

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Mission Statement:

Good Shepherd Catholic Church is a diverse parish community; guided by the Holy Spirit into One Flock, following Jesus Christ, Our Good Shepherd to live and proclaim the Word of God.

We Value: Life Long Faith Formation | Sacramental Devotions
Evangelization | Community Service | Social Justice



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2021

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Schedule

Mass Times:
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Vigil
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11 a.m. and 1:00
and 5:00 p.m.
Weekdays: 8:30 a.m.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the John Paul II Room.

Baptism: Parents and godparents go to www.gscccg.org/sacraments/baptism for more information.

Marriage: Engaged couples begin preparation at least six months before wedding date. Schedule with parish office.

*Behold, the star that they had seen
at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped over
the place where the child was.*

Matthew 2:9

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PROMISE FULFILLED

Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
Monday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Tuesday:	St. John Neumann
Wednesday:	St. André Bessette
Thursday:	St. Raymond of Penyafort; Julian Calendar Christmas

From the Pastor's Desk

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our Good Shepherd Parish families, for your continuous and ongoing support this past year. Not only in spirit and action, but also financially. It is through the generous spirit of giving by you, our parishioners, that we are able to support our pastoral programs, continue to pay our debt for our new church, and be able to serve those in our community who are less fortunate than we are.

On a personal note, I want to express my deepest appreciation for all the generous gifts I received along with Christmas cards and kind words, which overwhelmed me. I cherish each one of you and offer my prayers and special celebration of the Holy Mass of Thanksgiving. May God reward your generosity, love, and support that Father Julius and I so graciously and humbly feel.

Yours in Christ,
Father Chris

Farewell to Fr. Chris

We have been fortunate to have Father Chris Frazer as our Pastor for the past 18 months. However, as of February 1, Father Chris will be reassigned as Vicar General for the Diocese of Sacramento. Since we are unable to have a farewell gathering, Father Chris will be at all Masses on the weekend of January 30 & 31 to say goodbye. If you would like to send a card or note for him you may mail it to the parish office.

Please join us in welcoming **Father Michael Vaughan** as our new Pastor. Father Vaughan is the current Vicar General.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

Attending Mass

Since our county has been moved back into the purple tier, we are again restricted to outdoor gatherings only. At this time, our Masses are scheduled to be outside under the tent. PLEASE be mindful that due to inclement weather, things can change very quickly. If there is a change, an email will be sent to all who have signed up to attend Mass. Our website will also be updated. It's a good idea to always check your email and/or our website before coming to Mass.

Remember that due to spacing issues, not everyone will be seated under the tent. You should bring a lawn chair and an umbrella just in case you need it. The worship space is not heated so dress appropriately!

Evangelus Communication Tool

We are testing a new communication tool called "Evangelus". It will be used to send email and possibly text messages to parishioners when we have important information to communicate. If we have your email on file, you should have already received something. If you haven't, please contact us at gscdevelopment@frontier.com to be added to our email list.

Stay Connected!

There are several ways to stay connected and aware of what is going on here at Good Shepherd.

- The best way is to check **our website, www.gscccg.org**.
- Download **our app, My Parish**.
- **Our YouTube channel**. Search for "Good Shepherd Catholic Church Elk Grove" and subscribe.
- **Our Facebook page**. Search for "Good Shepherd Catholic Church" and like our page.

St. Vincent de Paul News

Thank you for all you do to support SVdP. We are currently not accepting clothing or household goods. We also ask that the following items NOT be placed in the wagon in the narthex: fresh food, expired canned goods, partially consumed foods, or medications of any kind.

Here are our recent food distribution numbers:

11/30/20: 35 families (162 people) and 148 boxes of food

12/07/20: 32 families (135 people) and 119 boxes of food

12/14/20: 31 families (139 people) and 119 boxes of food

12/21/20: 46 families (203 people) and 197 boxes of food

Food distribution is on Mondays from 10:00-11:00 a.m. **SVdP has funds available for Utility assistance for our 95757 and 95758 residents. For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.**

Catholics Returning Home

Do you know someone who has left the Church? Most of us do not have to look very far to find non-practicing Catholics in our circle of family and friends. Many of us are concerned about these loved ones, but we don't know how to help them. Obviously, most of them are searching, but how can we help them find their way home?

As baptized practicing Catholics, we have a precious gift of faith and love from the Lord that needs to be shared with our non-practicing brothers and sisters. First, we need to pray for them. Next, we need to extend a personal invitation to them to come home to the Catholic Church. Most non-practicing Catholics are waiting for an invitation to return. Many mistakenly think they are excommunicated and are not welcome to return for a variety of reasons.

Here at Good Shepherd, we have a special program to help non-practicing Catholics return to the Church and it's entitled "Catholics Returning Home." The series begins on **Thursday February 11th**. To participate in this program for the 2021 Lenten season, please pick up a brochure and a registration form and pass it on to anyone you know who might be interested. Or you can download a brochure and registration form from our website. Registration ends on February 4, 2021. For more information, please call Verne Bowers at 916-479-3930.

All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

— Psalm 72:11

Knights of Columbus Laguna Council # 11236

The Knights of Columbus are looking for a few good men! If you are interested in joining the largest Catholic men's fraternal organization then look no further. We are your Priest (Fr. Chris and Fr. Julius), we are your Deacons (Deacon Bill and Deacon Rommel). We are many of the Lectors, EM's, Ushers, and many Parish Ministry Leads are Knights. Chances are the Catholic man that sits in front or behind you at Mass is a Knight. We do great things at Good Shepherd. For more info contact: Richard Thompson (916) 895-9121 or uwdawg1950@gmail.com. God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Protect Every Life: Talk about Human Dignity

Mon. Jan. 11 at 7:00pm | Facebook: www.facebook.com/SCDFormedFaith/

This conversation is crafted to engage youth and young adults' minds and hearts toward the inherent dignity of the human person. We address modern day violations of human dignity and ask the question: How do we reverse this? We invite youth and young adults to join us in restoring our culture. There are no graphic images in this presentation. Website Details: <https://www.scd.org/protecteverylife>. Contact Moises De Leon (916)733-0133 or Mdeleon@scd.org for more information.

Navigate—Diocesan Youth Group

Sun. Jan. 10th at 7:00pm YouTube Channel: Diocese of Sacramento

Navigate, our diocesan wide virtual youth group has launched and invites all Middle School and High School teens to watch the next livestream on January 10th at 7PM. All teens are encouraged to participate and dive deeper into the Catholic faith and explore its richness. This is a time for teens to find community and fellowship as they learn how to navigate their lives towards Christ. For more information visit <https://www.scd.org/Navigate> or contact Antony Ta at ata@scd.org.

Into the Mix—Diocesan Young Adult Group

Thursday, January 21 at 7:00pm YouTube Channel: Diocese of Sacramento

Into the Mix has kicked off and we have our next stream scheduled for January 21st! "Into the Mix" is a monthly livestream on YouTube where we will have guests share about their spiritual lives, talk theology and reveal their signature drink. Come and ask questions through chat, engage in dialogue, and hear about various topics through the lens of the Catholic faith. Come to the table with a drink, some snacks and join in the conversation. Contact either Antony Ta at ata@scd.org or Alex Barraza at Abarraza@scd.org for more information.



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Praying For Our Community

We lift up their names in our prayers of the faithful

Saturday, January 2, 2020

5:00 pm

Raquel Beldad (BD)
Joseph Glac Tran (SI-H)
Dang Families (TG)
Hien Huynh (+)
Lynn Millare (+)

Sunday, January 3, 2020

7:00 am

Martinita Cruzado (+)
Perceval Evangelista (+)
Roselie Gau (+)
Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)
Alfred and Helen Lial (+)

9:00 am

11:00 am

Marina Yumena-Lucina (SI)
Jose and Ilda Martins (+)

1:00 pm

Alfred Anthony (+)
Evelyn Menon (+)

5:00pm

Daniella Zafra Ramos (BD)

Monday, January 4, 2020

8:30 am

Domingos & Maria Fagundes (+)

Tuesday, January 5, 2020

8:30 am

Wednesday, January 6, 2020

8:30 am

Thursday, January 7, 2020

8:30 am

Manuel & Tina Marquez (+)
Alfred Solorio (+)

Friday, January 8, 2021

8:30 am

Key:

Deceased (+) Thanksgiving (TG)

Death Anniversary (DA) Birthday (BD) Special

Intention (SI) Wedding Anniversary (WA) (SI-H)

Special Intention for healing

Stewardship at Good Shepherd

Weekly collection total for Dec 19/20 will appear in next weekend's bulletin.

Thank you for your support of our parish. COVID-19 has changed many things this year. Unfortunately, it has even impacted the finances of our parish and we need your help. As you plan your end-of-year charitable contributions, please keep us in mind and consider making a donation or setting up a recurring gift using our online giving provider, Faith Direct.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/CA688, or text 'Enroll' to (916) 439-8801.

Thank you for your continued support!



Together IN CHRIST

Responding to Coronavirus

Due to the ongoing spread of COVID-19, families have been faced with the challenge of establishing a 'new normal' in their daily lives. The disruptions that families experience with the closure of schools, child care centers, workplaces, as well as many other services, can be a cause of tension and distress.

Whatever your family situation, there is an opportunity to find grace in the midst of this crisis. Families can use this time as an invitation to focus on our relationships and on building strong family bonds. Here are a few suggestions on how to use this time well:

Pray Together

- Visit your local parish: some churches are still open for private visits. Spend time as a family before Jesus in the tabernacle. He is waiting for you!
- Pray the Rosary — Try starting with just one decade and offer it for an intention important to your family.
- Pray the Stations of the Cross — do this at home with a simple cross or crucifix.
- Meditate on the Scriptures

Build and Fortify Your Relationships

- Set aside time to pray with your spouse
- Consider using extra time to enrich your marriage
- Be Kind
- Write a mission statement for your family.

Have Fun Together

- Do something fun as a family — bake a pie, bring out a board game, get creative with craft supplies, or take a nature walk at a nearby trail.
- Plan a family celebration for upcoming feast days honoring the saints.
- Start building a family photo album or photobook. Organize your photos and plan some home videos.



Parish Registration and Change of Address

New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community?

Recently moved or changed contact information?

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Phone _____

E-mail _____

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