

Church of the Good Shepherd

February 2, 2014

Presentation of the Lord

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 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 – FFL	
Napoleon & Theresa Umadhay	427-5457
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 – Sergio Palaganas	206-7416
Grief Ministry – Judy Dudziak	
Italian Catholic Federation – Patty Jarrett	228-0810
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
Social Justice – Deacon Ken Wedge	432-6404
St. Vincent DePaul	470-5222
Stewardship – Darla Kilgannon	432-0243
Ushers – Frank DiMaggio	776-5107
Vocations-Parish Office	432-6404
Wedding Liturgy Coordinators-	
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Young Ladies Institute-Feli Buetner	432-7382

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Schedule of Masses

Sundays 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
& 12 noon

Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m.
1st Tuesdays & Fridays 7:00 p.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. & 7:00 p.m.

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

Marriages: Couples are required to make arrangements with the priest at least six months prior to the date of marriage and attend a marriage preparation program. Contact the parish office to begin this process.

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.



The Presentation of the Lord

In today's Gospel, Mary shows us that falling under the spell of hope means falling into joy. She reveals that if our lives are grounded in the hope that God will act on our behalf, then there's nothing to fear and everything to celebrate. Suffering may come our way. Swords of sorrow may pierce our hearts, but if we embrace and give ourselves to hope as Mary did, we're free to live, love and rejoice.

At first glance, it may seem that the Church has chosen to proclaim the reading from Malachi because it mentions the temple ("...suddenly there will come to the temple..."). In fact, however, the reading was selected because it speaks of another manifestation, another epiphany, of the Messiah, of the Lord. The reading also speaks of the Lord's "messenger" (whom we know to be John the Baptizer), preparing the way for the Lord who is coming to "purify" God's people so that they might offer worthy sacrifice to God.

In the second reading, the author of Hebrews explains how the Lord "came" as one of us. Thus, although Jesus is the "King of Glory," he shares humanity with us by emptying himself for us and thus becomes our true, great high priest.

The Gospel recounts the Holy Family's obedience to the Mosaic law. Mary and Joseph take Jesus to the temple, where Mary is to present herself for legal purification. The presence of Simeon and Anna, however, reveals that much more is happening here than a ritual purification. What is happening is a new and true "presentation," not of Mary, but of Jesus, who is the long-awaited Messiah, the one who will liberate Israel and himself become God's temple.

Reflection

Imagine the desires and dreams you might have as a parent for your infant child. Now imagine that someone is able to see into your baby's future and tells you both the good and the bad that will happen to him or her, just as Simeon told Mary. What would that do to your desires and dreams? What did it do to Mary's?

Of all people in Scripture, Mary is the ideal model of hope for us Christians. Like so many people of Israel before her, Mary had long trusted that God would fulfill promises and act on their behalf. Like her parents and grandparents, Mary hoped for the coming of the Messiah. It was a big thing for Mary to be chosen to be the mother of God's son. However, because Mary was a person of hope, it was not a big thing for her to believe. Perhaps that is why the dark side of Simeon's prophecy did not crush her. Rather, it strengthened her hope. It helped her realize that hopeful living meant dying to old ways of thinking, acting and living in order to live a new life.

Mary recognized that the same great love that gave life, brought renewal, and pursued her so passionately was also a love that would never abandon her or her son, no matter what. Mary's hope teaches us to hope. It teaches us that no matter how bright or bleak a situation may seem to others, God can and does call us to make a difference. Mary's hope can be our hope. After all, as the angel Gabriel assured her, "Nothing will be impossible for God" (Luke 1:37)

WLP-Scripture Sounds Sundays and Solemnities Year A

NEWS FROM CATHOLIC CEMETARY SERVICES

Catholic Funeral and Cemeteries Services will have representatives here at our parish on the weekend of Feb. 8, 9, 2014 at all our Masses. Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services is owned by the Diocese of Oakland and is located in this area at Holy Angels Funeral and Cremation Services and Holy Cross Cemetery in Antioch. The burial of the dead is a Corporal Work of Mercy and is a ministry of the Diocese of Oakland. Staff from Holy Angels and Holy Cross will be here with information about end of life services and to answer any questions you may have about funeral or cemetery services. Included in today's bulletin is an informational letter from Fr. Carl and a questionnaire everyone is asked to fill out and place in the basket in the vestibule so that more information can be gathered about our parish's end of life preferences. Please participate!

PARISH EVENTS:

ANNOUNCING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CRAB FEED!!!!

Tickets are on sale now in the parish office for the Knights of Columbus Crab feed on Saturday, February 8, 2014. Dinner is \$45 per person. Limited space available so buy your tickets early. No tickets sold at the door! We hope you join us!

Oakland Diocese Divine Mercy Ministry & Apostolate LENT: SEASON OF HEALING Church of Good Shepherd, 3200 Harbor St, Pittsburg, (925) 432-6404

February 22, 2014, 9 AM-6:30 PM, Talks, Healing Service, Mass-God's Grace and Healing Power in Your Suffering, Jeremiah 29:11-Fr. Carl Arcosa and Fr. John H. Hampsch, CMF

February 23, 2014, Sunday, 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM, Pre-Lenten Reflection on Divine Mercy and Holy Hour with Confessions, Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC St. Albert the Great Church, 1022 Holly St, Alameda, Contact: Emmy Crevani (510) 523-9710

February 24, Monday, 7 – 9 PM, Divine Mercy Parish Mission: Why wholeheartedly embrace The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion revealed to the Church and to the world through Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska from 1931-1938. After Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament and The Divine Mercy Chaplet an individual blessing with a first-class relic of Saint M. Faustina with Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC

INSTRUMENTALISTS NEEDED

Music Ministry is seeking an acoustic bass and/or electric bass player for our 8 am and 10 am liturgies. If you play acoustic bass or electric bass, please consider sharing your talents with our parish! If interested, please contact any Music Ministry member.

HOUSKEEPING MINISTRY NEWS!

The Housekeeping Ministry will be meeting each 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month at 10:30 am in the church to tidy up the church for our liturgical celebrations!

PARISH GENERAL CALENDAR

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

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| Mondays | Prayer Group for the Sick -11 am to 12 noon in the Ministry Building
RCIA -7 pm- Ministry Building-1st & 3rd Mondays of the month
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~7 pm
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 4 pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy -3 pm
Teresita #123, YLI Pray & Chat with Divine Mercy Group
All above events take place on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month in church |
| Saturdays | La Pieta International Prayer Group
Every Saturday after the 8 am mass |
| Sundays | Life Teen -Parish Hall-1-3 pm
September-May |

WINTER NEEDS LIST

Our Needs List Project is back! Cards are posted at all of the exits of the church. The requested items are simple supplies that are vital to maintaining our church. By not having to purchase these items with parish funds, it allows us to focus on paying our day to day bills and to concentrate on our debt to the Diocese. IT'S EASY! Just take a tag and return the items to the vestibule or the parish office. Too busy to shop? Then please consider a monetary donation or a Staples gift card! Thank you for your continued generosity. May God Bless all of our "Good Shepherds." For info or questions call Gail Burgarino at 925-777-1106.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

ST. PETER MARTYR SCHOOL NEWS:

Enrollment

St. Peter Martyr School is accepting fall 2014 applications for Preschool, PreKindergarten, Kindergarten, and grades 1-8. The school offers extended care, extra curricular programs, and a strong academic program. Applications for the 2014-2015 school year are available at St. Peter Martyr School and www.stpetermartyrschool.org. The Catholic school, located at 425 West Fourth St. in Pittsburg, is fully accredited. For further information about our affordable rates call the school at 925-439-1014 or visit: www.stpetermartyrschool.org.

Crab Feed

SPM School is sponsoring a crab feed on Saturday, February 22 in the school cafeteria, 425 W. 4th St., Pittsburg. Doors open at 5 pm. Dinner at 7 pm. \$45 per person. No tickets sold at the door. Call 925-439-1014 to reserve your seat for an evening of fantastic food, fun and prizes while supporting Catholic Education.

SCHOOL FOR APPLIED THEOLOGY PRESENTS A CLASS ON *LIVING CONTEMPLATIVELY*

February 3-4, 10 am to noon and 1-3 pm.

These classes are open to laity, priests, deacons and religious looking for a greater balance in their lives. Call 510-652-1651 for information and registration.

VOLUNTEER WITH LOAVES & FISHES

Have fun, keep busy, help feed the hungry and give back to your community! Loaves & Fishes of Contra Costa has been feeding the hungry for over 25 years in dining rooms throughout the County.

Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, network, keep your job skills sharp and get excellent experience in the food industry. We serve hot and nutritious meals every noon, Monday-Friday. Visit www.loavesfishescc.org or contact Eleanor at Eleanor@loavesfishescc.org to volunteer!

DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS AN EVENING WITH FR. GREG BOYLE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19—7 TO 9 PM

Presentation and book signing by the author of *Tattoos of the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*. Fr. Greg is an expert on gangs and intervention. Register at www.dlshs.org or call 925-288-8110. \$10 donation requested.

DIOCESAN EVENTS:

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

A weekend retreat for healing after abortion

February 7-9, 2014

At the Angela Center in Santa Rosa, CA

This retreat is offered in collaboration with the Diocese of Oakland and the Diocese of Santa Rosa.

All inquiries are confidential. For more information, or to sign up, contact Christine Watkins at 415-260-4406 or christinew@firstresort.net.

**MAGNIFICAT, A Ministry to Catholic Women
invites you to their**

MARCH PRAYER BREAKFAST

March 1 from 9:30 am—12:30 pm

Crowne Plaza, 45 John Glenn Dr., Concord

Tickets are \$28—\$35 after 2/22/14

www.magnificatsoti.org or 925-788-7762

Brenda Sharman model, actress and beauty queen will speak on her conversion to Catholicism.

**Discover a more intimate, God-filled relationship
with a MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND!**

Upcoming weekends:

January 8-9

Contact Mike & Jeanne at 925-672-2016 or

Joe & Sue at 925-680-7767

to sign up!

R E T R O U V A I L L E

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too! For confidential information about or to register for this program beginning with a weekend on February 21-24, 2014, call 510-648-6874 or visit the web at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Mass Intentions

Feb 3-9

Mon	7 am	Rosie Romero † #
Tue	7 am	Ceferina Liongson Birthday *
	7 pm	Our Lady of Perpetual Help *
Wed	7 am	Gregorio Mandap, Jr. † *
Thu	7 am	Jenny Mandap † #
Fri	7 am	Felix Razo † *
	7 pm	Arthur C. Miner †
Sat	8 am	Mary Grace Elias Legaspi † #
	5:30	Robert Navarro † #
Sun	8am	Jane Rallo † *
	10am	Marvin Patague † #
	12pm	FOR THE PEOPLE *

*= Fr. Carl Arcosa
= Fr. Conrad Bayor

WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE

\$9,700.00 Needed~1st Collection & EFT
(budgeted as income needed for 1st collections only for 2014)

\$ 5,815.47 First Collection

\$ 680.00 EFT

\$ 6,495.47 Total 1st Collection

Negative this week: \$3,204.53

Positive Year to Date: \$23,475 as of 1/17/14

Last weekend's 2nd Collection for
St. Vincent De Paul took in: \$2,319.83

YEAR TO DATE SACRAMENT TOTALS

Baptisms	1
First Holy Communions	
Confirmations	
Deaths	
Weddings	1
Sick Calls	4

LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR

Feb 8/9

Saturday	1st	2nd
5:30	Cynthia Greely	Joyce Fox
Sunday		
8:00	Lydia Madrigal	Darla Kilgannon
10:00	Marina Bond	Bee Francisco
12:00	Tess Cayahag	MacKinsey Russell

EFT & PLEDGE FORM FOLLOW UP

Please consider signing up for EFT. We are not requesting an increase in giving, just a change from giving through cash and checks in envelopes to electronic giving to assist you in being able to plan your giving to the parish and to help the parish in being able to rely on consistent giving.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULED FOR

Feb 8/9

Saturday
5:30: Carol & Ben Davi, Josephine Saca, Virgil Gulingan, Napoleon & Theresa Umadhay
Sunday
8:00 Bob & Sheena Beck, Fe Castillo, Patricia Dominguez, Lynn Hoggatt
10:00 Laura Canciamilla, Florida Castillo, Becky Naca, Jun Naca, Mimi Reynoso, Tammy Vo
12:00 Evelyn Labao, Marcelina Diaz, Ronnie & Roy Lagarejos, Melis Ramirez, Angeles Rios

The emergency fund is being established so that if we have issues such as a broken water line or a needed roof repair, that there are funds set aside for that and we do not have to come to you for every financial emergency we have.

See the double-sided forms located at the exits of the church or come to the parish office to sign up!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 58:7-10, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5,
Matthew 5:13-16

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

BISHOP'S APPEAL

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