

Church of the Good Shepherd

December 6, 2015

Second Sunday of Advent

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 Arturo Bazon	510-677-7915
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 Choir 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 Becky Naca	858-9217
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Ann & Bill Abitz	432-3995
Extra Ordinary Ministers to the Sick – Confetti’s	439-8958
Filipino Ministry Gina Llaguno	522-6164
Finance Council 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
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Faith Formation dina@goodshepherdpittsburg.org	
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RCIA	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	432-6404
Spanish Ministry Graciela Corona	510-912-1102
St. Vincent DePaul Assistance Line	727-5712
Stewardship	432-6404
Ushers Patricia Cadena	439-3181
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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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.

Father Carl's Corner December 5-6**The Year of Mercy – December 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception****LETTER FROM BISHOP BARBER**

My dear brothers and sisters,

The Holy Year of Mercy comes to us as a gift from God through the ministry of our beloved Pope Francis, and as Saint Paul once said: “Behold, now is the acceptable time, behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Cor 6:2).

We have been called by Pope Francis to celebrate this Jubilee Year, first of all, contemplating the face of Christ, in whom the mystery of God’s mercy has reached its summit. But we also need to bring the experience of God’s mercy to the whole world.

Our Diocese is fully embracing this joyful celebration with many different programs and events, but, above all, by promoting the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. It is my deepest desire, as father and pastor of the Church of Oakland, that each Catholic might be willing and able to practice them and truly become “merciful like the Father,” not only during this Holy Year, but always.

With the assurance of my prayers and blessings,

Michael C. Barber, SJ - Bishop of Oakland

Changes in our Confession’s Schedule on the Year of Mercy

Beginning December 8 which is the opening of the Year of Mercy, we shall have new hours for our confessions or the sacrament of penance.

After Daily Mass: 7:45 – 8:30AM – depending on priest’s availability

Tuesday: 7PM

Saturday: 8:45- 9:45AM

Sundays: 4:30-5:15PM – Spanish

Other: Please call for an appointment

Year of Mercy opportunities in the Parish:**Prayer**

Holy Hour in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Praying the Rosary

The Sacrament of Penance

Daily and Sunday Masses

Devotions

Morning Prayer – Liturgy of the Hours

Works of Mercy

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

Gabriel Project

Shepherd’s Closet

Brown Bag

Holy Communion for the Sick

Mass with Seniors

Mass with the Sick

Monday Prayer Group

Almsgiving and Mission Appeals

Study

Lenten Reflection and Penance Service

Parish Missions

Advent Lenten Reflection and Penance Service

Bible Study

Bad Girl’s of the Bible

Radio 1260AM – Catholic Radio

EWTN – Channel 229 – Comcast / Channel

562 - AT&T U Verse

Channel 370 – Direct TV

Please call our office for more information.

PARISH CRAFT FAIR THANKS YOU!

Thank you to all of the Craft Fair Volunteers and the Spanish Ministry for their support during this event.

This event helps our church with needed funds for church causes.

God Bless to all as we start this Season of Advent ~ Awilda Graff

Fr. Carl and the parish staff also wish to thank Awilda for all of her hard work on the fair!

SIMBANG GABI

"Please join the Filipino Ministry in celebrating our annual 2015 Simbang Gabi beginning **Wednesday, December 16, 2015 through Thursday, December 24, 2015**. There will be a 5:00am mass held each morning for the duration and a breakfast reception to follow in the parish hall.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor during Simbang Gabi, you can participate with mass intentions, and providing food. Monetary donations are also welcome. Please contact: Gina Llaguno at, [925-522-6164](tel:925-522-6164) or ginallaguno@yahoo.com, Cecille Perez at, [925-300-6234](tel:925-300-6234) or notcel@yahoo.com or any ministry member for further information. Thank you for your continued support in all our activities."

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, PITTSBURG

#2956 5TH ANNUAL

CRAB FEED

AT THE GOOD SHEPHERD HALL ON

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2016

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE FOR \$45 PER PERSON OR EARLY BIRD GROUPS OF 8 FOR \$40 PER PERSON BEFORE DECEMBER 3, 2015. CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR TICKETS.

FINAL DEADLINE IS

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24, 2015!

ATTENTION ALL LIFE TEEN AND CONFIRMATION TEENS!

Announcing the try-outs for the 2016 Sacred Drama of the Lord's Passion

TODAY

Sunday, December 6th - 7:00 pm - in the church

The drama has been a Good Shepherd tradition for 24 years, and is unique to this parish.

