



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

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the Love of Christ*

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2024



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Ephphatha!”—that is, “Be opened!” - Mk 7:34

23ER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

“¡Eftetá!” (que quiere decir “¡Abrete!”). - Mc 7, 34

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 8am—12 pm & 1 pm-4pm

Fridays: 9am– 12:pm & 1pm- 3pm

(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: 8 am (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 Manoaag ~5th Saturday

(All devotions take place following 8:00 am 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.

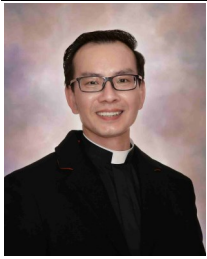
Funeral Arrangements: Should be arranged by family,

church and mortuary. Normal Christian burial consists of

Vigil Service, Holy Mass and Burial in a Catholic Ceme-

tery. Any other arrangements should be discussed with parish

ANOINTING OF THE SICK HOTLINE: 510-259-8706



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

We, human beings, tend to be selective in what we hear. We pick and choose what we want to hear. We want to follow Jesus, but we only want to hear him when he talks about rewards and blessings. But the moment he starts talking about the ugliness of our sins, about the need for repentance and conversion, about the cross, self-sacrifice, humility and dying to self, our ears close and we become deaf. St. Augustine said, *"If you believe what you like in the Gospel and reject what you do not like, it is not the Gospel you believe but yourself."*

The Gospel of this 23rd Sunday invites us to reflect on one word "Ephphatha"- Be opened. This is a powerful word because it is an action word. Jesus is the Word made flesh. When he speaks, his word becomes reality. By saying the command "Be opened!" the deaf man's ears are opened and his speech impediment is removed. When Jesus speaks, His word changes things. This is true in this Gospel story and it is also true in our lives. We all are deaf and struggling with a speech impediment in the sense that we do not always hear God's voice and speak His word. We live in a society where there are voices of all kind affecting us. Some voices try to mimic the voice of our Lord. They are voices of personal pleasure, self-interest, laziness, greed and sin. They all say, *"follow me, I will bring you life."* So we need to stay alert and let Jesus speak to us. We must let Him take us off to a quiet place alone and speak to us as he did to the deaf man: "Ephphatha!-Be opened!"

We might not be physically deaf; but spiritually, we may experience deafness on different levels: deaf from the call of forgiveness from those people who might have hurt and wronged us; deaf from the cries of those who are struggling to provide for themselves; deaf to the teachings of the Church that might be challenging and hard to follow. The list can go on and on. God created us with two ears, but one mouth for a reason. God wants us to listen more than talk. We must hear God's words first before we open our mouth to speak. If we follow this command, we would never hurt other others with our words. Let our ears be open to hear his words of forgiveness. Let our mouths be open to speak the good news of what God is doing in our lives. Let our hearts be open to love our neighbors as ourselves. May the Lord touch us and speak that same word "Ephphatha!" to us! Amen!

Fr. Thi Hoang

23er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Nosotros, los seres humanos, tendemos a ser selectivos en lo que escuchamos. Elegimos lo que queremos oír. Queremos seguir a Jesús, pero sólo queremos oírlo cuando habla de recompensas y bendiciones. Pero en el momento en que empieza a hablar de la fealdad de nuestros pecados, de la necesidad de arrepentimiento y conversión, de la cruz, el autosacrificio, la humildad y la muerte a uno mismo, nuestros oídos se cierran y nos volvemos sordos. San Agustín dijo: "Si crees lo que te gusta del Evangelio y rechazas lo que no te gusta, no es el Evangelio lo que crees sino a ti mismo". El Evangelio de este 23° Domingo nos invita a reflexionar sobre una palabra "Ephphatha" - Ábrete. Esta es una palabra poderosa porque es una palabra de acción. Jesús es la Palabra hecha carne. Cuando alcanza su punto máximo, su palabra se convierte en realidad. Al decir la orden "¡Ábrete!", los oídos del sordo se abren y su impedimento del habla se elimina. Cuando Jesús habla, Su palabra cambia las cosas. Esto es verdad en esta historia del Evangelio y también es verdad en nuestras vidas. Todos somos sordos y luchamos con un impedimento del habla en el sentido de que no siempre escuchamos la voz de Dios y hablamos Su palabra. Vivimos en una sociedad donde hay voces de todo tipo que nos afectan. Algunas voces intentan imitar la voz de nuestro Señor. Son voces de placer personal, interés propio, pereza, avaricia y pecado. Todas dicen: "Sígueme, te traeré vida". Así que debemos estar alerta y dejar que Jesús nos hable. Debemos dejar que nos lleve a un lugar tranquilo a solas y nos hable como lo hizo con el sordo: "¡Efatá! ¡Ábrete!".

