



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 – Bingo Committee 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
 432-6404

Returning Catholics
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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

God has called each of us to a faith journey. It is a God who initiates in us the desire to follow, just as it was God who called Abram and Timothy, and Jesus who gathered the disciples. Nowhere does God ever say the journey will be easy. There was much to suffer for Abram, for Jesus and the disciples, and yes, for us, too.

We can begin our new faith journey with different reactions. You recall that we don't hear Abram complain in Genesis. He obeys God's call without question. It's a marvel how people like Abram and Sarah have such faith, hope and obedience. In our society today, "speaking our mind" and "being heard" are encouraged instead. Timothy, on the other hand, was reluctant. He procrastinated and avoided Paul. He was embarrassed that Paul was in prison. It is the Gospel, however, that has the power to change us and to mark new beginnings in our lives.

How will *we* respond to God's call?

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE
NEXT SPRING CLEAN/SPRUCE UP DAY
AND POTLUCK ON APRIL 2ND!!!!**

"Good Shepherds" are asked to bring their willing spirits and cleaning supplies to the church at 9am. The potluck follows at 1 pm in the ministry building. "Good Shepherds" from youngest to original church members are welcome! Just bring your favorite dish to share. Contact Gail Burgarino for more information at 777-1106.

YLI REDHAWK CASINO BUS TRIP

Saturday, March 26

Leave Good Shepherd at 8am and return at 6pm
Cost is \$31, includes driver's tip, with a refund of
\$12/slot machine, \$16/table game, \$5/food
For reservations call Ginger at 439-1978 or
Feli 427-5265

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: PASTA

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

**ATTENTION FRUIT GROWERS OF GOOD
SHEPHERD!**

Do you have a fruit tree in your yard that you're just not sure what to do with all the fresh fruit on it? If so, feel free to bring these items to our Saturday St. Vincent De Paul food distribution about 9:30 am at the trailers next to the ministry building so that we can share it with those in need. Why let it rot and fall useless to the ground? Harvest the bounty God has provided and share it with His people!

**ROTACARE PITTSBURG FREE MEDICAL
CLINIC AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Uninsured adults can make appointments for a wide range of medical services including treatment of diabetes, asthma, hypertension, cough, cold, flu, allergies, strains and sprains, rashes and infections by calling 925-439-2009. The clinic is located at 2210 Gladstone Dr., Pittsburg and is open Wednesday from 4 pm to 7 pm. For more information contact Katie Messina at 439-2009

If you personally need any clothing or home items, remember to try shopping at the Pittsburg or Pleasant Hill St. Vincent De Paul stores. They have wonderful deals and everything you spend there supports our efforts in this community of God's people!

EASTER FOOD BASKETS

Because of your generosity, and because St. Vincent De Paul is committed to making every donation dollar count, we will be able to give Easter food baskets to needy families and Easter baskets to their children this year! If you know anyone who is in need, we will be taking calls on the STVDP hotline from March 13 -April 15. Food will be distributed on April 20 from 5-6 pm in the ministry building.

God's blessings on you all!

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

INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW.....WHAT IS A SUPPLY PRIEST?

A supply priest is an active duty priest, a retired priest or a priest who is part of a religious community who comes to a parish to celebrate daily or Sunday masses with the community. Many of you remember Fr. Mel and Fr. John and the other Franciscans that came to celebrate mass with us during Fr. Louie's tenure. They too were supply priests. Fr. Paul Devine who recently returned to New York to live with his family due to health and personal needs, Fr. Richard Schiblin, Fr. Ricardo Chavez, Fr. Jan Rudzewicz, Fr. Terry Ryan and the other priests that celebrate with us currently but who are not assigned to Good Shepherd Parish are also supply priests. A supply priest is paid the mass stipend, mileage (if their travel is more than 20 miles round trip) and the stole fee prescribed by Diocesan policy by the parish in which they are celebrating mass. Many people think these nice priests show up and celebrate mass for free! The cost for each Sunday mass celebrated by a supply priest is approximately \$100. Since we do not have a full time cook, Fr. Helmut also needs to take them out for dinner when they serve a 5:30 pm mass.

SO, WHY DO WE HAVE SUPPLY PRIESTS?

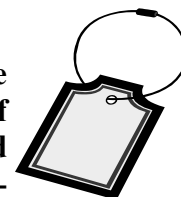
Here at Good Shepherd we have only one priest, Fr. Helmut, who is officially assigned to our parish by the Diocese of Oakland. Our budget does not allow for us to afford a second assigned priest. For that reason, Fr. Helmut solicits the help of priests assigned to other parishes to help him celebrate the daily and Sunday masses. According to Canon Law, a priest cannot celebrate more than one (1) daily masses and no more than two (2) Sunday masses. Since Good Shepherd has a total of six (6) Sunday masses, Fr. Helmut is obliged to call in supply priests to aid him in his ministry to the parish. We have been very fortunate to have wonderful priests willing to come serve us without the added expense of the parish having to pay into their pensions or pay for their health insurance. In the long run, inviting supply priests to celebrate mass with us saves the parish money and yet helps us to continue to offer a wide range of Sunday celebrations including Spanish and Youth Masses. We owe all of our priests a debt of gratitude. Please thank them when you have a moment to do so.

