



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

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION

Thursday, December 8th
Mass will be celebrated at
7 am & 7:30 pm

TODAY'S STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE:

John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the U. S. Bishop's Pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion; the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live—the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."

2011 GIVING TREE

Advent Season is upon us and with it comes the return of the Giving Tree! After last year's success, we have doubled our goal to 150 children in need! With your help, we can make sure each has warm clothes and a toy under the tree on Christmas morning.

December 11-**UNWRAPPED** gifts are due. Please return with original tag and place under tree. December 17-"Wrap Up" Party. All are welcome to help wrap presents in the Ministry Building. December 18-Distribution! Come help distribute gifts. We need at least one volunteer who speaks Spanish/English fluently.

Times will be announced shortly! Thanks for all you do for those in need in our community!

SHEPHERD'S CLOSET

will be open 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.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FILIPINO
BREAKFAST FUND RAISER**

TODAY IN THE PARISH HALL FROM 8 AM TO 1 PM ~ \$5 PER PERSON INCLUDES SWEET PORK OR CHICKEN, FILIPINO SAUSAGE, MARINATED MILKFISH OR BEEF WITH GARLIC RICE AND SCRAMBLED EGGS, COFFEE, TEA, JUICE, ETC.

CRAFT FAIR THANK YOUS!

Thank You to all of those who came to the Fall Community Craft Fair on November 19th. We had a steady stream of people and a whole lot of fun! Together we raised a little over \$3,000 for the parish. Fantastic! Special thank you to our volunteers (particularly the kitchen, set-up and clean-up crews), our 40 vendors and Fr. Helmut who all helped make the event a success. Also, congratulations to our 50/50 raffle winner. One of our faithful parishioners won \$407.50!

We hope to see even more of you next year. Keep working on those crafty projects!

AND OUR FINAL THANKS TO.....

Joanna and Gail Bugarino who did a fantastic job in bringing together our local community and our parish community all while raising funds for the church! Job well done!

Blessings to all, Fr. Helmut

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS CHRISTMAS
PARTY~DECEMBER 8 AT 6 PM
GOOD SHEPHERD HALL
MEMBERS CAN BRING A GUEST!
RSVP BY DEC 1 TO MARY AT 459-2666!**

2011 Christmas Schedule

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Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Thursday, December 8 Masses at 7 am & 7:30 pm
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.

Mass Intentions

Dec 5-11

Mon	7:00	Jose Antonio Mosca †
Tue	7:00	Ken Monnens †
Wed	7:00	NO INTENTION †
Thur	7:00	Andres L. Ortiz †
	7:30	Tony Pappas & Rose Manolatos†
Fri	7:00	Rose Greenup †
Sat	8:00	Kathy Boone †
	5:30	Carlotta Narez & Rosario Gutierrez †
Sun	8:00	Apolio & Josefa Eclips & The Carpino & Clemens Family†
	10:00	Dennis Russo & Laura DiMaggio†
	12:00	John & Russell Aiello & Damaso K. Basco †
	2:00	NO INTENTION
	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.

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE

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

\$ 4,762.00 1st Collection

\$ 930.00 EFT

\$ 5,692.00 Total 1st Collection

Negative this week \$3,908

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 to church! We appreciate your cooperation.

**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED FOR December 10/11**

Saturday	
5:30 pm	Aleesa & Nathaniel Panis, Eva Jimenez
Sunday	
8:00 am	Giovanni Ferrante & Riodelle Reyes
10:00 am	Jared Tamondong, Nikolas & Cruz Abenoja, Colin Monasterial
12 noon	Jasper Lomod, Gillian & Giles Carlos, Klarisse Tan
5:30 pm	Ashley Mandap, Shawn, Jarred & Reynaldo Leano

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

December 11, 2011

NEXT WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 10-11, 1 Thessalonians
5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS