

Church of the Good Shepherd

November 30, 2014 First Sunday of Advent

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

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL-St. Peter Martyr	439-1014
PARISH MINISTRY	
Altar Guild Namie Fontecha	
Altar Servers Dina Russell	432-6404
Bingo Office (1st Tuesday of month only)	439-3100
Buildings & Grounds-Finance Council	432-6404
Music Ministry	
Parish Music Dir. Rocco Enea	432-6404
8:00am Choir Evelyn Arms	439-5351
10:00am Choir Sal Bruno	432-0736
12 Noon Fil Am Leandra Ramm	432-6404
5:30 Spanish Leandra Ramm	432-6404
Catholic Daughters Jane Russo	432-7889
Couples for Christ FFL	
Napoleon & Theresa Umadhay	427-5457
CYO Diane George	432-3043
Divine Mercy Ministry Tammy Vo	698-4559
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy	
Communion Ann & Bill Abitz	432-3995
Extra Ordinary Ministers to the Sick – Confetti’s	439-8958
Filipino Ministry Feli Buettner	427-5265
Finance Robert Calone	432-3300
Grief Ministry Judy Dudziak	565-2700
Italian Catholic Federation – Patty Jarrett	228-0810
Knights of Columbus – Allan Graff	570-4570
Lectors David De Luna	698-8585
Liturgy Committee Rocco Enea	439-1014
Pastoral Council David De Luna	698-8585
Religious Education/Sacramental Preparation	
Faith Formation dina@goodshepherdpittsburg.org	
Youth Ministry debbie@goodshepherdpittsburg.org	
RCIA Deacon Ken Wedge	432-6404
Baptismal Prep – Robert & Sheena Beck	432-6404
Returning Catholics-Fr. Carl Arcosa	432-6404
Santo Nino Family Prayer Ministry	
Romeo & Sery Razo	439-7706
Social Justice Deacon Ken Wedge	432-6404
Spanish Ministry Graciela Corona	510-912-1102
St. Vincent DePaul Assistance Line	727-5712
Stewardship Darla Kilgannon	432-0243
Ushers Frank DiMaggio	776-5107
Vocations Fr. Carl Arcosa	432-6404
Wedding Liturgy Coordinators	
Danette Shipe 427-9561 or Bee Francisco	473-9247
Young Ladies Institute-Feli Buettner	432-7382

Parish Staff

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510-590-8346

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Michael Nufable, Seminarian

Grace Yvette Ripoli,
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yvette@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

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~CELEBRATING STEWARDSHIP MONTH**To Be a Christian Steward: A Summary of the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship**

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).

What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

Obstacles to Stewardship

People who want to live as Christian disciples and Christian stewards face serious obstacles. In the United States and other nations, a dominant secular culture often contradicts religious convictions about the meaning of life. This culture frequently encourages us to focus on ourselves and our pleasures.

At times, we can find it far too easy to ignore spiritual realities and to deny religion a role in shaping human and social values. As Catholics who have entered into the mainstream of American society and experienced its advantages, many of us also have been adversely influenced by this secular culture. We know what it is to struggle against selfishness and greed, and we realize that it is harder for many today to accept the challenge of being a Christian steward. It is essential, therefore, that we make a special effort to understand the true meaning of stewardship and live accordingly.

A Steward's Way

The life of a Christian steward models the life of Jesus. It is challenging and even difficult, in many respects, yet intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards. Women and men who seek to live as stewards learn that "all things work for good for those who love God" (Rom 8:28).

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. As the Mother of Christ, she lived her ministry in a spirit of fidelity and service; she responded generously to the call. We must ask ourselves: Do we also wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ and Christian stewards of our world and our Church? Central to our human and Christian vocations, as well as to the unique vocation each one of us receives from God, is that we be good stewards of the gifts we possess. God gives us this divine-human workshop, this world and Church of ours.

The Spirit shows us the way. Stewardship is a part of that journey.

Source: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/stewardship/>

2014 Christmas Season Schedule Church of the Good Shepherd

- ◆ Daily Mass: 7 am M-F, 8 am Saturday
- ◆ December 1, Advent Reflection With Fr. Jose Arong w/Reconciliation Service, 7 pm in the Church
- ◆ December 5, Spanish Presentation by Jesse Romero, Topic: Our Lady of Guadalupe, 7pm in the Church \$5 donation
- ◆ December 7, Jesse Romero Youth Presentation, 6.30 pm
- ◆ December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe, 7 pm Spanish Mass
- ◆ December 16-24, Simbang Gabi, 9 Dawn Masses 5 am daily
- ◆ Christmas Eve, December 24, 5 am Simbang Gabi, 7 am Morning Mass, 5.30 pm Children's Mass, 11.30 pm Carols, Midnight Mass
- ◆ Christmas Day, December 25, 8 am, 10 am, (Children's Mass), 12 noon & 5.30 pm (Spanish)
- ◆ December 31, Mass for Peace, 7 pm in the Church
- ◆ January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation, Masses at 7 am and 10 am

SAVE THE DATE!

On Sunday, December 21 at 1 pm
We will have a potluck celebration in
the parish hall in honor of
Fr. Conrad's 25th Anniversary
in the Priesthood!

HOUSEKEEPING MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR GREEN THUMB!

If you are good with plants and have a little time on Saturday and Monday mornings, the Housekeeping Ministry would like your help watering and tending to the plants in the church. You can contact Sonja Shephard at 252-0236 or come to the church by 9 am on Saturday morning or 8 am on Monday morning.

**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-7 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)
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~7pm~ 2nd & 4th 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 7 pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal -7pm FilAm Choir Rehearsal -8 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-1-3 pm September-May

DIOCESE OF OAKLAND DIVINE MERCY MINISTRY

- ◇ December 5 at 7 pm On Fire Evangelization Advent Retreat with Jesse Romero. Spanish presentation on Our Lady of Guadalupe at Church of the Good Shepherd. Donation: \$5.
- ◇ December 6, 9 am to 3 pm A Day with Jesse Romero including his conversion story and topics such as “Be Bold, Be Catholic, Say Yes to Jesus,” “When Someone You Love Leaves the Church at St. Agnes Church in Concord. Pre-registration required by December 1st at 925-689-8814. Adults: \$15 and Youth: \$5, includes lunch.
- ◇ December 6 at 7 pm Spanish Presentation on Our Lady of Guadalupe at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Brentwood. Donation: \$5.
- ◇ December 7 at 7 pm Evangelizing the Youth, Topic: “Young People, Stressed out? Try Adoration” at Church of the Good Shepherd. Donation: \$5.

For more information on all of these events contact Fr. Carl Arcosa at 925-432-6404 or www.divinemercoakland.org.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Dec 13 **Advent Retreat, 9:30am-4pm,
Dominican Sisters of Mission San
Jose Auditorium
RSVP by 12/8 510-933-6335**

SHEPHERD'S CLOSET NEEDS HELP FOR CHRISTMAS

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 3 months - 24 months, as well and sizes 2T- 5T and sizes 4 - 6x. 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 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. If you have any questions, call Ann Abitz at 432-3995.

**FATIMA, LOURDES &
SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA**

A trip hosted by: REV. CARL ARCOSA
11 DAYS: NOVEMBER 3-13, 2015

**FOR ONLY \$3,159 PER PERSON FROM
SAN FRANCISCO!**

(Air/Land tour price is \$2,479 plus \$680 government taxes/
airline fuel surcharges)

**Visiting: LISBON, FATIMA, SANTIAGO DE
COMPESETAL, SALAMANCA, AVILA,
MADRID & LOURDES**

*Including: Roundtrip Air from San Francisco, \$680
government taxes/airline fuel surcharges, First
Class/Select Hotels, Most Meals, Comprehensive
Sightseeing and much more!!!*

**FOR A BROCHURE & MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT REV. ARCOSA AT 925-432-6404 (OFFICE) OR
510-552-6596 (CELL)**

SPACE IS LIMITED AT THIS SPECIAL PRICE!

