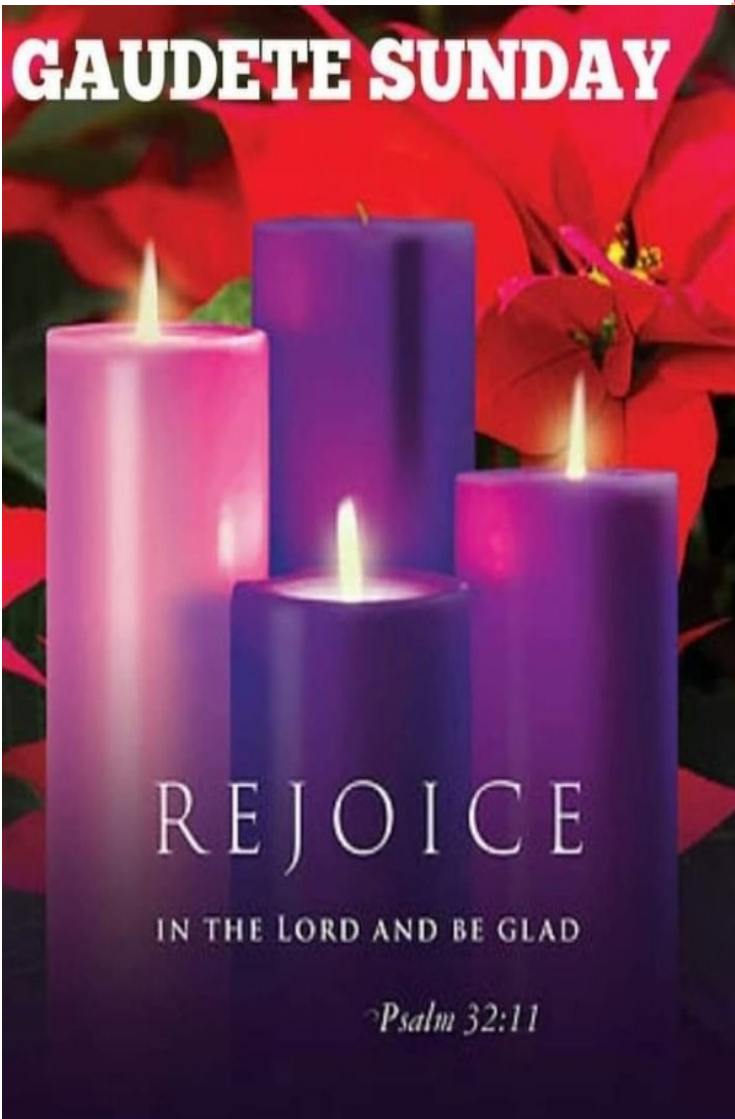




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DECEMBER 15, 2024



PARISH OFFICE HOURS
 Monday—Thursday: 8am—12 pm & 1 pm-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: 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 Manaoag ~5th Saturday
(All devotions take place following 8:00 am Mass)

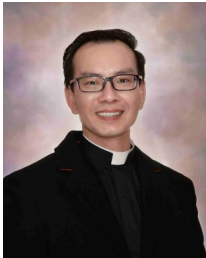
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 Vigil Service, Holy Mass and Burial in a Catholic Ceme-
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 priest.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK HOTLINE: 510-259-8706

Third Sunday of Advent



We are entering the third Sunday of Advent, which is called Gaudete, Rejoicing Sunday. We light the rose candle to remind us to rejoice, for our salvation is near. All the readings of today set up a tone for Joy. 1st reading: Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Psalm: (6) Cry out with joy and gladness, for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel. In the second reading, St Paul says: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! When St. Paul tells us to rejoice always, he is not talking about Joy as a passing emotional stages or different moments of feelings such as bad mood, good mood, anger or happy, but a deep abiding peace. Gaudete, rejoice! be grounded in Christ. It is no longer i who live, but it is Christ who lives in me.

That's what St. Paul is talking about. In Christ, the rock, no storm can shake that rock. Take the inventory of your life. What is causing you to be upset? Make a decision to change your approach. Lots of time, it is just a small thing but we make a big deal out of it. Is it really worth losing your joy because you couldn't find a remote control? Your spouse or your BFF forgot your birthday or your football team lost, your flight delayed or cancelled. Learn to relax and be patient.

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” God looks at all of us. He sees our weaknesses and failures and sins – and still he says, I know you are not perfect, but I love you anyway and I want you to be my child. God loves us not because we are good but because he is good; not because we are perfect but because he is; not because we are worthy, but because he is gracious. Every day is a gift from God, no matter it's good or bad, because each day is made by Him. He made it for us so we can rejoice! Isn't that wonderful? Friends, the glory of God is human fully alive. In order for your Joy to be complete, to get inner Joy, you are invited to our Advent reconciliation service on Monday, Dec 16 at 7pm. There will be more than 10 priests hearing your confessions. Please come to and be healed so that your joy might be complete. Amen! Happy Advent! Fr. Thi Hoang

Tercer Domingo de Adviento

Estamos entrando en el tercer Domingo de Adviento, que se llama Gaudete, Domingo de Regocijo. Encendemos la vela rosa para recordarnos que debemos regocijarnos, porque nuestra salvación está cerca. Todas las lecturas de hoy establecen un tono para la alegría. 1^a lectura: Grita de alegría, hija de Sión. Salmo: (6) Grita de alegría y júbilo, porque en medio de ustedes está el Grande y Santo de Israel. En la segunda lectura, San Pablo dice: Alegraos en el Señor siempre. Lo diré de nuevo: ¡alegraos! Cuando San Pablo nos dice que nos regocijemos siempre, no está hablando de la alegría como etapas emocionales pasajeras o diferentes momentos de sentimientos como mal humor, buen humor, enojo o felicidad, sino una paz profunda y duradera. Gaudete, ¡regocíjate! Estar arraigado en Cristo. Ya no vivo yo, mas vive Cristo en mí. De eso habla San Pablo. En Cristo, la roca, ninguna tormenta puede sacudir esa roca. Haz un inventario de tu vida. ¿Qué te está causando malestar? Toma la decisión de cambiar tu enfoque. Muchas veces, es solo una cosa pequeña, pero le damos mucha importancia. ¿Realmente vale la pena perder tu alegría porque no pudiste encontrar un control remoto? Tu cónyuge o tu mejor amiga olvidaron tu cumpleaños o tu equipo de fútbol perdió, tu vuelo se retrasó o canceló. Aprende a relajarte y a ser paciente.

“Este es el día que hizo el Señor; regocijémonos y alegrémonos en él”. Dios nos mira a todos. Ve nuestras debilidades, fracasos y pecados, y aún así dice: Sé que no eres perfecto, pero te amo de todos modos y quiero que seas mi hijo. Dios nos ama no porque seamos buenos, sino porque Él es bueno; no porque seamos perfectos, sino porque Él lo es; no porque seamos dignos, sino porque Él es misericordioso. Cada día es un regalo de Dios, no importa si es bueno o malo, porque cada día es hecho por Él. ¡Él lo hizo para nosotros para que podamos regocijarnos! ¿No es maravilloso? Amigos, la gloria de Dios es el ser humano plenamente vivo. Para que su alegría sea completa, para obtener alegría interior, están invitados a nuestro servicio de reconciliación de Adviento el lunes 16 de diciembre a las 7 p. m. Habrá más de 10 sacerdotes escuchando sus confesiones. Por favor, vengan y sean sanados para que su alegría sea completa. ¡Amén! ¡Feliz Adviento! Padre Thi Hoang

SIMBANG GABI MASS SCHEDULE

We will celebrate our yearly tradition of Simbang Gabi Masses on December 16-24, 2024. Masses will start at 5:30am in the church. They will be livestreamed as well. There will be four big receptions in the hall: Monday, Dec 16th; Saturday, Dec 21; Sunday, Dec 22 and Tuesday, Dec 24.



Besides these 4 big receptions, there will be light receptions like coffee and donuts, eggs ... served after the week day Masses in front of the church.

For Mass sponsorships, please contact our coordinators:
 Jasper Espiritu 415-503-8845; Shirley Quejado 925-586-7668; Ofelia Tanyag 925-890-2066

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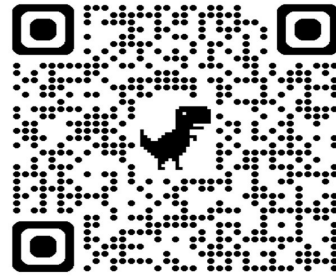
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SIMBANG GABI MASS SCHEDULE

Church of the Good Shepherd— Pittsburg
December 16-24 at 5:30am

IHM— Brentwood
December 16-24 at 6:00am

Most Holy Rosary - Antioch
December 15-23 at 7:30pm

St. Anthony—Oakley
December 16-24 at 5:00am

O.L. Queen of the World— Baypoint
December 15-23 at 7:00pm

St. Ignatius- Antioch
December 15-23 at 7:00pm



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ADVENT SCHEDULE 2024



Mass

Monday - Friday 7:30am (livestream)
 Saturday 8:00am (livestream); 5:30pm Vigil
 Sunday 8:00am, **10:00am (livestream)**, 12:00pm, 3:00pm (Spanish)

Adoration

Fridays 8am – 9am; First Friday 8am-6:45pm followed by the Sacred Heart Mass at 7pm

