

Church of the Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish: One Flock, One Family, Living and Sharing the Love of Christ!

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL-St. Peter Martyr	439-1014
PARISH MINISTRY	
Altar Guild Namie Fontecha	
Altar Servers Dina Russell	432-6404
Bingo Office (1st Tuesday of month only)	439-3100
Buildings & Grounds-Finance Council	432-6404
Music Ministry	
Parish Music Dir. Rocco Enea	432-6404
8:00am Choir Evelyn Arms	439-5351
10:00am Choir Sal Bruno	432-0736
12 Noon Fil Am Leandra Ramm	432-6404
5:30 Spanish Leandra Ramm	432-6404
Catholic Daughters Jane Russo	432-7889
Couples for Christ FFL	
Napoleon & Theresa Umadhay	427-5457
CYO Diane George	432-3043
Divine Mercy Ministry Tammy Vo	698-4559
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy	
Communion Ann & Bill Abitz	432-3995
Extra Ordinary Ministers to the Sick – Confetti’s	439-8958
Filipino Ministry Feli Buettner	427-5265
Finance Robert Calone	432-3300
Grief Ministry Judy Dudziak	565-2700
Italian Catholic Federation – Patty Jarrett	228-0810
Knights of Columbus – Allan Graff	570-4570
Lectors David De Luna	698-8585
Liturgy Committee Rocco Enea	439-1014
Pastoral Council David De Luna	698-8585
Religious Education/Sacramental Preparation	
Faith Formation dina@goodshepherdpittsburg.org	
Youth Ministry debbie@goodshepherdpittsburg.org	
RCIA Deacon Ken Wedge	432-6404
Baptismal Prep – Robert & Sheena Beck	432-6404
Returning Catholics-Fr. Carl Arcosa	432-6404
Santo Nino Family Prayer Ministry	
Romeo & Sery Razo	439-7706
Social Justice Deacon Ken Wedge	432-6404
Spanish Ministry Graciela Corona	510-912-1102
St. Vincent DePaul Assistance Line	727-5712
Stewardship Darla Kilgannon	432-0243
Ushers Frank DiMaggio	776-5107
Vocations Fr. Carl Arcosa	432-6404
Wedding Liturgy Coordinators	
Danette Shipe 427-9561 or Bee Francisco	473-9247
Young Ladies Institute-Feli Buettner	432-7382

Parish Staff

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Rev. Michael Nufable, Seminarian
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Grace Yvette Ripoli,
Business Manager
yvette@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

Schedule of Masses

Sundays 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
12 noon & 5:30 pm Spanish

Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m.

1st Tuesdays & Fridays 7:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer 6:30 a.m.

Saturdays 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
(Vigil)

Holy Days 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Confessions: Saturday, 4:00 p.m., Tuesdays
at 7 p.m., or by appointment.

Baptisms: In order to make baptismal
arrangements, contact:
baptisms@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

Marriages: Couples are required to make
arrangements at least six months in
advance at:
weddings@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

Quinceaneras: In order to schedule a 15th
Birthday Mass, contact:
quince@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

Funeral Arrangements: Should be ar-
ranged by family, church and mortuary.
Normal Christian burial consists of Vigil
Service, Holy Mass and Burial in a
Catholic Cemetery. Any other arrange-
ments should first be discussed with
parish priest.

Fr. Carl's Corner ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

Some Spiritual Practical Tips on How to Celebrate Christmas:

1. Choose the Christmas Mass that is the best time for you and will give you the holiest experience. Give your family 'plenty of time' to get ready, get to Church, and to attend the Mass without hurry.
2. Read the Christmas Story to your children one more time before you come to Mass. Sit down as a family in the quiet of your living room and then ask the Lord to again come to your home with his Peace and Joy. If possible, fathers should read this story. Why? Because he is the 'Joseph' figure and needs to lead the family to Bethlehem-first to the Church and then back home. (No children? Adults only! Read the Gospel for yourself, but pray for the same things.)
3. Come to Church with time to spare. Get your pew. If you come to early Mass, be here early enough to give the Children's Choir your full attention as they sing their Christmas renditions of Lessons and carols. They deserve your attention for all their time and effort.
4. Come dressed for the occasion, no matter what Mass you attend. It is Christmas! And even though Jesus doesn't care what you wear, you tell Jesus and the community, that you care by what you wear. Besides, what are you saving those 'special' clothes for if not for special days like Christmas?
5. Come, not to be entertained, but to receive a Gift from God, the Gift of God's Word, the Gift of himself in the Eucharist, and the Gift of God in our Community of believers.
6. Be a Participant, not just an Observer. Take the pew Cards, follow the Prayers; take the Missal and follow the Mass Prayers. What an example we can be for each other, with strong responses, and attentive hearts to the Mass. Your attentive and participative spirit hopefully will be caught by the 'religiously faint of heart'.
7. Be appreciative of the many persons, choirs, decorators, liturgical ministers, ushers and other behind the scenes parishioners who make such celebrations possible.
8. Finally, return home with not only the 'experience' of Christmas Mass, but with the 'meaning' fully enveloped in your heart, a memory to be sure, but also a desire to be followed.

Merry Christmas!

<http://www.sjv.org/Education/FaithTopics/PracticalSpiritualChristmasPreparation.aspx>

2014 Christmas Season Schedule Church of the Good Shepherd

- ◆ Daily Mass. 7 am M-F, 8 am Saturday
- ◆ December 16-24, Simbang Gabi, 9 Dawn Masses 5 am daily
- ◆ Christmas Eve, December 24, 5 am Simbang Gabi, 7 am Morning Mass, 5:30 pm Children's Mass, 11:30 pm Carols, Midnight Mass
- ◆ Christmas Day, December 25, 8 am, 10 am, (Children's Mass), 12 noon & 5:30 pm (Spanish)
- ◆ December 31, Mass for Peace, 7 pm in the Church (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of Christ)
- ◆ January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation, Masses at 7 am and 10 am

A Divine Mercy Moment

"Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbors' souls and come to their rescue."

- St. Faustina (Diary 163)

Faustina

Live Theatrical Drama Coming
Saturday, January 17, 7:00 p.m.

Good Shepherd Church, Pittsburg
More info: DivineMercyDrama.com

PARISH GENERAL CALENDAR

Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday
9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon & 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Fridays 9 am to 3 pm

CHAPEL HOURS: Monday-Sunday 7 am-7 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Fridays from 8 am—6 pm

Mondays	Prayer Group for the Sick -11 am to 12 noon in the Ministry Building Confirmation Class -7 pm-Ministry Building-2nd & 4th Mondays (Sept-May)
Tuesdays	Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help (Mass on each first Tuesday)~Church~7 pm Bad Girls of the Bible ~Office~7 pm
Wednesdays	8 & 10 Choir Rehearsals ~7 pm Stewardship ~Office~7pm~ 2nd & 4th Youth Formation ~Parish Hall 4-5,6-7,7:30-8:30 Sept-May
Thursdays	Bible Study ~Office~7pm Senior Brown Bag Program ~Hall 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month 10 am~12 noon
Fridays	Adoration begins after 7 am mass until 7 pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal-7pm FilAm Choir Rehearsal-8 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy -3 pm Teresita #123, YLI Pray & Chat with Divine Mercy Group
Saturdays	La Pieta International Prayer Group Every Saturday after the 8 am mass
Sundays	Life Teen -Parish Hall-1-3 pm-Sep-May

Life in the Spirit Seminar

Do you want a CLOSER WALK with Jesus?
Is there SOMETHING MISSING from your spiritual life?

Do you DESIRE JOY in your life?

Do you want to KNOW MORE about the Holy Spirit?
THEN COME TO THE...

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR!

January 13 – February 24, 2015

Tuesday Evenings 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Each night will be taught by dynamic teachers including Fr. Bill Adams CSSR, Deacon Steve Greco, Julie Figueroa, Deacon Ed Spano, and others.

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Date, Topic

January 13, God's Love

January 20, Salvation

January 27, New Life

February 3, Receiving God's Gift

February 10, Praying for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

February 17, Growth

February 24, Transformation in Christ

ATTENTION ALL MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS!!!

Please submit your 2015 meeting and activity dates in writing to the parish office so that we can put them on the church calendar. Please do not assume that the office is automatically scheduling your meeting dates for next year. You **MUST** make contact with us at 432-6404.

UP COMING PRESENTATION OF THE ST. FAUSTINA PLAY

Messenger of Divine Mercy

PRESENTED BY THE

DIVINE MERCY MINISTRY

Saturday, January 17, 2015 at 7 pm

In the Good Shepherd Parish Hall

Admission is \$15 per person or \$10 each for families of 5 more or any youth 17 and under
This presentation is suitable for those 13 years and older

Contact Fr. Carl at

fr_carl@goodshepherdpittsburg.org for more information.

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE AFTER ALL

Good Shepherd Parish New Year's Dinner and Dance

Featuring
**AFTER
SIX
BAND**

2015

Happy New Year!

\$20 Admission
and Dinner

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Wine, Beer
& Water for
purchase

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Raffle Prizes



January 23, 2015
Friday @ 6PM
Parish Hall

For More Information and Reservation:

Yvette or the Parish Office

(925) 432 6404

3200 Harbor Street, Pittsburg, CA



ADORATION CHAPEL

When you are in the chapel, there are a number of ways you can spend your time with the Lord. You can just sit quietly in adoration. There are rosaries that you can use to help you if you want to pray a Rosary or a Chaplet of Divine Mercy. There are also a number of prayer books and other Christian books to help you develop a more intimate relationship with Jesus. You are free to use these whenever you want to while you are in the chapel, but we ask that you do not remove them from the chapel.

We have noticed that some of the books that were placed in the chapel are no longer there, If you took any of them with you so you could read them at home, we ask that you return them to the chapel as soon as possible so that everyone has the opportunity to use these books.

