

# Church of the Good Shepherd

November 29, 2015

First Sunday of Advent

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

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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 ar-  
ranged by family, church and mortuary.  
Normal Christian burial consists of Vigil  
Service, Holy Mass and Burial in a  
Catholic Cemetery. Any other arrange-  
ments should first be discussed with  
parish priest.

**FR. CARL'S CORNER****Advent Season is Here**

What is advent? The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming," which is a translation of the Greek word *parousia*. Scholars believe that during the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany, the celebration of God's incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:1), his baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist (John 1:29), and his first miracle at Cana (John 2:1). During this season of preparation, Christians would spend 40 days in penance, prayer, and fasting to prepare for this celebration; originally, there was little connection between Advent and Christmas.

By the 6<sup>th</sup> century, however, Roman Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ. But the "coming" they had in mind was not Christ's first coming in the manger in Bethlehem, but his second coming in the clouds as the judge of the world. It was not until the Middle Ages that the Advent season was explicitly linked to Christ's first coming at Christmas.

Please check your mail for the coming Advent and Christmas event schedule for our parish.

Source: [://www.christianity.com/christian-life/christmas/what-is-advent.html](http://www.christianity.com/christian-life/christmas/what-is-advent.html)

**Simbang Gabi - A Filipino 9 Day Novena of Masses**

Our Filipino Ministry this year will host our Simbang Gabi from December 16-24 as our parish preparation for Christmas. We have a guest priest from the Philippines and his name is Rev. Fr. Midyphil "Dodong" Billones. He is the Rector of St. Joseph Regional Seminary in Jaro, Iloilo City, Philippines. Fr. Dodong finished his Theology Studies at Ateneo De Manila University, Quezon City, Philippines and earned his Doctorate Degree in Theology at The Gregorian Jesuit University in Rome, Italy. I would like to invite everyone to join our novena masses. Mass of the Simbang is at 5AM. If you would like to sponsor a mass for the intention of your family or beloved please do contact our office 925-432-6404. In lieu of this celebration, Bishop Michael Barber, SJ will kick off our Simbang Gabi in the Cathedral on December 11, Friday at 7PM. I invite all parishioners to join us especially Filipino members of our parish. Please inform me if you are interested in going. In addition, I would like to thank all our food sponsors, our choir members and Dennis Riray for helping us in our Liturgy. Thank you for your undying support and service to our parish.

**Car Raffle for Flock Party**

Before Christmas, we will launch the car raffle for 2016 flock party in May. I would like to thank Tessie Freel and Feli Buettner for making this happen. Through the kindness and assistance of Mrs. Rose Winter of Winter Chevrolet & Honda in Pittsburg, the 2016 Honda Civic will be displayed before Christmas in front of the church. Raffle tickets sell for \$20 each and we will only print 3000 tickets and these will be available on December 16. The raffle drawing will be on the day of the flock party. In addition to the car prize, there will be consolation prizes as well. \$1,000 for the 1st consolation, \$750 for the 2nd and \$500 for the 3rd. The seller of the car grand prize ticket will also receive a prize of \$1,000. All the proceeds will go to the renovation of our Parish Hall, Kitchen and Rest Rooms. Please let us support our parish and as what the warrior's motto says, "Strength in Numbers"! We will do many good things and significant things for our parish, if we work together and support each other.

**Please Remember Good Shepherd when you make your trust or will. Consider your parish as one of your children and grandchildren. Thank you so much!**

**PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR CHRISTMAS  
ADVENT REFLECTION AND PENANCE  
SERVICE, TOMORROW EVENING,  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30 AT 7 PM  
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED  
SACRAMENT ~ 7:30 PM CONFESSIONS**

**SIMBANG GABI**

"Please join the Filipino Ministry in celebrating our annual 2015 Simbang Gabi beginning **Wednesday, December 16, 2015 through Thursday, December 24, 2015**. There will be a 5:00am mass held each morning for the duration and a breakfast reception to follow in the parish hall.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor during Simbang Gabi, you can participate with mass intentions, and providing food. Monetary donations are also welcome. Please contact: Gina Llaguno at, [925-522-6164](tel:925-522-6164) or [ginallaguno@yahoo.com](mailto:ginallaguno@yahoo.com), Cecille Perez at, [925-300-6234](tel:925-300-6234) or [notcel@yahoo.com](mailto:notcel@yahoo.com) or any ministry member for further information. Thank you for your continued support in all our activities."

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS,  
PITTSBURG #2956 5TH ANNUAL  
CRAB FEED**



**AT THE GOOD SHEPHERD HALL ON  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2016  
TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE FOR \$45 PER  
PERSON OR EARLY BIRD GROUPS OF 8  
FOR \$40 PER PERSON BEFORE  
DECEMBER 3, 2015. CONTACT THE PARISH  
OFFICE FOR TICKETS.  
FINAL DEADLINE IS  
CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24, 2015!**

**Attention families of 8<sup>th</sup>-grade girls:  
Carondelet High School applications for the  
class of 2020 are due Friday, Dec. 4!  
Learn more at [www.carondelet.net](http://www.carondelet.net) or con-  
tac [admissions@carondeleths.org](mailto:admissions@carondeleths.org).**

**ATTENTION ALL LIFETEEN AND  
CONFIRMATION TEENS!**

**Announcing the try-outs for the 2016  
Sacred Drama of the Lord's Passion  
Sunday, December 6th - 7:00 pm - in the church**

*The drama has been a Good Shepherd tradition for  
24 years, and is unique to this parish.*

*Whether you want to be onstage or backstage, come  
and sign up*

*for this exciting and meaningful way to bring  
Christ's Passion to life -  
and earn service hours!*

**PREPARE FOR ADVENT!**

Carolyn Krantz, MSinED & MDiv, will continue to present a 5 week session to help us go down to the well of our souls and into the underground stream of God's love through scripture and spiritual writings to help us grow closer to the Lord during this Holy Season of Advent. Sessions are on Tuesday mornings from 8 to 9:30 am now through the Advent season in the parish Ministry Building. All are welcome! Love offerings accepted!

**November 29-First Sunday of Advent:** A few weeks ago we heard the Gospel story of the widow who "gave from her want, from all that she had to live on." This weekend at SVdP we received a donation and a thank you note from the young grandson of a recipient of your generous gifts; an act of gratitude and generosity from a young man living out the Gospel.

As we begin Advent we are called to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. Thank you for continuing to answer the door! Thank you, and God Bless You!

**GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH WELCOMES:**

***TRENT HORN, APOLOGIST, SPEAKER AND AUTHOR***

**Saturday, January 9 from 10 am to 1 pm (lunch provided) for two thought provoking talks: 1. *God: Supreme Being or Imaginary Friend* & 2. *Persuasive Pro-Life***

**Admission is \$10 ~ Contact Naomi Sarao @ [n.sarao87@gmail.com](mailto:n.sarao87@gmail.com) or**

**Brian Villamor at [brianvillamore@gmail.com](mailto:brianvillamore@gmail.com)**

**Confirmation students please remember this is one of your mandatory classes for  
January! Mark your calendars!**

**Calling all Children Grades 1st through 8th.**

We are reviving our Children's Christmas Eve choir and play for 5:30 mass. Please get in touch with Debbie in the office at 432-6404 for details if your child is interested in helping to bring back this wonderful Christmas tradition.

**WELCOME MEL!**

We welcome Melencio Ipil as a new staff member! Mel will be working part-time to help with maintenance and repairs of the parish property. He started with us last week and has already began cleaning gutters, repairing doors and helping to keep our parish looking well-maintained. Say hello when you see him and pray for his health and safety as he serves our community!

**SHEPHERD'S CLOSET CHRISTMAS CLOTHES GIVEAWAY**

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 6 months - 24 months, as well and sizes 2T- 5T and sizes 4 - 7. We especially need new clothes for little boys. 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 beginning next weekend 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.

Our Christmas Shepherd's Closet will be open on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1 pm, but if you or anyone you know anyone who needs help before that date or have any questions about donations, please feel free to call Ann Abitz at 925-432-3995.

**"Ring in the Holidays"~A Musical Revue**

Pittsburg Community Theatre presents a collection of all your favorite holiday songs featuring the PCT Players and Good Shepherd Choir and much more.  
Sunday – December 20, 2015 @ 2:00 pm  
California Theatre  
Tickets on sale now – call [925-427-1611](tel:925-427-1611)

Advance ticket prices \$10 children/students, \$15 seniors, \$20 adults Special Black Friday Weekend Sale after each mass November 28 & 29. Event Christmas Card Available for \$3 in addition to tickets. Cash, Check or Credit Card Accepted

**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-4 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)  
Grief Ministry-1st & 3rd Mondays at 7 pm in the Apartment  
Novena to Holy Infant Jesus (Santo Nino) - 7 pm in church (Mass on 1st Monday of the month). Blessing of the statues takes place before mass.
- Tuesdays** Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help (Mass on each first Tuesday)~Church~7 pm  
Bad Girls of the Bible~7 pm~432-3181
- Wednesdays** 8 & 10 Choir Rehearsals~7 pm  
Stewardship~Office~7pm~ 2nd & 4th  
Youth Formation~Parish Hall  
3-4, 4:30-5:30, 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  
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-11-1 pm  
September-May  
12 Noon Choir Practice-1 pm  
Spanish Choir Practice-4 pm  
(4:30 on 3rd Sundays of the month)

**YOUTH MINISTRY BOGO FUNDRAISER!!!!**

Youth Ministry is having a fund raiser to help our youth go on Retreat! Buy a key tag for \$20 and enjoy savings until November 2016! By One Get One FREE at Domino's Pizza or Togo's. Fantastic savings! See a youth ministry student or Debbie or Dina after Mass for this SPECIAL DEAL or contact the parish office.

## Mass Intentions

Nov 30-Dec 6

Mon	7 am	Souls of the Grandparents of Severino & Mila Benitez † #
Tue	7 am	Joyce Perry †
	7 pm	Nacho & Josie Orozco †
Wed	7 am	Joselyn & Ann Nguyen †
Thu	7 am	John Billeci †
Fri	7 am	Mariano & Presentacion Martinez †
	7 pm	Josephine Orozco †
Sat	8 am	Arthur C. Miner †
	5:30 <sub>pm</sub>	Jose Antonio Mosca Death Anniversary †
Sun	8am	Andres L. Ortiz Death Anniversary †
	10am	Dennis Russo †
	12pm	FOR THE PEOPLE
	5:30 <sub>pm</sub>	Dominic Vu †

\* = Fr. Carl Arcosa

# = Fr. Conrad Bayor

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR DEC 5/6

## Saturday

**5:30:** Carol & Ben Davi, Tessie Freel, Nora Gavino, Lucilla Mangante, May Plata

## Sunday

**8:00** Bob & Sheena Beck, Milo & Adele Discipulo, Cynthia Greely, Ina Kinadeter

**10:00** George & Patricia Camacho, Florida Castillo, Robert Pascual, Mimi Reynoso, John & Janis Rinaudo, David Viart, Tammy Vo

**12:00** Edgar & Melis Ramirez, John Bellando, Jubene, Roy, Ronne Lagarejos, Cecilio & Shirley Jemera, Lydia Madrigal

**5:30** Maria Trujillo, Federico Andrade, Mariana Ortega

**Take Action – Stand in solidarity with Syrian refugees:**

In the wake of the tragic events in Paris on November 13, 2015, Catholic Charities of the East Bay urges the community to stand in solidarity with the hundreds of thousands of Syrians and others displaced by the violence in their homeland. While this is a complex issue, we urge our community to avoid the impulse to blame all refugees for the actions of terrorist organizations. They, too, are victims of violence and persecution and seek a place of safety and freedom. Instead, let us stand firm and serve the marginalized, just as we pray for continued healing and safety in our communities. We urge you to take action TODAY! Call Steve Mullin at (510) 768-3165 or e-mail [smullin@cceb.org](mailto:smullin@cceb.org). Or Visit: <http://www.cceb.org/2015/11/take-action-stand-in-solidarity-with-syrian-refugees/>

## YEAR TO DATE SACRAMENT TOTALS

Baptisms	95
First Holy Communions	103
Confirmations	45
Deaths	35
Weddings	7
Sick Calls	6

## LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR DEC 5/6

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>
Saturday		
5:30	Debbie Lawson	Yvette Ripoli
Sunday		
8:00	Tom Dudziak	Chris Ghiselli
10:00	Marina Bond	Rosy Rivera
12:00	Tess Cahayag	Jane Russo
5:30	Alicia Leon	Angelica Arevalo

**The Sons of Italy, C. Colombo Lodge 1315  
Annual Cucidati Contest  
December 13, 2015, at 2PM**

**Antioch Historical Museum, 1500 W. 4th St.**

As before, the entrance fee is \$5.00 a person, which entitles you to a cup of coffee, and the opportunity to taste one piece of cucidati from all who have entered the contest, and to vote for the cucidati of your choice for the "Peoples Choice Award".

There will be many types of "homemade" cookies and goodies for sale, and being that it so close to Christmas, you may purchase your cookies for the holidays. There will also be "homemade" cannoli's on sale, in addition to meatball sliders.

There will also be ongoing pizzelle cookie demonstrations during the afternoon, in addition to a Treasure Hunt, which features as its prize, a heaping plate of our homemade cookies.

Wine will be available for purchase at the bar, and singing of Italian songs while enjoying the atmosphere around you, and of the 7 fabulous themed rooms at the museum.

Tickets may be purchased at the door. For more information or tickets, contact Rosemarie DiMaggio at 432-3648.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**Baruch 5:1-9, Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11, Luke 3:1-6**

## NEXT WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS