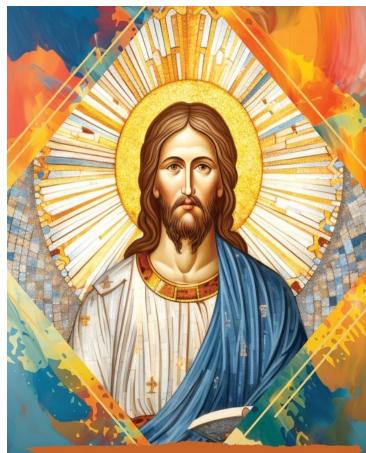


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FEBRUARY 23, 2025



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Give, and gifts will be given to you." - Lk 6:38 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—Sacred Heart (livestreamed) 8am (livestreamed) & 5:30 pm (Vigil) **Saturdays:** 7:30am (Ls), 6:30pm (Ls) & 7:30pm (Sp) Holy Days: Morning Prayer: Litu Confessions: Fridays: Liturgy of the Hours/Rosary 7:00 am Fridays: 8 am-9 am Saturdays: 4pm-5 pm or by appointment Fridays: 8 am-9 am Adoration:

 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 Baptisms: In order to make baptismal arrangements contact Carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org or Lorena@goodshepherdpittsburg.org Marriages: In order to make marriage arrangements contact *carmen*(*a*)*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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK HOTLINE: 510-259-8706

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ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 23, 2025 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time Luke 6:27-38

One of my favorite new singers/songwriters is Noah Kahan. I'm a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled "Stick Season," he sings of his hope to "cancel out the darkness I inherited from dad." This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual "inheritance" from his father, and his hope to be free of it. We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It's easy to feel doomed to repeat their darknesses.

But we're not so doomed, thank God. This week's Gospel proclaims this. Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect that perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love. Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us.

What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of God's life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections are in our familial or cultural upbringings. It's time to claim that perfect inheritance.

ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

23 de febrero de 2025

7º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Hoy el Evangelio nos propone una catequesis de amor que obliga a estirar el corazón, para rendir al máximo al pedido de Jesús. Nos impulsa a pensar distinto, a interesarnos por los demás. Llama al perdón, a la nobleza, la humildad y, lo más importante, a saber, compartir lo que poseemos materialmente y darse uno mismo. Es algo difícil lo que pide el Señor en este pasaje del Evangelio. Eso, de amar a los enemigos, hacer el bien a quien no nos quiere, de orar por los que nos persiguen, es fuera de serie, no se usa en la sociedad actual. Y agrega Jesús lo siguiente: "Traten a los demás como quieren que ellos les traten a ustedes" (Lucas 6:31). No se trata de que estemos siempre con la cabeza baja y humillados, mas bien se trata de luchar por la justicia, de no entrar en la violencia de tú me la haces, entonces, yo te respondo igual.

"Porque si ustedes aman a los que los aman, ¿Qué merito tienen? Hasta los malos aman a los que los aman (Lucas 6:32). Por el contrario, bendecir a los amigos y enemigos es lo que nos hace dignos hijos e hijas de Dios. Pidamos el don de perdonar, de no ser vengativos, de tener un corazón de compasión, rebosante de ternura para hacer el bien. "Sean compasivos como es compasivo el Padre de ustedes" (Lucas 6:36). Ser semejantes al que siempre es bueno con nosotros. ¡Ese es el reto a cumplir!

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Parish Crab Feed Dinner NEXT SATURDAY February 22 at 5:30 pm

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

To make reservations

Call 925-432-6404 or Stop by the parish office during office hours Monday - Friday from 8am - 4pm. You can also 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. Please let the person who sells you your ticket, that you would preferer Steak. You will not be able to change your choice the night of.

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.



RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

From Knights of Columbus Members or



The Church Office 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

> > 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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New Look of our Website! Go online and take a look at our new Website. It 's amazing. A big Shout Out and Thank You to Michele Aiello - Zendejas for designing such a wonderful website for us. God bless her good and gracious heart.



http:www.goodshepherdpittsburg .org/CGS/

Important Items Needed for Lent & Easter

We are looking for donors for Palm leaves used for Palm Sundays and a Easter Candle.

Palm Leaves = \$300 Easter Candle = \$400 Thank you to the generous parishioner who donated the full amount for our Easter Candle.

If you feel called to donate for these items, please contact Fr. Thi

Thank you so much for your generous hearts. **Used Palms Collections**

We are collecting your used palm leaves from last year to burn to get ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please use can either drop them off at the parish office or at the church vestibule.

Good Shepherd's NEW Facebook page!



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

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 cre-

ated 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!

Attention!!!

We recently found some consecrated hosts in the church. This is a Sacrilege disrespecting our Lord. We ask you to consume the Body of Christ right in front of the priest/minister. Thank you for your cooperation.



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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.

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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.

The Jubilee Prayer Father in heaven, Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, in reawaken in us the blessed *hope* des May your grace transform us May your grace transform us

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

> May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

Oración del Jubileo

Padre que estás en el cielo, la *fe* que nos has donado en tu Hijo Jesucristo, nuestro hermano, y la llama de *caridad* infundida en nuestros corazones por el Espíritu Santo,

despierten en nosotros la bienave turada *esperanza* en la venida de tu Reino.

Tu gracia nos transforme en dedicados cultivadores de las semillas del Evangelio que fermenten la humanidad y el cosmos, en espera confiada

de los cielos nuevos y de la tierra nueva, cuando vencidas las fuerzas del mal, se manifestará para siempre tu gloria.

La gracia del Jubileo reavive en nosotros, *Peregrinos de Esperanza*, el anhelo de los bienes celestiales y derrame en el mundo entero la alegría y la paz de nuestro Redentor. A ti, Dios bendito eternamente, sea la alabanza y la gloria por los siglos. Amén.

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FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 2

Mon	7:30am	Lilian Rosales †
Tue	7:30am	Lilian Rosales †
Wed	7:30am	Lilian Rosales †
Thu	7:30am	Buzzell Family
Fri	7:30am	Mazen Al-Hamada †
Sat	8:00am	Fr. Michael Nufable
		Arman Figueroa †
	5:30pm	Sally Gutierrez †
Sun	8:00am	Baudilla & Agusto Viart †
	10:00am	Mike & Della Lucero †
	12:00pm	Dorothy Valenzuela Arce †
	3:00pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

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.

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Weekend of February 16, 2025 1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 10,211.86 2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 2,689.85

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

SIRACH 27:4-7 1 CORINTHIANS 15:54-58 LUKE 6:39-45

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

FEBRUARY 23 - CYO (CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION) MARCH 2 - BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MARCH 9 - DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

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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 Sacred Heart 7pm April 5– Spring Dinner Dance/Tea Party 7pm April 6- Parents Class (English) April 6—Passion Play Opening Performance 7pm April 6- Feast of St Pedro Calungsol 12pm 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 19- Easter Vigil 8:00pm April 18- Passion Play Performance 7:30pm

April 20 - Easter: 7am; 8:30am; 10am; 12pm; 3pm (Spanish) April 27- Parents Class (Spanish) April 30– FHC Confesion 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 Bishop 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- Assu:30am Mass; 6:30pm Procession; 7:00pm B. 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: Masses 8am, 10am, 12pm, 1:30pm (Sp) 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