Whether you want to be onstage or backstage, come and sign up for this exciting and meaningful way to bring Christ's Passion to life - and earn service hours!

PREPARE FOR ADVENT!

Carolyn Krantz, MSinED & MDiv, will continue to present a 5 week session to help us go down to the well of our souls and into the underground stream of God's love through scripture and spiritual writings to help us grow closer to the Lord during this Holy Season of Advent. Sessions are on Tuesday mornings from 8 to 9:30 am now through the Advent season in the parish Ministry Building. All are welcome! Love offerings accepted!

December 6 - Second Sunday of Advent:

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

If you have not already done so, please take an ornament from the Giving Tree which will help those in need to celebrate Christmas by providing them with a gift from our parish family to theirs. Please keep the recipient of your gift in your prayers. Thank you and God Bless You!

Please note: All gifts (with their ornament tags) are needed at the church or office by Sunday, December 13th.

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH WELCOMES:**TRENT HORN, APOLOGIST, SPEAKER AND AUTHOR**

Saturday, January 9 from 10 am to 1 pm (lunch provided) for two thought provoking talks: 1.

God: Supreme Being or Imaginary Friend & 2. Persuasive Pro-Life

Admission is \$10 ~ Contact Naomi Sarao @ n.sarao87@gmail.com or

Brian Villamor at brianvillamore@gmail.com

Confirmation students please remember this is one of your mandatory classes for January! Mark your calendars!

Calling all Children
Grades 1st through 8th!!!!



We are reviving our Children's Christmas Eve choir and play for 5:30 mass. Please get in touch with Debbie in the office at 432-6404 for details if your child is interested in helping to bring back this wonderful Christmas tradition. Thank You!

**SHEPHERD'S CLOSET CHRISTMAS
CLOTHES GIVEAWAY**

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 6 months - 24 months, as well and sizes 2T- 5T and sizes 4 - 7. We especially need new clothes for little boys. 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 beginning next weekend 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.

Our Christmas Shepherd's Closet will be open on Tuesday, December 8th from 10 am to 1 pm, but if you or anyone you know needs help before that date or have any questions about donations, please feel free to call Ann Abitz at 925-432-3995.

"Ringin' In the Holidays"~A Musical Revue

Pittsburg Community Theatre presents a collection of all your favorite holiday songs featuring the PCT Players and Good Shepherd Choir and much more.
 Sunday – December 20, 2015 @ 2:00 pm
 California Theatre
 Tickets on sale now – call [925-427-1611](tel:925-427-1611)

Advance ticket prices \$10 children/students, \$15 seniors, \$20 adults Special Black Friday Weekend Sale after each mass November 28 & 29. Event Christmas Card Available for \$3 in addition to tickets. Cash, Check or Credit Card Accepted

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-4 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday
 from 8 am—6 pm

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| Mondays | <p>Prayer Group for the Sick-11 am to 12 noon in the Ministry Building</p> <p>Confirmation Class-7 pm-Ministry Building-2nd & 4th Mondays (Sept-May)</p> <p>Grief Ministry-1st & 3rd Mondays at 7 pm in the Apartment</p> <p>Novena to Holy Infant Jesus (Santo Nino) - 7 pm in church (Mass on 1st Monday of the month). Blessing of the statues takes place before mass.</p> |
| Tuesdays | <p>Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help (Mass on each first Tuesday)~Church~7 pm</p> <p>Bad Girls of the Bible~7 pm~432-3181</p> |
| Wednesdays | <p>8 & 10 Choir Rehearsals~7 pm</p> <p>Stewardship~Office~7pm~ 2nd & 4th</p> <p>Youth Formation~Parish Hall 3-4, 4:30-5:30, 6-7, 7:30-8:30 Sept-May</p> |
| Thursdays | <p>Bible Study~Office~7pm</p> <p>Senior Brown Bag Program~Hall 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month 10 am~12 noon</p> |
| Fridays | <p>Adoration begins after 7 am mass until 7 pm</p> <p>Chaplet of Divine Mercy-3 pm</p> <p>Teresita #123, YLI Pray & Chat with Divine Mercy Group</p> |
| Saturdays | <p>La Pieta International Prayer Group
 Every Saturday after the 8 am mass</p> |
| Sundays | <p>Life Teen-Parish Hall-11-1 pm September-May</p> <p>12 Noon Choir Practice-1 pm</p> <p>Spanish Choir Practice-4 pm (4:30 on 3rd Sundays of the month)</p> |

YOUTH MINISTRY BOGO FUNDRAISER!!!!

