



Church of the Good Shepherd

PITTSBURG, CALIFORNIA

We, the members of Good Shepherd Catholic Church, are a sacramental community of faith, guided by the Holy Spirit, inspired by the Word, and centered in the Eucharist.

We are diverse in culture and talent, but one in purpose – to make known the presence of God's saving love as revealed to us by Jesus Christ.

In partnership with other Christians in our deanery and diocese, and with the larger community, we share responsibility to foster spiritual growth and conversion, and to reach out to all people in their spiritual and temporal needs.

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES:

Sundays 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12 noon
2 pm Spanish Mass
5:30 p.m. Life Teen
Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m.
Liturgy of the Hours/Morning Prayer 6:45 a.m.
Saturdays 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. (Vigil)
Holy Days 7:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday, 3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

BAPTISMS: In order to make baptismal arrangements, parents are required to call the parish office to make an appointment to fill out paperwork and schedule a baptismal class (required of parents and godparents) and a baptismal date. A meeting will not be scheduled unless the family of the child for baptism is registered, attending mass regularly and contributing to the parish with a history of at least six (6) months, preferably through electronic fund transfer.

MARRIAGES: Couples are required to make arrangements six months prior to the date of marriage and attend a marriage preparation program. No exceptions can be made. One or both must live in the parish. A meeting will not be scheduled unless the couple is registered, attending mass regularly and contributing to the parish with a history of at least six (6) months, preferably through electronic fund transfer.

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL-St. Peter Martyr 439-1014
PARISH MINISTRY

Altar Guild – 432-6404
Altar Servers – Dina Russell 439-1092
Bingo Office (Tuesdays only) 439-3100
Buildings & Grounds 432-6404
Music Ministry

Parish Music Dir.–Rocco Enea 432-6404
Instrumental Music Dir. – Damian Ting 432-6404
8:00 a.m. Choir – Evelyn Arms 439-5351
10:00 a.m. Choir – Sal Bruno 432-0736
Couples for Christ – Barbara & Kalani Tai 458-0250
CYO – Diane George 432-3043

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion –
Ann & Bill Abitz 432-3995

Extra Ordinary Ministers to the Sick – Rose Riso 432-4362
Finance – Andrea Campos 432-6404

Grief Ministry – Judy Dudziak
Hospitality –

Knights of Columbus – Ted Franger 252-0421
Lectors – Gus Lee Saca 439-7077

Liturgy Committee - Staff 432-6404
Pastoral Council –

Religious Education/Sacramental Preparation
Faith Formation – Dina Russell 439-1092

Youth Ministry – Debbie Lawson 439-1091
RCIA –Deacon Ken Wedge 432-6404

Baptismal Prep – Robert & Sheena Beck
427-5926

Returning Catholics 432-6404
Santo Nino Family Prayer Ministry –

Romeo & Sery Razo 439-7706
Spanish Ministry-Teresa Salazar 432-6404

Social Justice – Deacon Ken Wedge 432-6404
St. Vincent DePaul 432-6404, ext 17

Stewardship – Darla Kilgannon 432-0243
Ushers – Frank DiMaggio 776-5107

Vocations-Parish Office 432-6404
Wedding Liturgy Coordinators-Danette Shipe 427-9561

Bee Francisco 473-9247

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m.
CATHOLIC CEMETERIES – DIOCESE OF OAKLAND
HOLY CROSS CEMETERY – ANTIOCH 757-0658

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Perhaps someone once sponsored us and asked for the gift of faith for us when we were infants. Perhaps those of us who are cradle Catholics forget the generosity of God's gift. Paul reminds us that faith is simply given. There is nothing earned or deserved. Grace, God's life, is amazing! It is more amazing than water, which is the metaphor here. Too often we take for granted God's life in us, or our life in God. We take it for granted the way we take water for granted when we live in a well-watered land.

During this Lent we may just be going through the motions, but the intense and searching faith of others can move us. Sunday by Sunday we are called to pray for and with those who thirst for baptism. These searchers wake us up! Their witness calls us to change from our stony little impervious ways to come again to the living waters!



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE
NEXT SPRING CLEAN/SPRUCE UP DAY
AND POTLUCK ON APRIL 2ND!!!!**

“Good Shepherds” are asked to bring their willing spirits and cleaning supplies to the church at 9am. The potluck follows at 1 pm in the ministry building. “Good Shepherds” from youngest to original church members are welcome! Just bring your favorite dish to share. Contact Gail Burgarino for more information at 777-1106.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!



EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THE FIRST PERFORMANCE OF THE SACRED DRAMA OF THE LORD'S PASSION ON SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 20011 AT 7 PM IN THE CHURCH

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER

Parishioners in need of assistance may fill out a Food Pantry Application in the parish office during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday from 9 am until 4 pm.

Food distribution hours are from 11am to 12 noon on Saturdays.

Next weekend's needed food item is: PASTA

We thank you for all of your help so that we may help others!

ATTENTION FRUIT GROWERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD!

Do you have a fruit tree in your yard that you're just not sure what to do with all the fresh fruit on it? If so, feel free to bring these items to our Saturday St. Vincent De Paul food distribution about 9:30 am at the trailers next to the ministry building so that we can share it with those in need. Why let it rot and fall useless to the ground? Harvest the bounty God has provided and share it with His people!

ROTACARE PITTSBURG FREE MEDICAL CLINIC AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Uninsured adults can make appointments for a wide range of medical services including treatment of diabetes, asthma, hypertension, cough, cold, flu, allergies, strains and sprains, rashes and infections by calling 925-439-2009. The clinic is located at 2210 Gladstone Dr., Pittsburg and is open Wednesday from 4 pm to 7 pm. For more information contact Katie Messina at 439-2009

If you personally need any clothing or home items, remember to try shopping at the Pittsburg or Pleasant Hill St. Vincent De Paul stores. They have wonderful deals and everything you spend there supports our efforts in this community of God's people!

EASTER FOOD BASKETS

Because of your generosity, and because St. Vincent De Paul is committed to making every donation dollar count, we will be able to give Easter food baskets to needy families and Easter baskets to their children this year! If you know anyone who is in need, we will be taking calls on the STVDP hotline from March 13 -April 15. Food will be distributed on April 20 from 5-6 pm in the ministry building.

God's blessings on you all!

Deacon Ken Wedge and the St. Vincent De Paul Conference of the Church of the Good Shepherd

THE iPhone APP AND A RETURN TO CONFESSION



The practice of the sacramental confession in the Catholic Church has dropped off significantly. Prior to the Second Vatican Council, Catholics came regularly and in great numbers to confess their sins to a priest but for a variety of reasons, this practice has fallen by the wayside. It is believed that the need to confess our sins and receive some sort of judgment and/or word of comfort is hard-wired into the human spirit. And when we don't have the opportunity to deal with our sin in the proper ecclesiastical context, we desperately cast about for a substitute. We see this all of the time on shows like Oprah and Dr. Phil where people confess their innermost secrets.

All of this came to Fr. Robert Barron's mind when he read about a new iPhone application called "Confession: A Roman Catholic App" which is designed not to forgive sins (you still need a priest to do that!) but to prepare people for reconciliation. The app includes an examination of conscience, a step by step guide to the celebration of the sacrament of confession and other prayers.

Official Vatican spokesman Father Federico Lombardi clarifies that this program is not a substitute for actual confession to a priest, but he also noted that it might be a very helpful aid, especially for those who have been away from the sacrament for a long time as well as for young people who are attuned to the digital world.

Fr. Robert Barron, the author of the article *The iPhone App and a Return to Confession* in *The Catholic Voice* strongly believes that whatever helps Catholics experience the beauty and power of a confession is of great value.

So the author says to his fellow Catholics- especially to those who have been away from Confession for a long time- "Try this app. It can't hurt- and it might prove to be another way to encounter Christ who came to forgive our sins."

**JOIN US FOR OUR LENTEN COMMUNAL
PENANCE SERVICE ON
THURSDAY, APRIL 7 AT 7:30 P.M.**

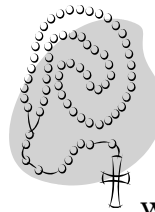
PALM FOLDING TIME!

