



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 three (3) 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.

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 – (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 – Bob Beck 427-5926
Grief Ministry – Judy Dudziak
Hospitality –
Knights of Columbus – Ted Franger 252-0421
Lectors – Ina Kinadeter 439-7726
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 – Bob & 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 –
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

2011 FINANCE MATTERS

Staffing

As of 1/2011 we no longer employed any full time staff people. Every single member of parish staff had their hours cut, and in some cases their health benefits also, for the 2011 year. We have only one (1) priest, one (1) unpaid Deacon and 5 part time staff (not including musicians) serving 1,219 active families (3,183 individuals) with their spiritual, catechetical and sacramental needs! Parishes of a similar size normally have a pastor and 2 associates. Each ministry has also either increased their fund raising efforts and/or have cut expenditure costs!

Bingo

We officially closed Good Shepherd Bingo on March 4, 2011. Bingo, once the parish's most successful fund raising activity became a drain on parish finances with the economic decline.

Stewardship

At the mandate of the Diocese and with their help and support, in January of this year we began working on the development of a comprehensive Stewardship Program for the parish based on the Pastoral Letter on Stewardship drafted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This plan for Stewardship challenges each of us to be a Holy people, called to be disciples of Christ through a conversion of heart, living a life of gratitude. We ask that each and everyone of you become involved in the spirituality of stewardship so that we can maintain our parish and move it successfully into the future for generations to come. Please support all Stewardship Ministry activities.

Also, in conjunction with this ministry, the parish office has begun the processes of mailing parish envelopes to envelope users on a monthly basis rather than the previous custom of having people pick up their boxes in the vestibule at the beginning of the year. This method serves to keep the importance of tithing at the forefront of people's minds by receiving a "monthly reminder."

Spiritual Garden

Even though the Spiritual Garden was self-sufficient for the 2011 year, there is no perpetual program in place to keep it that way and no fund raising has taken place for the garden in at least 3 years making it a potential liability in the future. With your help, we are hoping to fund raise for our garden in 2012 by establishing an endowment fund by those who have memorials in the garden.

Buildings and Grounds

In 2011 we saw many improvements to our buildings and grounds. This was all done WITHOUT COST TO THE CHURCH. Fortunately for us, Mr. Albert Seeno III and his family have made it their ministry to help with the improvement and upkeep of the parish buildings and grounds. Their major contribution in 2011 was the redesign and remodel of the church. Had it not been for their generosity, the parish would not be able to fund these kinds of projects. To people coming on to our property, it looks as though we are in good shape and they may not feel the need to donate to a parish that is kept up so well. But that is truly not the case. In fact, as far as cuts go, the Buildings and Grounds Department has been hit the hardest. We went from a staff of 3 people a couple of years ago, to just one 20 hour person in 2011. In recognition of this fact, Gail Bugarino planned quarterly "spruce up days" so that parishioners could get involved in helping with the upkeep of their parish. While this has proved to be a useful means of parish upkeep, we are disappointed with the fact that the same group of people show up each time. Our hope is that more people will take the initiative and step up to help with the work to be done. This parish belongs to all of us!

The Needs List

Another thoughtful idea by Gail Bugarino came to fruition with the implementation of the needs list. Your response to taking a tag at various times throughout the year to buy supplies for the parish has been quite successful. It helped the parish tremendously reduce the cost of buying supplies in many different areas in the workings of the church. We've received everything from vacuum cleaners, to rosary beads, to toilet paper! Thank you so much for your participation. Let's keep up the good work in the coming year!

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2012

Spanish Ministry

Hispanic liturgy began at Good Shepherd as a convenience to our Spanish speaking parishioners who were attending Hispanic masses at other local parishes despite the fact that we do not have a Spanish speaking priest assigned to the parish. It has been nearly two years since we began Hispanic Ministry; masses, weddings, funerals and quinceaneras. Unfortunately, we did not see the Hispanic community participating in many other liturgies, ministries or functions in the parish other than the weekly Spanish mass. The hope was that it would broaden the community of Good Shepherd in all aspects and not just provide a time and place of exclusivity for the Hispanic community. And after reviewing the five week periods in October 2010 and 2011, in conjunction with the yearly October Count that goes to the Diocese, we discovered that an average of 150 adults attended Hispanic mass weekly and the collection averaged \$300 per week in both years. This means that every adult sitting in the pews during Spanish mass gives approximately \$2 each. I would have hoped that these adults would see the value in the service we are providing and would give accordingly. Since we do not have an Hispanic priest assigned here, an outside priest needed to be brought in each week which means the parish must pay the priest a stole and stipend fee of \$110 each week plus mileage (\$36) if the priest is coming to us from further away than Pittsburg or Antioch. That means that the church is only really receiving \$154 per week from the Hispanic community and this is not covering the cost for the church to run the electricity and the heating or air conditioning during mass, nor for the supplies of wine, hosts, the cleaning of church and bathrooms, etc. that it takes to have the mass. Based upon this information, we have suspended the Spanish Ministry for 2012 as well as any sacramental activities in Spanish. We will provide services to the Hispanic community as long as they can communicate with the Pastor in English.

Staff Cuts

With the cessation of the Spanish masses in the parish, we have reclassified our Spanish speaking parish Secretary who also did work for Spanish Ministry to a Receptionist position, reducing her hours by 5 per week, eliminating health benefits and decreasing her hourly wage.

Mass Cuts

In an effort to reduce costs, the Finance Committee, in conjunction with Fr. Helmut, has made the decision to eliminate the 5:30 pm Sunday Life Teen Mass at the end of the current program year (June, 2012). One weekday mass has also been cut and replaced with a prayer service with communion done by the Deacon at no cost to the parish. These changes will help to save on the cost of supplies, stipend and stole fees, heating, electricity, etc.

Fund Raising Ministry

In the process of establishing a strong Stewardship Ministry at the parish in this past year, we discovered the need for a separate Fund Raising Ministry. We have a very dedicated parishioner who has agreed to head up this ministry and who has already done a couple of very successful fund raising activities in 2011, ie the community flea market and the craft fair. It is our desire to come up with a yearly high money yielding fund raiser that we can rely on to bring funds into the parish. The idea of a crab feed has been raised. We see many people renting our parish hall for such events and we see their success. We should use our own hall for our own success!

2011 OVERVIEW

<u>Registered, Contributing, Active Parish Family Households</u>	1,219
<u>Individual Active Parish Members</u>	3,183
<u>Families Using Envelopes</u>	310
<u>Families Giving Electronically</u>	239
<u>Families Who Contribute In Some Other Fashion</u>	258

343	families gave between	\$ 001 - 100
331	families gave between	\$ 101 - 500
124	families gave between	\$ 501 - 1000
56	families gave between	\$ 1001 - 1500
22	families gave between	\$ 1501 - 2000
17	families gave between	\$ 2001 - 2500
8	families gave between	\$ 2501 - 3000
3	families gave between	\$ 3001 - 3500
4	families gave between	\$ 3501 - 4000
2	families gave between	\$ 4001 - 4500
0	family gave between	\$ 4501 - 5000
7	families gave between	\$ 5001 - 10,000

<u>Registered Families Who Do Not Contribute</u>	302
<u>Inactive Families</u>	2,358

2011 Sacrament totals

Baptisms	59
First Holy Communions	38
Confirmations	47
Deaths	64
Weddings	6
Quinceañeras	17
Sick Calls	319

Parish Ethnic Make Up

- 5% African American
- 20% Caucasian
- 15% Latino
- 55% Filipino
- 3% Samoan/Tongan
- 2% Vietnamese

While the ethnic make up of our parish has changed over the years, the general number of people that attend mass weekly, according to the last 5 years of October Counts, has essentially remained the same.

Mass Intentions		January 30-Feb 5
Mon	7:00	NO INTENTION †
Tue	7:00	Ken Monnens †
Wed	7:00	In Thanksgiving Pilar & Emilio Escudero
Thur	7:00	Rose Marie Romero †
Fri	7:00	John Sorci †
	7:30	NO INTENTION
Sat	8:00	Greg Mandap †
	5:30	Francis Joanes †
Sun	8:00	Apolio & Josefa Eclips †
	10:00	Deceased Members Grossi & Leardini Families †
	12:00	NO INTENTION †
	5:30	FOR THE PEOPLE

†Indicates those who are deceased

WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE

\$10,100.00 Needed~1st Collection & EFT
(budgeted as income needed for 1st collections only for 2011)


\$ 5,067.00	1st Collection
\$ 935.00	EFT
6,002.00	Total 1st Collection

Negative this week \$4098

YEAR TO DATE FINANCE UPDATE

All parish income as of	
December 31, 2011	\$842,745
Expenses as of 12/31/11	\$838,991
Income over Expenses	\$ 3,754

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
1st ANNUAL CRAB FEED!!!!
 Saturday Feb 11, 6:30 pm.
 In the Good Shepherd Hall
 Tickets are \$42 per person and will only be sold in advance -
 No tickets will be sold at the door.
 50/50 raffle tickets are also available (\$10 each or 3 for \$25).
 Contact Ted Franger (925-252-0421), Deacon Ken Wedge, or the Church Office to purchase tickets or buy your tickets today in the vestibule!



MINI MINISTRY FAIR TODAY
AFTER THE 8 AM, 10 AM AND NOON MASSES

PLEASE JOIN
St. Vincent De Paul to help the community
Ministry of Lectors to read the Word to others
Bad Girls of the Bible to study the men and women of the Bible
Stewardship Ministry to give information to disciples

IN THE VESTIBULE TODAY!