE ANOTHER BEFORE THE SUMMER ENDS.

CHILDREN'S GAMES! DELICIOUS FOOD! AWESOME ENTERTAINMENT! FABULOUS RAFFLE!

a SCHEDULE OF events WILL BE PUBLISHED SOON!

INCOME FOR AUGUST, 2019

Plate Collections	\$38,841
Unrestricted Donations	2,470
Restricted Donations	756
Parish Events	11,490
Ministry Income	24,560
Other income	10,186

TOTAL INCOME \$ 88,303

(Parking Lot Fund Raiser counts for \$XXXXXX of this month's income)

EXPENSES FOR AUGUST, 2019

Administration	\$25,270
Parish Prooperty	21,604
Rectory Living	1,349
Priests	6,754
Liturgy & Music	3,778
Youth & Adult Formation/CYO	13,684
Spanish Ministry	113
Parish Festival	3,200

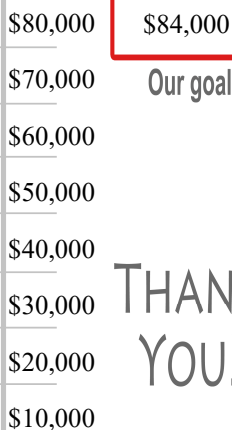
TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 75,752

MONTH RECAP

INCOME	\$ 88,303
EXPENSES	\$ 75,752

INCOME OVER EXPENSES AT MONTH END: \$12,551

We did it!



THANK
YOU!

PARKING LOT FUND RAISING PROJECT

WOW!

This week brought in \$4,397.87 for our parking lot project!

Donations Collected:	\$ 82,252.04
Amount Needed:	\$ 84,000.00
Needed to Make Goal:	\$ 1,747.96

Please discern how you can help us meet our goal and watch our thermometer rise to the top! Remember, equal sacrifice, not equal giving. Thank you!

**WE ARE GETTING CLOSER EVERY WEEK.
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**



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

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



From the Chapel

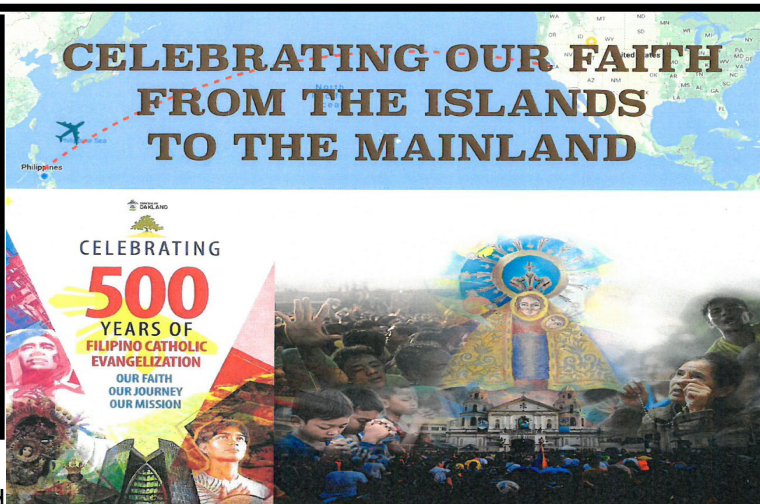
For security reasons, we asked that you sign in and out when using the chapel.

When praying in the chapel, please pray silently, remember if others are in the chapel with you, your praying out loud may be disturbing to them.

From Sanctuary:

On Monday, August 5, 2019, the back outside door was found wide open. The lock had not been locked either on the door. With the things that are going on within our society today, it's imperative that we keep the church secured, this includes when we are working in the church by ourself, or as a ministry or organization. We must make sure that the perimeter doors are locked when we leave. Remember it only takes a second for someone to slip into the church and hurt someone or cause damage. If you have any questions contact Bill Abitz 925 432-3995 *Bill Abitz*

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 and 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.



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 *Sep 15 a las 3*



Próximas Cenas Parroquiales y Eventos

Sep 29 Festival Parroquial del Rebaño
 Oct 18 Cena Mensual de la Parroquia
 Nov 15 Cena Mensual de la Parroquia
 Dec 13 Cena Parroquial Navideña

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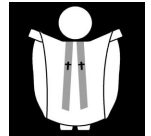
Quieres aprender mas sobre la Fe? Quieres fortalecerte en ella y vivirla plenamente?

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!

