

AFTER JESUS WAS BAPTIZED,
HE CAME UP FROM THE WATER AND BEHOLD,
THE HEAVENS WERE OPENED FOR HIM,
AND HE SAW THE SPIRIT OF GOD
DESCENDING LIKE A DOVE
AND COMING UPON HIM.

MATTHEW 3:16

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 12, 2020



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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.

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

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Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. at the church, or by appointment.

Baptism: Parents and godparents please see our baptism information at www.gscccg.org regarding scheduling for the baptism class.

Marriage: Engaged couples begin preparation a minimum of six months prior to the date of the wedding. Please contact the parish office to schedule.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School

K-8 Principal: Marci Greene (916) 684-7903

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Schedule

Mass Times:

Saturday at 5p.m. Vigil

Sunday at 7, 9, 11 a.m. and 1, 5p.m.

Weekdays at 8:30 a.m.

First Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

Holy Days of Obligation - 7p.m. Vigil, and 8:30 a.m. and 7p.m.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: 9, 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Masses on Sunday

Kinderchurch: 9 a.m. Mass only

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

First Thursday, silent adoration, and with prayers of devotion - 6 to 8:30 p.m. First Friday, Exposition at 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. with Divine Mercy chaplet and solemn benediction.

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THIS IS MY BELOVED SON

This Sunday's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season. In the scriptures we see one more epiphany, or manifestation, of the Spirit of God in Jesus—but this time it is as an adult, rather than as a child. Jesus' baptism also serves as the inauguration of his prophetic mission and the messianic age.

Today's reading from Isaiah describes God's chosen Messiah, upon whom God's spirit rests. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter says that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power" (Acts 10:38). Finally, in the proclamation from Matthew's Gospel Jesus' baptism in water goes almost unnoticed. The crucial moment comes when the Spirit of God comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven echoes the words of Isaiah: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time; St. Hilary
Friday: St. Anthony
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary;
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

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 Edgardo and I so graciously and humbly feel.

Yours in Christ,
Father Chris

Fellowship Breakfast

Please join in Fellowship! What a great way to start your new year! All are welcome to our Fellowship Breakfast this morning, January 12th, following the 7:00 a.m. Mass with continuous serving until shortly before the 11:00 a.m. Mass begins. The meal is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and hosted by the Hospitality Ministry. It's a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10;
Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;
Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;
Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3;
Jn 1:29-34

Thank You from Father Diogo Baptista

Dear Parishioners of Good Shepherd,
You have gone above and beyond in making my Golden Jubilee truly GOLDEN and I appreciate it very much. Words can not express my gratitude and thankfulness. All I can say is that you are in my prayers and will always be.

May the good Lord continue to bless you and all your families more and more abundantly all of your lives.

Gratefully,
Fr. Diogo Baptista

Environment Change

The Art and Environment Ministry will be changing the church environment back from Christmas to ordinary time on January 18th at 9:00 a.m. This is a large undertaking that will require lots of help. Sign up under the volunteer link on our website. Your help will be much appreciated!

2019 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 requested a tax statement last year, you will automatically receive one this year.**

Parish News

Parish Office Closure

Please note that the parish office will be closed on January 20th in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

LifeTeen

Sunday evening Life Nights will resume with our spring kick-off on Feb. 2nd. Until then . . . Join us for the Walk For Life on January 25th! Parents and kids—stay up to date on our activities by registering on our website to receive text updates.

Grief Support Sessions

St. Joseph's Ministry of Consolation will be offering weekly grief support sessions on Wednesday mornings through Feb. 19, 2020 from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. We are present for those grieving the loss of a loved one or other significant loss in one's life. This ministry takes place in the context of faith, and is caring, supportive, and compassionate. For more info, please contact Marilyn at 916 769-5835 or Mary Ellen at 916 893-8863.

Stay inFORMED

Remember to make it a point to enjoy the free movies, books, talks, and study programs on **formed.org** that are provided to you at no cost by Good Shepherd. Visit our website and click on the "Formed" link on the home page for free access.

Download Our Parish App!

Don't forget to check out our app, **MYPARISH**. This is a great tool to stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar and much more! Download it at **myparishapp.com**, search your phone's app store for **myparish**, or click on the **MYPARISH** icon under the "more/parish resources" tab on our website.

Ministry Highlight

Social Committee

Our Social Committee is a very active service ministry. Often, our function is to set up for an event, organize food, serve our guests, and clean up. A few of the events the Social Committee has participated in this year have been the receptions for Father Chris, pancake breakfasts and reception for Father Baptista. The Social Committee will be putting on our 25th annual Crab Feed on February 29th.

We are open to all parishioners who enjoy serving others, meeting people, and spending time with our parish family. We meet the first Monday of each month. We would love for you to join us! If you are interested, please call Cathy at 916-947-9483.

Upcoming Events

13th of the Month Rosary

Our 13th of the Month Fatima Rosary prayer will be on Mon., Jan. 13 after the 8:30 a.m. mass in the church. Please join us and let us make Our Blessed Mother smile and happy as we obediently fulfill our promise to her.....pray, pray, pray the Rosary everyday.

Walk for Life West Coast 2020

The 16th Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco is Sat., Jan. 25th, 2020. For the 14th year, we are chartering buses to attend the Walk. The cost is \$25/person. Please consider joining us to stand against the culture of Death and proclaim life in our Lord. For more information about the Walk, please visit www.walkforlifewc.com or email Gary Hickman at greenhope28@yahoo.com.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Auction

Please help support our school through this fun fundraising event! The 21st Annual Mad Hatter's Auction & Gala benefiting SEAS will be on Saturday, February 22 in the Father Philip Wells Hall from 5:30pm to 10:00pm. There will be a cocktail reception, silent auction, dinner, dessert and live auction and dancing until 10:00pm. Tickets are \$65 each or \$600 per table. Ticket sales are open now on the school website: www.stelizabetheg.org. Sponsorships & Donations are also open and your support is needed! Please see the Auction Sponsorship link on the school website for more information or contact Auction Chair, Mari Medina at (916) 402-4792.

St. Vincent de Paul News

Thank you for all you do to support SVdP. We must follow strict guidelines on what can be safely distributed to those who come for food on Mondays. Therefore, we request 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. On January 6th we served 36 families consisting of 161 people and gave out 146 boxes of food.



Food distribution hours are Mondays from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Please note that there will be no food distribution on December 30th. For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 11, 2020

5:00 pm

Do family (TG)
Pepita Fontanilla (DA)
Teresita Guerrero (+)
C.V. Joseph (DA)
Mary Joseph (DA)
Jack Stockton (+)

Sunday, January 12, 2020

7:00 am

Norma Inigo (BD)
Medardo Bejarin (+)
Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)

9:00 am

Juan Borrego (SI)
Rigoberto Colon (+)
Joao Silva (+)

11:00 am

Philip Carey, Esq. (SI)
Norman Chavez (BD)
Ortiz family (TG)

1:00 pm

Alice Gore (BD)
Virgie Rodriguez (BD)
Dionicio & Myrissa Cacho (TG)

5:00 pm

All souls in purgatory (+)

Monday, January 13, 2020

8:30 am

Joe Avis (+)
Robert Gari (+)
Jack Mc Carroll (+)
Mary K. Rooney (+)
Maureen Redmond (+)

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

8:30 am

Greg Carvin (BD)
Marcelino Madayag (DA)
Natividad Ocampo (1yrDA)

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

8:30 am

Benito De Guzman (BD)
Arlene Martin (+)
Andrea C. Mejia (+)
Nieves C. Mejia (+)

Thursday, January 16, 2020

8:30 am

Christian Carvin Jr. (BD)
Alyssa Fabela (BD)

Friday, January 17, 2020

8:30 am

Sammy Boy Antonio (SI)

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

- **Collection Total for Dec. 28/29: \$19,969.60**
- **Christmas: \$43,438.74**
- **St. Vincent de Paul: \$5,321.94**
- **New Years, Building Fund and Jan 4/5 totals will appear in next weekend's bulletin.**

(Weekly total includes contributions made through Faith Direct)

Can't find your checkbook or envelope on Sunday morning? Join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to Good Shepherd. It is secure, convenient, and Faith Direct will provide you an offertory card to place in the collection basket. There is no cost to you and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code: CA688, or by mailing a paper enrollment form available in the parish office.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

Good Shepherd's
25th Annual Crab Feed



Sat., Feb. 29th, 2020
Father Philip Wells Hall

6:00 pm to 11:00 pm
6 pm - No Host Bar
7 pm - Dinner Served

Tickets on Sale This Weekend

\$50.00 per person
Table of 10 - \$450.00*

*Must be paid in one transaction to receive
the \$50.00 discount

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Change of Address**

New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community?

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Today's Date _____

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E-mail _____

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