Puede que no seamos físicamente sordos; pero espiritualmente, podemos experimentar sordera en diferentes niveles: sordos al llamado del perdón de aquellas personas que podrían habernos lastimado y agraviado; sordos a los gritos de aquellos que luchan por proveer para sí mismos; sordos a las enseñanzas de la Iglesia que pueden ser desafiantes y difíciles de seguir. La lista puede seguir y seguir. Dios nos creó con dos oídos, pero una boca por una razón. Dios quiere que escuchemos más de lo que hablamos. Debemos escuchar las palabras de Dios primero antes de abrir la boca para hablar. Si seguimos este mandato, nunca lastimaremos a otros con nuestras palabras. Dejemos que nuestros oídos estén abiertos para escuchar sus palabras de perdón. Dejemos que nuestras bocas estén abiertas para hablar las buenas noticias de lo que Dios está haciendo en nuestras vidas. Dejemos que nuestros corazones estén abiertos para amar a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos. ¡Que el Señor nos toque y nos diga esa misma palabra "Efatá"! ¡Amén!



ONLINE DONATIONS

Dearest Parishioners,
 No word can express our gratitude to you for your generous hearts to give your time, talents and treasures, helping us keep our parish up on running smoothly. Many of you are on vacation during the summer, please keep remembering us in your weekly

donations.

To make your giving easy and convenient, we have created a QR code for your Online Donations found in back of the church's pews. You just need to use your phone, open the camera, point the camera at the QR code, then tap the link that appears on your device. It will lead you to the Donations page. It is safe and secure. Once again thank you so much for your generosity.

God bless your good hearts.
 God is good! All the time!

Come and join us for the celebration of St. Nicholas de Tolentino Feast Day on Saturday, September 14 at 8am in the church.

All are welcome!



Our next Multilingual Rosary Prayer Procession to honor our Lady of Fatima will take place on Friday, Sept. 13 at 7pm.

All are welcome!

Celebrating the Feast of St. Padre Pio, Sept 22 at 12pm Mass

Who is St. Padre Pio? Saint Padre Pio was an Italian priest who was known for his adoration of charity and love for the people around him. He bore the wounds of Christ, which is still something that cannot be explained. Francesco Forgione was born May 25th, 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. Below is the Mass Sponsorship Form. Please fill it out and return it to **Cecille Perez at 925-300-6234, Cora Clavel at 925-354-2259**

DATE	Sunday, September 22, 2024 @ 12pm mass
MASS	St. Padre Pio Feast Mass
DONATION AMOUNT:	
NAME/s of SPONSOR/s	
Mass intentions	
Sponsor's Telephone No.	

FEAST OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ, Sept 29 at 12 Noon Mass
Mass sponsorship form is available below.

Who is St Lorenzo Ruiz summary? Saint Lorenzo Ruiz is the first Filipino to be venerated in the Roman Catholic Church. Of Chinese-Filipino parentage, he became the country's protomartyr after his execution by the Tokugawa Shogunate during its persecution of Japanese Christians in the 17th century.

DATE	Sunday, September 29 @ the 12:00 Noon mass
MASS (indicate feast name or "Simbang Gabi")	San Lorenzo Ruiz Feast Mass
DONATION AMOUNT: If in check, please use "Church of the Good Shepherd" as payee	
NAME/s of SPONSOR/s	
INTENTION/s:	
Signature of Sponsor	
Sponsor's Telephone No.	

