



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

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

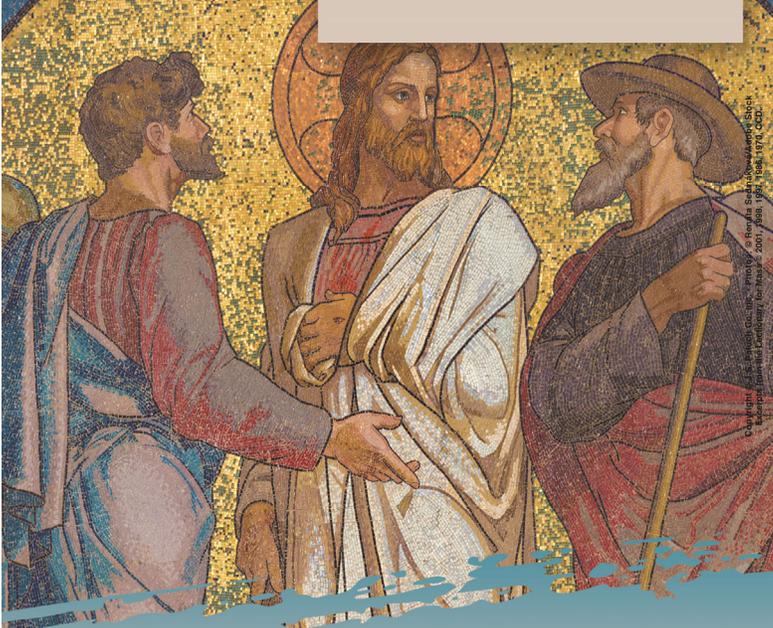
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THIRD SUNDAY OF

Easter

APRIL 26, 2020



Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?

Luke 24:32

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

10am; 12:00pm;

3:00pm (Spanish)

Drive through Confession in front of the Church

Saturdays 4pm– 5pm

or by appointment



Remembering Jesus More

The story of the disciples of Emmaus describes the experience lived by two followers of Jesus as they walk from Jerusalem to the small village of Emmaus. Luke does so with such a skill that it helps us to rekindle our faith in the Risen Christ today.

After Jesus' death, the new formed group of his followers was disintegrating, and two of his disciples were moving away from Jerusalem. Without Jesus, it made no sense to stick together. The dream had evaporated. When Jesus died, the hope that had awakened in their hearts also died. Is some of this happening in our communities today? Are we letting our faith in Jesus die?

However, these disciples continue talking about Jesus. They can't forget it. They comment on what happened. They're trying to find some sense for what they've lived next to him. *"As they talk, Jesus approaches and walks with them."* It is the first gesture of the Risen One. The disciples are not able to recognize it, but Jesus is already present walking with them. Does Jesus walk today with so many believers who leave the Church, but still remember Him?

Luke's intention is clear: Jesus approaches when the disciples remember Him and they are talking about Him. He becomes present where his gospel is discussed, where there is interest in His message, where they talk about his lifestyle and his project. Is Jesus so absent among us because we talk little about him?

Jesus is interested in talking to them: *"What are all these things that you are discussing as you walk along?"* He doesn't impose himself by revealing his identity to them. He asks them to continue to tell their experience. Talking to Him, they'll discover their blindness. Their eyes will open when, guided by His Word, they take an inner journey. If we talk more about Jesus in the Church and talk more with Him, our faith will revive.

The disciples tell him about their expectations and disappointments; Jesus helps them deepen in the identity of the crucified Messiah. The hearts of the disciples begin to burn; they feel the need for that "unknown man" to stay with them. As they celebrate the Eucharistic supper, their eyes open and they recognize Him: Jesus is with them!

We as Christians must remember Jesus more often: quote His words, comment on His way of life, deepen His project; especially now that we're walking together in this crisis. We must open our eyes more to our faith and discover Jesus full of life in our sisters and brothers and at the same time in the Eucharist. Jesus walks with us, Jesus is with us.

Deacon Gustavo

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.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING DURING THIS TIME OF QUARANTINE TO INCREASE YOUR FAITH?

Father Thi has made available to us one of the most revolutionary multi-media resources for our faith available today. [Formed.org](http://formed.org) is a wide and deep resource with readings – books, articles, blogs, videos – full-length feature films of the Saints, Christ, documentaries, TV shows and talks, educational videos, teaching and catechetical videos, lessons, multi-part devotionals, Bible and topical studies, video, and audio podcasts, breath-taking art from around the world, You can watch, listen to audiobooks and audio dramas, fiction and nonfiction on your computer, tablet, or smartphone. [Formed.org](http://formed.org) offers a wealth of resources for youth as well. As a member of our parish family, we have paid for your subscription. Simply go to <http://goodshepherdpittsburg.formed.org> and register or go to our parish website at goodshepherdpittsburg.org, click on the tab – FORMED - and get started. FREE.

Go ahead, satisfy your hunger to know and love your “real” Father. Learn your roots and all your other brothers and sisters – the Saints. Moses pleads for us to know the “House Rules” and someday Jesus, the “head of the church,” may give you a pop-quiz. Now you have a terrific resource to learn and know about your family – God’s Family. Take advantage of it today by registering and start what will be your greatest adventure.



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 authorization.

COVID-19

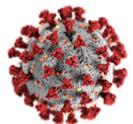
In accordance with the Contra Costa Health Services order dated March 16, 2020, the parish will be physically closed until May 3rd.

We are operating the office virtually through the telephone (925-432-6404), our web site www.goodshepherdpittsburg.org, 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 end to this crisis.



Recordar más a Jesús

El relato de los discípulos de Emaús nos describe la experiencia vivida por dos seguidores de Jesús mientras caminan desde Jerusalén hacia la pequeña aldea de Emaús. Lucas lo hace con tal habilidad que nos ayuda a reavivar hoy nuestra fe en Cristo resucitado.

Después de la muerte de Jesús, el grupo de sus seguidores que se había formado se estaba desintegrando, y dos de sus discípulos se alejaban de Jerusalén. Sin Jesús, no tenía sentido el seguir unidos. El sueño se ha desvanecido. Al morir Jesús, muere también la esperanza que había despertado en sus corazones. ¿Está hoy sucediendo algo de esto en nuestras comunidades? ¿Estamos dejando morir la fe en Jesús?

Sin embargo, estos discípulos siguen hablando de Jesús. No lo pueden olvidar. Comentan lo sucedido. Tratan de buscarle algún sentido a lo que han vivido junto a él. *“Mientras conversan, Jesús se acerca y se pone a caminar con ellos”*. Es el primer gesto del Resucitado. Los discípulos no son capaces de reconocerlo, pero Jesús ya está presente caminando junto a ellos, ¿Camina hoy Jesús junto a tantos creyentes que abandonan la Iglesia, pero lo siguen recordando?

La intención del Lucas es clara: Jesús se acerca cuando los discípulos lo recuerdan y hablan de Él. Se hace presente allí donde se comenta su evangelio, donde hay interés por su mensaje, donde se conversa sobre su estilo de vida y su proyecto. ¿Está Jesús tan ausente entre nosotros porque hablamos poco de él?

Jesús está interesado en conversar con ellos: *“¿De qué hablan mientras van caminando?”* No se impone revelándoles su identidad. Les pide que sigan contando su experiencia. Conversando con Él, irán descubriendo su ceguera. Se les abrirán los ojos cuando, guiados por Su Palabra, hagan un recorrido interior. Si en la Iglesia hablamos más de Jesús y conversamos más con él, nuestra fe revivirá.

Los discípulos le hablan de sus expectativas y decepciones; Jesús les ayuda a ahondar en la identidad del Mesías crucificado. El corazón de los discípulos comienza a arder; sienten necesidad de que aquel "desconocido" se quede con ellos. Al celebrar la cena eucarística, se les abren los ojos y lo reconocen: ¡Jesús está con ellos!

Los cristianos hemos de recordar más a Jesús: citar sus palabras, comentar su estilo de vida, ahondar en su proyecto; sobre todo en estos momentos donde estamos caminando juntos con esta crisis. Debemos abrir más los ojos a nuestra fe y descubrir a Jesús lleno de vida en nuestras hermanas y hermanos y al mismo tiempo en la Eucaristía. Jesús camina junto a nosotros, Jesús está con nosotros.

Diácono Gustavo

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 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 Peregrina a sus casas, por favor comunicarse con **Milton Pérez, Rubén y Silvana Gutierrez al 925-439-7640.**

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 comuníquense 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”

Inscríbese 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

BISHOP BARBER'S EASTER MESSAGE TO THE FAITHFUL

I know that my Redeemer lives. (Job 19:25).

I've been holding onto that verse these past weeks. When I feel afraid, it gives me comfort and strength. By saying my Redeemer lives, it means that no matter what happens to us or our country in these weeks, Christ has risen. He overcomes all pain, suffering and uncertainty. He doesn't take it away, but He -- and all those who are His disciples -- will overcome.

What is the worst that can happen to us during this time? We could catch coronavirus and die. But is death the end? Not for those who believe in Christ and are baptized. I remember back to 1985, TWA Flight 847 was hijacked in Athens by terrorists. There were some U.S. soldiers and sailors among the passengers. They were beaten, and one of them, sailor Robert Stethem, was shot in the head, and his body dumped out of the plane onto the tarmac. A few weeks later at his funeral in the US, his brother, also a sailor, got up to speak. For as long as I live, I will never forget his words: "I know that if my brother were here today, he would want to say one thing. 'That no matter what happens, *God reigns.*'" Although that sailor was mourning the loss of his brother, his faith -- and his brother's faith -- was paramount.

I know that my Redeemer lives.

The next-worst thing that can happen to us in this crisis is losing our job. Then you can't pay the rent, feed your family, pay your bills, etc. Even with unemployment insurance, there will be significant hardship. I've seen this situation handled in two basic ways. One, a person goes into a depression, resulting in inaction. I had a Commanding Officer in the Navy once. He had been a submarine captain, and then was C.O. of the Navy base where I was serving. The Navy decided it had too many senior officers, and thinned the ranks. Through no fault of his own, he was involuntarily retired. With full pension and benefits. He was in his early 50s. Rather than look for a job, he sat home and sulked. His wife went to work as a school librarian to help pay the bills. She was frustrated. He felt worthless, even though he had a distinguished Navy career. And his faith was not very strong. No prayer.

Another case. A young man recently graduated with a good business degree. Put in applications at all the usual accounting firms. Presented well on his interviews. Yet no job offers. Undeterred, he kept applying. Kept interviewing. Still no offers. Yet he didn't give up. Went to daily Mass. Prayed that God would open a door for him. Trusted. Finally, being hungry and not having much money, he decided to have his lunch at a hospital cafeteria. He knew the food would be good and cheap. While dining, he struck up a conversation with a nurse at the table and revealed his situation. She told him that she didn't know if the hospital needed another accountant, but they were looking to hire someone to work with mothers who were drug addicts and their newborn children. The fellow interviewed and was hired on the spot. Weeks later he said he felt so much more fulfilled helping take care of "crack babies" than if he were working in a business office. He trusted, and the Lord put him in the right place.

I know that my Redeemer lives.

Being a Christian does not mean we will have a life devoid of suffering. But it does mean that the Lord's promises to us will be fulfilled. And the main promise is that He has overcome suffering and death. And He will lead all those who are joined to Him through baptism and the Eucharist to a Resurrection from the dead. And smaller resurrections here, during our earthly life.

I know that my Redeemer lives. And He will never let you down.

Mass Intentions

April 27-May 3

3pm Daily Livestream on the Good Shepherd
Facebook Page

Mon		Jose & Helaria Ysip † #
Tue		Peter Nguyen † *
Wed		Reyes Bustillos † #
Thu		Birthday of Vince Arellano #
Fri		Mary & Peter Nguyen †
Sat	5:30 pm	All Souls, Felicidad L. Vito Birthday & Cita Herschelman †
Sun	10am	Mateo & Pina Romero, Rudolf J. Vera †
	12 pm	Stella & Alma Farrales †
	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 2:14A, 36-41, 1 PETER 2:20B-25,
JOHN 10:1-10**

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

MAINTENANCE FUND

**ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICE OF THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA
REQUIRING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND WORKERS TO WEAR
FACE COVERINGS
April 17, 2020**

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT GOOD SHEPHERAD PARISH IS IMPLEMENTING THIS POLICY ON OUR PROPERTY UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES. PLEASE PLAN ON COMPLYING WITH THIS ORDER WHEN YOU ARE ON SITE FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF ALL OF OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY. THANK YOU!



**Divine Mercy Ministry
Members celebrated
Divine Mercy Sunday
4/19/20**



Drive Through Confession and Communion on Divine Mercy Weekend!

Daily Catholic Wisdom

Many of us believe we'll get a new body once we enter into eternal life or on Judgment Day. But we don't see how this body—this weak, mortal body that eats and sleeps, catches a cold and bleeds. - could possibly be resurrected to eternal life. Surely God has better material he can work with? But every time we pray the Creed, that's what we say: I believe in the resurrection of the flesh. I believe that this body will one day stand before the throne of Christ and worship him with all the angels and saints.

Doctor Scott Hah