Les comunico que el Padre Andres Larios Chavez, un sacerdote de la Diócesis de Apatzingán, Michoacán, México, no tiene facultades en su Diócesis ni en la Diócesis de Oakland y no debe ser invitado para ningún ministerio sacerdotal en la Diócesis. Les pido por favor comuniquen esta información a sus feligreses y recomendando incluyan una nota en el boletín ya que el Padre Larios está ofreciendo Misa y sacramentos. Gracias por su atención a este asunto y por favor informe a los miembros apropiados de su personal.



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*.



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!

RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS PARA EL PROYECTO DEL ESTACIONAMIENTO

WOW!

¡Esta semana se recaudó \$4,397.87 para el proyecto del estacionamiento!

Donaciones recolectadas:

\$82,252.04

Cantidad Necesaria:

\$84,000.00

Necesario para alcanzar la Meta:

\$ 1,747.96

Por favor, discernir cómo puede ayudarnos a cumplir con nuestra meta y ver cómo coronamos la cima de nuestro termómetro! Recuerde: todos sacrificarnos igual, no necesariamente dar en cantidades iguales. ¡Gracias!

NOS ACERCAMOS A LA META CADA SEMANA ¡BUEN TRABAJO!

ES TIEMPO DE CELEBRAR EL FESTIVAL DEL REBAÑO!

Las ventas de boletos de la rifa están en marcha! Todos los miembros registrados de la parroquia deberían haber recibido un paquete de boletos de la rifa por correo. ¡Te animamos a comprar tus entradas lo antes posible y ser parte de este emocionante sorteo! Este fin de semana comienza la venta de boletos para la rifa a la salida de la misa des ahora hasta el día del festival. ¡Cuanto más compres, mejores serán tus posibilidades de ganar nuestros premios en efectivo! ¡Por favor apoyen este importante esfuerzo de recaudación de fondos parroquiales! P. Thi

¿Te gustaría participar en la fiesta? Si usted o su ministerio o amigos desea participar en la prestación de cualquier tipo de entretenimiento para el evento o si desea participar en la venta de alimentos para su cultura particular, nos encantaría saber de usted! Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial y hable con Yvette al 432-6404, ext. 12.

¿Te gustaría hacer una donación para la fiesta? Como en años anteriores, estamos solicitando donaciones de refresco enlatado y agua embotellada para la fiesta. Sus donaciones serán aceptadas con gusto en la oficina parroquial desde ahora hasta el día del evento.

ESTE ES UNA FIESTA PARA TODOS, ASÍ QUE POR FAVOR MUESTREN SU APOYO MEDIANTE LA COMPRA DE BOLETOS DE RIFAS, COMPARTAN SUS TALENTOS Y/O HAGAN UNA DONACION PERO ESPECIALMENTE ASISTIENDO A ESTE EVENTO DE NUESTRA PARROQUIA. ES MAS QUE UN FESTIVAL PARA RECAUDAR FONDOS PARA LA IGLESIA, ES UN TIEMPO PARA MIEMBROS DE COMPARTIR CON NUESTRA FAMILIA DE FE EN NUESTRO PRECIOSO JARDIN, COMER, CELEBRAR Y CONVIVIR ENTRE NOSOTROS ANTES DE QUE EL VERANO FINALIZE.

La semana pasada, reflexionamos sobre la humildad e imitamos a Jesús como manso y humilde de corazón. Este domingo es todo lo contrario. ¡Creo que este es el pasaje Evangélico más duro que existe! “¡A menos que odies a tu padre, a tu madre, a tu esposa, a tus hijos, a tu propiedad e incluso a tu propia vida, no puedes ser mi discípulo!” Además, “quien no lleva su propia cruz y quien no renuncia a todas sus posesiones no puede ser mi discípulo.”

Es como preguntar, ¿estás listo para renunciar a tu trabajo? ¿a tu novio/novia? ¿A tu esposa/esposo? ¿para seguir a Jesús!? Bueno, la mayoría de nosotros sería sincero al decir: No, no creo que esté listo. Bueno, si soy un celibato, y he estado dispuesto a renunciar a una esposa. Si no poseo ninguna propiedad, creo que estaría dispuesto a renunciar a toda mi propiedad. Pero, ¿hasta dónde puedo llegar? ¿Y hasta dónde me va a empujar Dios? ¿Tengo la fuerza para hacer lo que es humanamente imposible? No, yo no la tengo.

Sin embargo, esto es lo que Jesús exige de ser su verdadero discípulo, sus verdaderos seguidores.