ADORATION CHAPEL

When you are in the chapel, there are a number of ways you can spend your time with the Lord. You can just sit quietly in adoration. There are rosaries that you can use to help you if you want to pray a Rosary or a Chaplet of Divine Mercy. There are also a number of prayer books and other Christian books to help you develop a more intimate relationship with Jesus. You are free to use these whenever you want to while you are in the chapel, but we ask that you do not remove them from the chapel.

We have noticed that some of the books that were placed in the chapel are no longer there, if you took any of them with you so you could read them at home, we ask that you return them to the chapel as soon as possible so that everyone has the opportunity to use these books.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF
AMERICA LAST BINGO GAME OF
THE YEAR!**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2014

**You are invited to join us in the Good
Shepherd Parish Hall!**

Doors open at 10 am.

**\$10 for the first card and
lunch is included!**

**Additional cards are just \$1 each or
.50 in the second half!**

Flash boards are .50 and \$1.

You could win \$1,199!!!!

**Prizes and Christmas gifts during
half time**

**FYI!: If you wish to make contact with our
former Pastor, Fr. Helmut Richter, he can
be reached in any of the
following ways:**

Cell phone: 925-382-8186

Email: papahelmut@yahoo.com

**Address: 163 Peppertree Way,
Pittsburg, CA 94565**

Mass Intentions

Dec 1-7

Mon	7 am	Joey Milani † #
Tue	7 am	Mercedes Trompeta † *
	7 pm	Salome Villanueva † *
Wed	7 am	Virginia Gruss † #
Thu	9 am	Antonio Mosca † #
Fri	7 am	Ellen Gonzales † #
	7 pm	Arthur C. Miner †
Sat	8 am	Ulpiano & Amada Manago † #
	5:30 _{pm}	Francisco Escobar † * Death Anniversary
Sun	8 am	Andrews L. Ortiz † # Death Anniversary Lupe Aceves †
	10am	Barbara Romero Calderon † *
	12pm	FOR THE PEOPLE #
	5:30 _{pm}	Antonio Moca † ^

* = Fr. Carl Arcosa

= Fr. Conrad Bayor

^ = Fr. Ricardo Chavez

YEAR TO DATE SACRAMENT TOTALS

Baptisms	98
First Holy Communions	74
Confirmations	48
Deaths	32
Weddings	3
Sick Calls	48

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE FOR DEC 6/7

Saturday

5:30 Gabby & Chris Barrett, Elijah & Mariah Hart,
Brianna & Nick Ferris

Sunday

8:00 Don Phan, Mina Romingquet, Taylor & Andrew Silva

10:00 Kyle Dozier, Isaiah & Briana Rodriguez, Giles Carlos

12:00 Justin, Joshua & Juliana Carrillo, Joseph Ortiz,
Jamil Edwards

5:30 Carlos Mendoza, Baruch Rios, Julian Hernandez

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR DEC 6/7

Saturday

5:30: Bill & Ann Abitz, Loreta Cellan, May Plata,
Josephine Saca, Rose Sorci

Sunday

8:00 Bob & Sheena Beck, Steve Confetti, Ina Kinadeter,
Danette Shipe, Yvonne Lackey10:00 John & Janis Rinaudo, Maya Duran, Georgette
Shipe, Rose Carpenello, Florida Castillo, Bernadette
Cawaring, Mimi Reynoso, Fran Scott12:00 Napoleon & Theresa Umadhay, Cynthia Auza,
Lea Briones, Marc Cahayag, George Camacho,
Mercy Cruz, Cecilio & Shirley Jemera

5:30 Rosa Granados, Alicia Leon, Librado Mata



LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR DEC 6/7

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Saturday

5:30 Chelo Gonzalez

Cynthia Greely

Sunday

8:00 Ellen Vilorio

Chris Ghiselli

10:00 Jessica Florido

Lydia Madrigal

12:00 MacKinsey Russell

Letha Payne

5:30 Ramiro Hurtado

Graciela Corona



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, 2 Peter 3:8-14,
Mark 1:1-8

NEXT WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION

Retirement Fund for Religious