



*One Flock, One Family, Living and Sharing
the Love of Christ*
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DECEMBER 22, 2024



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.” - Lk 1:45

4° DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

“Dichosa tú, que has creído, porque se cumplirá cuanto te fue anunciado de parte del Señor”. - Lc 1, 45

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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)

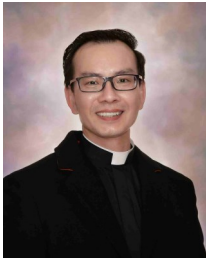
Baptisms: In order to make baptismal arrangements contact
Carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org or
Lorena@goodshepherdpittsburg.org

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

Christmas Message 2024



Dearest Flock of the Good Shepherd,

May the joy and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you and your family!

I would like to extend my blessings to you and your family as we all prepare for Christmas and New Year. I am grateful for all the blessings that God has bestowed upon our parish; and I am deeply thankful for your loving support, sharing your time, talents and treasures to build up our Good Shepherd family filled with love and hospitality.

We are about to say goodbye to 2024. Another year is going to pass with its ups and downs, with sadness and joys, touching our lives in various ways, all coloring our memories of this past year. You may have lost a loved one since last Christmas; or you may be overburdened by financial crisis, family problems or many other issues. If you are, I want to assure you that I do care and offer you prayers and support.

Christmas reminds us of the Holy Family. Just as we are going through difficult times, Joseph and Mary were also going through tough times while awaiting the birth of the child Jesus. Just like us, they were uncertain of what the future held for them. Our Blessed Mother being unwed and with a child, that in itself if discovered would bring the death penalty upon her. She undoubtedly would have had her own fears and anxieties. Joseph, as head of the family would have had his fears and worries as well. To add onto that, both Mary and Joseph had to travel on foot from Nazareth to Bethlehem for the census. It was not an easy journey for they could be easily robbed, beaten and killed on the way. Yet, they both placed their trust in God that he would look after them by his providential love and care. They knew that the Lord would not abandon them but show them the light at the end of the tunnel in their struggles. Like Mary and Joseph, we all experience difficulties in our lives. Let's place our trust in Jesus. Let us not be discouraged by our struggles of life but invite Jesus into the stable of our hearts this Christmas. Let us pray as a family of faith for a better year ahead, a year full of peace, love and joy.

Christmas is an opportunity for me to thank so many parishioners who give abundantly of their time and talents and treasure in making our parish the vibrant, faith-filled community that it is. As your shepherd, I treasure the gift of you and your generosity, sacrifices, and hard work you have shown to make this parish a beacon of Christ's love. In particular, I thank all volunteers who serve in the various ministries and organizations.

On behalf of Father Arn, Deacon Alberto, and all the parish staff, I wish each of you a grace filled Christmas and a blessed New Year! Please be assured of my prayers for your intentions and a remembrance at Holy Mass. May the peace, joy and love of the Holy Family be present in your lives each day of the New Year.

Fr. Thi Hoang

Parochial
Administrator

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Joy to the world



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



CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

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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*

Christmas Hospitality

We, the family of Church of the Good Shepherd, warmly welcome you to our church. If you are visiting us for the first time, we thank you for your loving presence. We hope you will visit us again. We hope you will feel at home in our community. We wish you a joyful Christmas with your loved ones. Hope to see you again!

Christmas and New Year Office Hours!

In order for our priests and parish staff to enjoy Christmas and New Year with their families, the parish office will be closed Dec 24, 25, 31, and Jan 1 (Note: our Parish office is closed on the weekend; and on Fridays we provide only a minimum service covered by volunteers).





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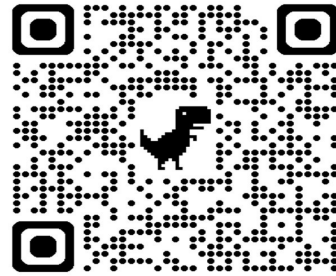
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- 3- Point your camera to QR code
- 4- Enter the amount
- 5- Click Send



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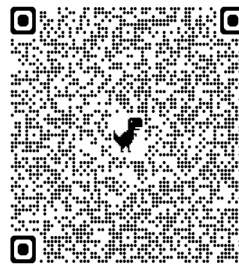
Good Shepherd's NEW Facebook page!



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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FAITH



HOPE



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2025 - 2026

ADMISSION OPEN

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School Facilities:

Small class sizes, individualized learning, diverse community, music, library, garden, and fresh made meals.

Enroll Now!

(925) 439-1014



A Lumen Christi Academy

2025 Church Calendar is 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!

Christmas Tree Giving Thank You

Thanks to our awesome and generous parishioners, through the Giving Tree program, our parish and Shepherd's Closet were able to provide for many children toys and gift cards and clothing.

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 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

Hosted by: YLI

All passengers must bring a valid government photo ID
Transportation provided by: First Class Charter



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 office for registration.

Attention! We accept only couples that are currently civilly married, and have never been previously married or divorced.

2024 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

- December 24: **Christmas Eve-Tuesday**
4:00pm Children Mass (livestream)
6:00pm
11:00pm Christmas Carol Prelude
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, 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

SAVE THE DATE

JANUARY 18TH

SPAGHETTI DINNER

SPONSORED BY YLI



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

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

**Christmas' Eve
Children Mass
December 24 at 4:00pm
All children are welcome!**



We celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 8, 2024



Posadas Navideñas
Días: del 16 al 23 de diciembre, 2024 de 7:00pm en el salón parroquial.

Attention!!! Attention!!!

**Christmas Spanish Mass
Time Changed
25 de diciembre**

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



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.**

Mass Intentions For The Week



DECEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 29

Mon	5:30am 7:30am	Allan Amigo Labian † Emmanuel Morales (<i>Special Inten.</i>)
Tue	5:30am 7:30am 4:00pm 6:00pm 12:00am	Allan Amigo Labian † Louis Sami † Alphonse & Genevieve Cappucini Jesse A. Soliz † (<i>Death Anniversary</i>) Sal "Tudi" Bruno †
Wed	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm 1:30pm (<i>bilingue</i>)	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Calone & Rodella Families (<i>Living & Deceased</i> †) Robert Navarro † Victor Reyes Aguirre †
Thu	7:30am	Maxima Navera (<i>87th Birthday</i>)
Fri	7:30am	Arsena Vloria † (<i>Death Anniversary</i>)
Sat	8:00am 5:30pm	Benedict & Ellen Vloria (<i>Thanksgiving</i>) Emmanuel Morales (<i>Special Int.</i>) Nathan Seth Stockwell †
Sun	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm 3:00pm	Dominic & Fran Confetti † Carol Zbacnik, Jim Matejeck, Angela Flosi & Mary Frencu † FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH Josue Corona (<i>Birthday</i>)

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

Weekend of December 8th.

1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$8,853.23

2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$3,7916.61

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 weeks of the 15th and 22nd, will be updated
December 29th, due to early submission
of the bulletin.**

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1 SAMUEL 1:20-22, 24-28

1 JOHN 3:1-2, 21-24

LUKE 2:41-52

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL