



**One Flock, One Family, Living and Sharing
the Love of Christ**

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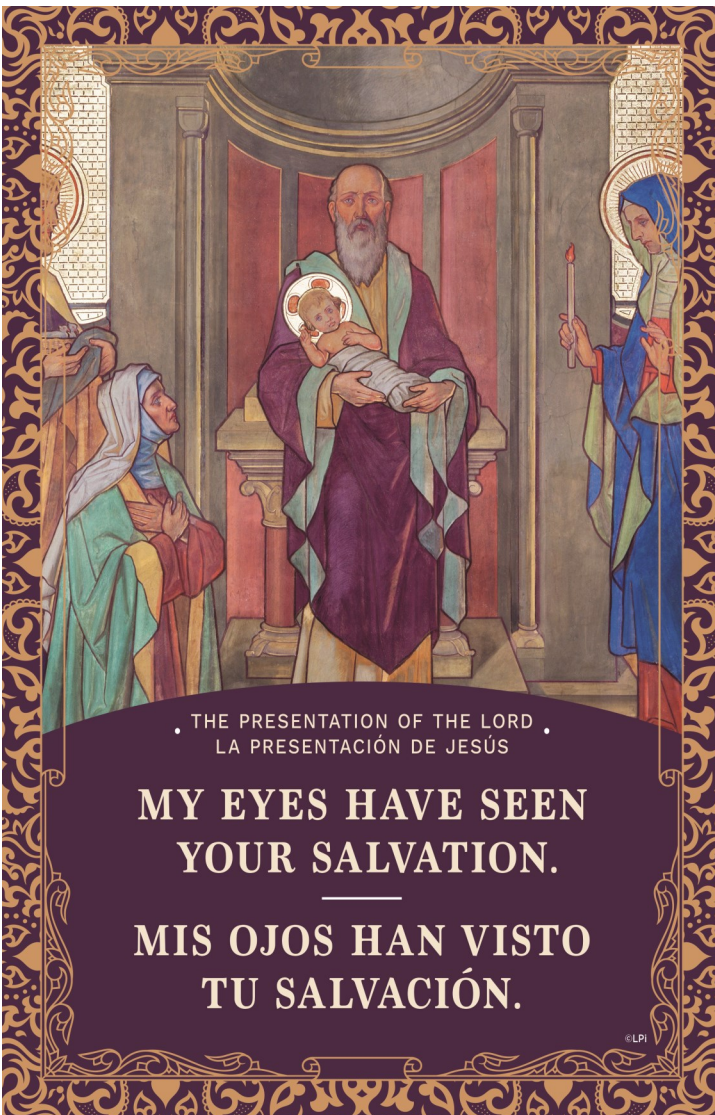
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FEBRUARY 2, 2025



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 8am-12pm & 1pm-4pm

Fridays: 9am-12:pm & 1pm- 3pm

(Fridays covered by volunteers with limited service)

MASS SCHEDULE

- Sundays:** 8am, 10am (livestreamed)
12 noon, 3pm Espanol &
4:30pm (1st Sunday of month) French
- Mon-Fri:** 7:30 am (livestreamed)
- 1st Fridays:** 7:00 pm (livestreamed)
- Saturdays:** 8am (livestreamed) & 5:30 pm (Vigil)
- Holy Days:** 7:30am (Ls), 6:30pm (Ls) & 7:30pm (Sp)
- Morning Prayer:** Liturgy of the Hours/ Rosary 7:00 am
- Confessions:** **Fridays:** 8 am-9 am
Saturdays: 4pm-5 pm or by appointment
- Adoration:** **Fridays:** 8 am-9 am
1st Fridays: 8am-7pm
- Adoration in the Chapel** (door code required ~call parish office).
- Devotions:** Divine Mercy Monday-Friday after 7:30 am Mass
Our Lady of Fatima/Perpetual Help~1st Saturday
Santo Niño~2nd Saturday
Divine Mercy~3rd Saturday
Saint Padre Pio~4th Saturday
Healing Mass & OL of Manaoag ~5th Saturday
(All devotions take place following 8:00am Mass)

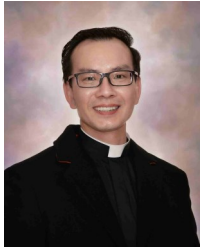
Baptisms: In order to make baptismal arrangements contact
Carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org or
Lorena@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

Marriages: In order to make marriage arrangements contact carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org 6 months prior to marriage date.

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 be discussed with parish priest.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK HOTLINE: 510-259-8706

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord



There are several different ceremonies that the Jewish families participated in soon after the birth of a baby. The first one was Circumcision for a boy of eight days old. This symbolized the Jews separation from the Gentiles and the special relationship they had with God. The second ceremony was Redemption of the firstborn son. This showed that the parents acknowledged that their son was from God and that He had the power to give life.

The last ceremony was that of Purification of the mother. After giving birth to a child, a mother was said to be unclean and was not able to go to the temple for 40 days after the birth of a son and 80 days after the birth of a daughter. Once this time of purification was over, the parents were to take an offering to the priest at the temple. If the parents could afford a lamb, it was given as a sacrifice, if they couldn't afford a lamb, two doves could be given as a sacrifice. Mary and Joseph gave two doves, which would signify that they didn't have very much money.

Thus, the presentation of Jesus in the temple served two purposes; the first is the redemption of the first-born and the second is the purification of Mary. Of course Our Lady did not need this purification because she was a virgin before, during and after the birth of Jesus but she did it so that the Law might be fulfilled. It is also to say that Jesus did not come to abolish the Law, but fulfill it. May the Spirit of God strengthen us so that we may be able to follow the footsteps of the Nazareth's family.

Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor

Hay varias ceremonias diferentes en las que participaban las familias judías poco después del nacimiento de un bebé. La primera era la circuncisión de un niño de ocho días. Esto simbolizaba la separación de los judíos de los gentiles y la relación especial que tenían con Dios. La segunda ceremonia era la redención del hijo primogénito. Esto mostraba que los padres reconocían que su hijo era de Dios y que Él tenía el poder de dar vida. La última ceremonia era la de la purificación de la madre.

Después de dar a luz a un niño, se decía que la madre era impura y no podía ir al templo durante 40 días después del nacimiento de un hijo y 80 días después del nacimiento de una hija. Una vez que este tiempo de purificación terminaba, los padres debían llevar una ofrenda al sacerdote en el templo. Si los padres podían permitirse un cordero, se lo daban como sacrificio, si no podían permitirse un cordero, se podían dar dos palomas como sacrificio. María y José dieron dos palomas, lo que significaría que no tenían mucho dinero.

Así, la presentación de Jesús en el templo tenía dos finalidades: la primera es la redención del primogénito y la segunda es la purificación de María. Por supuesto que Nuestra Señora no necesitaba esta purificación porque era virgen antes, durante y después del nacimiento de Jesús, pero lo hizo para que se cumpliera la Ley. Es decir, Jesús no vino a abolir al Señor, sino a cumplirlo. Que el Espíritu de Dios nos fortalezca para que podamos seguir los pasos de la familia de Nazaret.

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025



**Parish Crab Feed
Dinner
Saturday
February 22
at 5:30 pm**



**LET'S *SHELLEBRATE*
IT'S CRAB
FEED TIME!**

**\$65.00 per Adult
\$15 per Child of 8yrs
and under**

To make reservations, call the parish office at
925-432-6404, or stop by the table after the
Weekend Masses

We have TO GO Meals available as well
If you don't eat crab,
you can have steak instead

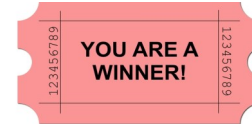
Hot News!!!

**\$60.00 per person if purchasing a table of 10 in
advance by Jan 30, 2025**

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

From Knights of Columbus Members or
The Church Office

GREAT PRIZES!!!!!!



TOP PRIZE ~ \$1,000

Other prizes include:

**2 Night Stay at the PEPPERMILL in RENO
An Autographed JERRY RICE FOOTBALL
and Various Gift Cards.**

Tickets are \$5 for \$20 or \$5 each individually

Lenten Studies

Come and join us for our Lenten Studies this Jubilee
Year of Hope.

We are going to study the Church history: *A Journey Through Church History* presented by Fr. Thi and friends. The class will take place on Thursdays during Lent at 7pm in the parish hall. Our first session will be on Thursday March 6 at 7pm.

No need to register. Just show up and enrich our knowledge of faith to welcome the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025.



DEANERY 10

RECONCILIATION SERVICE FOR LENT 2025

Immaculate Heart of Mary
April 1 @ 7pm

St. Anthony
April 3 @ 6:30pm

Our Lady Queen of the Word
April 7 @ 7pm

Church of the Good Shepherd
April 9 @ 7pm

St. Peter Martyr
April 10 @ 7pm

Most Holy Rosary
April 11 @ 7pm



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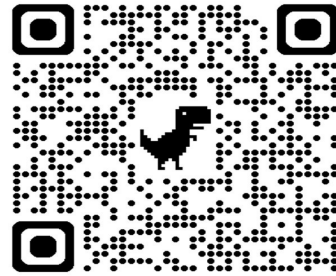
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Be friends with us on our new facebook page, to get updated information and activities of our parish.

Presentation of the Lord

Question:

Luke's Gospel is the only one to mention the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. What is Luke trying to communicate here and what connection does it have with Mary?

Answer:

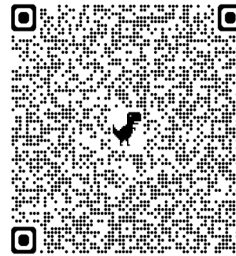
February 2 is exactly forty days after December 25, the nativity of Jesus. Jewish law (Ex 13:2, 12) dictated that Jesus, as the firstborn, be consecrated to God. This was done by the parents as they presented their Son in the Temple.

Jewish law further specified (Lv 12:2-8) that a mother was ritually impure after giving birth, and that she had to wait a set period of time (forty days for a boy) before she was to offer a sacrifice to the Lord for purification.

The convergence of these two Jewish regulations occasions Luke's account of both the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary. These days the liturgical emphasis is more on the Presentation of Jesus. Luke highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, two righteous Jews who recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and praised God for being able to see and experience such a marvel in their lifetimes.

Simeon's prayer concerning the special role of Jesus states that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." This phrase eventually originated the custom of blessing candles on this day which were to be used in the ceremonies, rituals, and processions throughout the church year. Thus February 2 is also known as Candlemas Day. This day is indeed a rich feast to be savored. ©LPi

ONLINE GIVING



Dearest Parishioners,
No words can express our gratitude to you for your generous hearts to give your time, talents and treasures, helping us keep our parish up and running smoothly.

To make your giving easy and convenient, we have created a QR code for your Online Donations Once again thank you so much for your generosity. God bless your good hearts. God is good! all the time!



**Our Lady of Lourdes
The World Day
of the Sick**

**Healing Mass at 10am,
February 08.
Come and Be Healed!**



Dear All Civilly Married Couples,
You might have chosen not to marry in the Church for various reasons. Now, worry no more. Let's get your marriage convalidated!

IT IS ALL FREE OF CHARGE!

We are going to have a group marriage convalidation here in our church on **Saturday, August 23 at 12pm**. To prepare for this celebration, we will have an "on site" marriage

preparation session which will take place on **Saturday, March 15 from 9am to 2pm**. If you are interested in getting your marriage convalidated in the church, please contact our parish office for registration.

Attention!

We accept only couples that are currently civilly married, and have never been previously married or divorced.

Queridas parejas que están casadas por el civil, tenemos buenas noticias. Tal vez no han tenido la oportunidad de poder casarse por la iglesia. Ahora, no se preocupe más.

Tendremos boda comunitaria. SIN NINGÚN COSTO. La ceremonia será el 30 de Agosto a la 12:00pm (en español). La clase prematrimonial será el 22 de Marzo de 9:00 a 2:00pm. Si están interesados, llamar a la oficina para registrarse y recibir más detalles. Únicamente parejas que están casadas por el civil y que no hayan estado casadas antes o divorciados.

We celebrated the Feast of Santo Nino, Sunday Jan 26.





FEBRUARY 3 - FEBRUARY 9

Mon	7:30am	Rev. Fr. Neal Clemens
Tue	7:30am	Rev. Fr. Paul Chen
Wed	7:30am	Magdalena Luciano † <i>(13h Death Anniversary)</i>
Thu	7:30am	Roma Roberts <i>(Birthday)</i>
Fri	7:30am	Rev. Fr. Donald Kinney
Sat	8:00am	Rev. Fr. Robert Barcelos Antonio Esquivel <i>(Special Intention)</i>
	5:30pm	Annabelle Gutierrez Magtoto †
Sun	8:00am	Sister Edna Fe Viloría † <i>(Death Anniversary)</i>
	10:00am	Clemente & Antonia Soliz † <i>(Death Anniversary)</i>
	12:00pm	Beatriz D. Valenzuela †
	3:00pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

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2024 TAX DONATION LETTERS

Are now available upon request, by calling or emailing the Parish Office.

432-6404

AND ASK FOR CARMEN or LORENA

**Carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org,
Lorena@goodshepherdpittsburg.org**

Please indicate your preference for how you'd like to receive your letter, by regular mail, e-mail or pick it up at the parish office.

Weekend of January 26th

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 8,424.29
2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 2,470.89

Please help contribute for the smooth operation and good services of our parish. We appreciate your generosity and for making Good Shepherd a part of your family. Also, please remember Good Shepherd when planning your last Will and Testament.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

ISAIAH 6:1-2,3-8
CORINTHIANS 15:1-11
LUKE 5:1-11

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

FEBRUARY 9 - BISHOP'S APPEAL
FEBRUARY 16 - BISHOP'S APPEAL
FEBRUARY 23 - BISHOP'S APPEAL



Events Calendar 2025

- Feb 02: English Parents Class
 Feb 08: Healing Mass at 10am
 Feb 16: Spanish Parents Class
Feb 22: Parish Crab Feed- 5:30pm
 March 02: English Parents Class
 March 05: Ash Wednesday- 6:30am (Ash Service only); 7:30am; 12pm; 4:30pm (CCD); 6pm; & 7:30pm (Spanish)
 March 06: Lenten Studies at 7pm
 March 07- Friday Lenten Dinner @ 5:30pm; Stations of Cross 6:30pm and Mass of Sacred Heart at 7pm
 March 08: Rite of Election for RCIA at the Cathedral at 11am
 March 09: TOB speaker to confirmation students at 11:00am
 March 11: Lenten Confession 7pm
 March 13: Lenten Studies 7pm
 March 14: Friday Lenten Dinner @ 5:30pm; Stations of Cross 7:00pm
 March 15: Marriage Convalidation Retreat 9am-2pm
 March 16- Lenten retreat Spanish at 1:30pm (Spanish Parents Class attending the retreat)- Tentative Fr. Ponce
 March 18: Lent Confession 7pm
 March 20 Lenten Studies 7pm
 March 21 – Friday Lenten Dinner @ 5:30pm; Stations of the Cross 6:30, Guadalupe Mass at 7pm
 March 25: Lent Confession 7pm
 March 28- Friday Lenten Dinner @ 5:30pm; Stations of Cross 7pm
 March 31- April 1: Parish Lenten Retreat 6pm (Tentative)
 April 3- Lenten Studies 7pm
 April 4- Lenten dinner at 5:30pm; Stations of Cross 6:30pm; Mass of S. Heart 7pm
 April 6- Parents Class (English)
 April 6—Passion Play Opening Performance 7pm
April 7-8 Lenten Retreat w Fr. Daniel 7pm-9pm
April 9: Lent Parish Confession 7pm
 April 10- Lenten Studies at 7pm
 April 11- Lenten dinner at 5:30pm; Stations of Cross 6:30pm; Taize Prayer 7pm
 April 12– Passion Play Performance 7pm
 April 13- Palm Sunday
 April 13– Passion Play Performance 5pm
 April 15: Lent Confession 7pm
 April 16– Passion Play Performance 6pm
 April 17: Holy Thursday: 7:30am Morning Prayer; 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
 April 18: Good Friday: 12pm (English), 3pm (Spanish), 6pm English)
 April 18– Passion Play Performance 7:30pm
 April 19- Easter Vigil 8:00pm
 April 20 - Easter: 7am; 8:30am; 10am; 12pm; 3pm (Spanish)
 April 27- Parents Class (Spanish)
April 30– FHC Confession at 5:30pm
 May 3- FHC (English) 10am
 May 3- From Water to Fire (Confirmation Retreat) 5pm- 9pm with Confession
 May 6-7: Youth Confirmation Discernment at 4pm-7pm
 May 10- First Communion (Spanish) at 10am
May 10: Parish Feast Day Bshp Barber presides 5:30pm Mass and Reception to follow in the hall
 May 13 – Fatima- Marian Procession 6:30pm & Mass 7:30pm
 May 17- First Holy Com Spanish 10am
 May 18- Youth and Adult Confirmation @5pm and 7pm
 May 31- Healing Mass 10am
 June 13- Fatima procession 7pm
 June 16- Faith Formation registration Kick Off
 July 12- Fatima Procession 6:30pm (After 5:30pm Mass)
 July 19- Parish Hawaii Dinner Dance- Fundraising at 7pm
 August 6- Staff Retreat – All Day
 August 14- Assumption Vigil Mass at 7pm
 August 15- Assumption- 7:30am Mass; 6:30pm Procession; 7:00pm Mass
 August 23- Group Marriage Convalidation at 12pm
 August 30- Healing Mass at 10am
 August 31- Closing of RE Registrations
 Sept 7-Faith Formation begins
 Sept 13- Fatima Procession 6:30pm
 Sep 22- RCIA begins
 Oct 5- Flock Party – All Day: Masses 8am, 10am, 12pm, 1:30pm (Spanish)
 Oct 12- Parents Sessions (English)
 Oct 13- Fatima Procession 6:30pm, Mass at 7pm
 Oct 19- Parent Sessions (Spanish)
 Oct 31- All Saints Vigil Mass 7pm
 Nov 1- All Saints- Saturday 8am; 10am, 12pm Bilingual
 Nov 2- All Souls- 8am, 10am, 12pm, 3pm
 Nov 2- Parents Sessions (English)
 Nov 15 – Music Concert....7:00pm?
 Nov 16- Parent Sessions (Spanish)
 Nov 22- Healing Mass at 10am
 Nov 27- Thanksgiving
 Nov 30- Advent
 Dec 5- Taize Prayer 7pm
 Dec 7- O.L of Guadalupe- 5am Mananitas and 2pm Mass
 Dec 12- Guadalupe Mass at 7pm
 Dec 14- Parent Sessions (English)
 Dec 15- Advent Reconciliation 7pm
 Dec 21 Parents Sessions (Spanish)
 Dec, 24 Christmas Eve, 4pm, 6pm, 12midnight
 Dec 25- Christmas Day: 8am, 10am, 12pm, 1:30pm
 Dec 31- New Year's Eve: Mass 5:30pm; NYE's Party at 7pm
 New Year 2026- 10am; 11:30am Bilingual