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Online Live Stream Mass  
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site and our facebook

**Monday– Friday**

**3:00pm**

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

**Saturday**

**8:am and 5:30pm (Vigil)**

**Sunday**

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

**Drive through Confession in front of  
the Church**

**4pm-5pm**

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



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**“To see is to believe” goes a worn-out saying. Without senses and science, and now without technology, it is really hard to believe. What are important are evidences. What is essential, is proof of existence.**

**The Apostle Thomas, of this Second Easter Sunday, wanted proof, evidence that Jesus really rose from death in order that he may believe. In other words, he manifested a lack of faith. And because of his doubt, the term “doubting Thomas” was coined to describe all doubters and skeptics.**

**But nothing will stop Jesus from bringing the Love of the Father and His unending mercy to Thomas and to us. He returns one week after Easter – today! – to make a personal visit among us. He sees past his doubting apostle’s arrogant challenge to put his finger into the nail marks and put his hand in his side. Then Jesus addresses his thirsting soul, our soul that thirsts for truth and happiness.**

**Thomas wants to see Jesus, thirsts for Jesus’ love and mercy but he could not accept his unworthiness before him. His hardness was a cover up for his vulnerability, his weakness, his fear of condemnation. We too at times feel like Thomas; unworthy of God’s immense love and mercy.**

**Pope Francis said in his Easter message that there is a different ‘contagion’ – a contagion of hope. I believe that it is not just a contagion of hope that is spread but also the contagion of love and mercy of God that should spread among us. The virus should not be spread! Love and mercy of God should be the what we spread!**

**This day we also celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday. God is a God of mercy who redeemed us by His passion, death and resurrection. Hence, no matter how grave and numerous our sins may be, if we decide to return to Him in humble repentance, He will not hesitate to pardon us. Of course, this infinite mercy should not be a license for us to abuse. “God is good and merciful,” one may say, “so I can go on doing what I want.” But God also sees the human heart and knows if we’re sincere or not. Remember God is also a just God!**

**This unprecedented time is not a time for always being skeptical. It is also not a time for indifference and self-centeredness. The overwhelming number of cases of those afflicted with the virus is proof enough that we should all participate to eradicate the virus. We should not spread the virus but what we should spread is the love and mercy of God. May Jesus who already defeated the darkness of sin and death dispel the darkness of doubt, confusion, indifference and self-centeredness in this crisis and bring us hope, faith, love and mercy.**

## 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.**

### INCOME FOR MARCH, 2020

Plate Collections	\$37,773
Catholic Voice	2,561
Unrestricted Donations	5,300
Restricted Donations	3,578
Parish Events	3,057
Ministry Income	3,282
Other income	6,765
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 62,316</b>

### EXPENSES FOR MARCH, 2020

Administration	\$ 12,468
Parish Property	17,998
Rectory Living	1,611
Priests	6,272
Liturgy & Music	4,928
Children, Youth & Adult Formation/CYO	14,721
Other Ministries	763
Parish Events	3,365
Depreciation	2,238
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 64,364</b>

### MONTH RECAP

INCOME	\$ 62,316
EXPENSES	\$ 64,363

EXPENSES OVER AT MONTN END:  
\$2,048

## 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](http://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**

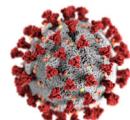
## **CHECKING ACCOUNT OPTION**

**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 authorization.

COVID-19

**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](http://www.goodshepherdpittsburg.org),  
or email at  
[office@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto: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 end to this crisis.

"Ver es creer" dice un dicho desgastado. Sin sentidos y sin ciencia y ahora sin tecnología, es muy difícil de creer. Lo importante son las evidencias. Lo esencial es la prueba de existencia.

El apóstol Tomás en este Segundo Domingo de Pascua quería pruebas, una evidencia de que Jesús realmente resucitó de entre la muerte para que él pudiese creer. En otras palabras, manifestó una falta de fe. Y debido a su duda, el término "dudoso Thomas" fue acuñado para describir a todos los dudosos e incredulos.

Pero nada impedirá que Jesús traiga el Amor del Padre y su misericordia sin fin a Tomás y a nosotros. El regresa una semana después de la Pascua - ¡hoy! - a hacer una visita personal entre nosotros. El ve más allá del arrogante desafío de su apóstol dudoso que quiere poner su dedo en las marcas de los clavos y poner su mano en su costado. Pero Jesús se dirige a su alma sedienta, como a nuestra alma que tiene sed de verdad y felicidad.

Tomás quiere ver a Jesús, esta sediento del amor y la misericordia de Jesús, pero no puede aceptar su indignidad ante él. Su dureza era un encubrimiento de su vulnerabilidad, su debilidad, su miedo a hacer juzgado. Al igual que nosotros, nosotros también a veces nos sentimos como Thomas; indignos del inmenso amor y misericordia de Dios.

El Papa Francisco dijo en su mensaje de Pascua que hay un "contagio" diferente, un contagio de esperanza. Creo que no es sólo un contagio de esperanza que se difunda, sino también el contagio del amor y la misericordia de Dios que debe extenderse entre nosotros. ¡El virus no debe propagarse! ¡El amor y la misericordia de Dios debe ser lo que nosotros difundamos!

