

# Church of the Good Shepherd

October 30, 2016

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary

## 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: Daily after mass, Tuesdays at  
 7 p.m., Saturdays at 8:45 am, Sundays  
 at 4:30 pm in Spanish or by appointment.**

**Baptisms:** In order to make baptismal  
 arrangements, contact:  
 carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

**Marriages:** Couples are required to make  
 arrangements at least six months in  
 advance at:  
 carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

**Quinceaneras:** In order to schedule a 15th  
 Birthday Mass, contact:  
 carmen@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.

## CATHOLIC FUNERAL & CEMETERY SERVICES AT GOOD SHEPHERD

### TODAY

Community outreach from CFCS, a ministry of the Diocese of Oakland, will be here on the weekend of October 29 & 30 to discuss spiritual and practical reasons for learning about their services.

After each mass there will be a short presentation along with a question and answer session in the Ministry Building. Please take advantage of this opportunity to better understand the importance of a Catholic funeral and burial.

### ALTAR SERVER NEWS!

Dear Parents/Guardians,  
Hello my name is Ronne Lagarejos. As you have heard, I will be in charge of the Altar Servers since Brother Arturo has continued his religious studies. There will be a mandatory meeting for all Altar Servers on Nov. 12 @ 3 pm inside the church, and there will also be training for new Alter Servers on Nov. 12 from 3pm-5pm inside the church as well. If there are any questions or concerns, please send me an email to both [Altarservgsc@disciples.com](mailto:Altarservgsc@disciples.com) and [RLagarejos@gmail.com](mailto:RLagarejos@gmail.com), or you can leave a voice message on my cell phone [925.642.0493](tel:925.642.0493)

Ronne Lagarejos

## ALL SAINTS DAY-November 1

### Masses at 7 am and 7 pm

### Holy Day of Obligation



## ALL SOULS DAY-November 2

### Masses at 7 am and 7 pm



### YLI NEWS

YLI Teresita #123 will be holding their Annual, Memorial Turkey Dinner in the Good Shepherd Parish Hall on Thursday, November 3 at 6 pm.

For reservations, call Eva McDowell at 925-432-4337 or Geri Buccellato at 925-757-4198.

### DIOCESAN SPONSORED EVENTS

- \* Thanksgiving Mass for Health Care Providers, October 29 at 10 am, Cathedral of Christ the Light, in honor of those in physical, mental and spiritual health care professions. 510-893-4711.

### ST. PETER MARTYR SCHOOL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE & LUNCHEON

November 5 ~ 10 am to 3 pm

Local artists and crafters will delight you with home-made treats, handcrafted walking sticks, soap, wine bags, cards and more! Hot lunch and pictures with Santa are available for purchase! Hourly vendor raffles with a grand prize including a handcrafted queen size quilt, a \$200 cash prize, and a handcrafted table runner.

Fore more information contact Terry Matejcek at 432-7292 or Nancy Ferris at 439-1014.

### PLEASE COME JOIN US!!!!

Devotion to Padre Pio of Pietreicina, Patron Saint for those who are in pain and in need of healing. Novena prayer is scheduled every Thursday in the Good Shepherd Chapel at 7 pm.

See you all there!

For more information:

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EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO **VOTE** IN THIS VERY IMPORTANT ELECTION BUT DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN VOTE **EARLY**

FROM OCTOBER 31 TO NOVEMBER 5  
MONDAY—FRIDAY 11AM TO 7 PM AND  
SATURDAY 8 AM TO 5 PM AT

- ♦ Pittsburg Library 80 Power Ave., Pittsburg
- ♦ Golden Hills Church, 2401 Shady Willow Ln, Brentwood
- ♦ Salvation Army Church, 3950 Clayton Rd., Concord

AS WELL AS OTHER PLACES IN  
LAFAYETTE, SAN RAMON, RICHMOND &  
EL CERRITO?

JUST GO TO THESE LOCATIONS AND  
REQUEST YOUR BALLOT!

For more information, go to [www.cocovote.us](http://www.cocovote.us) or Search: VOTING BEFORE ELECTION DAY  
If you vote absentee, you can drop off your ballots at any of these locations to save postage!

Dear Parishioners,

As we approach the November National Elections, I would like to present the following principles in discerning and choosing for the public officials who will serve our country and our common welfare. For this month and next month, I shall devote my article in presenting these principles on voting for our candidates... the catholic way.

*A Brief Catechism for Catholic Voters  
Fr. Stephen F. Torracco, PhD*

**Is not the Church's stand that abortion must be illegal a bit of an exception? Does not the Church generally hold that government should restrict its legislation of morality significantly?** The Church's teaching that abortion should be illegal is not an exception. St. Thomas Aquinas put it this way: "Wherefore human laws do not forbid all vices, from which the virtuous abstain, **but only the more grievous vices, from which it is possible for the majority to abstain; and chiefly those that are to the hurt of others, without the prohibition of which human society could not be maintained: thus human law prohibits murder, theft and such like.**" [ emphasis added]. Abortion qualifies as a grievous vice that hurts others, and the lack of prohibition of this evil by society is something by which human society cannot be maintained. As Pope John Paul II has emphasized, the denial of the right to life, in principle, sets the stage, in principle, for the denial of all other rights.

**What about elected officials who happen to be of the same party affiliation? Are they committing a sin by being in the same party, even if they don't advocate pro-choice views? Are they guilty by association?** Being of the same political party as those who advocate pro-abortion is indeed a serious evil **IF** I belong to this political party **IN ORDER TO ASSOCIATE MYSELF** with that party's advocacy of pro-abortion policies. However, it can also be true that being of such a political party has as its purpose to change the policies of the party. Of course, if this is the purpose, one would have to consider whether it is reasonable to think the political party's policies can be changed. Assuming that it is reasonable to think so, then it would be morally justifiable to remain in that political party. Remaining in that political party cannot be instrumental in the advancing of pro-abortion policies (especially if I am busily striving to change the party's policies) as can my **VOTING** for candidates or for a political party with a pro-abortion policy.

**What about voting for a pro-abortion person for something like state treasurer, in which case the candidate would have no say on matters of life in the capacity of her duties, it just happens to be her personal position. This would not be a sin, right?**

If someone were running for state treasurer and that candidate made it a point to state publicly that he was in favor of exterminating people over the age of 70, would you vote for him? The fact that the candidate has that evil in his mind tells you that there are easily other evils in his mind; and the fact that he would publicly state it is a danger signal. If personal character matters in a political candidate, and personal character involves the kind of thoughts a person harbors, then such a candidate who publicly states that he is in favor of the evil of exterminating people over the age of 70 - or children who are unborn - has also disqualified himself from receiving a Catholic's vote. I would go further and say that such a candidate, in principle - in the light of the natural law - disqualifies himself from public office.

**Is it a mortal sin to vote for a pro-abortion candidate?**

Except in the case in which a voter is faced with all pro-abortion candidates (in which case, as explained in question 8 (**What if none of the candidates are completely pro-life?**)), he or she strives to determine which of them would cause the least damage in this regard, a candidate that is pro-abortion disqualifies himself from receiving a Catholic's vote. This is because being pro-abortion cannot simply be placed alongside the candidate's other positions on Medicare and unemployment, for example; and this is because abortion is intrinsically evil and cannot be morally justified for any reason or set of circumstances. To vote for such a candidate even with the knowledge that the candidate is pro-abortion is to become an accomplice in the moral evil of abortion. If the voter also knows this, then the voter sins mortally.

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### **Good Shepherd Celebrating Year of Mercy 2016**

<b>November</b>	<b>(Stewardship Month)</b>
1	All Saints Day 7AM and 7PM Masses
2	All Souls Day 7Am and 7PM Masses
7-17	Parish Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
19	St. Vincent De Paul Thanksgiving Baskets
19-20	Stewardship Sunday and Testimonials at Sunday Mass
24	Thanksgiving Day at 7 am and 10 am
<b>December</b>	<b>Intention: (Month for Abused Children and Suffering Children)</b>
8	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 7AM & 7PM Masses
11	5AM Mananitas & 5:30PM Mass (In Spanish)
17	Parish Christmas Giving Tree
18	Posadas with Hispanic Ministry
16-24	Simbang Gabi with Filipino Ministry
24	Children's Christmas Mass 530PM
25	Christmas Mass at 12MN, 8AM, 10AM, 12N and 530PM (Spanish)
30	Feast of the Holy Family 7AM & 7PM Mass with FFL and Matrimonios Para Cristo

Dear Parishioners:

I would like to express my gratitude for your generous support of the Jail Ministry at Contra Costa County Jail. Your response and call to minister to those imprisoned has been heartwarming! I also thank the parish staff as well as Fr. Carl who have supported this mission effort along with you.

If you still have donations, please leave them with the parish office.

Through the mercy of God, may you receive His Blessing!

Fr. Helmut

Please join the Morning Prayer Group daily at 6:30 am to pray the Liturgy of the Hours in the Church before morning mass!

**CYO BASKETBALL COACHES NEEDED FOR GRADES 4, 5, 7 & 8.**  
CONTACT ERIN LARSEN AT  
925-250-7887 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING.

**“MISTER ROBERTS”**

November 11 and 12 at 8 pm and  
November 12 and 13 at 2 pm.

California Theatre

Military discounts apply.

For tickets, call 925-427-1611

Tuesday thru Friday – Noon to 5 pm

Or online [www.PittsburgCaliforniaTheatre.com](http://www.PittsburgCaliforniaTheatre.com)

**SIMBANG GABI CHOIR NEEDS YOU!**

Christmas is here again! And it means preparing for Simbang Gabi masses from December 16-24 at 5:00 am (yes, early morning)! The Simbang Gabi choir needs your help again! If you are interested in sharing your time and talent by joining us sing during all 9 day masses, please contact our choir director, Dennis Riray, or any member of the noon mass choir for more information. We will start rehearsing in November!

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR  
*FR. VINCENT HUGHES*  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 AT 10 AM  
ST. PETER MARTYR CHURCH, PITTSBURG**

De La Salle High School Open House  
November 6 10 to Noon  
[www.dlshs.org](http://www.dlshs.org)

Carondelet High School Open House  
November 6 2pm to 4 pm  
[www.carondeleths.org/admissions](http://www.carondeleths.org/admissions)

**ANNOUNCING A CHANGE IN THE  
MORNING MASS TIME!**

**BEGINNING JANUARY 2, 2017 THE  
WEEKDAY MORNING MASS TIME  
WILL CHANGE FROM 7 AM  
TO**

**7:30 AM**

**ADVENT WREATH CANDLE BEARERS  
NEEDED!**

If you would like to participate in bringing in the Advent candle one Sunday during Advent, please call the parish office and indicate your preferred date and time. We encourage all individuals and families to consider participating in the Mass in this special way. We will schedule on a first come, first served basis. Currently, all of these spots are open. Parish Office 432-6404.

1st Sunday of Advent, November 27  
8 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 5:30 pm Spanish

2nd Sunday of Advent, December 4  
8 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 5:30 pm Spanish

3rd Sunday of Advent, December 11  
5:30 pm (Saturday),  
8 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 5:30 pm Spanish

4th Sunday of Advent, December 18  
5:30 pm (Saturday),  
8 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 5:30 pm Spanish

As the masses are filled, they will drop off the list.

Mass Intentions		Oct 31-Nov 6
Mon	7 am	Lou Solis & Eduardo Mendoza Sr. † *
Tue	7 am 7 pm	Franklin Tauaese † Cecil & Betty Valenzuela Families (All Saints)
Wed	7 am 7 pm	Patrick & Angelo Quares † Mr. & Mrs. Crispolo Aviso † (All Souls)
Thu	7 am	Peter & Mary Dong †
Fri	7 am 7 pm	Gonzalo Villaflores Continente Family † Martha McIntyre †
Sat	8 am 5:30 <sub>pm</sub>	Holy Souls in Purgatory FOSS Members † Jesus, Enrique & Elena Legrande †
Sun	8am 10am 12pm 5:30 <sub>pm</sub>	FOR THE PEOPLE Harry Castiglioni † Tauaese Tiumalu † Hilario Reyes †


\*= Fr. Carl #=Fr. Conrad


**YEAR TO DATE SACRAMENT TOTALS**

Baptisms	61
First Holy Communions	217
Confirmations	71
Deaths	28
Weddings	7
Sick Calls	10


**October 30 Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 In the Gospel today, Zacchaeus accepts our Lord joyfully; and the sign of his acceptance is his open house and his resolution to give half of his goods to the poor.

In September, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring God's love and mercy to an average of 119 families on a weekly basis. Thank you for providing goods for those in need.



**TRUNK OR TREAT Today!** 

In front of the  
**SPIRITUAL GARDEN**  
 with a Fright Fest In the Garden~  
 all starting at 5 pm!



MINISTERS	FOR NEXT	WEEKEND'S	LITURGIES	
Date	Time	Lectors	EM's	Altar Servers
Nov 5	5:30 pm	D Lawson Y Ripoli	B Abitz, A Abitz, L Cellan, M Duran, T Freel, L Mangante	
Nov 6	8 am	E Viloría D Kilgannon	B Beck, S Beck, C Greely, I Kinadeter, P Lorenzo, E Woodrow, S Shephard	
Nov 6	10 am	B Francisco L Whatford	L Canciamilla, G & P Camacho, R Carpenello F Castillo, N Fontecha, B Francisco, R Pascual M Plata	
Nov 6	12 noon	S Bellando C Greely	R Lagarejos, J Bellando, M Baber, L Briones, J & R Lagarejos, D Phan, L Madrigal, K King	
Nov 6	5:30 pm	L Madrigal A Gayton	A Leon, A & M Alvarez, A Contreras, P Dominguez	

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS	NEXT WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION
<b>2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14, 2 Thessaloni- ans 2:16-3:5, Luke 20:27-38</b>	<b>Archdiocese of the Military</b>