



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

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**DECEMBER 8, 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 Manoaog ~5th Saturday

*(All devotions take place following 8:00 am Mass)*

**Baptisms:** In order to make baptismal arrangements contact

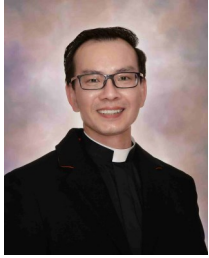
[Carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto:Carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org) or

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**Marriages:** In order to make marriage arrangements contact [carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto: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**



## 2nd Sunday of Advent

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Advent is the season of waiting, expecting and longing for Christ's return. There is a right way to wait and there is a wrong way to wait. A wrong way to wait is when things don't happen on our timetable, we get down and discouraged. Even though we know God has good things in store for us, we still lose our patience, we complain and we give up. It is because we are not waiting the right way.

St James 5:7 says: *Be patient as you wait.* A right way to wait is waiting with expectance. When we wait in a correct way, we are on the lookout. We are making preparations. Just like you are expecting someone for dinner, you don't wait until your guests show up then you decide to start cooking. Most likely you will start early in the day, making sure the house is clean. You will go to the grocery store, buying some flowers for the table, stopping by the bakery to get your favorite dessert (low fat, of course). You make all these preparations because you are expecting someone. Just think of your first date. How much you were longing for it. What if God is your first date? How are you going to prepare to meet him?

In the Gospel of today, St. John the Baptist tells us how these actions to be done to prepare for the coming of our Lord. Valleys are to be filled in, mountains and hills laid low, winding ways straightened and rough roads made smooth. Valleys are sins that create a gap in our relationship with God and with one another such as cheating, lying, gossip, and lack of prayer... Those valleys need to be filled. Mountains and hills refer to our egoistic and selfish tendencies, which do not give place to God. They are sins of pride, arrogance, fighting, anger, lack of forgiveness, hatred. These mountains and hills must be made low. Winding roads and rough ways are sins of double standard living, drunkenness, drug addiction, stealing, cheating and unfaithfulness in marriage. These winding roads and rough ways must be made straight and smooth. Let's prepare the way of the Lord and make straight his paths so we may all see the salvation of God.

Have a grace-filled Advent! Fr. Thi Hoang

## 2nd Domingo de Adviento

Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

El Adviento es la temporada de espera, anhelo y expectativa por el regreso de Cristo. Hay una manera correcta de esperar y hay una manera incorrecta de esperar. Una manera incorrecta de esperar es cuando las cosas no suceden en nuestro tiempo previsto, nos desanimamos y nos desanimamos. Aunque sabemos que Dios tiene cosas buenas guardadas para nosotros, perdemos la paciencia, nos quejamos y nos damos por vencidos. Esto se debe a que no estamos esperando de la manera correcta.

Santiago 5:7 dice: Ten paciencia mientras esperas. Una espera correcta es esperar con expectativa. Cuando esperamos de la manera correcta, estamos atentos. Estamos haciendo preparativos. Así como estás esperando a alguien para cenar, no esperas hasta que lleguen tus invitados para luego decidir comenzar a cocinar. Lo más probable es que comiences temprano en el día, asegurándote de que la casa esté limpia. Irás a la tienda de comestibles, comprarás algunas flores para la mesa, pasarás por la panadería para comprar tu postre favorito (bajo en grasa, por supuesto). Haces todos estos preparativos porque estás esperando a alguien. Solo piensa en tu primera cita. Cuánto la anhelabas. ¿Qué pasa si Dios es tu primera cita? ¿Cómo te vas a preparar para encontrarlo?

En el Evangelio de hoy, San Juan Bautista nos dice cómo se deben realizar estas acciones para preparar la venida de nuestro Señor. Los valles deben rellenarse, las montañas y las colinas deben allanarse, los caminos sinuosos deben enderezarse y los caminos ásperos deben suavizarse. Los valles son pecados que crean un vacío en nuestra relación con Dios y con los demás, como el engaño, la mentira, el chisme y la falta de oración... Esos valles necesitan ser llenados. Las montañas y las colinas se refieren a nuestras tendencias egoístas y egoístas, que no dan lugar a Dios. Son pecados de orgullo, arrogancia, peleas, ira, falta de perdón, odio. Estos montes y colinas deben hacerse bajos. Los caminos tortuosos y los senderos ásperos son pecados de vivir con doble moral, borrachera, adicción a las drogas, robo, engaño e infidelidad en el matrimonio. Estos caminos tortuosos y senderos ásperos deben hacerse rectos y suaves.

Preparemos el camino del Señor y enderecemos sus senderos para que todos podamos ver la salvación de Dios.

¡Que tengan un Adviento lleno de gracia! Padre Thi



**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

**MASS SPONSORSHIP for SIMBANG GABI Masses**

<b>DATE</b> (Please encircle mass date) <i>Complete 1 form for each requested date</i>	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>MASS</b>	SIMBANG GABI								
<b>DONATION AMOUNT:</b> If in check, please use "Church of the Good Shepherd" as payee									
<b>NAME/s of SPONSOR/s</b> (Please write the name legibly and as you want it read or displayed in mass slides)									
<b>INTENTION/s:</b>									
<b>Signature of Sponsor</b>									
<b>Sponsor's Telephone No.</b>									

Please return completed form **3 DAYS BEFORE YOUR REQUESTED MASS DATE**  
**To: Jasper Espiritu (415) 503-8845, Shirley Quejado (925)586-7668 or Ofelia S. Tanyag (925) 890-2066**



CHURCH OF THE  
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3200 Harbor St.  
Pittsburg, CA 94565

**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024 @ 7PM**  
**With Excelellent  
 DJ and Dancing**

**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*

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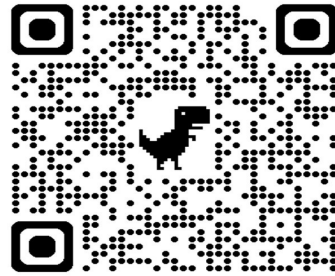
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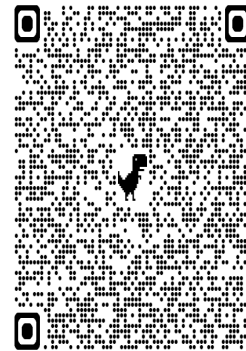


Be friends with us on our new facebook page, to get updated information and activities of our parish.

## 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!

## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception December 9, 2024

### Mass Schedule 7:30am

### 7:00pm Bilingual

## Holy Day of Obligation



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- 3- Point your camera to QR code
- 4- Enter the amount
- 5- Click Send



Thank you for supporting our Parish!





## 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 8- O.L of Guadalupe- 5am Mananitas and 2pm Mass  
 Dec 9- Solemnity of the Immaculate 7:30am & 7pm  
 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

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

**Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe**

**8 de diciembre 2024**

Todos estamos invitados a celebrar la fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe el 10 de diciembre, este es el programa: 5:00 am Cantarlea la Virgen las Mañanitas en la Iglesia. Después se saldrá en procesión hacia el salón parroquial haciendo las estaciones a la Virgen. En el salón parroquial se ofrecerá un desayuno para todos.



**2pm Misa dominical un grupo en español.** Dentro de la Misa habrá danzarte para honrara la virgen. Después de la Misa se venderá almuerzos en el salón parroquial con música a la Virgen.

**9 de diciembre, 2024**

7:00pm Misa de Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen- Bilingual

**12 de diciembre, 2024**

7:00pm Misa de Guadalupe

**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!!!**

Cambio de horario para las misas del **8 de diciembre**

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

**25 de diciembre**

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

**SAVE THE DATE**

**JANUARY 18TH SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**SPONSORED BY YLI**

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**FEAST OF SANTO NINO  
 JANUARY 26, 2025 @12PM**

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**PARISH CRAB FEED DINNER  
 FEB 22, 2025 @ 7PM**



**Deanery 10  
 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



# Mass Intentions For The Week



## DECEMBER 9 - DECEMBER 15

<b>Mon</b>	7:30am	Marcelino Rosado, Jr. †
	7:00pm	Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary <i>(Bilingual)</i>
<b>Tue</b>	7:30am	Joseph Lucido †
<b>Wed</b>	7:30am	Jess J. Hernandez † <i>(Birthday)</i>
<b>Thu</b>	7:30am	Frank Bustillos †
<b>Fri</b>	7:30am	Dan & Rob Reiley †
<b>Sat</b>	8:00am	Magdalena Torres † <i>(Death Anniversary)</i> Carmen Hereda †
	5:30pm	Russo, Aiello & Barnes Family †
<b>Sun</b>	8:00am	Maddie Adkins †
	10:00am	Victoria & Harry Osborne † Richard Zocchi †
	12:00pm	For the People of the Parish
	3:00pm	Salvador Cisneros †

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BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024

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

<b>Total Committed</b>	<b>Total Number of Gifts Received</b>	<b>Total Number of Donors</b>	Percent of Goal Achieved 96.67% 
\$35,378.65	43	40	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>Average Total Gifts by Donor</b>	<b>Average Gift Amount Received</b>	
\$34,415.35	\$884.47	\$822.76	

### Weekend of November 24

**1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$10,626.00**

**2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$3,045.99**

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

**REVELATION 12:1**  
**JUDITH 13:18, 19**  
**LUKE 1:39-47**

### NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**