

Message from Father Thi

Dearest Flock of the Good Shepherd,

We are happy and excited to have our church reopened for public worship for the first time since the lockdown. In order to keep each other healthy and safe and to make sure that we follow the protocol when we go to church, we ask you to read thoroughly the following: May God protect us all.

With restrictions and limitations, under the guidance of Bishop Michael Barber and Contra Costa County Health, The Church of the Good Shepherd Church plans to reopen for public worship on July 1, 2020.

Before Mass

Reserve Your Ticket

To ensure that we do not exceed the 100 person capacity in the church and that no one is turned away at the door, each person attending Weekend Mass will need to obtain a free ticket with the link posted on our website or e-mail yvette@goodshepherdpittsburg.org or carmen@goodshepherdpittsburg.org to order.

Worship Schedule

Monday – Friday

7:30 am Mass in-person in the church

Saturday

8:00am Mass in-person in the church

5:30pm Vigil Mass in-person in the church (with ticket)

Sunday

8:00 am **Livestream Mass** in-person in the Spiritual Garden and parking lot (with ticket)

10:00 am **Livestream Mass &** in-person in the Spiritual Garden and parking lot (with ticket)

12:00 pm **Livestream Mass** in-person in the church (with ticket)

3:00 pm Mass in Spanish **-Livestream &** in-person in the church (with ticket)

Adoration

Fridays from 8am-9am

Confessions

Fridays from 8am -9am

Saturday from 4pm -5pm or by appointment

Livestream Mass

Sunday Masses will continue to be live-streamed on **YouTube** for those who are unable to attend Mass in person. Live at <http://m.youtube.com/user/EvolutionMovement/Videos?view-57&flow-list>

Gather Worship Aids

If you like to follow along with the prayers at Mass, bring your own worship aids such as Magnificat. There will not be missalettes or hymnals available in the church

Wear a Face Covering

Guided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), those over age 3 must wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth.

Arriving at Church

Arrive Early

Please arrive 30 minutes early to allow time to park and check-in. As a reminder please maintain 6 feet social distancing.

Park in the Church Front Parking Lot

The doors to the rear of the church will remain locked and will only be used as emergency exits at this time. If you need assistance with a handicap individual please contact one of the Ushers.

Keep Moving

Please move promptly to and from the church, as we must not gather in the front of the church, sides of church, or parking lots. This will help clear the area for the next mass.

Entrance and Exit

The main doors that face the parking lot are where we enter. The two side doors that face the parking lot is where we exit.

Inside the Church

Holy Water

Our holy water fonts have been empty for safety. The faithful may request holy water by contacting one of the Sacristans.

Escorted to Seats

To ensure proper social distancing, ushers will escort parishioners to seats. Members of one household may sit together in one pew.

6-Foot Distance

While seated, standing, and walking, people who are not in the same household must remain 6 feet apart from each other.

Liturgy

Procession

No procession at the beginning of the Mass

Presentation of the Gifts

To reduce contact, the presentation of the gifts has been removed.

Sign of Peace

To avoid contact, the Sign of Peace has been removed. We will offer peace in the silence of our hearts.

Communion

Communion will take place after Mass to allow those who are watching Livestream Mass to receive.

The Precious Blood (Cup) will not be available.

The faithful are strongly encouraged to receive Communion in the hand

Approach the sanctuary wearing a face covering. Place one hand under the other while keeping fingers together and receive the host. After receiving the host, step aside, lower/lift face covering, and consume.

If you must receive on the tongue, please wait to receive it last. The priest or Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion must sanitize his hands if they touch the tongue or the hand of the receiver.

Exit immediately after Communion through the two front side doors.

After Mass

“Gather” on Social Media

We cannot gather in front of the church or parking lots for fellowship but do check in on www.facebook.com/goodshepherdpittsburg.org to share your experience.

Download a bulletin

Print bulletins are available at the church and digital copies can be obtained at www.goodshepherdpittsburg.org

Cleaning

Restrooms, pews, and high touch areas of the church will be sanitized after each service.

Chapel

Will remain closed due to COVID 19 as a safety precaution due to the limited area inside the chapel until further notice.

Those at Risk

Those who are sick, elderly, immune-compromised, or otherwise at risk for COVID 19 should not attend Mass in person. Masses will continue to be live-streamed.

Until further notice, Bishop Barber continues to dispense the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.

For Holy Communion to the Sick and those at Risk or Holy Anointing, please call this phone number 510 259-8706 or email us at office@goodshepherdpittsburg.org for an appointment.

Clergy Instructions

After Mass, Priest or Deacon washes his hands with soap, wears alb and stole, and must disinfect his hands before distributing Communion, i.e., using Sanitizer/Disinfectant Gel.

The priest and deacon must wear a face covering for the distribution of Communion.

The priest does not wear a Mask or face-covering when presiding at Mass since he is far away from the people.

Only the priest, deacon, and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are to distribute Communion during the Mass.

If the priest's, deacon's and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion hand comes into contact with the faithful's hand, disinfectant wipes or a clean, unused cloth and a bowl of disinfectant should be available for the priest, deacon and Eucharistic Ministers to sanitize his fingers.