La primera demanda / condición suena dura: odiar a tu familia. Él está diciendo que nada, ni siquiera las relaciones familiares, deben interponerse en el camino de seguirlo completamente. Por ejemplo, ¿cuántos padres tratan de desanimar a un hijo o hija que quiere ingresar al seminario o convento? Odiar a tu familia no significa aquí enojarte y odiar a tus padres y hermanos. Lo que Jesús exige es renunciar a toda seguridad y comodidades domésticas. Odiar aquí también significa una expresión de desapego absoluto y completo.

En segundo lugar, para ser discípulo de Jesús, uno debe llevar su cruz. Jesús nos pide que seamos fieles hasta el final. Exige nuestro compromiso total e incondicional. Nos aconseja que calculemos el costo de seguirlo y seguirlo implica llevar la cruz. También debemos ser serios y fuertes con nuestra decisión de seguirlo porque aunque al seguirlo sea difícil, quiere que nos aferremos a Él y no nos rindamos.

Finalmente, tenemos que renunciar a todas nuestras posesiones. Jesús nos pide que nos unamos a El y nos separemos de las cosas materiales. Las relaciones y las posesiones son importantes para nuestro crecimiento personal, pero no deben obstaculizar nuestro seguimiento de Cristo. Dejemos que Jesús sea nuestro único tesoro. Dejemos que Jesús sea nuestra preciada posesión.

Jesús quiere que seamos sus seguidores, sus verdaderos seguidores que lo amemos y le sirvamos con todo el corazón y en todo. In incluso si tenemos que odiar a nuestra familia, cargar nuestra cruz y renunciar a todas nuestras posesiones. No es fácil, pero debemos aferrarnos a Él todos los días y siempre. Que podamos convertirnos en su verdadero discípulo, un discípulo de Jesús que esté dispuesto a sacrificar, rendirse, amar y servirle en todo.

En ómnibus amare et servire Domino
En todo ama y sirve al Señor.
Bendiciones, Padre Chris

WEDDINGS/BODAS COMUNITARIAS—
Saturday, August 31, 2019 @ 12:00pm

1. JOSE OMAR & MARIBEL AGUILAR
2. RAUL & RAMONA GUTIERREZ
3. JOSE HEBERT & IRMA GUTIERREZ
4. RIGOBERTO & JOCELYN SOLIS

CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS TO
ALL!



This week, Fr. Thi celebrated the Children's Liturgy and Fr. Chris blessed the sick and as always we shared some hospitality! We are alive in the Spirit!



Mass Intentions

Sept 9-15

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Mon 7:30 am Mary Linh † *
Tue 7:30 am Frances Ferrante Thomas †#
 10:30am Birthday of Charles Nathaniel Miral#
Wed 7:30 am Birthday of Gina Couchman#
Thu 7:30 am Peter & Mary Linh † *
Fri 7:30 am Primrose Capupus Family *
Sat 8:00 am Primrose Capupus Family *
 Death Anniversary of Jose de la Mora†
 5:30 pm Ile Reyes† #
Sun 8:00 am Ruth Belleci † *
 10am Teresa Masturzo & the De Martino Family† #
 12 pm Carpino & Clemens Families †*
 3 pm FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH *
 *=Fr. Thi, #+Fr. Christopher, ^=

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Offering



September 1, 2019- \$11,927.94

2nd Collection-Parking Lot \$ 4,397.87

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 14	5:30 pm	R Sorci J Fox	B Abitz, A Abitz, E & M Bond C & B Davi, J Hurtado, R Sorci	None Scheduled
Sept 15	8:00 am	D Phan M Romingquet	D Shipe, M & A Discipulo, P Lorenzo G Shipe, M Marin, E Vilorio, T Vo	Orta Family A Duran
Sept 15	10 am	J Escajeda C Gallo	I Pacheco, L Canciamilla, M Plata N Ceballos, E Pittman, Y Cardona V Contreras, D Viart	N Ceballos Buena Family J Discaya
Sept 15	12 noon	D De Luna S Quejado	N Umadhay, T Umadhay, J Bellando T Freel, R Lagarejos, E & M Ramirez J Singco	R Lagarejos Rodriguez Family
Sept 15	3:00 pm	V Escruceria I Pantoja	A Alvarez, M Alvarez, M Diaz L Mata, L Castaneda, A & L Alvarez	Ramos Family J Hernandez

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

EXODUS 32:7-11, 13-14, 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17,
LUKE 15:1-32

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

DEBT REDUCTION