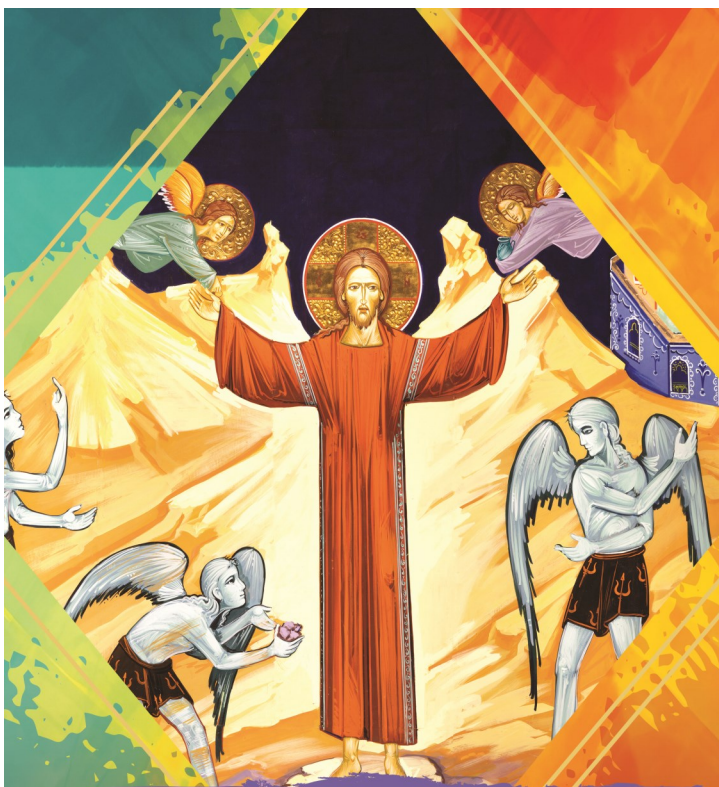




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MARCH 9, 2025



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

"Him alone shall you serve."

- Lk 4:8

1ER DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA

"A él sólo servirás".

- Lc 4, 6, 7-8

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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)

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

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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.

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Happy Lent!

In this first Sunday of Lent, the liturgy brings us into the desert with Jesus to reflect on his temptations. Why Jesus would allow himself to be tempted. First, he is a human; every human is subjected to temptations. So is Jesus. Second, Jesus allowed the temptations so as to set up for us a good example, and to teach us how to overcome the temptations that we may experience in our lives.

There are three different temptations Jesus underwent. It is often called triple A's temptations: Appetite, Ambition & Arrogance. These three temptations are also our temptations. The devil invites us to turn towards self. Jesus invites us to turn towards God. It is also important to realize that all temptations come to us under the guise of some kind of goodness. That is how devil traps us. He could appear in the form of a well-dressed man with pleasing personality who sweet-talks to you to cheat on your husband. The devil could also be in a form of a charming lady who seduces you to be unfaithful to your wife. Devil is dangerous.

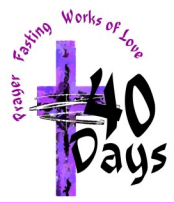
What should we do to overcome his temptations? **The** catechism says that we must avoid the occasions of sin at all times. Occasions of sin are persons, places, or things that can easily lead us into sin. If you have drinking problem, don't drive by the liquor stores. If you are on diet, don't watch cooking program. Somebody wrote: *"To pray against temptation but not to avoid the occasion of sin is like putting your hand in the fire and pray that the hand does not get burned."* The best way to stop it is when it begins. The trouble starts when we entertain the idea, running it over in our minds. We permit our imagination to wander uncontrolled, it takes charge, and our will becomes powerless. Like Christ, we must say NO early right from the start – "Be gone Satan..."

Like Adam and Eve, and Jesus, we all face temptations. Original sin reminds us that we humans tend to give in to temptation. It is a family trait. Our parents did it and so do we. So, when we are tempted, we should not trust in our own abilities or strength. Instead we should trust in Jesus and his strength. Where humanity fails, Jesus prevails. Let us then during this Lenten season very earnestly pray, as Jesus has taught us to pray to Our Father in heaven – "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." Amen!

¡Feliz Cuaresma!

En este primer domingo de Cuaresma, la liturgia nos lleva al desierto con Jesús para reflexionar sobre sus tentaciones. Por qué Jesús se dejó tentar. Primero, él es un ser humano; todo ser humano está sujeto a tentaciones. También lo es Jesús. Segundo, Jesús permitió las tentaciones para darnos un buen ejemplo y enseñarnos cómo superar las tentaciones que podamos experimentar en nuestras vidas. Hay tres tentaciones diferentes que experimentó Jesús. A menudo se las llama tentaciones triple A: apetito, ambición y arrogancia. Estas tres tentaciones también son nuestras tentaciones. El diablo nos invita a volvernos hacia nosotros mismos. Jesús nos invita a volvernos hacia Dios. También es importante darnos cuenta de que todas las tentaciones nos llegan bajo la apariencia de algún tipo de bondad. Así es como el diablo nos atrapa. Él podría aparecer en la forma de un hombre bien vestido con una personalidad agradable que te habla dulcemente para que engañes a tu marido. El diablo también podría estar en la forma de una dama encantadora que te seduce para que seas infiel a tu esposa. El diablo es peligroso.