Youth Ministry is having a fund raiser to help our youth go on Retreat! Buy a key tag for \$20 and enjoy savings until November 2016! By One Get One FREE at Domino's Pizza or Togo's. Fantastic savings! See a youth ministry student or Debbie or Dina after Mass for this SPECIAL DEAL or contact the parish office.

Mass Intentions

Dec 7-13

Mon	7 am	Nicholas Solis Birthday & Jennie Vitalie † #
Tue	7 am	Tony Pappas & Rose Manolatos † #
	10:00	Celestino Ereset † ! (DR)
	7 pm	Mirian Concepcion Dolojan † *
Wed	7 am	Peter & Mary Nguyen † *
Thu	7 am	Horace "Diz" Russo † *
Fri	7 am	Rose Riso † *
Sat	8 am	Joselyn & Ann Nguyen † #
	5:30 _{pm}	Victoria Osborne † !
	7 pm	Fr. Mamerto Sigaran @
Sun	8am	Michael Glanzman † #
	10am	Ken Monnens † #
	12pm	FOR THE PEOPLE *
	5:30 _{pm}	Domini Vu † ^

* = Fr. Carl Arcosa

= Fr. Conrad Bayor

! = Fr. Helmut

@ = Fr. Ricardo Chavez

^ = Fr. Enrique Ballesteros

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR DEC 12/13

Saturday

5:30: Bill & Ann Abitz, Loreta Cellan, Jacqueline Hurtado, Lucilla Mangante, May Plata

Sunday

8:00 Debbie Lawson, Steve Confetti, Milo & Adele Discipulo, Danette Shipe, Georgette Shipe

10:00 George & Patricia Camacho, Laura Canciamilla, Florida Castillo, Dom & Fran Confetti, Robert Pascual, Mimi Reynoso, Dina Russell

12:00 Romeo & Sery Razo, Mila Benitez, Lea Briones, Mercy Cruz, Jubene, Roy & Ronne Lagarejos, Tammy Vo

5:30 Rosa Granados, Librado Mata, Maria Trujillo

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE FOR DEC 12/13

Saturday

5:30 Chase Smith, Frederick Alesna, Macey Robles

Sunday

8:00 Bryan Cabading, Taylor & Andrew Silva

10:00 Kyle Dozier, Carl Camarao, Gillian & Giles Carlos

12:00 Ronne Lagarejos, Jasper Lomod, Jannah & Juliana Castro

5:30 Jesus & Veronica Gonzalez, Luis Angel & Aideth Ortiz

YEAR TO DATE SACRAMENT TOTALS

Baptisms	95
First Holy Communions	103
Confirmations	45
Deaths	35
Weddings	7
Sick Calls	6

LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR DEC 12/13

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>
Saturday		
5:30	Cynthia Greely	Chelo Gonzalez
Sunday		
8:00	Ellen Vilorio	Ina Kinadeter
10:00	Linda Ilas	Linda Whatford
12:00	Naomi Sarao	
5:30	Angelica Gayton	Leticia Hernandez

**The Sons of Italy, C. Colombo Lodge 1315
Annual Cucidati Contest
December 13, 2015, at 2PM**

Antioch Historical Museum, 1500 W. 4th St.

As before, the entrance fee is \$5.00 a person, which entitles you to a cup of coffee, and the opportunity to taste one piece of cucidati from all who have entered the contest, and to vote for the cucidati of your choice for the "Peoples Choice Award".

There will be many types of "homemade" cookies and goodies for sale, and being that it so close to Christmas, you may purchase your cookies for the holidays. There will also be "homemade" cannoli's on sale, in addition to meatball sliders.

There will also be ongoing pizzelle cookie demonstrations during the afternoon, in addition to a Treasure Hunt, which features as its prize, a heaping plate of our homemade cookies.

Wine will be available for purchase at the bar, and singing of Italian songs while enjoying the atmosphere around you, and of the 7 fabulous themed rooms at the museum.

Tickets may be purchased at the door. For more information or tickets, contact Rosemarie DiMaggio at 432-3648.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Zephaniah 3:14-18a, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:10-18

NEXT WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION

Retirement Fund for Religious