THE GABRIEL PROJECT

On Tuesday, March 22nd at 7 p.m., there will be a training session for all Gabriel Project volunteers in the Ministry Building. This session will give you more information and answer any questions you may have about The Gabriel Project in detail. For additional information, call Ann Abitz at 432-3995.

NEEDS LIST CAMPAIGN THANK YOU

The spirit of Fr. Louis and the founding members of the Church of the Good Shepherd are alive and well! Through your sacrificial giving to the Needs List Campaign a fantastic amount of supplies were contributed! Every bit that is given helps us meet our bills during this difficult time. Another Needs List will follow in the Summer. Thank you for your continued generosity and may God bless all of his "Good Shepherds!" For more information on this project, contact Gail Burgarino at 925-777-



As we mentioned last weekend, Good Shepherd Church is at 50% of the Bishop's Appeal goal of \$33,546, not including batches we have submitted after February 28, 2011. Each of the 85 parishes are submitting their collections directly to the Diocese this year and they are counting them in the order that they are received which is the reason for the delay in updating the numbers. We will continue to take donations for the appeal until our goal is achieved. We should have a more accurate accounting next week and we will update you. In the meantime, please place your clearly marked donations in any collection basket for the appeal as we work toward our goal. Any monies collected over our goal will come back into the parish account. Thank you!

YMI/YLI ANNUAL 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT
BREAKFAST, MARCH 27 AT SPM SCHOOL-9:30
AM—\$7.50. PROCEEDS BENEFIT SPM SCHOOL.

Mass Intentions March 21-27

Mon	7:00	Renate Richter †
Tue	7:00	Msgr. Parnell Mc Carthy †
Wed	7:00	Msgr. Nial Mc Cabe †
Thur	7:00	Roberta Hunter †
Fri	7:00	Fr. Robert Mathews †
Sat	8:00	Msgr. Julio Martins †
	5:30	Major Gregory Stone †
Sun	8:00	FOR THE PEOPLE
	10:00	Marta Llanda †
	12:00	Loretta Ayer †
	2:00	Fr. John Manning †
	5:30	Steven Esposito †

†Indicates those who are deceased

THE 2011 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN.

**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED FOR
March 26 & 27**

Saturday	
5:30 pm	Aleesa Panis, Nathaniel Panis, Eva Jimenez
Sunday	
8:00 am	Giovanni Ferrante, Jordan Windham, Don Phan
10 am	Andre Casas, Jared Tamondong, Ku'u Tai, Nikolas Abenoja, Colin Monasterial
12 pm	Jasper Lomod, Gabriella Sifuentes, Gillian and Giles Carlos
5:30 pm	AJ & Brian Johnson, Margarita Gonzalez

**Please join us each Tuesday at
7:00 PM for devotion to
Our Mother of Perpetual Help.
On the first Tuesday of each
month, we celebrate Mass as
well. All are welcome!**



NEXT WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION

PASSION PLAY

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS March 27, 2011

**Exodus 17:3-7, Romans 5:1-2, 5-8,
John 4:5-42**

WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE

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

\$ 5,958.00 1st Collection

\$ 1,030.00 EFT

\$ 6,988.00 Total 1st Collection & EFT

**Negative 1st Collections/EFT this Week
-\$2,612**

YEAR TO DATE FINANCE UPDATE

All parish income as of

March 15, 2011 \$216,048

Expenses as of 3/15/11 \$221,936

Expenses Over Income \$ 5,888

YEAR TO DATE SACRAMENT TOTALS

Baptisms	5
First Holy Communions	2
Confirmations	0
Deaths	11
Weddings	1
Sick Calls	85

PARISH HAPPENINGS

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

**Tuesdays Novena to Our Mother of Perpet-
ual Help (Mass on each first
Tuesday) ~ Church ~ 7:00 pm**

**Wednesdays Orchestra Rehearsal-
Church - 5:00 pm
8 & 10 Choir Rehearsals-
Church ~ 7:00 pm
Stewardship ~ 3rd Wednesday
of the month~Parish Office~7
pm**

**Thursdays Bible Study~Parish Office @ 7pm
Senior Brown Bag Program ~ 2nd
& 4th Thursdays of the month~
Parish hall**

**Fridays Adoration 1st & 3rd Fri of Month
Begins after 7 am mass until 5 pm
Good Shepherd Bingo~ Hall 5:00
PM**