Contact Jasper Espiritu (415-503-8845), Ofelia Tanyag (925-890-2056), Shirley Quejado (925-586-7668)

The Flock of the Good Shepherd's Activities Last Weekend!



Good Shepherd's Choirs having their annual appreciation dinner 8/31



Quincenera 8/31



Reception after Healing Mass 8/31



Fr. Thi's Retreat with Bishop Barber and Priests under 12 years of ordination. Aug 25-Aug 29.



**OCTOBER 6, 2024
GOOD SHEPHERD'S ANNUAL FLOCK PARTY
RAFFLE!**

If you are a registered parishioner you should have received a mailing for this event that includes raffle tickets for a drawing that will take place at the Flock Party. If you did not receive the mailing, you can purchase tickets after any mass between now and the event. No need to be present to win ~ but we'd love to see you there! Place your stubs in any Sunday collection basket, mail them in or bring them to the parish office.

**FLOCK PARTY WATER AND
SOFT DRINK DONATIONS
NEEDED!**

To help us offset expenses for the Flock Party, we are asking for donations from our generous parishioners .

If you can help us, bring your donations to the parish office any time during business hours, Monday-Thursday, 8 am to 4 pm.
Thank you!



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

**ANNUAL FLOCK PARTY
Sunday, October 06, 2024. All day from 9:00am-5:00pm**

The day will include Masses: 8am, 10am, 12pm and 2pm en espanol. Multicultural food such as Mexican, Italian, Nigerian, Cameroonian, American, Filipino, Tongan, Vietnamese, Malaysian, Pakistani; drinks, live music, dancing, games and all sorts of entertainment and best of all: Family fun!

You also have a chance to win big raffle prizes:

1st Prize: **\$2,500 Cash**

2nd Prize: **\$1,000 Cash**

3rd Prize: **75" Samsung TV**

4th prize: **\$500 Cash**

and many other consolation prizes.

Tickets are \$5 each or 6 tickets for \$25. You don't need to be present to win.

Raffle prizes will be drawn on the day of the Flock Party.

Bring your family and friends and stay with us for the whole day.



**FIESTA ANUAL DE REBAÑO
DOMINGO, OCTUBRE 6, 2024**

Un Rebaño, Una Familia, Viviendo y Compartiendo el Amor de Cristo
3200 Harbor St. Pittsburg, CA 94565

**Fiesta Anual De Rebaño
Domingo, Octubre 6, 2024**

Todo el dia desde las 9:00am-5:00pm

El dia va incluir las siguiente misas: 8am, 10am, 12pm y 2pm en Español. Comida multicultural como Mexicana, Italiana, Nigeriana, Camaroonia, Americana, Filipina, Tongana, Vietnamita, Malaysiana, Pakistani; bebidas, música en vivo, baile, juegos y todo tipo de entretenimiento y lo mejor de todo: ¡ Diversion en familia!

También tienes la oportunidad de ganar un gran premio de rifa.

Estos son los premios: **1st Premio \$2,500 en efectivo, 2nd Premio \$1,000, 3rd Premio 75" Samsung TV, 4th Premio \$500 en efectivo, y muchos otros premios de consolación.**

Boletos son \$5 cada uno o 6 boletos por \$25. No necesitas estar presente para ganar.

Traiga a su familia y amigos y quédese con nosotros durante todo el día.



Mark Your Calendars
UPCOMING EVENTS



- Sept 13- Fatima Procession 7pm
- Sept 15-Faith Formation begins
- Sep 23- RCIA begins
- Oct 6- Flock Party
- Oct 13– 6:30pm Fatima Procession Mass
- Nov 1- All Saints- 7:30am; 12pm, 7pm Bilingual
- Nov 2- All Souls- 7:30am, 1pm Holy Cross Cemetery, 7pm Bilingual
- Nov 10– Craft Fair
- Nov 16- Appreciation dinner for volunteers at 7pm
- Nov 23 – Thanksgiving at 10am
- Dec 1- Advent
- Dec 6- Taize Prayer 7pm
- Dec 8- O.L of Guadalupe- 5am Mananitas and 3pm Mass
- Dec 14- Christmas Concert 7pm – Potluck Christmas Party
- Dec 16- Advent Reconciliation 7pm
- Dec, 24 Christmas Eve, 4pm, 6pm, 12 Midnight
- Dec 25- Christmas Day: 8am, 10am, 12pm, 1:30pm
- Dec 31- New Year’s Eve: 5:30pm Mass & 7pm Party
- Jan 1st– New Year: 8am and 10am Bilingual

Religious Education News!

- 1- Children faith formation program and youth confirmation will begin on Sunday September 15.
- 2- Edge and Post Holy Communion Program will start on Wednesday September 18
- 3- RCIA and Adult Confirmation will begin on September 23

We are still taking registrations for all above programs. Please come and register now so we can arrange the classes accordingly. Thanks



CENA BAILE

Dinner Dance
 September 14, 2024
 4:00pm-10:00pm
 In the Parish Hall
 Tickets \$5.00 or
 \$20.00 for a family of
 4 or more



Divine Mercy Food Sales

Next Week September 8th after the 8, 10 & 12 noon masses.
 Cost of the Drinks is \$5.00 each.

SAGO T’GULAMAN \$5.00
HALO HALO \$5.00



JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY
 11 DAYS: FEBRUARY 10-20, 2025

VENICE * PADUA * FLORENCE * ASSISI * ROME * PAPAL AUDIENCE WITH THE VATICAN AND THE HOLY DOORS

Hosted by
FR. THI HOANG

\$3999 FROM SAN FRANCISCO*
*Air/land tour price is \$3469 plus \$530 gov't taxes/airline surcharges

For More Information, Please Contact:
 Tammy Vo
 Tel: (925) 698-4559
 Email: tammyhairtrends@gmail.com

DON'T MISS OUT! SIGN UP TODAY!




COME AND JOIN US

RED HAWK CASINO
 5 HOURS IN THE CASINO
 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

RESERVE YOUR SEAT NOW!!!

7:30 AM - passengers check in.
 8:00 AM - Bus will leave Good Shepherd Church parking lot
 5:00 PM - Approx return to Good Shepherd parking

LIGHT BREAKFAST ON BOARD

Cost: \$45.00 per person
 Refund: \$25.00 for free play
 Proceeds go to GSC/Padre Pio Prayer Group

BINGO, AND A LOT OF FUN INSIDE THE BUS

To sign up, please call: Cora (925) 354-2259
 Cecille (925) 300-6234; Lani (925) 212-8408
 Fe Reyes (925) 642-6854
 Hosted by: Saint Padre Pio Prayer group
 Bus: Martell

All passengers must bring a valid government photo ID.
If you have already a Red Hawk Casino card, please bring it.

Mass Intentions September 9 -September 15

Mass Intentions For The Week



Mon	7:30am	Sue Cavallaro †
Tue	7:30am	Roger Sanchez †
Wed	7:30am	Elvira Espiritu †
Thu	7:30am	Marcelino Rosado, Sr. †
Fri	7:30am	Suzie Galvan Balingit †
Sat	8:00am	Vincent Michael Bassi <i>(Birthday)</i> Dr. Ike Muonekwu † <i>(Death Anniversary)</i>
	5:30pm	Sancho Alesna †
Sun	8:00am	Raymond Massey †
	10:00am	Rebecca Jones †
	12:00pm	Josie Orozco †
	3:00pm	For the People of our Parish

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**MANY MINISTRIES
ONE CHURCH**
BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024

2024 Bishop's Ministries Appeal.

Our goal this year is: \$35,600.00 Let's work together to achieve our goal again this year. Year to date we have raised \$24,810.78(60.7%). Thank you so much for your support!

Weekend of September 1, 2024

Contribution amounts for the 1st will be updated in the September 15th bulletin due to the Labor Day holiday.

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

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

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.

Thank you!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

ISAIAH 50:4-9

JAMES 2:1-5

MARK 8:27-35

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT