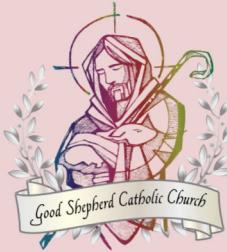


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## Mission Statement:

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.

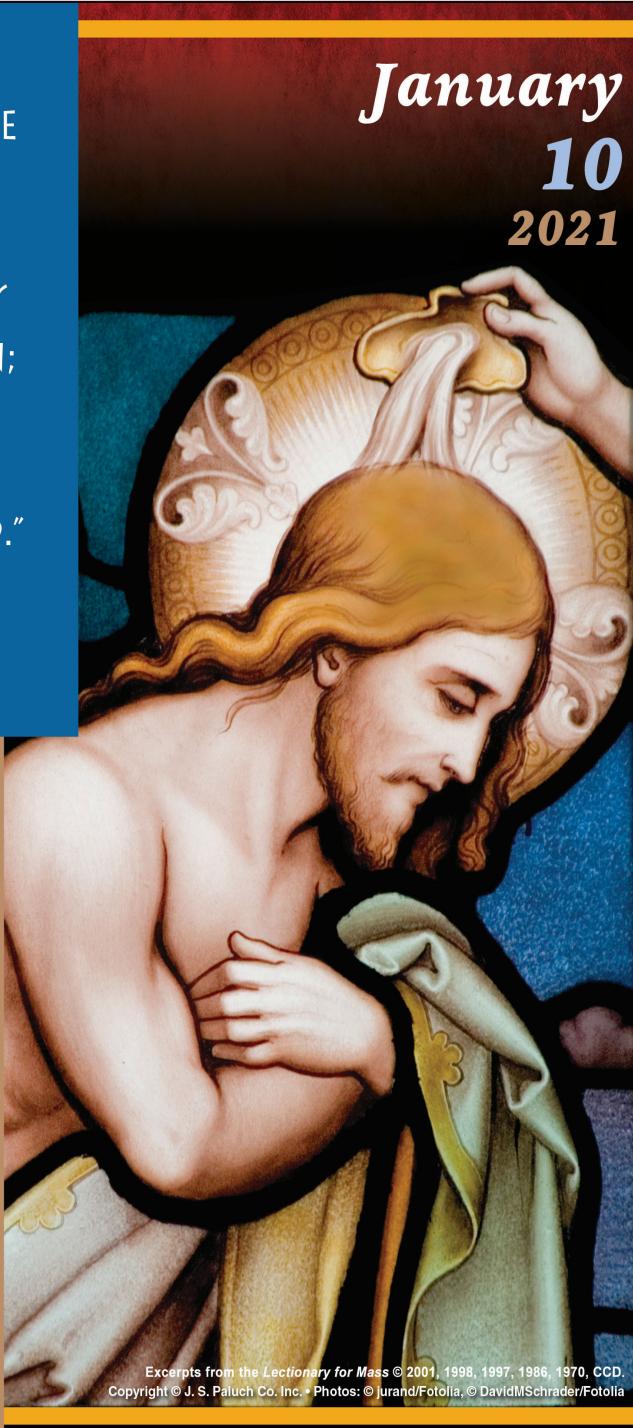
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FROM THE  
HEAVENS,  
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BELOVED SON;  
WITH YOU  
I AM  
WELL PLEASED."

Mark 1:11

THE  
BAPTISM  
OF  
THE  
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## Parish Staff

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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.gscceg.org/sacraments/baptism](http://www.gscceg.org/sacraments/baptism) for more information.

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

## THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this "knits" the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he "knit" himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary's womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

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## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Baptism of the Lord
Monday:	First Week in Ordinary Time begins
Wednesday:	St. Hilary
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

He will baptize  
with the  
Holy Spirit



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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



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.

## 2020 Tax Statements

Please remember, if you are requiring a tax statement for your church donations, you must call or email the church office. **If you have previously requested a tax statement, you will automatically receive one this year.**

## Parish Office Closure

The parish office will be closed on January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

## Donation Request

The parish is in need of plain white hand towels to be used at baptisms. If you would like to donate some, please drop them off at the parish office. Thank you.

