

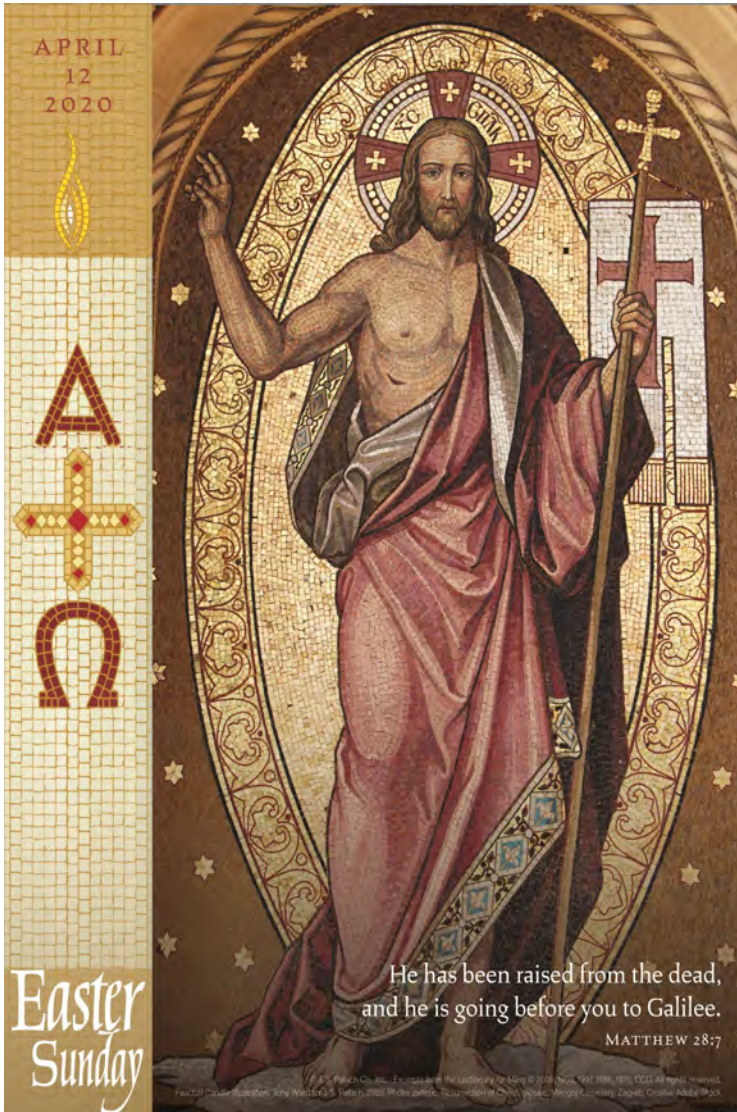


CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

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

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Online Live Stream Mass Schedule. Links are available on our website and our facebook

Monday– Friday

3:00pm

(With the chaplet of Divine Mercy at 2:50pm)

Saturday

8:am and 5:30pm (Vigil)

Sunday

**8am; 10am; 12:00pm;
3:00pm (Spanish)**

Drive through Confession in front of the Church

**Saturdays 4pm– 5pm
or by appointment**





Easter, the Message of Hope, the Light at the End of the nCoV Tunnel

Happy Easter to Everyone! May the Peace and Blessings of the Risen Christ be with you all.

We are Easter people, Alleluia is our song. As we rejoice with all Christians around the world on their celebration of the Risen Christ, let us also share with one another the message of hope so we may continue to be inspired to go through this tough time of the pandemic.

The naming of the celebration as “Easter” seems to go back to the name of a pre-Christian goddess in England, Eostre who was associated with fertility and rebirth. The festival in her honor was held at springtime, the period when the earth renews its life. Today, we celebrate Easter, we not only celebrate the renewal of life here on earth, but also the resurrection of life in heaven. Christ has defeated death by his own death and overturned it into life. This is truly a message of hope for all of us. This Easter evidence tells us that God always finishes what he has started in us. No matter how dangerous the coronavirus is. How long have we put up with it? No matter how many times the enemies were trying to put us down. God will take us from Good Friday to Easter Sunday, from death to life, from despair to hope and from sadness to joy.

