



CHURCH OF THE

*Good Shepherd*

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

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**JANUARY 12, 2025**



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
EL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR

“MY BELOVED SON.”

“MI HIJO AMADO”.

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

[Lorena@goodshepherdpittsburg.org](mailto:Lorena@goodshepherdpittsburg.org)

**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**





Dear Friends,

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry.

First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need a baptism, for he was born without a stain of sin. Why did He receive baptism? Jesus did it to show his solidarity with the human race. In lining up for baptism by John like a sinner, Jesus set aside all exemption for himself and completely identified with the sinful humanity and became one like us. The Jews came to John for Baptism, so did Jesus. The Jews paid taxes to Caesar, so did Jesus. Second, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, he was not baptized by the waters, rather, his baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, "baptized" by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation. Third, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world.

In short, the baptism of the Lord gives us a taste of God's unconditional love for all of us. God is not waiting for us to come to him, but he comes to us. He steps into the Jordan to absorb the sin into himself and to set us free. As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, let's reflect upon these words of the Father: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Let's turn our eyes to Jesus and heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, let's allow Him to fulfill that mission in our own life. Amen!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

I would like to extend my deep gratitude to all of you for your generous Christmas & birthday's presents and kind wishes. May God repay you with his abundant graces and blessings.

Fr. Thi Hoang

Queridos amigos,

### Bautismo del Señor

La fiesta del Bautismo del Señor marca la conclusión del Tiempo de Navidad y el comienzo del Tiempo Ordinario. Es una fiesta de transición de la vida oculta de Jesús a la de su ministerio público.

En primer lugar, es necesario señalar que Jesús no necesitaba un bautismo, porque nació sin mancha de pecado. ¿Por qué recibió el bautismo? Jesús lo hizo para mostrar su solidaridad con la raza humana. Al ponerse en fila para ser bautizado por Juan como un pecador, Jesús dejó de lado toda exención para sí mismo y se identificó completamente con la humanidad pecadora y se hizo uno como nosotros. Los judíos acudieron a Juan para el bautismo, lo mismo hizo Jesús. Los judíos pagaban impuestos al César, lo mismo hizo Jesús. En segundo lugar, se ha dicho que cuando Jesús entró en las aguas del bautismo, no fue bautizado por las aguas, sino que su bautismo fue uno en el que todas las aguas creadas de este mundo fueron, en cierto sentido, "bautizadas" por Él. Al entrar en las aguas, Jesús santificó el agua y derramó su gracia haciendo de toda agua la futura fuente de salvación. En tercer lugar, el Bautismo de Jesús fue una epifanía. Fue un momento de manifestación. Su bautismo es una manera en la que el Padre presentó a Su Hijo y la misión de Su Hijo al mundo.

En resumen, el bautismo del Señor nos da una muestra del amor incondicional de Dios por todos nosotros. Dios no está esperando que vayamos a Él, sino que Él viene a nosotros. Se adentra en el Jordán para absorber el pecado en sí mismo y liberarnos. Mientras nos preparamos para comenzar el Tiempo Ordinario, reflexionemos sobre estas palabras del Padre: "Tú eres mi Hijo amado; en ti tengo complacencia". Dirijamos nuestros ojos a Jesús y prestemos atención a cada palabra que Él dice. Él fue enviado a este mundo para atraernos al Padre, dejémosle cumplir esa misión en nuestra propia vida. ¡Amén!

¡Gracias! ¡Gracias! ¡Gracias!

Me gustaría extender mi profunda gratitud a todos ustedes por sus generosos regalos de Navidad y cumpleaños y sus amables deseos. Que Dios les pague con sus abundantes gracias y bendiciones.

Padre. Thi Hoang



Announcing... **AUDITIONS**  
for the **2025**  
**PASSION PLAY**

*Be a part of something that has been a Good Shepherd tradition for 31 years!*



Calling all Youth Ministry students and Peer Leaders:  
Be a part of the annual Passion Play ~ a Good Shepherd Youth Ministry  
tradition for over 3 decades. Tell the story of Christ's last days  
while having fun with friends and making new ones!

Whether you want to be onstage or backstage, come and sign up for this  
exciting way to bring Christ's Passion to life ~ and earn your service hours!

Sunday, January 19th - 12:30 (after LifeTeen) - Church Hall



Hope to see you there!



Any questions, contact Sue Garcia: 925-451-8867

### CHRISTMAS GIVE-AWAY THANK YOU

On behalf of Shepherd's Closet Christmas Give-away, a special thank you to the many people who were so generous to our program.

#### "193" CHILDREN HAD A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY

We were able to distribute new clothes, toys, winter pajamas, and many other items for children from newborn to 8 years old. We also had a bike and scooters, and we distributed handmade stuffed animals and printed blankets for children from one of our faithful parishioners.

In addition, we received six cases of new winter jackets from our Knights of Columbus chapter, and a huge supply of toys from the Italian American Organization. As they do every year, the Delta Advocacy Group gave us a generous monetary donation.