## **Evangelus Communication Tool**

We are using 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](mailto:gscdevelopment@frontier.com) to be added to our email list.

## **Attending Mass**

At this time, all Masses are 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!

## **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.

## **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. 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.



## **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](mailto:uwdawg1950@gmail.com). God Bless and Vivat Jesus!



## **Protect Every Life: January Pro-Life Virtual Events**

### **Talk about Human Dignity**

Jan. 11 at 7:00pm | Facebook: [www.facebook.com/SCDFormedFaith/](https://www.facebook.com/SCDFormedFaith/)

This conversation is crafted for youth and young adults to learn about the inherent dignity of the human person. We address modern day violations of human dignity and ask the question: How do we reverse this? There are no graphic images in this presentation.

### **Respect Life Novena**

Jan. 14-22 | FB LIVE <https://www.facebook.com/SCDFormedFaith/>

Our Respect Life Novena is dedicated to those babies who have been aborted, for those mothers who have suffered a loss of a child, and mothers in need. Each day will be led by our diocesan clergy and laity. Connect to Facebook or Instagram for each day's prayer and reflection: @SCDFormedFaith.

### **Support Local Mothers in Need**

Donate now to receive a Diocese of Sacramento Respect Life Packet which includes a "Protect Every Life" mask, digital Novena prayer card, Young Saint cards, and additional Respect Life information. Proceeds will go to Sacramento Life Center, Gabriel Project and Bishop Gallegos & Mother Teresa Maternity Homes. To donate visit: [https://catholic.formstack.com/forms/protect\\_every\\_life\\_2021](https://catholic.formstack.com/forms/protect_every_life_2021).

### **Respect Life Mass**

Jan. 22 @12:10pm | FB Live: [CathedraloftheBlessedSacrament](https://www.facebook.com/CathedraloftheBlessedSacrament)  
48th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade: The Catholic Faithful and all people of goodwill are encouraged to observe this Day of Reparation with prayers for the legal protection of human life, works of mercy and penance in preparation for the persistent violations of human dignity inflicted by the practice of abortion.

For more information on all of these diocesan Respect Life events, go to: <https://www.scd.org/protecteverylife> or contact Moises De Leon (916)733-0133 or [Mdeleon@scd.org](mailto:Mdeleon@scd.org) .

# *Praying For Our Community*

*We lift up their names in our prayers of the faithful*

**Saturday, January 9, 2021**

**5:00 pm**

All Unborn babies (SI)  
Climaco-Onia family (SI)  
Helen Bayha (SI-H)  
Margaret Egurrola (SI-H)  
Domingos & Maria Fagundes (+)  
Robert Tauscher (+)  
Ralph LeGale Wofford (+)

**Sunday, January 10, 2021**

**7:00 am**

Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)  
Douglas Rosales (+)

**9:00 am**

**11:00am**  
Shybi George (BD)  
Mike Dodd (10yrDA)  
Eliza Sazon (40 day DA)

**1:00 pm**

**5:00pm**  
John Marcotte (+)

**Monday, January 11, 2021**

**8:30 am**

Margaret Egurrola (SI-H)  
Helen Bayha (SI-H)

**Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

**8:30 am**

Norman Chavez (BD)

**Wednesday, January 13, 2021**

**8:30 am**

Joe Avis (+)

John Marcotte (+)

**Thursday, January 14, 2021**

**8:30 am**

**Friday, January 15, 2021**

**8:30 am**

Tim George (BD)

**Key:**

Deceased (+) Thanksgiving (TG)

Death Anniversary (DA) Birthday (BD) Special

Intention (SI) Wedding Anniversary (WA) Special

Intention for healing (SI-H)

## *Stewardship at Good Shepherd*

Weekly collection total for Dec 19/20: \$18,654.79

Weekly collection total for Dec 26/27: \$11,964.80

*(includes contributions made through Faith Direct)*

COVID-19 remains a concern for all of us. It is during challenging times like these that our community turns to Good Shepherd the most. In order to continue our ministry, we need your financial support. We prayerfully invite you to use eGiving to make a donation or set up a recurring gift using our online giving provider, Faith Direct. **Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/CA688](http://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?

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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