It doesn't matter whether we are Christians or not or whether we are believers or not. Easter, the message of hope should be meaningful in our desire towards living the fullness of our lives. So many things can make us afraid. The spreading of the coronavirus, the loss of a loved one, work, a broken friendship and the experience of not being valued by others are among the many experiences that can leave us despairing, not knowing what to expect, even afraid. Those who encountered the risen Christ -- the two Marys, the guards, the disciples -- all experienced a profound change in their lives.

We live in a wonderful but deeply wounded and wounding world that is at times uncaring, unforgiving, cruel, and devoid of second chances. Easter offers the assurance that the many difficulties and challenges that threaten to overwhelm us will be overcome. Despite the abandonment of his disciples, the cruelty of the soldiers and the despair of the women, Jesus offered them, as he offers us, new life, forgiveness, hope and assurance that this coronavirus outbreak soon. We can and peace in life in all its The risen Christ, found love,



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My dear friends, life is complicated. It has mixed feelings of Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Friday is the day of suffering and pain. Saturday is the day of doubt and confusion. But Easter Sunday, the day of joy and victory, is our answer. We will face these three days over and over again in the course of our lives. We must learn to believe that God always finishes what he has started in us. The stories God writes about us; the plans God has for us always have good endings. Today Christ has won. And we know that in Him we shall win the battle of life. His resurrection reminds us that hope must never be lost for as dark as the road may seem, there always lies light at the end of it. So with no fear, let's keep fighting the good fight and fight it with hope and joy, for we are Easter people and Alleluia is our song.

Fr. Chris, Deacon Gustavo, our parish staff and I wish you and your loved ones a grace filled Easter. May the Risen Lord fill your hearts with compassion, peace and never ending hope and joy.

Happy Easter, Alleluia!

Fr. Thi Hoang

ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the Covid –19, we have decided to move the celebration of the sacraments for RCIC and RCIA Candidates to
**Saturday Vigil of the Pentecost ,
May 30 at 5:30pm.**

Save the Date!

**First Holy Communions originally
scheduled for the weekends of
April 25-26 and May 3 will be
moved to the weekend of
June 13-14.**



SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER

With mass attendance down due to the Coronavirus, we ask that you consider signing up for Electronic Fund Transfer so that we can keep the parish up and running during this difficult time. EFT is a safe, convenient way to give to the parish even when you are unable to attend mass or you are away on vacation. Simply fill out the bottom portion of this page and return it to the parish office at 3200 Harbor St., Pittsburg, CA 94565 or a form can be mailed or emailed to you. You can also visit our web site at www.goodshepherdpittsburg.org and conveniently donate through the DONATION NOW BUTTON. If neither of these manners of giving suit you, you can mail in your contributions any time you will not be present at mass or place them through the mail slot in the parish office door. Thank you for helping keep our parish afloat during this very difficult time.

Electronic Funds Transfer**The Easy Way to Tithe!**

Church of the Good Shepherd offers a FREE tithing option more convenient for many of our members
–Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Program.

The program has been a great success since we started it several years ago.

- You Tithe No More Than You Normally Do.
- You Control How You Tithe.
- You Choose A Tithe Frequency: Weekly, Semi-Monthly, Or Monthly.
- You Choose When You Want Your Account Debited.

ENROLLMENT IN ELECTRONIC DONATION TRANSFER FOR SUNDAY GIVING

Please enter the amount you wish to give and how often:

\$ _____ Weekly (Transferred every Monday)

\$ _____ Semimonthly (Transferred on 1st & 14th)

\$ _____ Monthly (Transferred on 1st or 15th—indicate preference)

\$ _____ I wish to give this amount electronically weekly for 2nd collections using the same account information.

CREDIT CARD OPTION

Name _____ Credit Card Type _____
Address _____ Credit Card # _____
Phone _____ Expiration Date _____

CHECKING ACCOUNT OPTION

Simply attach voided check

I authorize Good Shepherd Church to process entries from my credit card or checking account as noted above. This authority shall remain in effect until I give reasonable notification to terminate this

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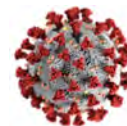
In accordance with the Contra Costa Health
Services order dated March 16, 2020, the parish will be
physically closed until May 3rd.

