



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

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

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

MAY 10, 2020

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



Jesus said,
“I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 14:6

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“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life,” Jesus tells his disciples in this Fifth Sunday’s gospel. “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust in Me” (Jn 14,1).

The Lord uttered these words at the Last Supper, the eve of his darkest hour. And yet, despite knowing that the worst was about to occur, Jesus calmly declared: “Don’t worry. Trust in God, trust in Me.”

Christ’s words are, of course, very consoling and reassuring. But for many of us humans, they don’t strike us as reassuring. We may even dismiss them as unrealistic. How can Jesus assure me not to be troubled when I don’t know where to get money in this time of crisis? Or when I have this life-threatening sickness? Or when I am positive for the corona virus? Or when I have to face again the risk of being infected of this deadly virus at work? Or where can I find a job after this crisis? Or how can I feed my family in these difficult times?

We find an easy identification with the disciples today in the Gospel. Like us, they too sometimes have been misdirected, confused, anxious and worrisome of what will happen. Lord, how can we know the way? To whom shall we go? How many times we hear ourselves saying the same thing?

Despite all this, Christ exhorts us that we must never lose faith.

The Gospel teaches us today that in the midst of confusion and misdirection in our lives, even if we sometimes get lost, and misled, get tired and even give up, Jesus is always there to be our way and our life. He is the answer to our confusions, doubts and anxieties. The solution to our doubts, problems and troubles is to submit ourselves to Jesus’ ways and to His will. He is the answer to our difficulties. He is the right direction in life.

At this time of crisis, we need Jesus all the more in our lives. Hold on to our faith and believe that He will always be there for us no matter what. Trust in His love and mercy with unwavering hope that He will deliver us from this pandemic very soon.

May we find direction in Jesus and if we ever are misled and misdirected, may we always find ourselves back to Him for He is the way, the truth and the life.

Fr. Chris

*P.S. Today, we also celebrate Mother's Day. I believe if anyone who is 'troubled' about the well being of the family, it is the mother. This day, Jesus sends His loving message to all of our mothers 'not to be troubled.' He is always with you: raising your kids, looking after your husband and children, loving the family with all your heart. With this, **Thank you, our dear mothers, and Happy Mother's Day!***



ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the Covid –19, we have decided to move the celebration of the sacraments for RCIC and RCIA Candidates to **Sunday June 7th at 10am, Feast of the Trinity.**

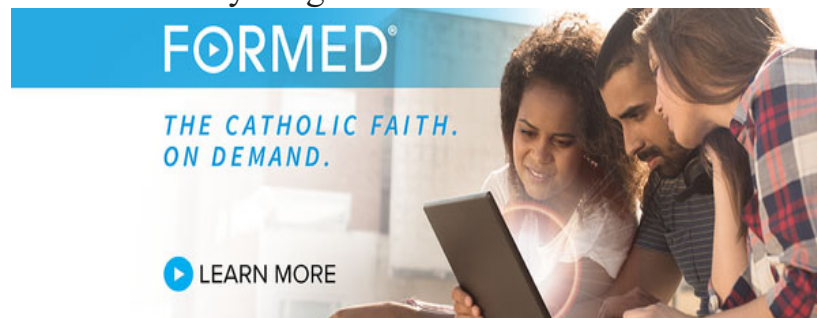
Save the Date!

First Holy Communions originally scheduled for the weekend of April 25-26 will be moved to July.

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 & 15th)

\$ _____ 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

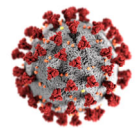
In accordance with the Contra Costa Health Services order dated April 27, 2020, the parish will be physically closed until further notice.

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.



"Yo soy el Camino, la Verdad y la Vida", dice Jesús a sus discípulos en el evangelio de este Quinto Domingo. "No dejen que sus corazones se afligan. Confíen en Dios, confíen en Mí" (Juan 14,1).

El Señor pronunció estas palabras en la Última Cena, la víspera de su hora más oscura. Y sin embargo, a pesar de saber que lo peor estaba a punto de ocurrir, Jesús declaró con calma: "No te preocupes. Confía en Dios, confía en Mí."

Las palabras de Cristo son, por supuesto, muy consoladoras y tranquilizadoras. Pero para muchos de nosotros los humanos, no nos parecen tranquilizantes. Incluso podemos descartarlas como poco realistas. ¿Cómo puede Jesús asegurarme que no me preocupe cuando no sé dónde conseguir dinero en estos tiempos de crisis? ¿O cuando tengo una enfermedad que pone en peligro mi vida? ¿O cuando me han confirmado que tengo el coronavirus? ¿O cuando tengo que enfrentarme de nuevo al riesgo de estar infectado de este virus temible una vez al regresar al trabajo? ¿O dónde puedo encontrar un trabajo después de esta crisis? ¿O cómo puedo alimentar a mi familia en estos tiempos difíciles?

Hoy encontramos en el Evangelio una identificación fácil y similar con los discípulos. Al igual que nosotros, ellos también a veces han sido mal dirigidos, han estado confundidos, ansiosos y muy preocupados de lo que sucederá. Señor, ¿cómo podemos saber el camino? ¿A quién iremos? ¿Cuántas veces nos oímos decir lo mismo?

A pesar de todo esto, Cristo nos exhorta a que nunca debemos perder la fe.

El Evangelio de hoy nos enseña que en medio de confusiones y desorientaciones en nuestras vidas, aunque a veces nos perdamos, nos engañemos, nos cansamos e incluso nos rindamos, Jesús siempre está ahí para ser nuestro camino y nuestra vida. El es la respuesta a nuestras confusiones, dudas y ansiedades. La solución a nuestras dudas, problemas y dificultades es someternos a los caminos de Jesús y a su voluntad. Es la respuesta a nuestras dificultades. Es la dirección correcta en la vida.

En este momento de crisis, más necesitamos a Jesús en nuestras vidas. Aferrarnos a nuestra fe y creer que siempre estará allí para nosotros sin importar lo que pase. Confía en su amor y misericordia con la esperanza inquebrantable de que nos libraré de esta pandemia muy pronto.

Que encontremos dirección en Jesús y si alguna vez somos engañados y mal dirigidos, que siempre nos encontremos de regreso en su presencia, porque El es el camino, la verdad y la vida.

Padre Chris

Hoy también celebramos el Día de las Madres. Creo que si alguien que está 'preocupado' por el bienestar de la familia es la madre. Este día, Jesús envía Su amoroso mensaje a todas nuestras madres 'para no estar afligidas'. Siempre está contigo: criando a tus hijos, cuidando a tu marido y a tus hijos, amando a la familia con todo tu corazón. ¡Con esto, Gracias, nuestras queridas madres y Feliz Día de la Madre!



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 Trinidad Domingo, el 7 de Junio a las 10:00 pm.

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 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

INCOME FOR APRIL, 2020

Plate Collections	\$ 37,110
Catholic Voice	733
Unrestricted Donations	0
Restricted Donations	338
Parish Events	0
Ministry Income	1,327
Other income	1,172
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 40,680

EXPENSES FOR APRIL, 2020

Administration	\$ 39,264
Parish Property	11,662
Rectory Living	1,777
Priests	5,431
Liturgy & Music	3,685
Children, Youth & Adult Formation/CYO	26,075
Other Ministries	0
Parish Events	0
Depreciation	2,237
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 90,131

MONTH RECAP

INCOME	\$ 40,680
EXPENSES	\$ 90,131

EXPENSES OVER INCOME AT MONTN END:**\$49,451**

Please consider the gravity of the parish's financial situation after just one month of the quarantine in your tithing decisions. Thank you.

Mass Intentions

May 11-17

3pm Daily Livestream on the Good Shepherd
Facebook Page & YouTube

- Mon Cassandra & Chantal Ysip *
- Tue Leonard D'Augustino †
In Thanksgiving Eric Escudero #
- Wed Capupus Family *
- Thu Alejandro Navera † #
- Fri Sancho Alesna Sr. † *
- Sat 5:30 pm Frank De Rosa, Ron Chambers,
Teresa Masturzo & Joe Ferrante
Sr. + *
- Sun 10am Ivan Dale Atkinson & Carol
De Pasquale Death Anniversary †*
- 12 pm Birthday of Francis Bonifacio #
- 3:00pm FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH *

*=Fr. Thi, #=Fr. Christopher

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Please help contribute to the smooth operation and 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 8:5-8, 14-17, 1 PETER 3:15-18,
JOHN 14:15-21**

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Happy Mother's Day

We often feel overwhelmed with celebrations in May. In May we honor Our Lady with the Rosary processions; we celebrate our Good Shepherd Feast Day; we celebrate Mother's Day; we feast on Cinco de Mayo, Graduations, First Holy Communions, Confirmations, etc. This May of 2020 comes with a different tone. It is a little quiet due to the coronavirus. The pandemic has shut down our parties for our mothers. But it can't lockdown our expressions of love and gratitude for them.

Last week we celebrated our Good Shepherd Feast Day. We reflected on the image of the Good Shepherd. This image first appears to us as a masculine character so we don't often hear people compare mothers to shepherds, but in fact they are shepherds. The life of shepherds is very hard. The shepherd is never off duty guarding the flock against wild animals, thieves and robbers. That's is what mothers do for us.

People often wonder what authentic love looks like. Well, just look at a mother. She gives her blood during a pregnancy. She gives her milk after the child is born. She gives her sleep for the first two years; she gives immense amounts of her time and her sweat and her attention to her child. Authentic love does not look much like what we see on television. It looks a lot more like what we see in mothers. That's why even God takes a mother's love as a model of what love is for us. Isaiah 66:13 says: *"As a mother comforts her son, so will I comfort you."*

My dear friends, let's reflect on how much our moms do and sacrifice for us in our lives. So on this Mother's Day, let us thank God for giving us our mothers. Let us praise them, honor them and bless them. We lift them up to the Lord and we pray:

We thank you Lord for our mothers. We thank you that she gave us life and nurtured us all these years. She gave us the gift of faith, helping us to know You and to know Jesus and His ways. She taught us how to love and how to sacrifice for others. She taught us that it was okay to cry and that we should always tell the truth.

Bless her with the graces she needs and which you want to give her today. Help her to feel precious in your eyes today and to know that we love her. Give her strength and courage, compassion and peace. Bless her this day with your love. Amen!

Happy Mother's Day

Fr. Thi

