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the Love of Christ**
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DECEMBER 29, 2024



THE HOLY FAMILY

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. - Lk 2:46

LA SAGRADA FAMILIA

Al tercer día lo encontraron en el templo, sentado en medio de los doctores, escuchándolos y haciéndoles preguntas. - Lc 2, 46

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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 (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)

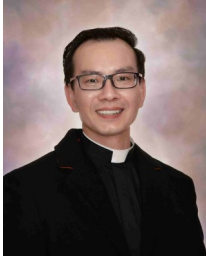
Baptisms: In order to make baptismal arrangements contact
Carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org or
Lorena@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

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

First Sunday of Christmas—Feast of the Holy Family



Friends, every year as we come to the end of the year, the church introduces to us the Great Feast of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph, to remind us of how much family means to our lives. If God needs a family to be raised up, how much do we value the importance of family we have, or are we taking it for granted? We are entering new year, what are your new year resolutions? If not focusing on building up your family relationship, what else is there?

Just think of the Holy Family more than 2000 years ago. What was it like to live day in and day out in the household of Joseph? Surely, it was like any other home. The Holy Family didn't become holy automatically. They had to earn their holiness by their endeavors. They would not have been exempt from daily toil, hurt and challenges that face most families. Just think of their flight to Egypt during the night to escape the persecution. They lost Jesus in the temple for three days. Mary saw her son crucified on the cross. God wanted to be born to a family that experienced these hardships, so that no one would feel excluded from the loving tenderness of God. This is significant because it reveals God's love for family life.

The challenge for us is how to keep the fire of love in our family? We live in society where there are too much of push and pulls, of distractions and temptations which easily make our family fall apart. Sometimes, I wonder why there are so many broken families nowadays. Is it because the society that favors divorce or because husband and wife don't take their commitment seriously. They give it up too easily. I know some married couples who break up after twenty, thirty or even forty years of marriage. They together put all effort to build their homes for many years and destroy them in just some moments of anger and conflict.

Family that prays together is the one that stays together. Some families are strong in virtue, some struggle with basic communication. Some are faithful day in and day out, some are broken and deeply wounded. No matter the case, know that God wants to enter more deeply into your family life just as it is right now. He desires to give you strength and virtue to live as the Holy Family. Surrender yourself and your family, this day, and invite the Triune God to make your family a holy family.

Primer Domingo de Navidad—Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia

Amigos, cada año al llegar al final del año, la iglesia nos presenta la Gran Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia: Jesús, María y José, para recordarnos cuánto significa la familia en nuestras vidas. Si Dios necesita que se levante una familia, ¿cuánto valoramos la importancia de la familia que tenemos, o la damos por sentado? Estamos entrando en un nuevo año, ¿cuáles son sus resoluciones de año nuevo? Si no se centran en construir su relación familiar, ¿qué más hay? Solo piense en la Sagrada Familia hace más de 2000 años. ¿Cómo era vivir día tras día en la casa de José? Seguramente, era como cualquier otro hogar. La Sagrada Familia no se volvió santa automáticamente. Tuvieron que ganarse su santidad con sus esfuerzos. No habrían estado exentos del trabajo diario, el dolor y los desafíos que enfrentan la mayoría de las familias. Solo piense en su huida a Egipto durante la noche para escapar de la persecución. Perdieron a Jesús en el templo durante tres días. María vio a su hijo crucificado en la cruz. Dios quiso nacer en una familia que experimentara estas dificultades, para que nadie se sintiera excluido de la ternura amorosa de Dios. Esto es significativo porque revela el amor de Dios por la vida familiar.

El desafío para nosotros es ¿cómo mantener el fuego del amor en nuestra familia? Vivimos en una sociedad donde hay demasiados empujones y tirones, distracciones y tentaciones que fácilmente hacen que nuestra familia se desmorone. A veces, me pregunto por qué hay tantas familias rotas hoy en día. ¿Es porque la sociedad favorece el divorcio o porque el esposo y la esposa no toman en serio su compromiso. Lo abandonan demasiado fácilmente? Conozco algunas parejas casadas que se separan después de veinte, treinta o incluso cuarenta años de matrimonio. Juntos pusieron todo el esfuerzo en construir sus hogares durante muchos años y los destruyeron en solo algunos momentos de ira y conflicto.

La familia que ora junta es la que permanece unida. Algunas familias son fuertes en la virtud, algunas luchan con la comunicación básica. Algunas son fieles día tras día, algunas están rotas y profundamente heridas. Sea cual sea el caso, debes saber que Dios quiere entrar más profundamente en tu vida familiar tal como es ahora. Él desea darte fuerza y virtud para vivir como la Sagrada Familia. Entrégate a ti mismo y a tu familia, este día, e invita al Dios Triuno a hacer de tu familia una familia santa.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year 2025/ Feliz Navidad y próspero año nuevo 2025

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

DECEMBER 31, 2024 @ 7PM

With Excecellent
Food & Drinks
DJ and Dancing

New York Time Count Down at 9:00pm with Balloon Pop n' Drop

**Prices: \$40 for Adult
\$15 for Children of 12 yrs & Under**
*Contact the parish office to make your reservation
or call Tammy Vo at 925-698-4559*

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)





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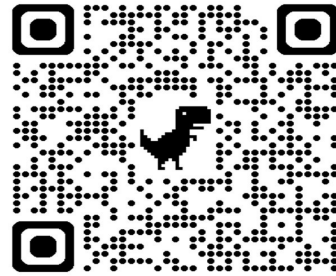
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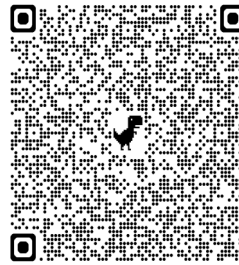
Good Shepherd's NEW Facebook page!



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 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!

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2025 Church Calendars

Are arriving around the end of December. Since we have limited copies, take one Only per family so we may have enough for all families. Thank you for your understanding!

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 of-

COME AND JOIN US!

CASINO BUS TRIP
CACHE CREEK RESORT & CASINO (5 hours)
SATURDAY - 01/11/2025

9:30 AM - check in @Church of the Good Shepherd
3200 Harbor St., Pittsburg

9:45 am - departure time

5:30 pm - Est. drop off @Church of the Good Shepherd

Cost: \$45.00/person
Refund: \$20 free play with ID

*****On board snacks and water *****
 ***** raffles, bingo, and a lot of fun*****

For reservation: Feli Buettner (925) 207-3501
Alma Espiritu (925) 597-2515

Zelle ok to : Alma Espiritu (925) 597-2515
 Memo: Casino trip and you name

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Diocese of Oakland

Are you being called?

Diaconate Formation Information Meetings

"By ordination, particularly and officially committed to service, the deacon is to inspire, promote and help coordinate the service that the whole Church must undertake in imitation of Christ. He has a special responsibility to identify to the Church those who are in need and particularly those who are without power of voice at the margins of our society. Among such people, the deacon is to speak about Christ and to offer them the Church's varied assistance. But in the Church, he is also to speak about the needy, to articulate their needs, and to inspire and mobilize the whole community's response. He thus becomes a representative figure in whom the Church reaches out to the needy and the needy challenge the Church." *(National Conference of Catholic Bishops: Permanent Deacons in the United States - Guidelines on Their Formation and Ministry - 1984 Revision, par 37)*

Candidate Qualifications

- Practicing Catholic for 10 years or more.
- Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, and be validly married by the Church, if applicable.
- At least 33 years of age but not older than 60 years of age at the time of application.
- Good physical and mental health.
- Gainfully employed or otherwise financially secure.
- Sufficient time to devote to the formation program.
- Demonstrates leadership ability and calling to the social justice ministry of the Church.
- If married, both oral and written support, endorsement and consent of his wife and family. His wife should be willing to participate in the formation process.
- A commitment to celibacy is required of non-married candidates, as well as widowers.

Time 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Sunday January 5, 2025 or on Sunday January 26, 2025

Location: Transfiguration Church parish hall, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley

Attend only one meeting. If married, wives are encouraged to attend.

For additional information contact, Diocesan Office of Clergy Services
 Cielo Barroso-Branco, 510-267-8356 C Branco@oakdiocese.org

UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* **EVENTS**



Dec 31- New Year's Eve: 5:30pm
 Mass & 7pm Party
 Jan 1st- New Year: 10am and 11:30am
 Bilingual

SPAGHETTI DINNER

JANUARY 18TH

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FEAST OF SANTO NINO

JANUARY 26, 2025 @12PM

PARISH CRAB FEED DINNER

FEB 22, 2025 @ 7PM

The members of
St. Vincent de Paul of
Good Shepherd

want to express our deepest gratitude on behalf of the less fortunate of our community. During the past year you have contributed to the feeding of thousands of families.

We welcome you to come see what we do or volunteer to help on Mondays or Saturdays.

THANK YOU FROM ALL OF US!

Children's Mass



Children's and Family Mass: First Sunday of every month at the 10:00 AM mass and 3pm Spanish. All are welcome.

Youth Mass

Every 3rd Sunday of the Month at 10am. All are welcome.

Youth Confirmation Retreat

Please keep our youth in your prayers. They will have two day retreat on Jan 11 & 12 here at our church. May the Lord inspire our youth with his zeal and passion so they may go and make a difference.




DECEMBER 30 - JANUARY 5

Mon	7:30am	Jacinto Recaro †
Tue	7:30am 5:30pm	Marissa Hart (Birthday) Vigil Mass for Mother of God
Wed	10:00am (Bilingual) 11:30am	Sery Razo † (Birthday) Rene Plata †
Thu	7:30am	Dominic Confetti † Fr. Thi Van Hoang (Birthday)
Fri	7:30am 7:00pm	Fr. Thi Van Hoang (Birthday Again) Thanksgiving for the Auza Family
Sat	8:00am 5:30pm	Enright & Herrera Families † Alvaro Punla † Johnny Mangante
Sun	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm 3:00pm	Marcial Butler Viloría † (Death Ann.) John & Mary Siino † Jimmy Roberts (Birthday) FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

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ONE CHURCH**
BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024

Congratulations to Us!

Thank you everyone for your generous donations to Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2024. We have made our goal of \$36,000. Any extra donation to this appeal will be returned to our parish. God is good! All the time!

Weekend of December 15th.

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$13,259.75

2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$3,548.25

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.

**The week of 22nd, will be updated
January 5th due to early submission
of the bulletin.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

ISAIAH 60:1-6

EPHESIANS 3:2-3A, 5-6

MATTHEW 2:1-12

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

BUILDING AND GROUNDS