I wish I could name all of those who worked so hard all year long and at the Give-Away to make it successful, but that would take too long. Thank you to the Giving-tree program who supplied gift cards to those who needed financial help.

## Parish Crab Feed Dinner

### Saturday, February 22

### at 5:30 pm

Call the parish  
office to make  
reservation.  
925-432-6404  
More details to  
follow closer to  
the date.



### 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.

Our Lady of Lourdes  
The World Day  
of the Sick  
Healing Mass at 10am,  
February 08.  
Come and Be Healed!





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Your gift makes a huge difference!  
To make an electronic donation via

### Church of the Good Shepherd Zelle

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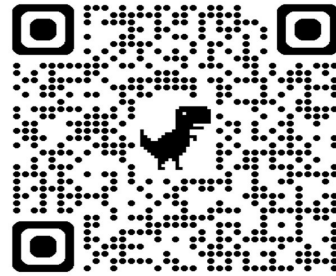
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- 3- Point your camera to QR code
- 4- Enter the amount
- 5- Click Send



Thank you for supporting our Parish!

## 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!

## ST. PETER MARTYR SCHOOL

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FAITH



HOPE



LOVE

### 2025 - 2026

### ADMISSION OPEN

St. Peter Martyr School, a private school serving the diverse community of Pittsburg, provides whole-child education from preschool through eighth grade. We nurture students' spiritual, academic, and social growth, preparing them to be lifelong learners and compassionate, socially aware citizens.

#### School Facilities:

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

#### Enroll Now!

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A Lumen Christi Academy

## 2025 Church Calendars

Are arriving SOON 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 office for registration.

Attention!

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

**Santo Nino Feast Day**  
**Sunday, January 26, 2024 at 12 pm Mass and reception to follow.**

If you would like to make a Mass offering for your special intentions. Please contact our ministries coordinator, Ofelia 925-427-1197.



The Santo Niño de Cebú is a Roman Catholic title of the Child Jesus associated with a religious image of the Christ Child widely venerated as miraculous by Filipino Catholics. It is the oldest Christian artifact in the Philippines, originally a gift from explorer Ferdinand Magellan to Rajah Humabon and his chief consort on account of their Christian baptism in 1521.

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**SIMBANG GABI FINANCIAL REPORT**

**WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP GRATITUDE TO THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY AND ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO WORKED SO HARD TO BRING A GREAT SUCCESS TO OUR SIMBANG GABI THIS YEAR. WE HAVE MADE A TOTAL INCOME OF**

**\$20,059.30**

**INCLUDING THE PLATE COLLECTIONS. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LOVING SUPPORT FOR OUR PARISH. GOD BLESS YOUR GOOD AND GENEROUS HEARTS. SALAMAT!**

**Church of the Good Shepherd**  
**3200 Harbor Street, Pittsburg, CA 94565**  
**Santo Niño Family Prayer Group Ministry**  
**MASS SPONSORSHIP**

DATE	Sunday, January 26, 2025 @12:00 Noon Mass
MASS	SANTO NIÑO FIESTA
DONATION AMOUNT: Please issue check payable to The Church of the Good Shepherd	
NAME OF SPONSOR	
INTENTIONS	
Signature of Sponsor	
Sponsor's Phone No.	

Please return your completed request form to: Ofelia S. Tanyag , (925) 890-2066 or Cynthia Auza, (925) 642-6509

## Events Calendar 2025

Jan 11- 12: Confirmation Retreat: Saturday Morning to Sunday afternoon

Jan 19- Spanish Parents Class

Jan 26: Feast of Santo Nino at 12pm Mass

Jan 29: Lunar New Year- 7:30am Mass

Feb 02: English Parents Class

Feb 08: Healing Mass at 10am

Feb 16: Spanish Parents Class

**Feb 22: Parish Crab Feed- 5:30pm**

March 02: English Parents Class

March 05: Ash Wednesday- 6:30am (Ash Service only); 7:30am; 12pm; 4:30pm (CCD); 6pm; & 7:30pm (Spanish)

March 06: Lenten Studies at 7pm

March 07- Friday Lenten Dinner @ 5:30pm;

Stations of Cross 6:30pm and Mass of Sacred Heart at 7pm

March 08: Rite of Election for RCIA at the Cathedral at 11am

March 09: TOB speaker to confirmation students at 11:00am

March 11: Lenten Confession 7pm

March 13: Lenten Studies 7pm

March 14: Friday Lenten Dinner @ 5:30pm;

Stations of Cross 7:00pm

March 15: Marriage Convalidation Retreat 9am-2pm

March 16- Lenten retreat Spanish at 1:30pm

(Spanish Parents Class attending the retreat)- Tentative Fr. Ponce

March 18: Lent Confession 7pm

March 20 Lenten Studies 7pm

March 21 – Friday Lenten Dinner @ 5:30pm;

Stations of the Cross 6:30, Guadalupe Mass at 7pm

March 25: Lent Confession 7pm

March 28- Friday Lenten Dinner @ 5:30pm; Stations of Cross 7pm

March 31- April 1: Parish Lenten Retreat 6pm (Tentative)

April 3- Lenten Studies 7pm

April 4- Lenten dinner at 5:30pm; Stations of Cross 6:30pm; Mass of S. Heart 7pm

April 6- Parents Class (English)

**April 7-8 Lenten Retreat w Fr. Daniel 7pm-9pm**

**April 9: Lent Parish Confession 7pm**

April 10- Lenten Studies at 7pm

April 11- Lenten dinner at 5:30pm; Stations of Cross 6:30pm; Taize Prayer 7pm

April 13- Palm Sunday

April 15: Lent Confession 7pm

April 17: Holy Thursday: 7:30am Morning Prayer;

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 18: Good Friday: 12pm (English), 3pm (Spanish), 6pm English)

April 19- Easter Vigil 8:00pm

April 20 - Easter: 7am; 8:30am; 10am; 12pm; 3pm (Spanish)

April 27- Parents Class (Spanish)

**April 30– FHC Confession at 5:30pm**

May 3- FHC (English) 10am

May 3- From Water to Fire (Confirmation Retreat)

5pm- 9pm with Confession

May 6-7: Youth Confirmation Discernment at 4pm-7pm

May 10- First Communion (Spanish) at 10am

**May 10: Parish Feast Day Bshp Barber presides 5:30pm Mass and Reception to follow in the hall**

May 13 – Fatima- Marian Procession 6:30pm & Mass 7:30pm

May 17- First Holy Com Spanish 10am

May 18- Youth and Adult Confirmation @5pm and 7pm

May 31- Healing Mass 10am

June 13- Fatima procession 7pm

June 16- Faith Formation registration Kick Off

July 12- Fatima Procession 6:30pm (After 5:30pm Mass)

July 19- Parish Hawaii Dinner Dance- Fundraising at 7pm

August 6- Staff Retreat – All Day

August 14- Assumption Vigil Mass at 7pm

August 15- Assumption- 7:30am Mass; 6:30pm Procession; 7:00pm Mass

August 23- Group Marriage Convalidation at 12pm

August 30- Healing Mass at 10am

August 31- Closing of RE Registrations

Sept 7- Faith Formation begins

Sept 13- Fatima Procession 6:30pm

Sept 22- RCIA begins

Oct 5- Flock Party – All Day: Masses 8am, 10am, 12pm, 1:30pm (Spanish)

Oct 12- Parents Sessions (English)

Oct 13- Fatima Procession 6:30pm, Mass at 7pm

Oct 19- Parent Sessions (Spanish)

Oct 31- All Saints Vigil Mass 7pm

Nov 1- All Saints- Saturday 8am; 10am, 12pm Bilingual

Nov 2- All Souls- 8am, 10am, 12pm, 3pm

Nov 2- Parents Sessions (English)

Nov 15 – Music Concert....7:00pm?

Nov 16- Parent Sessions (Spanish)

Nov 22- Healing Mass at 10am

Nov 27- Thanksgiving

Nov 30- Advent

Dec 5- Taize Prayer 7pm

Dec 7- O.L of Guadalupe- 5am Mananitas and 2pm Mass

Dec 12- Guadalupe Mass at 7pm

Dec 14- Parent Sessions (English)

Dec 15- Advent Reconciliation 7pm

Dec 21 Parents Sessions (Spanish)

Dec, 24 Christmas Eve, 4pm, 6pm, 12midnight

Dec 25- Christmas Day: 8am, 10am, 12pm, 1:30pm

Dec 31- New Year's Eve: Mass 5:30pm; NYE's Party at 7pm

New Year 2026- 10am; 11:30am Bilingual

*Mark Your Calendars*

UPCOMING

EVENTS





Spaghetti  
Dinner  
Fundraiser

SPAGHETTI DINNER

JANUARY 18TH

CANCELLED 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


**JANUARY 13 - JANUARY 19**

Mon	7:30am	Eva Viray †
Tue	7:30am	Felipe & Mary Vizcarra Family †
Wed	7:30am	Mike Gonzales †
Thu	7:30am	Rev. Fr. Arn Cabrias
Fri	7:30am 7:00pm	Rev. Fr. Dan Cambra & Family Our Lady of Guadalupe
Sat	8:00am  5:30pm	Mr. & Mrs. Ray Bustos Mr. & Mrs. Frank Jardine Annabelle Gutierrez Magtoto †
Sun	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm  3:00pm	Dominic & Fran Confetti † Nanette Llenos † Victor Montez † & Nacho & Josie Orozco † <i>FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH</i>



**MANY MINISTRIES  
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!**

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**ISAIAH 62:1-5  
1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11  
JOHN 2:1-11**

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**Weekend of December 29th**

**1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 7,496.58**

**2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 4,230.29**

**Weekend of January 5th**

**1st Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 15,323.08**

**2nd Collection (Cash, Checks, EFT) \$ 3,768.94**

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.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION**  
There is a correction for this mass  
January 12

**JANUARY 12 - DIOCESEAN VOCATIONS  
JANUARY 19 - CHURCH FLOWERS  
JANUARY 26 - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**