



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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PARISH STAFF

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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 – Ina Kinadeter 432-7726

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

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Today's 2nd collection supports senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have made a positive difference in so many of our lives. Please Share in the Care and give generously to this weekend's collection.

TODAY'S STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE:

All of the people in today's readings—the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist—seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do you?

2011 GIVING TREE

This weekend is the deadline to turn in your unwrapped gifts, with tags attached, to the Giving Tree. The Wrap Up Party, when we gift wrap all of the donations, will be on Saturday, December 17th from 12-5 pm in the Ministry Building. Please bring your scissors. All other supplies will be provided. Come share cookies, cider and Christmas cheer!

Distribution will take place on Sunday, December 18th from 9am-1pm in the Ministry Building. All are welcome to come help pass out the gifts. We are in need of someone who speaks both English and Spanish fluently.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's program! We hope to see you at the Wrap Up and Distribution Events!

SHEPHERD'S CLOSET

will be open this Tuesday,

December 13th from 10 am to 1 pm in the ministry building! If you or someone you know is in need of baby items and clothing please come and shop for

FREE! Shepherd's Closet operates in conjunction with the Gabriel Project, an outreach for women in crisis pregnancies.

Donations gladly accepted! Call Ann 432-3995.

A FILIPINO CHRISTMAS TRADITION

December 14th at 7 pm

You are invited to the inaugural Simbang Gabi mass at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in

Oakland. There will be "Parolees" representing each church in the diocese. After mass everyone is invited to a free, traditional food and music

reception in the event center. For more information, contact Fr. Ray Saca at 510-495-3202.

**BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP
HOSTS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY!!**

Join us for a 7 week course to learn to be good disciples using your gifts of
time, talent and treasure!

Debra Gunn, with the Oakland Diocese, will be at the first class to introduce this exciting course starting January 10, 2012 in the ministry building from 7 to 8:30 pm.

For further information, please call Patty Cadena at 439-3181 or Darla Kilgannon at 432-0243.

**YOUTH FORMATION BAKE SALE &
50/50 RAFFLE**

The weekend of December 17th & 18th, Youth Formation will be having their annual Christmas Bake Sale! This is the last weekend before Christmas—let them help you with your hectic Holiday Schedule by doing the baking for you! Holiday goodies will be sold after all masses on this weekend. Please stop by the table and make a purchase to help fund our youth activities. We will also be having a 50/50 raffle to help one lucky winner with their last minute Christmas shopping. For more info call Debbie and Dina at 439-1091 or 439-1092.

2012 OFFERING ENVELOPE INFORMATION

In conjunction with the Stewardship Ministry, the parish office has implemented a new way of receiving your offering envelopes. In 2012 they will be mailed directly to the homes of those people currently using offering envelopes. You can request to receive envelopes any time during the year if you don't already get them! Electronic givers will have a box of 2nd Collection Envelopes to pick up in the vestibule soon. Using blank pew envelopes or a personal check without an envelope is also still a valid way for us to track your giving!

2011 Christmas Schedule

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Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	Sunday, December 11 Mañanitas at 5 am with Mass immediately following
Simbang Gabi/Misa De Gallo Thursday-Friday	5:30 am – December 16-24
Daily Mass	7 am M-F, 8 am Saturday
Christmas Eve, December 24 Saturday	8 am Morning Mass 5:30 pm Family Mass 8:00 pm Evening Mass 11:30 pm Carols 12 Midnight Mass
Christmas Day, December 25 Sunday	8 am, 10 am, 12 noon, 2 pm Spanish, <u>No 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass</u>
Holy Family, December 30 Friday	7 am Morning Mass
Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary Saturday, December 31 & Sunday, January 1	5:30 pm (Sat), 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon, 2 pm Spanish <u>No 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass</u>

Reconciliation before Christmas:

There will be *no communal penance service* before Christmas this year.
Confessions take place every Saturday at 3:30 pm in the Church.
For your convenience, Fr. Helmut will also hear confessions on
December 19, 20 & 21 from 7:30 am-8:30 am (after morning mass) and
on Thursday, December 22nd from 1:30-2:30 pm and again at 7:30-8:30 pm.

PASSION PLAY 2012 – 20TH ANNIVERSARY!!!

Calling all Youth Ministry Members!

Auditions will be held on Sunday, December 18th at 7 pm in the church. Come and be part of the tradition!

Mass Intentions Dec 12-18

Mon	7:00	Helga Huffman †
Tue	7:00	Ken Monnens †
Wed	7:00	Renate Kobold †
Thur	7:00	Emma & Robert Rieger †
Fri	7:00	Joseph Bertoglio †
Sat	8:00	Michael Glanzman & Hernando Volce†
	5:30	Juan & Adolph Encarnacion and Josephine Aiello †
Sun	8:00	Catherine Mendoza & John J. Siino Jr.†
	10:00	Alphonse "Red" Cappucini †
	12:00	Francisco Escobar †
	2:00	Teresa Salazar Birthday
	5:30	FOR THE PEOPLE

†Indicates those who are deceased

THE 2012 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN

Masses are \$10 per intention and scheduled on a first come, first served basis. If you wish to schedule a mass in memory of a deceased person or in honor of a living person, come to the parish office during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday, 9 am until 4 pm.

We will not double book any mass dates until the year of intentions is filled.

YOU ARE CALLED to know your Faith, to live your Faith, to share your Faith.....

Learn how to do this well by attending the St. Francis de Sales School for Pastoral Ministry, a program of the Diocese of Oakland.

The next 3 year program starts in January 2012! Applications are now being accepted. For more information or to download an application go to: <http://www.oakdiocese.org/education/evangelization/formation> or call 510-267-8371 by **December 16th!!**

WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE

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

\$ 7,435.00 1st Collection

\$ 9,568.00 EFT

17,003.00 Total 1st Collection

Positive this week \$7,403

YEAR TO DATE FINANCE UPDATE

All parish income as of

November 28, 2011 \$751,215

Expenses as of 11/28/11 \$770,635

Expenses over Income -\$ 19,420

YEAR TO DATE SACRAMENT TOTALS

Baptisms	66
First Holy Communions	38
Confirmations	47
Deaths	62
Weddings	7
Quinceañeras	17
Sick Calls	391

HATS OFF!

Gentlemen, we know it's getting colder, but please make sure to remove your hats when you enter the church! We appreciate your cooperation.



ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED FOR December 17/18

Saturday	
5:30 pm	Erik & Chase Smith, Rafael Almarinez, Devin Brown
Sunday	
8:00 am	Jordan Windham, Gisela Solis
10:00 am	Ku'u Tai, Westley & Jesse Hart, Gillian & Giles Carlos
12 noon	Danielle Olazo, Trisha Illumin, Rafael Almarinez
5:30 pm	Nicholla Viloría, Margarita Gonzalez, Tiffany Vo

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

December 18, 2011

NEXT WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38

Christmas Flowers