Este día también celebramos el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. Dios es un Dios de misericordia que nos redimió por su pasión, muerte y resurrección. Por lo tanto, no importa cuán graves y numerosos sean nuestros pecados, si decidimos regresar a El en humilde arrepentimiento, no dudará en perdonarnos. Por supuesto, esta infinita misericordia no debe ser una licencia para que abusemos. "Dios es bueno y misericordioso", uno puede decir, "así pués puedo seguir haciendo lo que quiero". Pero Dios también ve el corazón humano y sabe si somos sinceros o no. ¡Recuerda que Dios también es un Dios justo!

Este tiempo sin precedentes no es un momento para ser siempre incredulos. No es también un momento para la indiferencia y el egocentrismo. El abrumador número de casos de personas afectadas por el virus es prueba suficiente que todos debemos participar para erradicar el virus. No debemos propagar el virus, pero lo que debemos propagar es el amor y la misericordia de Dios. Como Jesús, que ya derrotó las tinieblas del pecado y de la muerte, nosotros tambien debemos derrotar las tinieblas de la duda, la confusión, la indiferencia y el egocentrismo en esta crisis y propagar esperanza, fe, amor y misericordia.



Drive through Confession during Lent



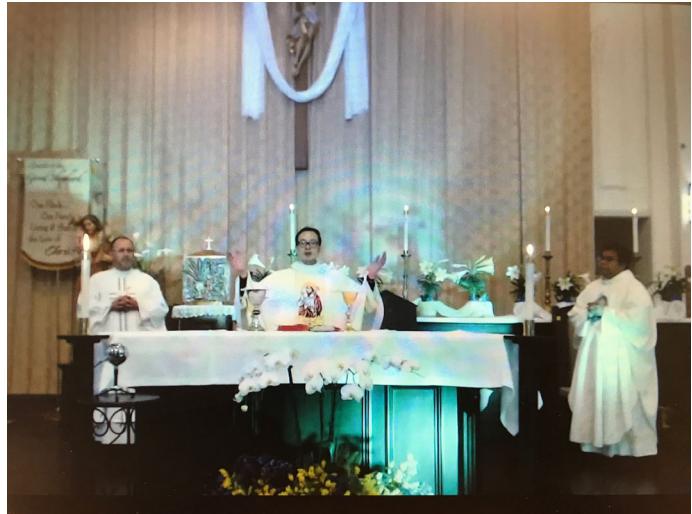
Drive through Communion on Palm Sunday



Adoration on Holy Thursday  
Adoration of the Cross –Good Friday



Easter Vigil Holy Saturday



Happy Easter

**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.**

**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 comuníquese 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 gustaría 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.

**ATENCIÓN COMUNIDAD HISPANA**

Si algún miembro de la comunidad Hispana **esta interesado en recibir visitas a domicilio o comunión a los enfermos**, por favor comuníquese 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”*

Inscríbase 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 envíemos 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 10 y Noviembre 7

**Mass Intentions****April 20-26**

3pm Daily Livestream on the Good Shepherd Facebook Page

Mon	Mary & Dominic Nguyen † *
Tue	Lucio & Catalina Antonacio † #
Wed	Birthday of Paul Steichen *
Thu	Michael & Laura Ann Florentino † #
Fri	Teresita Cerbas † *
Sat	5:30 pm    Bobby Carpino & Ronald Chambers † #
Sun	10am      Rego Piva, Paris & Bonnie Bergholtz & Family † *
	12 pm     Frances Ferrante Thomas † #
	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 2:14, 22-23, 1 Peter 1:17-21,  
Luke 24:13-35**

**NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION**

**CATHOLIC VOICE DEFICIT**

### EASTER FLOWER FUND DONATIONS

*Thank you to those who donated to this year's fund to make our sanctuary a beautiful place to livestream from! (Dedications are in bold)*

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Carpino  
 Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Auza  
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ferrante  
 Mr. & Mrs. Benedict Viloria  
 Mrs. Nora Ferrante  
 Mrs. May Plata  
 Mr. & Mrs. Ric Ramos  
**Mr. & Mrs. Rudolph Escajeda**  
 Ms. Norma Borromeo  
 Ms. Jessica Florido  
 Mr. & Mrs. Julio Rivera  
 Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Nicolosi  
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ghiselli  
 Mr. & Mrs. Nolan Evola  
**Mr. David Riddle-Lourdes Riddle**  
**Mr. & Mrs. Allan Graff-Jose Serrano**  
**Mr. & Mrs. Francisco Francisco-Casimiro & Christina Francisco & Family**  
**Pedro Cuenco, Alice & Nelly Gutierrez, Ernesto & Juanita Gutierrez**  
**Mr. & Mrs. Leonardo Calara-Seba, Sam & David Francisco,**  
**Herman, Bob, Sion & Jaime Taporco**  
**Mariano, Meseng, Bayani & Oliver Calara**  
**Mr. & Mrs. Jess Garcia-Deceased Members of the Garcia & Locke Families**

### *The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy*