¿Qué debemos hacer para vencer sus tentaciones? El catecismo dice que debemos evitar las ocasiones de pecado en todo momento. Las ocasiones de pecado son personas, lugares o cosas que fácilmente pueden llevarnos a pecar. Si tienes problemas con la bebida, no pases por las licorerías. Si estás a dieta, no veas programas de cocina. Alguien escribió: "Orar contra la tentación pero no evitar la ocasión de pecar es como poner la mano en el fuego y orar para que la mano no se quemé". La mejor manera de detenerlo es cuando comienza. El problema comienza cuando albergamos la idea, dándole vueltas en nuestra mente. Permitimos que nuestra imaginación vague sin control, toma el control y nuestra voluntad se vuelve impotente. Como Cristo, debemos decir NO desde el principio: "Vete Satanás...". Como Adán y Eva, y Jesús, todos enfrentamos tentaciones. El pecado original nos recuerda que los humanos tendemos a ceder a la tentación. Es un rasgo familiar. Nuestros padres lo hicieron y nosotros también. Entonces, cuando somos tentados, no debemos confiar en nuestras propias habilidades o fuerzas. En cambio, debemos confiar en Jesús y su fuerza. Donde la humanidad falla, Jesús prevalece. Entonces, durante este tiempo de Cuaresma, oremos muy fervientemente, como Jesús nos ha enseñado a orar a Nuestro Padre en el cielo: "No nos dejes caer en la tentación, mas líbranos del mal". ¡Amén!



2025 Lenten & Easter Celebrations

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES DURING LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE: March 5 @ 6:30am (Ash service only); 7:30am Mass; 12pm Mass; 4:30pm Mass (CCD); 6pm Mass; & 7:30pm Mass (Spanish)

Confessions: Fridays 8-9 am; Saturdays 4-5 pm and every Tuesday during Lent from 7-8 pm

Lenten Parish Reconciliation: April 9 @ 7pm (Bilingual)

Adorations: Fridays 8 am– 9 am; First Friday from 8am to 7pm followed by a Mass

Lenten Study: Thursdays during Lent starting March 6 @ 7pm in Parish Hall.

Stations of the Cross: All Fridays of Lent @ 7 pm & 6:30pm on 1st Fridays & April 11

Lenten Dinners: On Fridays @ 5:30pm, March 7, 14, 21, & 28; April 4 & 11

March 16 1:30pm retiro de cuaresma y 3pm Misa en Español with Fr. Ponce

April 5 7pm Spring Dinner Dance in the hall

April 6 7pm Opening Passion Play Performance 1

April 7 & 8 7:00pm Lenten Retreat with Fr. Daniel

(This event is livestreamed as well on our YouTube Channel)

April 9 7pm Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service

April 11 7pm Lenten Taize Prayer after Stations of the Cross @ 6:30pm

HOLY WEEK

April 12- Palm Sunday Vigil 5:30pm Mass; 7 pm Passion Play Performance 2

April 13- Palm Sunday 8am, 10am, 12pm, 3pm (Spanish); 5:00pm Passion Play Performance 3

April 16- Holy Wednesday 6pm—Passion Play Performance 4

April 17 -Holy Thursday 7:30am Morning Prayer/Liturgy of the Hours

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of Feet followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Mid-Night.

April 18 -Good Friday 7:30am Morning Prayer/Liturgy of the Hours

12pm Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross

3:00pm Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross (Spanish)

6:00pm Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross

7:30pm Opening Passion Play Performance 5

EASTER VIGIL/ EASTER

April 19 -Holy Saturday 8:00am—Morning Prayer/ Liturgy of the Hours

8:00pm Easter Vigil (*livestreamed*)

April 20 -Easter Sunday 7:00am Mass; 8:30am Mass; 10am Mass (*livestreamed*)

12:00pm Mass; 3:00pm Mass – Spanish



Celebraciones de la Cuaresma y la Pascua para la Comunidad Hispana

Retiro de Cuaresma: 16 de Marzo a las 1:30pm y 3:00pm la Misa en Español con Padre Ponce

Confesiones Parroquial de Cuaresma: 9 de Abril a las 7:00pm(sacerdotes en español)

Via Crucis: Todos los Viernes a las 7pm y a las 6:30 el 21 de marzo antes de las misa Guadalupana a las 7pm

Cenas de Cuaresma: Los viernes a la 5:30pm, marzo 7, 14, 21 y 28 Abril 4 y 11.

Jueves Santo: 17 de Abril a las 7:00pm Misa de la Última Cena del Señor y Lavatorio de Pies seguido de Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento hasta media noche.

Viernes Santo: 18 de Abril a las 3:00pm Liturgia y veneración de la cruz en español.

VIGILIA PASCUAL / PASCUA

Sábado Santo: 19 de abril a las 8:00pm

Domingo de Resurrección: 20 de abril a las 3:00pm Misa en Español



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- To make your giving easy and convenient, we have created a QR code for your Online Donations
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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.

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

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

Thank you to those parishioners who are helping to pay for our Palms.

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.

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. Ignatius

April 9 @ 7:30pm

St. Peter Martyr

April 10 @ 7pm

Most Holy Rosary

April 11 @ 7pm



**Spring
Dinner & Dance
Party**

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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 O 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 6 de Septiembre a las 2:00pm** (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.

Come and join us for our Friday's Night Lenten Dinners during Lent every Friday at 5:30pm in the hall.

The first dinner began on March 7th. \$20/ person. Please contact the parish office to make reservations. 925-432-6404. Below is the menu for the rest of the dinner days.

Menu

3/14 Pasta with Freddy's Special Meatless Bolognese; **3/21** Eggplant Parmesan;
3/28 Linguine & Clams; **4/4** Veggie Lasagna; **4/11** Sand Dabs.

The Jubilee Prayer

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,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

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

JUBILEE YEAR DESIGNATED PILGRIMAGE SITES IN THE DIOCESE OF OAKLAND

In order to make the Holy Year pilgrimage indulgence available to as many people as possible, the following churches and chapels in the various regions of the diocese are "Designated Pilgrimage Sites" for one day only. *The Cathedral and Mission San Jose are planning special Masses and/or services on these days.

*January 19 (Sun) Holy Year Opening Mass
Cathedral of Christ the Light*

February 7 (Fri) St. Bonaventure

March 7 (Fri) Corpus Christi - Region 1 Central

*April 11 (Fri) Mission San Jose**

May 13 (Tue) Saint Perpetua - Region 2 Northwest

June 22 (Sun) Monastery of Discalced Carmelite Nuns

July 3 (Thu) Saint Anthony - Region 3 Northeast

August 1 (Fri) Saint Joseph Basilica

September 12 (Fri) Saint Isidore - Region 4 Southeast

*October 7 (Tue)- Cathedral of Christ the Light**

November 7 (Fri) Saint Felicitas - Region 5 Southwest

December 28 (Sun) Cathedral of Christ the Light
Holy Year Closing Mass*



MARCH 10 - MARCH 16

Mon	7:30am	Alfred Llenos †
Tue	7:30am	Lee Tiro †
Wed	7:30am	Lee Tiro † Philip Okocha † (<i>Death Anniversary</i>)
Thu	7:30am	Lee Tiro †
Fri	7:30am	Rebecca Esquivel (<i>Birthday</i>)
Sat	8:00am	Rose Carroll Taylor Joseph Bustos †
	5:30pm	Matilda Hurtado †
Sun	8:00am	Dominic & Fran Confetti †
	10:00am	Carmen Vera (<i>Birthday</i>) West Alexander III & Sister Mary Bertha †
	12:00pm	Philip Okocha † (<i>Death Anniversary</i>)
	3:00pm	FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

2024 TAX DONATION LETTERS

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Weekend of March 3, 2025

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 9,132.31

2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 3,435.32

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

GENESIS 15:5-12, 17-18

PHILIPPIANS - 3:17-4 OR

LUKE 9:28-36

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

MARCH 16 - EASTER FLOWERS

MARCH 23 - BISHOP'S OVERSEAS APPEAL

MARCH 30 - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Feast Day of St Pedro Calungsod

Come and join us for the celebration of the Feast of St. Pedro Calungsod on April 6 at 12pm Mass. If you would like to have Mass sponsorship for this Feast Day, please fill out the form below or contact our coordinators.

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Encounter Jesus

2025 LENTEN RETREAT

with
Fr. Daniel Williamson

April 7&8
from 7pm –9pm



FR. DANIEL WILLIAMSON

Father Daniel Williamson is a priest of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. He currently lives in Oakland, California and has served the friars in various missions, including in New York, New Mexico, Honduras and Nicaragua, since joining the friars in 2001. Prior to entering the friars, he served in the United States Air force as an F-16 crew chief, drove an 18-wheeler cross country and worked various construction jobs. He attended Seton Hall University and received his Bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Master's degree in Divinity from Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Cromwell, CT. Fr. Daniel is passionate about the outdoors, music, travelling, and most especially, preaching the good news of Jesus Christ. In the spring of 2022 Fr. Daniel was made a Missionary of Mercy by His Holiness Pope Francis.

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There is no need to register to attend the retreat.