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**Lord, every nation
on earth will adore you**

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 9am-12 pm & 1-4 pm
 Fridays: 9am-12pm (Covered by volunteer)

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.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Happy Epiphany!
Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord- the manifestation of Christ to the whole world. The Gospel presents to us the story of the three kings from the East who left their countries, searching for the Newborn King of Israel. There are many details that we need to understand when we read the story. First of all, three wise men from the East come to see the newborn king of the Jews. This visitation has a strong sense of irony. Here were three pagan men, who did something that shocked the world. They came to worship the king of the Jews, paying homage to a king who had no apparent kingdom. Yes, their action seemed bizarre. But the true irony comes from those close at hand. The Kings traveled across the world to honor Jesus, but those in their own back yard failed to recognize him. He was born the king of the Jews, but only a few Jewish shepherds recognized him.

Secondly, it was very unfortunate to see a woman like Mary giving birth in an “open place” with no privacy at all. But this setting helps us understand who our God is. He is the God of the universe, born to save all creatures. He was born in a manger, no walls, no windows and no door. In doing so, he makes himself available to all. Anybody, shepherd or king, gentiles or Jews, cows or angels, and all people from the East to the West can walk in to worship him.

Thirdly, it seems the gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh the Magi brought to Jesus have nothing to do with the birthday presents. But these gifts are meant to tell the whole world who Jesus is. Gold signifies the kingship of Jesus; frankincense symbolizes the divine nature of Jesus because people in the ancient time used frankincense to worship God; and myrrh represents Jesus’ human nature, for it was used to preserve the human body.

Lastly, the adventure of the Magi is very similar to our journey of faith. We can see that at the beginning of the journey, the Magi were full of hope and joy going in search for the Newborn King with the guidance of the star. However, the guiding star was not always with them. But they didn’t give up. They persevered in faith and hope. Their perseverance was rewarded in the end. They found the Savior. So we should imitate the Magi not to give up when we are in time of trials, but put our trust in God’s providence, we will find our Savior.

Epiphany 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



Attention
Crab Feed
Lovers!
Save the Date –

February 1, 2020
Good Shepherd Knights of
Columbus Crab Feed
Tickets available at the
parish office or by calling
Robert Calone at
925-432-3300
Tickets are \$50 each or \$45
each bought in groups of 8 or
more

FEAST OF SANTO NINO January 26, 2020 @ 12 noon Mass

*After mass everyone is invited to a reception
and entertainment in the parish hall.*

For mass sponsors contact Cecile Perez at
925-300-6734

Or for questions Alma Espiritu at 925-775-4466 or Ofelia Tanyag
at 925-890-2066



*Calling all Youth Ministry Students & Peer Leaders...
Be a part of something that has been a Good Shepherd tradition for 28 years!*

AUDITIONS for the 2020

PASSION PLAY

3 reasons to be a part of the Good Shepherd Passion Play:

- 1) It's a fun way to spend time with your friends & make new ones!
- 2) It's a way to give back to the God who has blessed you, and to the parish that has nurtured you.
- 3) You can impact someone in a way you never have before.

Whether you want to be onstage or backstage, come and sign up for this exciting way to bring Christ's Passion to life ~ and earn your service hours!

Sunday, January 12th - 12:30 (after LifeTeen) - Church Hall



Hope to see you there!

Any questions, contact Sue Garcia: 925-451-8867





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
- ♦ Lady 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****

"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.

Jesus, I Trust in You

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!

REALJOSEGOMEZ O°

¡Feliz Epifanía!

Hoy celebramos la solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor- la manifestación de Cristo a todo el mundo. El Evangelio nos presenta la historia de los tres reyes de Oriente que abandonaron sus países, en busca del Rey Recién Nacido de Israel. Hay muchos detalles que necesitamos entender cuando leemos la historia.

En primer lugar, los tres sabios de Oriente vienen a ver al rey recién nacido de los Judíos. Esta visita tiene un fuerte sentido de ironía. Aquí estaban tres hombres paganos, que hicieron algo que conmocionó al mundo. Vinieron a adorar al rey de los Judíos, rindiendo homenaje a un rey que no tenía un aparente reino. Sí, sus acciones parecían extraña. Pero la verdadera ironía viene de los que están cerca. Los Reyes viajaron por todo el mundo para honrar a Jesús, pero los que estaban en su propio traspasio no lo reconocieron. Nació como rey de los Judíos, pero unos pocos pastores Judíos lo reconocieron.

En segundo lugar, fue muy desafortunado ver a una mujer como María dando a luz en un "lugar abierto" sin privacidad en absoluto. Pero este entorno nos ayuda a entender quién es nuestro Dios. Es el Dios del universo, nacido para salvar a todas las criaturas. Nació en un pesebre, sin paredes, sin ventanas y sin puerta. Al hacerlo, se pone a disposición de todos. Cualquier persona, pastor o rey, gentiles o Judíos, vacas o ángeles, y todas las personas de Oriente a Occidente pueden entrar para adorarlo.

En tercer lugar, parecen que los dones: el oro, el incienso y la mirra que los Reyes Magos trajeron a Jesús no tienen nada que ver con los regalos de cumpleaños. Pero estos dones están destinados a decirle al mundo entero quién es Jesús. El oro significa el reinado de Jesús; el incienso simboliza la naturaleza divina de Jesús porque la gente en la antigüedad utilizaban el incienso para adorar a Dios; y la mirra representa la naturaleza humana de Jesús, ya que se utilizaba para preservar el cuerpo humano.

Por último, la aventura de los Reyes Magos es muy similar a nuestro camino de fe. Podemos ver que al comienzo del viaje, los Reyes Magos estaban llenos de esperanza y alegría yendo en busca del Rey Recién Nacido con la guía de la estrella. Sin embargo, la estrella no siempre estaba con ellos para guiarles. Pero no se dieron por vencidos. Perseveraron en la fe y la esperanza. Su perseverancia fue recompensada al final. Encontraron al Salvador. Así que debemos imitar a los Reyes Magos para que no nos demos por vencidos cuando estemos en tiempo de pruebas, pero si ponemos nuestra confianza en la providencia de Dios, encontraremos a nuestro Salvador.

Bendiciones de Epifanía

P. Thi Hoang



Meeting with members of Missionary Families of Christ to prepare for events this year.

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.

MINISTERIO HISPANO

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- ◊ **Monaguillos**, Bulmaro y Rebeca Mendieta 925-286-2276
- ◊ **Proclamadores de la Palabra**, Sandra Quintero 650-686-8284
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- ◊ **Coro**, Marco Figueroa 925-565-5501
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- ◊ **Grupo de Oración**, Únción de lo Alto, Alvino Alvarez 925-448-5399
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- ◊ **Virgen Peregrina**, Milton Pérez 925-250-5497, Rubén y Silvana Gutierrez 925-439-7640
- ◊ **Bautizos (Niños Pequeños)**, para más Información llamar a la Oficina/Carmen +al 925-432-6404, su correo electrónico es 'carmen@goodshepherdittsburg.org'

Mass Intentions January 6-12

Mon 7:30 am Capupus Family
Tue 7:30 am Michael Lloyd Browning †
Wed 7:30 am Mary Pascuzzi †
Thu 7:30 am Thanksgiving for Elizabeth Brjkovich
Fri 7:30 am Victoria Erikson †
Sat 8:00 am Dominic Vu & Gonzalo Villaflores†
 5:30 pm Sancho Alesna Sr. †
Sun 8:00 am Frances Ferrante Thomas†
 10 am Birthday of Rodolfo Navera
 12 pm Juana C. Escobar
 3 pm FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION



December 23, 2019- \$6,006.33

2nd Collection-St. Vincent De Paul \$3,945.54

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
Jan 11	5:30 pm	J Fox R Sorci	C Davi, B Davi, E & M Bond, N Ceballos, L Cellan, L Mangante J Sobel, A Roldan, R Sorci	N Ceballos
Jan 12	8:00 am	I Kinadeter L Vigil	P Dominguez, J Calampinay, M & A Discipulo, I Kinadeter C Mendoza, M Marin, P Wilson E Woodrow	D Phan Phan Family
Jan 12	10 am	F Bartolo M Plata	J Rinaudo, A & J Los Banos, B & J Naca, E Pittman, M Plata, M Reynoso, J Quisa, J Escajeda	Hill Family S Escajda J Ortiz
Jan 12	12 noon	C Greely C Galleon	N Umadhay, T Umadhay, J Bellando, B Cebuano, T Freel, R, J & R Lagarejos, S & M Runes	R Lagarejos J Kasayan M Alvarez J Del Carmen
Jan 12	3:00 pm	L Castaneda L Hernandez	A Alvarez, M Alvarez, L Abrego L Mata, M Guadalupe, J Paulin A & L Alvarez, J Rodelo	TBA

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

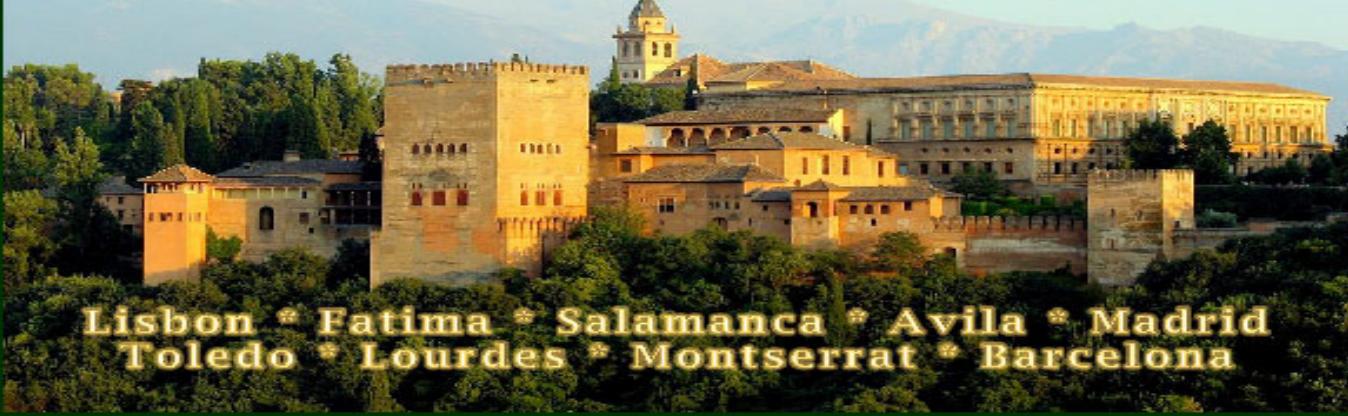
ISAIAH 42:1-4, 6-7, ACTS 10:34-38
MATTHEW 3:13-17

SEMINARY COLLECTION

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & LOURDES

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11 DAYS: OCTOBER 6-16, 2020



Hosted by
Rev. Thi Hoang



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More Christmas Flower Fund Donations!

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& Manapat Families of Romeo & Sery Razo~ Romeo Razo
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