Please join us for our traditional palm folding gathering on Wednesday, April 13th any time from 9am to 9pm in the parish hall. Don't forget your scissors!



EASTER SHOPPING OPPORTUNITIES!

If you plan on giving a special Easter gift for someone in your life, Good Shepherd Church is providing the opportunity to purchase religious jewelry and articles beginning this weekend until the weekend of April 10th after all masses in the vestibule. Purchases support our Youth Formation Program.



Also, on the weekend of April 9 & 10 a group from Bethlehem and Jerusalem will be selling religious articles made from olive wood that represent the Christian art of the Holy Land. The sale of these articles help to support Catholics in the Holy Land and to encourage them not to immigrate from there due to economic hardship. Currently less than 2% of the population in the place of Christ's birth is Christian. Please help to keep Christians in the Holy Land.



Our parish has raised 64% of our Bishop's Appeal goal of \$33,546 with only 189 families participating. Imagine what we could accomplish if everyone participated! Remember, our parish will receive 100% of all monies collected above and beyond our goal.

If you have not made a gift to the appeal or have been waiting to do so, IT'S NOT TOO LATE! Remember, the *Bishop's Appeal* is based on every family making an equal sacrifice, not an equal gift. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to support this appeal for both our parish and our diocese and place your clearly marked donations in any collection basket today.

Mass Intentions March 28—April 3

Mon	7:00	Ruperta Palaganas †
Tue	7:00	Pedro Enriquez †
Wed	7:00	Arthur Miner †
Thur	7:00	Cliff Hedrick
Fri	7:00	David Viray †
Sat	8:00	Gregorio Llanda †
	5:30	Mr. & Mrs. Doroteo Estrada †
Sun	8:00	Cuca Hernandez †
	10:00	Pat Edwards †
	12:00	Mark Romeo †
	2:00	FOR THE PEOPLE
	5:30	Steven Esposito †

†Indicates those who are deceased

THE 2011 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN.

**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED FOR
April 2 & 3**

Saturday	
5:30 pm	Zac Wolf, Gabby & Chris Barrett, David Ferris
Sunday	
8:00 am	Cassandra Ysip, Chantal Ysip, Cameron Mendoza
10 am	Justin Carrillo, Kyle Dozier, Joshua Carrillo, Macy Robles, Jackie Stark
12 pm	Danielle Olazo, Aleesa Panis, Trisha Illumin, Bea Yutuc
5:30 pm	Nicholla Viloría, Shawn, Jarred, Reynaldo Leano



LIFE LINE SCREENING RETURNS TO GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2011
Stroke, Vascular Disease & Heart Rhythm Screening for \$139!
To pre-register, call 1-800-324-1851

NEXT WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION

PASSION PLAY

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS April 3, 2011

**1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a (31A),
Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41**

WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE

**\$9,600.00 Needed~1st Collection & EFT
(budgeted as income needed for 1st collections only for 2011)**

\$ 6,911.50 1st Collection

\$ 2,847.00 EFT

\$ 9,758.50 Total 1st Collection & EFT

**Positive 1st Collections/EFT this Week -
\$158.50**

YEAR TO DATE FINANCE UPDATE

All parish income as of

March 15, 2011 \$216,048

Expenses as of 3/15/11 \$221,936

Expenses Over Income \$ 5,888

YEAR TO DATE SACRAMENT TOTALS

Baptisms 5

First Holy Communions 2

Confirmations 0

Deaths 11

Weddings 1

Sick Calls 123

PARISH HAPPENINGS

**Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday
9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon & 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Fridays CLOSED**

Tuesdays Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help (Mass on each first Tuesday) ~ Church ~ 7:00 pm

**Wednesdays Orchestra Rehearsal-Church - 5:00 pm
8 & 10 Choir Rehearsals-Church ~ 7:00 pm
Stewardship ~ 3rd Wednesday of the month~Parish Office~7 pm**

**Thursdays Bible Study~Parish Office @ 7pm
Senior Brown Bag Program ~ 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month~Parish hall**

**Fridays Adoration 1st & 3rd Fri of Month
Begins after 7 am mass until 5 pm
Good Shepherd Bingo~ Hall 5:00 PM**