

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



JANUARY 17, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



AS JOHN THE BAPTIST WATCHED
JESUS WALK BY, HE SAID,

"Behold, the Lamb of God."

JOHN 1:36

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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 for more information.

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

SPEAK, LORD, WE ARE LISTENING

In today's first reading God keeps calling out in the night to a sleeping boy. Neither the boy, Samuel, nor his teacher, Eli, understands who is calling. But God's persistence convinces them. Samuel is then ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10).

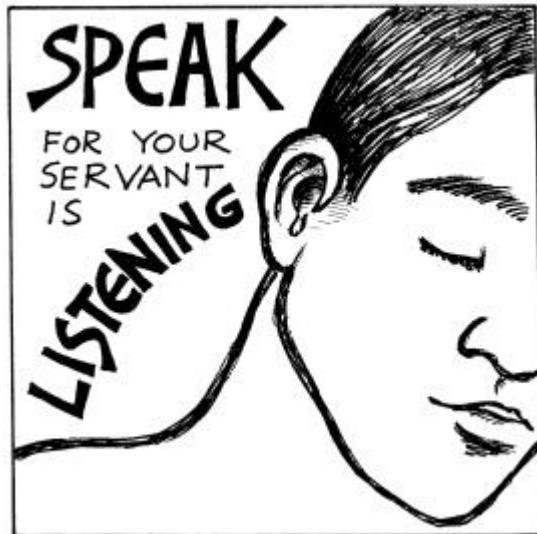
In the Gospel Jesus is out teaching. Various people notice him and begin to gather around. They soon become disciples and, like the young Samuel, are ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak," they say, "we are listening."

God's voice is always with us, awake or asleep. It swirls around us like fog on a waterfront, enveloping us, gently urging us to wake up, to listen. Awareness of the voice comes first; then willingness to listen; then, in time, the decision to act, to live according to God's word. Let's ask today for the ability to keep our ears open so we don't miss God's voice.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Tuesday:	Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
Wednesday:	St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
Thursday:	St. Agnes
Friday:	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Saturday:	St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19, or any of <i>a number of readings for the Day of Prayer</i>
Saturday:	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Thank You From Father Julius

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Christians and the staff office members for the best wishes they accorded me when was marking 10 years of my priestly ordination. I felt blessed and May God bless you too for your brotherhood and sisterhood.

Best Regards,

Father Julius

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 require 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.

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 to be added to our email list.

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.

Attending Mass

At this time, all Masses are outside. 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.

Our "Catholics Returning Home" ministry is here to help non-practicing Catholics return to the Church. The series begins **Thurs. February 11th.** 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 Feb. 4th. 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. On January 11 we served 35 families consisting of 154 people and gave out 128 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. We will be closed on January 18 in observance of the MLK holiday.



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: January Pro-Life Virtual Events

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 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.

Respect Life Mass

Jan. 22 @12:10pm | FB Live: 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.

Solidarity Walk with Testimony & Live Ultrasound

Jan. 23 @10:30am | FB LIVE <https://www.facebook.com/SCDFormedFaith/> Join us for a live ultrasound from the Sacramento Life Center. Following this live streamed event we encourage families to take time to reflect on the gospel of life and pray the rosary. Take a selfie or record yourself taking a walk around the neighborhood as you pray for an end to abortion and post using #SCDProLife.

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 .

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.

— 1 Corinthians 6:19a

Praying For Our Community

We lift up their names in our prayers of the faithful

Saturday, January 16, 2021

5:00 pm

Mark Albertson (SI-H)
All souls in purgatory (+)
Juanita Chavez (+)
Soledad Enriquez (+)
Ed Krause (+)
Teresita Obnamia (+)
Jose E. Taganas (2YRDA)

Sunday, January 17, 2021

7:00 am

Christian Carvin Sr. (BD)
Isaiah David Monteiro (SI-H)
Pepita Fontanilla (+)
Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)

9:00 am

Jessie Benedict (+)
Bridget Wijesundera (+)

11:00am

Robert Tauscher (+)

1:00 pm

Emerito & Evelyn Francisco
And family (SI)
Evangeline Fletcher (+)
Ma. Velma Kielian (+)

5:00pm

Elizabeth Mathew (+)
Joseph Mathew (+)
Jossy Mathew (+)

Monday, January 18, 2021

8:30 am

Linh Le (+)
Quy Nguyen (+)

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

8:30 am

Phat Dinh (+)
Tai Tran (+)

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

8:30 am

Steven P (SI)
Scott Avis (+)
Dung Dinh (+)
Luyen Nguyen (+)

Thursday, January 21, 2021

8:30 am

Rollie Gonzales (BD)
Steven P (SI)
Quyen Ha (+)
Nhu Tran (+)

Friday, January 22, 2021

8:30 am

Key:

Deceased (+) Thanksgiving (TG)
Death Anniversary (DA) Birthday (BD) Special Inten-
tion (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, or text 'Enroll' to (916) 439-8801.**

Thank you for your continued support!



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