Confession

Fridays 8:00am-9:00am; Saturdays 4:00pm – 5:00pm or by appointment

- December 8:** **Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day**
 5:00am -Mañanitas and 2pm -Mass in Spanish
- December 9:** **Feast of the Immaculate Conception-Holy Day of Obligation**
 Mass at 7:30am and 7:00pm (bilingual)
- December 12:** **7pm- Misa de Virgen de Guadalupe**
- December 16:** **7pm- Parish Advent Reconciliation**
- December 16 - 24:** **5:30am Simbang Gabi Masses (livestream) with reception after Mass**
 (9 Filipino Dawn Masses before Christmas)
- December 16-23:** **7:00pm Las Posadas Navideñas in the hall with light reception to follow**
 (Hispanic Novena Tradition before Christmas)

2024 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

- December 24:** **Christmas Eve-Tuesday**
 4:00pm Children Mass (livestream)
 6:00pm
 12:00am Midnight Mass (livestream)
- December 25:** **Christmas Day-Wednesday-Holy Day of Obligation**
 8:00am
 10:00am (livestream)
 12:00pm
 1:30pm (Spanish)



NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

- December 31:** **New Year's Eve - Tuesday**
 5:30pm Vigil Mass
 7:00pm New Year's Eve Party
- January 1, 2025:** **New Year - Wednesday –Mother of God**
Holy Day of Obligation 10:00am (livestream)
 11:30am (bilingual)



UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* **EVENTS**



Dec 16-24 Simbang Gabi at 5:30am
 Dec 16-23 Las Posadas at 7pm
 Dec 16- Advent Reconciliation 7pm
 Dec, 24 Christmas Eve, 4pm, 6pm & 12 Midnight
 Dec 25- Christmas Day: 8am, 10am, 12pm, 1:30pm (Spanish)
 Dec 31- New Year's Eve: 5:30pm Mass & 7pm Party
 Jan 1st- New Year: 10am and 11:30am Bilingual

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JANUARY 18TH
SPAGHETTI
DINNER



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FEAST OF SANTO NINO
JANUARY 26, 2025 @12PM

PARISH CRAB FEED DINNER
FEB 22, 2025 @ 7PM

Attention!

Sanctuary Renovation Project is postponed for the time being due to the chapter 11 bankruptcy of the Diocese. Thank you for your understanding!

Posadas Navideñas

Días: del 16 al 23 de diciembre, 2024 de 7:00pm en el salón parroquial. Traiga a sus niños vestidos de pastorcillos o de personajes del pesebre para que como familia disfrutemos de nuestra tradición y nos preparemos para la venida de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.



Attention!!! Attention!!!

Christmas Spanish Mass Time Changed
25 de diciembre

1:30 p.m. (no habra misa a las 3:00 de la tarde)

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Advent 2024 Reconciliation Service

- Our Lady Queen of the World**
December 10 @ 7pm
- Church of the Good Shepherd**
December 16 @ 7pm
- Immaculate Heart of Mary**
December 17 @ 7pm
- St. Peter Martyr**
December 18 @ 7pm
- St. Anthony**
December 19 @ 7pm
- Most Holy Rosary**
December 20 @ 7pm



Parish
Advent Reconciliation
Monday,
December 16
at 7pm

Come One! Come All and Be Healed!

Mass Intentions For The Week



DECEMBER 16 - DECEMBER 22

Mon	7:30am	Sery Razo † (5th Death Anniv)
Tue	5:30am 7:30am	Allan Amigo Labian † Benedetto Cataldo †
Wed	5:30am 7:30am	Allan Amigo Labian † Benedetto Cataldo †
Thu	5:30am 7:30am	Allan Amigo Labian † Benedetto Cataldo †
Fri	5:30am 7:30am 7:00pm	Allan Amigo Labian † Lucia Villena Alcayde † & Andres Alcayde † Daniel Cortez Acuña †
Sat	5:30am 8:00am	Allan Amigo Labian † Benedetto Cataldo † Emmanuel Morales (Special Int.)
Sun	5:30pm 8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm 3:00pm	Temistocles L. Abad † Cesar Panugaling † Ramona & Reg Noon † Judy Mori † Martha de la Torre † (Birthday) FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

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2024 Bishop's Appeal	
Church of the Good Shepherd, Pittsburg	Goal \$35,600

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\$35,378.65	43	40	
Total Receipts	Average Total Gifts by Donor	Average Gift Amount Received	
\$34,415.35	\$884.47	\$822.76	

Weekend of December 1st.
1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$13,259.03
2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$2,885.76

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Weekend of December 8 & 15 are delayed due to early submission for the bulletin.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

MICAH 5:1-4
HEBREWS 10:5-10
LUKE 1:39-45

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT