

# Church of the Good Shepherd

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

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**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  
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**CYO** Diane George 432-3043  
**Divine Mercy Ministry** Tammy Vo 698-4559  
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**Filipino Ministry** Feli Buettner 427-5265  
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**Grief Ministry** Judy Dudziak 565-2700  
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**Wedding Liturgy Coordinators**  
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### 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 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.



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## FR. CARL'S CORNER

### What is Advent?

#### A Time of Preparation

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas. It comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; but second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to His Second Coming at the end of time. Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily.

### How do we celebrate this season?

#### First We Fast, Then We Feast

That's why Advent has traditionally been known as a "little Lent." As in Lent, Advent should be marked by increased prayer, fasting, and good works. While the Western Church no longer has a set requirement for fasting during Advent, the Eastern Church, both Catholic and Orthodox, continues to observe what is known as Philip's Fast, from November 15 until Christmas.

Traditionally, all great feasts have been preceded by a time of fasting, which makes the feast itself more joyful. Sadly, Advent today has been supplanted by "the Christmas shopping season," so that by Christmas Day, many people no longer enjoy the feast.

### What is an Advent Wreath?

Perhaps the best-known of all Advent symbols is the Advent wreath, a custom which originated among German Lutherans but was soon adopted by Catholics. Consisting of four candles (three purple and one pink) arranged in a circle with evergreen boughs (and often a fifth, white candle in the center), the Advent wreath corresponds to the four Sundays of Advent. The purple candles represent the penitential nature of the season, while the pink candle calls to mind the respite of Gaudete Sunday. (The white candle, when used, represents Christmas.)

Source: <http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/p/Advent.htm>

#### 2014 Christmas Season Schedule Church of the Good Shepherd

- ◆ Daily Mass: 7 am M-F, 8 am Saturday
- ◆ TODAY! December 5, Spanish Presentation by Jesse Romero, Topic: Our Lady of Guadalupe, 7pm in the Church \$5 donation
- ◆ December 7, Jesse Romero Youth Presentation, 7:00 pm
- ◆ December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception ~ Holy Day ~ Masses at 7 am and 7 pm
- ◆ December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe, 7 pm Spanish Mass
- ◆ 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
- ◆ January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation, Masses at 7 am and 10 am

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE  
FR. CONRAD'S  
25TH SACERDOTAL ANNIVERSARY



**SUNDAY**  
**DECEMBER 21st.**  
**1:00PM**

WE ARE SO BLESSED TO HAVE FR. CONRAD HERE WITH US AT GOOD SHEPHERD. EVERYONE IS ASKED TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING AFTER THE 12:00 NOON MASS ON DECEMBER 21, 2014 FOR A POTLUCK LUNCH IN HONOR OF FR. CONRAD'S 25<sup>TH</sup> YEAR BEING A PRIEST!

We'd love for you to bring a dish or hors d'oeuvres to share although it is not necessary in order to attend. Please come and enjoy the afternoon.

**HOUSEKEEPING MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR GREEN THUMB!**

If you are good with plants and have a little time on Saturday and Monday mornings, the Housekeeping Ministry would like your help watering and tending to the plants in the church. You can contact Sonja Shephard at 252-0236 or come to the church by 9 am on Saturday morning or 8 am on Monday morning.

**Take Good Shepherd with you!**

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www.evergive.com

Use our community code: SHEPHERD

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION  
MASSES AT 7 AM & 7 PM

**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 every Friday**  
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  
September-May

**TODAY!!!!**

**DIOCESE OF OAKLAND DIVINE  
MERCY MINISTRY  
TODAY!!!**

- ◇ December 7 at 7 pm Evangelizing the Youth, Topic: "Young People, Stressed out? Try Adoration" at Church of the Good Shepherd.
- ◇ Donation: \$5.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER**

This year, the Good Shepherd Conference of SVDP is helping with Christmas gifts. The giving tree is up and we have already had to stop taking names as we have reached our limit! Please take a look at the tree and see what you can help with. We will do everything in our power, with the help of God, to do all that is possible to support these requests for help this Holy Season. If you can help, please bring your gift back to the parish unwrapped and we will make sure it gets to the person/child intended.

Thank you for all that you do! May God continue to shower His blessings upon you!

Deacon Ken

**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.

**DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS**

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| 3rd Fridays | Taize Prayer Around the Cross<br>8-9 pm sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose.<br><a href="http://www.msjdominicans.org">www.msjdominicans.org</a> |
| Dec 13      | Advent Retreat, 9:30am-4pm,<br>Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose Auditorium<br>RSVP by 12/8 510-933-6335  |
| Dec 14      | Advent Lessons & Carols, 5:30 pm<br>Cathedral of Christ the Light,<br>2121 Harrison St., Oakland, CA  |

**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.

**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  
Sightseeing and much more!!!**

**FOR A BROCHURE & MORE INFORMATION  
CONTACT REV. ARCOSA AT 925-432-6404 (OFFICE) OR  
510-552-6596 (CELL)**

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

**SHEPHERD'S CLOSET WILL  
BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS  
THIS TUESDAY,  
DECEMBER 9TH FROM  
10 AM UNTIL 1 PM  
IN THE MINISTRY BUILDING FOR  
THOSE IN NEED OF FREE BABY  
CLOTHING & OTHER INFANT ITEMS.  
TELL YOUR FRIENDS!**



**Mass Intentions**

**Dec 8-14**

**Mon 7 am Tony Pappas & Rose Monalatos † #**  
**7 pm James Douglas Morrison † \***  
**Tue 7 am Miriam Concepcion Dolojan † \***  
**10 am Rita Troia † (Diamond Ridge) \***  
**Wed 7 am Carmen Tolentino † #**  
**Thu 7 am Encarnacion Benitez †**  
**Fri 7 am Mercedes Trompeta † #**  
**7 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe \***  
**Sat 8 am Consolacion Guintivano † \***  
**5:30pm Russo Family † #**  
**Sun 8 am Michael Glanzman † \***  
**10am Dennis Russo † #**  
**12pm Arturo Clemente Jr. & Reynaldo Lejano † \***  
**5:30pm FOR THE PEOPLE \***

\*= Fr. Carl Arcosa

#=Fr. Conrad Bayor

**YEAR TO DATE SACRAMENT TOTALS**

**Baptisms 98**  
**First Holy Communions 74**  
**Confirmations 48**  
**Deaths 32**  
**Weddings 5**  
**Sick Calls 48**

**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE FOR DEC 13/14**

**Saturday**

**5:30 Rafael Almarinez**, Chase Smith, Bonifacio Dador, Jormari Fernandez

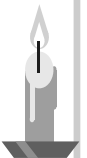
**Sunday**

**8:00 Jordan Windham**, Alyssamae Buena, Bryan Cabading, Carl Camarao

**10:00 Macey Robles**, Sofia Viart, Ashley Ramos-Segovia, Frederick Alesna

**12:00 Armando Camacho Jr.**, Olivhea Ross, Nick Ceballos, Nilbert Pascual, Bonifacio Dador

**5:30 David & Antonio Diaz**, Josue Corona, Ashley Ramos-Segovia



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR DEC 13/14**

**Saturday**

**5:30: Bill & Ann Abitz**, Nora Gavino, Lucilla Mangante, Josephine Saca, Rose Sorci

**Sunday**

**8:00 Ed Woodrow**, Fe Castillo, Kevin Carter, Cynthia Greely, Patricia Dominguez, Patrick Wilson

**10:00 Dom & Fran Confetti**, Florida Castillo, Namie Fontecha, Becky & Jun Naca, Letha Payne, Dina Russell, Tammy Vo

**12:00 Carol & Ben Davi**, Romeo & Sery Razo, Mercy Cruz, Roy & Ronne Lagarejos, Debbie Lawson, Melis Ramirez

**5:30 Isabel Aguilera**, Marcelina Diaz, Angeles Rios



**LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR DEC 13/14**

**1st**

**2nd**

**Saturday**

**5:30 Jessica Florido**

**David De Luna**

**Sunday**

**8:00 Marina Bond**

**Tom Dudziak**

**10:00 Linda Whatford**

**May Plata**

**12:00 Sally Bellando**

**Bonnie Ozel**

**5:30 Leticia Hernandez**

**Anahy Hernandez**



**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**NEXT WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION**

**Philippians 4:4-5,  
 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28**

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