



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 – Gus Lee Saca 439-7077
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

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Paul, who is keenly aware of the helplessness of human beings, rhetorically asks how we will be delivered. His answer, of course, is that the love of Christ is our deliverance. We are not the source of our own deliverance. Paul has enough and more than enough experience of his own failings. His hope is not in the law and certainly not in himself, but in Christ and him crucified. Every now and then as we read Paul's letters, we see his words take flight. He bursts into these ecstatic utterances that are simply stunning. They are eloquent, and we love reading them. Paul's hymn to love found in 1 Corinthians 12 is an example of this. The second reading today is another. Here Paul flowers. He pours out his lyrical exaltation about the love of God in Christ Jesus.

We listen carefully to Paul today, for he knows whereof he speaks. He has endured persecution and hunger and nakedness and the sword. And the love of God has not let go of him. All who have kept faith can sing this song. The exiles in Babylon, who possessed no coinage to pay the ransom, were delivered by God's grace. The hungry in the deserted place in Palestine were healed and fed and sent home full. The angry, raging Pharisee named Saul was given the blinding vision of Jesus, who identified with his faithful. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (acts 9:5). Paul knew as we do that the love of God is fully revealed in Christ, who will not let us go, as God would not. This is quite a revelation! Nor must we let go of God. We are called to rise up from the banquet table this day fully fed and ready to take up their lives. We go on our way nourished by God's Word and by the Bread of Life.

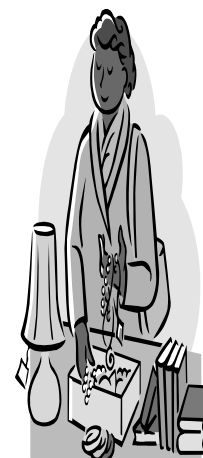
FLEA MARKET

It's time to start cleaning out your closets... Good Shepherd's annual Flea Market is coming!

When: Saturday, September 17
Time: 8am – 3pm
Where: Good Shepherd
Parking Lot

There are two ways to get involved: donate items for the Church to sell or rent a space to sell your own items. The price to rent a space is \$35 for a single stall and \$50 for a double stall. Come join us for a fun morning of discovering old treasures!

Questions? Please call (925) 777-1106.



**ATTENTION ALL PARISH
CRAFTERS!**

God gives us all many talents. If you are a craftsperson, then Good Shepherd needs you and your God-given gifts for our upcoming Fall Craft Fair.

The Craft Fair will be on **November 19th** from **10am to 5pm** in the Parish Hall. Hand-crafted items or art supplies can either be sold by individuals or donated for the Church to sell. All types of crafts are welcome! This will be a wonderful opportunity to buy and sell homemade gifts in time for Christmas. Start crafting now!

For more details on how to donate or to register to sell, please email: goodshepherdcraftfair@gmail.com or call (925) 777-1106.

If any one is interested in purchasing a new statue for the newly renovated sanctuary, please contact Yvette in the Parish Office at 432-6404, ext. 12

SAVE THE DATE

The Most Reverend Bishop
Salvatore Cordileone

will be here on Saturday, October 1st to bless the newly renovated sanctuary at the 5:30 pm mass. Mark your calendars! We will be publishing more details about the events of that day as they become available.

SHEPHERD'S CLOSET

The "Shepherd's Closet", supported by your generous donations to the **Gabriel Project**, is located in the Good Shepherd Ministry Building. The closet will be open for business again on **Tuesday, August 9th between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm.** If you have any questions, feel free to call Ann Abitz at 432-3995.

At the present time we could use help locating infant creepers of all infant sizes. We could also use grooming items, nail clippers, scissors, combs and brushes, also baby lotion, baby oil and shampoo. In addition we will gladly accept safe and usable furniture, such as regular or umbrella strollers, carryalls, and bouncers.

The Gabriel Project is a movement of churches working together to offer friendship and support to women in crisis pregnancies. For more information about this project phone 1-800-910-0191.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS!

A group of dedicated parishioners continue to meet each Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the ministry building to work on a comprehensive stewardship plan for our parish. All are welcome to join us!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER

Parishioners in need of assistance may fill out a Food Pantry Application in the parish office during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday from 9 am until 4 pm.

Food distribution hours are from 11am to 12 noon on Saturdays.

Next weekend's needed food item is: **Canned Meats**

We thank you for all of your help so that we may help others!

ROTACARE NEEDS YOU

The RotaCare Pittsburg Free Medical Clinic at St. Vincent de Paul is in urgent need of several California licensed pharmacists with experience in dispensing prescriptions in a community or clinic setting, that would be willing to commit to volunteering at the clinic on some kind of a regular basis, whether that was once per month or more often. If you are interested, contact **925-336-0803** or e-mail **ronaldgrady@comcast.net**

God's blessings on you all!

Deacon Ken Wedge and the St. Vincent De Paul Conference of the Church of the Good Shepherd

**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
VICAR GENERAL**

We have received an advisory from the Office of the General Secretary of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops concerning Father Toribio (Ives) Aniban. After concerns were raised regarding the legitimacy of fund raising efforts Fr. Aniban was participating in, parishioners should be advised that he does not have the faculties of the Diocese of Oakland and has no authorization to celebrate Mass or collect funds for any purpose.

Rev. George Mockel, Vicar General

SING A SONG OF PRAISE!

Our choirs are looking for new members! If you enjoy singing, consider praising God through song and music! For further information or to join, please contact any choir member.

Mass Intentions

Aug 1—7

Mon	7:00	Elsa Fobe †
Tue	7:00	Gregorio Llanda †
Wed	7:00	Laura Di Maggio †
Thur	7:00	Perpetua Villaluz †
Fri	7:00	Basilia Navarrete †
Sat	8:00	Paul & Hideliza Inting †
	5:30	Marie Camitz †
Sun	8:00	Eduardo Castillo †
	10:00	Ray & Jim Matejcek †
	12:00	Paul Williams †
	2:00	FOR THE PEOPLE
	5:30	Joseph Mercurio †

†Indicates those who are deceased

THE 2011 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN!

**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED FOR
August 6/7**

Saturday	
5:30 pm	Erik Smith, Rafael Almarinez, Devin Brown, Westley Hart
Sunday	
8:00 am	Cassandra Ysip, Chantal Ysip, Cameron Mendoza
10 am	Jared Tamondong, Nikolas Abenoja, Colin Monasterial, Trisha Illumin, Klarisse Tan
12 pm	Justin Carrillo, Joshua Carrillo, Bea Yutuc, Eva Jimenez
5:30 pm	AJ & Brian Johnson, Riodelle Reyes, Tiffany Vo

HAVE YOU LOOKED AT THE GOOD SHEPHERD WEBSITE LATELY?

SEARCH:

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH, PITTSBURG AND TAKE A LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE TO SEE CALENDARS, MINISTRY INFORMATION AND EVEN TO READ THE BULLETIN ON LINE!

**NEXT WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS August 7, 2011

**1 Kings 19:19a, 11-13a,
Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:22-33**

WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE

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

\$ 5,744.00 1st Collection

\$ 995.00 EFT

\$ 6,739.00 Total 1st Collection

Negative this week \$2,861

YEAR TO DATE FINANCE UPDATE

All parish income as of

July 15, 2011 \$483,839

Expenses as of 7/15/11 \$488,816

Expenses over Income -\$ 4,977

YEAR TO DATE SACRAMENT TOTALS

Baptisms 22

First Holy Communions 38

Confirmations 47

Deaths 35

Weddings 1

Sick Calls 256

RCIA IS BACK AT GOOD SHEPHERD!

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Are you missing some sacraments and want to become more fully involved in the Church? If so, it's not too late to join Good Shepherd's RCIA class. Meetings are the first and third Monday of each month at 7pm in the Ministry Building. All are welcome! Our next meeting is Monday, August 1st. We also invite all our parishioners to keep our Catechumens in their prayers.

ARE YOU PLANNING AN EVENT?

REMEMBER THAT THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH HALL IS NOW

AVAILABLE FOR RENT ON

FRIDAY EVENINGS!

SPREAD THE WORD!