**FATIMA, LOURDES &
SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA**
A trip hosted by: REV. CARL ARCOSA
11 DAYS: NOVEMBER 3-13, 2015

**FOR ONLY \$3,159 PER PERSON FROM
SAN FRANCISCO!**

**(Air/Land tour price is \$2,479 plus \$680
government taxes/airline fuel surcharges)**

**Visiting: LISBON, FATIMA, SANTIAGO
DE COMPESETAL, SALAMANCA,
AVILA, MADRID & LOURDES**

*Including: Roundtrip Air from
San Francisco, \$680 government taxes/
airline fuel surcharges, First Class/Select
Hotels, Most Meals, Comprehensive Sight-
seeing and much more!!!*

**FOR A BROCHURE & MORE I
NFORMATION**

**CONTACT REV. ARCOSA AT
925-432-6404 (OFFICE) OR
510-552-6596 (CELL)**

**SPACE IS LIMITED AT THIS SPECIAL
PRICE!**

SHEPHERD'S CLOSET NEEDS HELP FOR CHRISTMAS

Thank you once again to all parishioners who have generously donated many items to Shepherd's Closet throughout the year. As we prepare for Christmas, we ask you to help us provide NEW clothes that can be used for Christmas, for church and for school. We are looking for children sizes 3 months - 24 months, as well and sizes 2T- 5T and sizes 4 - 6x. We continue to need receiving blankets, other blankets, towels, and disposable diapers, sizes 1 - 5. In addition, we would also appreciate baby shampoo, oil, lotion, etc.

There will be boxes located in the vestibule of the church in which to place your donations. If you are unable to shop, we will accept financial donations and do the shopping for you. May God bless you for adding Shepherd's Closet to your Christmas Shopping List. If you have any questions, call Ann Abitz at 432-3995.

Mass Intentions		Dec 22-28
Mon	5 am	Simbang Gabi !
	7 am	FOR THE PEOPLE #
Tue	5 am	Simbang Gabi ~
	7 am	Florentino Villanueva † #
Wed	5 am	Simbang Gabi ~
	7 am	Robert Navarro † #
	5:30 _{pm}	Alphonse & Genevieve Cappucini † *
	12 am	Jose Mari Vargas † *
Thu	8 am	FOR THE PEOPLE ~
	10 am	Khristan Labao Birthday *
	12 pm	Nick Gonzalez † *
	5:30 _{pm}	FOR THE PEOPLE %
Fri	7 am	Aresenia Vilorio † *
Sat	8 am	Sal & Elaine Calone † *
	5:30 _{pm}	Cesar Labao Birthday *
Sun	8 am	FOR THE PEOPLE † *
	10am	Guadalupe Garcia † ^
	12pm	Dolojan Family Thanksgiving *
	5:30 _{pm}	Jose Idelfonso Leon Jhong † %
*= Fr. Carl Arcosa		#=Fr. Conrad Bayor
^= Fr. Gus		!=Fr. Ken
~=Mons. Reg		%=Fr. Correa

YEAR TO DATE SACRAMENT TOTALS	
Baptisms	98
First Holy Communions	74
Confirmations	48
Deaths	32
Weddings	5
Sick Calls	49

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE FOR DEC 27/28	
Saturday	
5:30	Rafael Almarinez, Eva Jiminez, Bonifacio Dador, Ava Duran
Sunday	
8:00	Don Phan, Alyssamae Buena, Bryan Cabading, Carl Camarao
10:00	Tiffany Vo, Alyssamae Buena, Marcos Romero, Sofia Viart
12:00	Jaspar Lomod, Jannah & Julianna Castro, Isaiah & Briana Rodriguez
5:30	Carlos Mendoza, Baruch Rios, Julian Hernandez



LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR DEC 27/28		
	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>
Saturday		
5:30	Debbie Lawson	Yvette Ripoli
Sunday		
8:00	Tom Dudziak	Lydia Madrigal
10:00	Naomi Sarao	May Plata
12:00	Marina Bond	Linda Ilas
5:30	Graciela Corona	Rosa Granados



EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR DEC 27/28	
Saturday	
5:30:	Bill & Ann Abitz, Maya Duran, Nora Gavino, Lucilla Mangante, Rose Sorci
Sunday	
8:00	Bob & Sheena Beck, Steve Confetti, Patricia Dominguez, Danette Shipe, Ed Woodrow
10:00	Dina Russell, Georgette Shipe, Ellen Vilorio, Rose Carpenello, Letha Payne, John & Jan Rinaudo, Fran Scott, Tammy Vo
12:00	Napoleon & Theresa Umadhay, Lea Briones, Mercy Cruz, Namie Fontecha, Roy & Ronne Lagarejos, Melis Ramirez, Sonja Shephard
5:30	Alicia Leon, Marcelina Diaz, Librado Mata

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

NEXT WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION

Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3, Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19, Luke 2: 22-40

BUILDING FUND