We are operating the office virtually through the telephone (925-432-6404), our web site
www.goodshepherdpittsburg.org,
or email at

office@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

All masses are suspended, but the chapel is available 24 hours a day to provide a place of prayer and solace. We will be providing more information on the celebration of sacraments soon.

We appreciate your understanding in this matter and praying for your health and safety and a swift





Pascua, el Mensaje de Esperanza, La Luz al Final del Túnel Covid

¡Feliz Pascua a Todos! Que la Paz y las Bendiciones de Cristo Resucitado estén con todos ustedes.

Somos gente de Pascua, Aleluya es nuestra canción. Mientras nos regocijamos con todos los Cristianos al rededor del mundo en la celebración de Cristo Resucitado, compartamos también el mensaje de esperanza para que podamos seguir inspirados al pasar por este duro momento de la pandemia.

El nombrar la celebración "Pascua" parece regresar al nombre de una diosa pre-Cristiana en Inglaterra, llamada Eostre que estaba asociada con la fertilidad y el renacimiento. El festival en su honor se llevaba a cabo en la primavera, el período en que la tierra renueva su vida. Hoy, celebramos la Pascua, no sólo celebramos la renovación de la vida aquí en la tierra, sino también la resurrección de la vida en el cielo. Cristo ha derrotado a la muerte por su propia muerte y la ha convertido en vida. Este es realmente un mensaje de esperanza para todos nosotros. Esta evidencia de Pascua nos dice que Dios siempre termina lo que ha comenzado en nosotros. No importa lo peligroso que sea el coronavirus. ¿Cuánto tiempo lo hemos aguantado? No importa cuántas veces los enemigos tratan de derribarnos. Dios nos llevará del Viernes Santo al Domingo de Resurrección, de la muerte a la vida, de la desesperación a la esperanza y de la tristeza a la alegría.

No importa si somos Cristianos o no o si somos creyentes o no. La Pascua, el mensaje de esperanza debe ser significativo en nuestro deseo de vivir la plenitud de nuestra vida. Muchas cosas pueden hacernos temer. La propagación del coronavirus, la pérdida de un ser querido, el trabajo, una amistad rota y la experiencia de no ser valorados por otros son algunas de las muchas experiencias que nos pueden dejar angustiados, sin saber qué esperar, incluso asustados. Los que se encontraron con Cristo Resucitado --las dos Marías, los guardias, los discípulos-- todos experimentaron un cambio profundo en sus vidas.

Vivimos en un mundo maravilloso pero profundamente herido y herido que a veces es indiferente, implacable, cruel y carente de segundas oportunidades. La Pascua ofrece la seguridad de que se superarán las numerosas dificultades y desafíos que amenazan con abrumarnos. A pesar del abandono de sus discípulos, de la crueldad de los soldados y de la desesperación de las mujeres, Jesús les ofreció, como nos ofrece también, una nueva vida, perdón, que este brote del pronto. Podemos en aquel que vino vida en toda su



esperanza y seguridad de coronavirus terminará encontrar sanación y paz para que podamos tener plenitud. Cristo Re-

Mis queridos amigos, la vida es complicada. Tiene sentimientos encontrados como lo que vivimos el Viernes Santo, Sábado de Gloria y Domingo de Resurrección. El Viernes es el día del sufrimiento y el dolor. El Sábado es el día de la duda y la confusión. Pero el Domingo de Resurrección, es el día de la alegría y la victoria, es nuestra respuesta. Nos enfrentaremos a revivir estos tres días una y otra vez en el curso de nuestras vidas. Debemos aprender a creer firmemente que Dios siempre termina lo que ha comenzado en nosotros. Las historias que Dios escribe sobre nosotros; los planes que Dios tiene para nosotros siempre tienen buenos finales. Hoy Cristo ha ganado. Y sabemos que en El ganaremos la batalla de la vida. Su resurrección nos recuerda que la esperanza nunca debe perderse por más oscuro que parezca el camino, siempre hay luz al final de el. Así que sin miedo, sigamos luchando la buena lucha y luchemosla con esperanza y alegría, porque somos gente de Pascua y Aleluya es nuestra canción. El Padre Chris, el Diacono Gustavo, nuestro personal parroquial y yo les deseamos y a sus seres queridos un Domingo de Resurrección lleno de gracia. Que el Señor Resucitado llene sus corazones de compasión, paz, esperanza y alegría infinita.

¡Feliz Domingo de Resurrección, Aleluya!

Padre Thi Hoang

Guarda la fecha!

ANUNCIO

Debido al Covid-19, hemos decidido trasladar la celebración de los sacramentos para los Candidatos de RCIC y RCIA a la Vigilia del **Sábado de Pentecostés, el 30 de mayo a las 5:30pm.**



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

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN UNCIÓN DE LO ALTO- Viernes 7-9pm en las oficinas parroquiales y Sábados de 10:30 am-11:30 am en la Capilla con el Santísimo. Para mas información por favor contactar a **Laura y Alvin 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-7pm 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

ATENCIÓN MONAGUILLOS

Si les gustaria participar en la sagrada Misa y aprender aún más de su FE, comuniquense con

Rebeca & Bulmaro al 925-286-2276, ellos los guiarán y enseñarán el bello ministerio de ser monaguillos.

ATENCIÓN COMUNIDAD HISPANA

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

Reflexión de Cuaresma: “Encontrándome con Cristo”

Encontrándome con Cristo, es un proceso de formación espiritual intenso para la Cuaresma buscando una relación personal con Jesús. Esta formación está basada en:

“Si el Ministerio no fluye desde un encuentro personal y de una relación continua con el Señor, entonces, no importa cómo lo ha logrado, ese Ministerio carece de alma vital y fuente necesaria para dar frutos duraderos”

Inscribese con Carmen en las oficinas o al final de cada Misa con alguno de los facilitadores.

- ♦ **Las cartas del 2019 de donación de impuestos están disponibles llamando a la oficina parroquial al 925-432-6404. por favor, indique si desea recogerla o que se la enviemos por correo.**

- ♦ **¡NUEVO PARA EL 2020!**

Misas trimestrales para la "Unción de los Enfermos" tendrán lugar los Sábados a las 10am, comenzando Mayo 2, Agosto 1o y Noviembre 7

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Mass Intentions

April 13-19

3pm Daily Livestream on the Good ShepherdFacebook Page

Mon		Laureana Luna Espiritu †
Tue		Raul Zamora †
Wed		Jose G. Abad †
Thu		Maria De Jesus Padilla †
Fri		Birthday of Patricia V. Fernandez Ronald W. Chambers †
Sat	5:30 pm	Francisco Del Rosario † Bobby Carpino † Ms. Minnie Bridgewater †
Sun	10am	Ann Aceves & Kathryn Yamamoto †
	12 pm	Living & Deceased Knights of Columbus
	3:00pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

* =Fr. Thi, # =Fr. Christopher

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Please help contribute to the smooth operation and good services of our parish, especially during this most difficult time. You can give your donations to any staff member or place in the mail slot in the ministry building door.

We appreciate your generosity and for making Good Shepherd a part of your family.

Fr. Thi

Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:42-47, 1 Peter 1:3-9,
John 20:19-31

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

Bishop's Appeal

Holy Week and Easter Celebrations

Drive through Confession During Holy Week

Monday– Wednesday: 9am-10am & 6pm-7pm

Holy Thursday: 9am-10am

Good Friday: 9 am-10am

Holy Saturday: 9 am-10 am

Live Stream Holy Week & Easter Masses

Monday—Wednesday at 3pm

with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 2:50pm

April 9-Holy Thursday

8:00am Morning Prayer/Liturgy of the Hours

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Mid-Night.

April 10-Good Friday

8am Morning Prayer/Liturgy of the Hours

12pm Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross

3:00pm Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross (Spanish)

7:00pm Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross

April 11-Holy Saturday EASTER VIGIL

8:00am—Morning Prayer/ Liturgy of the Hours

10 am Rehearsal for Easter Vigil

8:00pm Easter Vigil

April 12 EASTER SUNDAY

8:00am Mass

10:00am Mass

12:00pm Mass

3:00pm Mass – Spanish

April 18 & 19- Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration