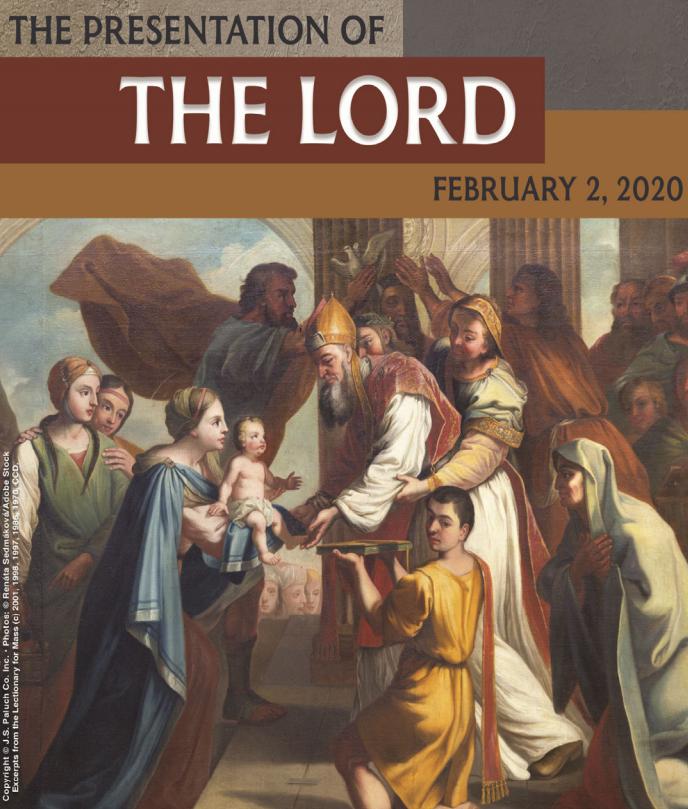




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Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted.

LUKE 2:34

Office Hours:

**Monday-Thursday: 9am-12 pm & 1-4 pm
Fridays: 9am-4pm (Basic Services)**

Schedule of Masses

Sundays: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12 noon & 3:00pm Spanish

Monday through Friday: 7:30 am

1st Fridays: 7:00 pm

3rd Fridays: 7:00 pm (Spanish)

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.



Today we celebrate three traditions, which are related in today's Gospel. First, the presentation of the Lord in the temple: According to the Books of Exodus and Numbers, the first male was given back to the Lord and presented in the temple. Sometimes, the boy would actually be given to the temple and raised there, such as in the case of the prophet Samuel. More often, however the child would be redeemed with a money offering.

The second ritual is the purification of a mother, rooted in the Book of Leviticus. Having giving birth, the mother was regarded as unclean. After forty days of giving birth, the mother was directed to offer a sacrifice for her purification in the temple. The offering could be a lamb if she was able to, or two turtledoves if she was poor. The Gospel said that Mary offered two turtledoves, for she was poor. But the reality is that she also brought with her a lamb – Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. It is Jesus who will, years later, himself be offered as a sacrifice. One offered not only for the purity of his mother in the Jewish Temple, but for the sins of the whole world on the cross.

Third tradition, Candlemas started in the early Church which echoes the praise of Simeon when he encountered Jesus: "*Now my eyes have seen your salvation which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel.*" Christ is the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. For this reason, traditionally at least since the seventh century, candles have been blessed at Mass this day that will be used throughout the year, hence coining the term "Candlemas."

Today we commemorate three great events, the Presentation of the Lord, Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Candlemas. Let us be joyful and announce to the world that Jesus Christ is the light that enlightens our lives.

Blessings,
Fr. Thi Hoang

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MARRIAGE CONVALIDATION OPPORTUNITY

Dear All Civilly Married Couples:

You may have chosen not to marry in the Church because of family issues or timing or concerns about cost or other reasons, and now hesitate to have your marriage convalidated (sacramentally recognized by the Church) because of similar worries about cost or time. WORRY NO MORE! IT IS FREE NOW.

We are going to have a group marriage convalidation here in our church on August 15 (Feast of the Assumption) at 11am.

To prepare for this celebration, we will have an "in house" marriage preparation session which will take place on March 7th from 9am to 3pm.

If you are interested in getting your marriage convalidated, please contact our parish secretary, Carmen, for registration.

***Attention!* We accept only couples that are currently civilly married, and have never been previously married or divorced.**

Fr. Thi Hoang

FROM THE CHAPEL

Just a reminder to the groups, please make sure you are staying to your assigned time frame. If you are a group that would like to establish a time contact

Carmen Esquivel 432-6404 ext 19.

When praying outside of the group times please pray in silence while in the chapel.

**YLI TERESITA "2020" EYEGLASSES DONATION DRIVE**

Your donation of old prescription eyeglasses will benefit those in need in Mexico, Ethiopia, Vietnam, Philippines, Central and South America and many more countries. There will be a receptacle in the church vestibule for donations. Please no eyeglass cases or sunglasses. Thank you

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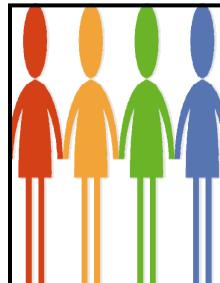
TAX DONATION LETTERS ARE AVAILABLE BY CALLING THE PARISH OFFICE AT 925-432-6404. PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PICK THEM UP OR HAVE THEM MAILED TO YOU.

**Congratulations To:
CAMILLO LANZAFAME CAMPOS
Who was baptized on
January 25th.**

**COUNSELING OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

Diocese of Oakland Counselor, Sandy Heinisch, is available for counseling here at Good Shepherd on Tuesdays. She is English speaking only. If you wish to set up an appointment to speak with Sandy, please contact her at 925-628-1503 or sandynca@sbcglobal.net to set up an appointment.

We celebrate a Children's Mass on the 1st Sunday of each month at 10 am and a Youth Mass at 10 am on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Please join us next Masses: Children's Mass: February 2 and Youth Mass: February 16



Dear parishioners,

The weekend of February 8-9, community leaders will be at all of the Masses inviting you to support the Schools and Communities First Initiative. This Initiative will bring critical funds for our children's education and social services in Contra Costa County and throughout the state of California. Your signature will help get this crucial measure on the November 2020 ballot. This initiative would bring \$12 Billion dollars annually to our state, \$348 million for Contra Costa County.

"I AM LOVE AND MERCY ITSELF"

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April 18 & 19
2020

Saturday, April 18th

7:00 to 9:00 PM Christine Watkins - TALK - (CHURCH)



Mrs. Christine Watkins, MTS, LCSW, is a popular Catholic speaker and author. Formerly an anti-Christian atheist living a life of sin, she began a life of service to the Catholic Church after a miraculous healing from Jesus through Mary, which saved her from death. Before her conversion, she danced professionally with the San Francisco Ballet Company. Today, she has twenty years of experience as a Catholic speaker, retreat and parish mission leader, spiritual director, and counselor, with ten years as a hospice grief counselor and ten as a post-abortion healing director. She is the author of the Amazon #1 best-sellers: OF MEN AND MARY; How Six Men Won the Greatest Battle of Their Lives.



Sunday, April 19th

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Fr. James Blount, SOLT - TALK - CONFESSIONS (HALL)



Fr. James Blount, is an internationally known Exorcist Priest of the Society of Our Lady of the Trinity (SOLT) – Georgia Mission. A very gifted Spiritual Director and Confessor, Fr. Jim is a bold charismatic preacher endowed and empowered with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. He speaks of living a life in relationship with each of the Persons of the Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. His teachings depict his deep love for the Eucharist and his intimate relationship, love and devotion to Jesus and Mary draws many souls to also fall in love with them. Father is a powerful instrument of the Holy Spirit as evidenced by so many stories of miracles, healings and conversions. Dedicated to his healing and deliverance ministry, Father travels preaching and proclaiming the Gospel whenever and wherever he can, in the United States and abroad.

4:30 PM

FREE ADMISSION
Donations Greatly Appreciated!

Divine Mercy Healing Mass
with Fr. Blount in the CHURCH

CONTACT (925) 250-6837
For any questions regarding event

COME ONE, COME ALL, AND BE HEALED!

REDACTED

ADORATION
As a reminder Adoration is on the first Friday of
every month followed by a Mass for the
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at 7 PM
Adoration - 8:00 AM to 6:45PM

Jesus said to His Apostles: "My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here and stay awake with me.' And going on a little further he fell on his face and prayed. 'My Father,' he said, 'if it is possible, let this cup pass me by. Nevertheless, let it be as you, not as I would have it.' He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, 'So you had not the strength to stay awake with me for one hour?

We need at least one person per hour to sit with the Blessed Sacrament, the signup book is in the vestibule as you enter the church on the right-hand side.

If you have any questions please call Bill or Ann (432-3995)

February 7, 2020 is our next Adoration









TIM FRANCIS PRESENTS
DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?
~ SEEING IS BELIEVING ~

From altar boy to party boy: From non-denominational mega church back to the Roman Catholic Church. Tim Francis shares with us his quest for truth.

This is a LIVE presentation hosted by Tim Francis. Few things you will hear and see:

- ♦ Communion host caught on film pulsating like a human heart.
- ♦ Multiple communion hosts tested by science that transformed into human heart
- ♦ Lately being filmed & tested before, during, and after Stigmata
- ♦ Much more...

The meaning of suffering. Why be Catholic after all the corruption? Are all Religions the same? Why confess sins to a man when he might be just as sinful? etc....

He has since conducted over 500 parish missions conveying the meaning of the miracles with results similar to this:

Fallen away son returns after Mother drags him to presentation:

"I wanted to thank you for changing my life. My mom went to day 1 of the 3-day mission... she got me to attend the second day... I was an occasional Mass attendee, mostly holidays. After your talk I made a good confession and now attend Mass DAILY...."

And this one from a fallen away Catholic turned Protestant Pastor:

"Without hesitation, nor exaggeration, I can say it was this presentation that was the pinnacle of my return to the Catholic Church..."

36-year-old fallen away Catholic son. His Mother has been praying years for his return to the Church.

"Seeing the miracles that no science can refute, and the people personally touched by Jesus and Mary forever changed the direction of my life and the makeup of my heart...I felt the power of Jesus and for me that could only have happened by seeing what Tim presented."

"Since that day in May I have not missed a Mass."

**Watch Tim explain what this is all about on this short video:
www.ScienceTestsFaith.com/GoodShepherd**

Church of the Good Shepherd

March 2nd and 3rd | 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm
3200 Harbor St. | Pittsburg, CA 94565

Same presentation both nights

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Saturday, February 8 at 10am

World Day of the Sick, initiated by Pope St. John Paul II, is held annually near the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes.

We would like to invite all who are sick and their families, caregivers and healthcare providers to attend the Mass of the Anointing of the Sick here at our church on **Saturday, February 8 at 10am**.

We also give the blessing of caregivers and healthcare providers and distribute rosaries. A light reception will follow the liturgy.

Please come and join us and spread the good news!

Fr. Thi



We celebrated the Feast of Santo Nino!



We celebrated the Chinese/Vietnamese Lunar New Year!

Hoy celebramos tres tradiciones, que están relacionadas con el Evangelio de hoy. Primero, la presentación del Señor en el templo: Según los Libros del Éxodo y Números, el primer hijo varón era devuelto al Señor y presentado en el Templo. A veces, en realidad el niño era entregado al templo y criado allí, como en el caso del profeta Samuel. Sin embargo, más a menudo, el niño era entregado con un dote de ofrecimiento.

El segundo ritual es la purificación de una madre, arraigada en el Libro de Levítico. Al dar a luz, la madre era considerada impura. Después de cuarenta días de dar a luz, se mandaba a la madre que ofreciera un sacrificio por su purificación en el templo. La ofrenda podría ser un cordero si fuese capaz de hacerlo monetariamente, o dos tórtolas si era pobre. El Evangelio dice que María ofreció dos tórtolas, porque era pobre. Pero la realidad es que ella también trajo consigo un cordero – Jesucristo, el Cordero de Dios. Es Jesús quien, años más tarde, será ofrecido como sacrificio. Uno se ofreció no sólo por la pureza de su madre en el Templo Judío, sino por los pecados de todo el mundo en la cruz.

Tercera tradición, la Candelaria comenzó en la Iglesia primitiva que hace eco de la alabanza de Simeón cuando se encontró con Jesús: "Ahora mis ojos han visto tu salvación que preparaste a la vista de todos los pueblos, una luz para la revelación a los gentiles y gloria para tu pueblo Israel." Cristo es la luz que vino a este mundo para disipar el pecado y las tinieblas. Por esta razón, tradicionalmente al menos desde el siglo VII, las velas han sido bendecidas en misa de este día que se utilizará durante todo el año, por lo tanto creando el término "Candelarias".

Hoy recordamos tres grandes acontecimientos, la Presentación del Señor, la Purificación de la Santísima Virgen María y las Velas. Seamos júbilosos y anunciamos al mundo que Jesucristo es la luz que ilumina nuestras vidas.

Bendiciones

Padre Thi Hoang

Queridos feligreses,

En el fin de semana del 8 al 9 de febrero, líderes comunitarios estarán en todas las Misas invitándolos a apoyar la Iniciativa de Escuelas y Comunidades Primero. Esta Iniciativa beneficia la educación de los niños y los servicios sociales en el condado de Contra Costa y en todo el estado de California. Su firma ayudará a poner esta medida crucial en la boleta de noviembre. Esta iniciativa traerá \$12 Billones de dólares a nuestro estado, y \$348 Millones para el Condado de Contra Costa.

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.

EL DÍA MUNDIAL DEL ENFERMO – Misa Sábado 8 de Febrero a las 10am

Día Mundial de los Enfermos, iniciado por el Papa San Juan Pablo II, se celebra anualmente cerca de la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes. Nos gustaría invitar a todos los enfermos y a sus familias, cuidadores y proveedores de atención médica a asistir a la Misa de la Unción de los Enfermos aquí en nuestra iglesia el Sábado 8 de Febrero a las 10 de la mañana. También daremos la bendición a los cuidadores y proveedores de atención médica y distribuiremos rosarios. Una recepción ligera seguirá la liturgia. Por favor, venga a compartir con nosotros y difundir las buenas noticias! Padre Thi

¡NUEVO PARA EL 2020!

Misas trimestrales para la "Unción de los Enfermos" tendrán lugar los Sábados a las 10am, comenzando Febrero 8, Abril 2, Agosto 10 y Noviembre 7

ESTUDIO BIBLICO EN ESPAÑOL

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

Apartir de **Agosto**, **cada tercer y cuerto Lunes de cada mes, de 7-9pm** en el salón pequeño de la oficina. Ven te esperamos!

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN UNCIÓN DE LO ALTO- **Viernes 7-9pm** en las oficinas parroquiales y **Sábados de 11am-1pm** en la Capilla con el Santísimo. Para mas información por favor contactar a **Laura y Alvino 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-8pm 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 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.

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.

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- ◊ **Bautizos (Niños Pequeños)**, para más Información llamar a la Oficina/Carmen +al 925-432-6404, su correo electrónico es 'carmen@goodshepherdittsburg.org'

Mass Intentions

February 3-9

**Mass Intentions
For The Week**


- Mon** 7:30 am Ann Rose Russo † #
Tue 7:30 am Soforino Capupus † #
Wed 7:30 am Eleanor Ripalda † ^
Thu 7:30 am Birthday of Roma Roberts #
Fri 7:30 am Monserat S. Lee † #
 7:00 pm Capupus Family #
Sat 8:00 am Eleanor Ripalda &
 Ronald Chambers † #
 5:30 pm Birthday of John Sorci † #
Sun 8:00 am Gunzie Aceves †#
 10 am FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH#
 12 pm Beatriz Valenzuela † #
 3 pm Rene Gutierrez † #

*=Fr. Thi, #=Fr. Christopher, ^=Dec. Gustavo

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Offering

January 26, 2020- \$ 7,783.45

2nd Collection-Debt Reduction \$ 2,850.61

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 |
|-----------|---------|-------------------------|---|---|
| Feb 8 | 5:30 pm | Y Ripoli J Florido | E Bond, M Bond, N Ceballos C & B Davi, J Hurtado, A Roldan R & R Sorci | N Ceballos |
| Feb 9 | 8:00 am | L Vigil C Greely | D Shipe, M & A Discipulo P Lorenzo, G Shipe, M Marin M Romingquet, E Viloria, P Wilson E Woodrow | M Romingquet Orta Family |
| Feb 9 | 10 am | J Rivera M Plata | N Fontecha, B Francisco, A & J Los Banos, B & J Naca, I Pacheco R Pascual, K King, K Tan | Buena Family M Bungay J Discaya |
| Feb 9 | 12 noon | C Galleon S Bellando | N Umadhay, T Umadhay B Cebuano, T Freel, N Gavino R, J & R Lagarejos, J Singco | R Lagarejos M Alvarez T Ramos C Caprio |
| Feb 9 | 3:00 pm | A Leon S Zavala | A Alvarez, M Alvarez, I Aguilera M Cruz, B & R Mendieta, M Diaz L Castaneda, L Hernandez, L Mata | TBA |

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

**ISAIAH 58:7-10, 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5
MATTHEW 5:13-16**
2020 BISHOP APPEAL KICK OFF



PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND LOURDES

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11 DAYS: OCTOBER 6-16, 2020

Hosted by Fr. Thi Hoang

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Contact: Mrs Tammy Vo at 925 698 4559

or parish office at 925-432-4604

Bishop Robert Barron's Eucharist *Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence*

Christ is alive and fully present in the Eucharist. Join us as we delve into the “source and summit” of our Faith with Fr. Robert Barron’s DVD-based program: *Eucharist: Sacred Meal, Sacrifice and Real Presence*. This spiritual study will give you a deeper understanding of the precious gift of Christ’s body, blood, soul and divinity that you can receive at each and every mass.

On **Thursday, Feb 27 at 7pm in the parish hall, our parish will begin the Eucharist program.** This program lasts for 6 weeks (one session/week). It is a perfect spiritual meal for our Lenten faith renewal. It is just too good to miss it. The program will be led by Fr. Thi and friends. Please sign up to join us.

To find out more information, please contact Carmen at 925-432-6404 or stop by the parish office to sign up.

Eucharist Study Program Registration

To register for the upcoming Eucharist program, please complete this form and return it to the office along with the \$ 14.95 (for the study guide) by Feb 24, 2020.

Name:

Address:

City:

Phone Number:

Email address: