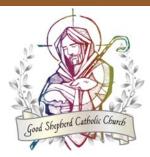
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Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the church, or by appointment.

Baptism: Parents and godparents please see our baptism information at www.gscceg.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.

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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mgreene@stelizabetheg.org

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Schedule

Mass Times:

Saturday at 5p.m. Vigil

Sunday at 7, 9, 11a.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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SEEKING THE LIGHT

In today's readings we find ourselves being drawn more deeply into relationship with Jesus. We are getting to know more about him as we see how he struggles with the news of his cousin John's arrest. His first response is to withdraw, to leave Nazareth and go to Capernaum. There he is perhaps both consoled and challenged by the words of Isaiah that Matthew quotes: "the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, / on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death / light has arisen" (Matthew 4:16). Jesus contemplates his cousin's death, perhaps his own death, and he seeks the light. Maybe it is these words of Isaiah that move Jesus out of his withdrawal and into action. He begins to preach, teach, cure disease and illness, and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom.

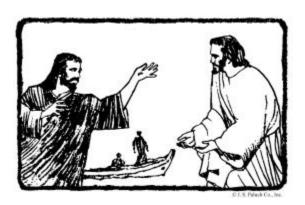
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Sunday of

the Word of God; Catholic Schools Week

Monday: St. Angela Merici
Tuesday: St. Thomas Aquinas
Friday: St. John Bosco

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26;

Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10;

Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14;

Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11;

Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17;

Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;

Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Parish Needs

We are in need of strikers/lighters. Please bring your donations to the parish office. Thank you!

Download Our Parish App!

Thank you to everyone who has downloaded and is using our parish app, MYPARISH. We are pleased to offer this way to stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications and an easy-to-access event calendar. Also enjoy many additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more.

Help foster a stronger parish life at Good Shepherd and better engage the New Evangelization. You can get the app by downloading it at **myparishapp.com**, searching your phone's app store for **myparish**, or clicking on the **MYPARISH** icon on our church website.



Please join us in extending a sincere welcome to our new parishioners, Monty and Debbie Byrd. Welcome to our parish family.

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

Catholic Schools Week

Interested in surrounding your child in the faith? St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School welcomes you to visit our Open House on Sunday, January 26th after the 9:00 am Mass to explore the possibilities for your child. If you are unable to attend, please call the school office, (916) 684-7903; or email Mrs. Greene, the principal, at mgreene@stelizabetheg.org for a tour.

The Divine Mercy Charismatic Group

The Divine Mercy Family Prayer Group - Catholic Christian families dedicated in bringing CHRIST to the families and families to CHRIST. Our goals are to create a loving-family type of environment for men and women (young and old), where everyone is encouraged to grow as a servant of God; to follow JESUS, as model, in living and sharing our gift (talent and time) to our family, church (Good Shepherd), friends and neighbors. Please join us in our prayer meeting and bible study every second Saturday of the month at 3:00 p.m., in the St. Paul John II room next to the parish office. For more information about our group, please call (916) 203-8765 or email sugonzales@msn.com. "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." (Romans 15:7)

Parish News

Looking for Volunteer Opportunities?

The Social Committee needs your help with the Crab Feed on February 29th. There are opportunities to help with set up the day before, decorating and food preparation. Check the volunteer link on our website to see how you can help! You can also support the Crab Feed by picking up a donation tag for wine or gift cards from the giving trees in the Narthex. Thank you for contributing your time, talent and treasure towards this big parish event.

Crab Feed Raffle

This year we have another exciting way that you can support our Crab Feed. We will be raffling a \$2,000 travel voucher that can be used towards airfare, hotel or cruise tickets. Tickets can be purchased at the tables in the Narthex, in the parish office or at the crab feed. You do not need to attend the crab feed to win the raffle.

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.

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.

Ministry Highlight

What is the Elizabeth Ministry?

The Elizabeth Ministry is an international Catholic ministry inspired by the biblical example of Mary and Elizabeth, to support and share the sacredness of all life! We minister to families experiencing a wide range of circumstances such as an adoption, pregnancy, the celebration of birth, infertility, miscarriage, infant loss, and other life experiences during these childbearing years. We provide the Infant Care Room during the Parish Festival and we invite all to our annual Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Candlelight Vigil in October. We have available numerous resources for when a woman has been told her baby's death is eminent including miscarriage kits, delivery/funeral planning, burial vessels/caskets and garments. We would like to thank the Parish for supporting our ministry through prayers, donations, and our wonderful volunteers. If you are interested in being referred to the ministry for support or you would like to join our ministry as a minister or to be a part of our meals team or both, please email Celeste at <u>elizabethministry@gscceg.org</u> or call the church office and leave a message.

Upcoming Events

Healing Mass

A healing Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Chris and Fr. Ed on Monday, February 24th at 8:30 am. Come receive the sacrament of the sick at this beautiful Mass.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Auction

Please help support our school through this fun fundraising event! The 21st Annual Mad Hatter's Auction & Gala benefitting 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.

Camp Pendola

Camp Pendola is celebrating 60 years this summer. Don't let your camper miss out on a summer up in the pines. Come and celebrate with us! Get more information and register at www.pendola.org.

World Marriage Day

Join us on Februrary 15th at 11:00 a.m., at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament as we honor marriage and salute the beauty of faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in married life. During this Mass, there will be a special blessing for sacramentally married couples and an opportunity for them to renew their marital commitment. An informal reception will follow for couples and their families. If you plan to attend, please register at: https://catholic.formstack.com/forms/wmd.

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 ir the narthex: fresh food, expired canned goods, partially consumed foods, or medications of any kind. Food distribution hours are Mondays from 10:00-11:00 a.m. For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 25, 2020 5:00 pm

Eddie & Ella Saez (45 yr WA) Lunar New Year (SI) Benjamin Malvar (DÁ) Felicidad Munoz (+)

Sunday, January 26, 2020

7:00 am Jeff Gunabe (BD) Good Shepherd Families (SI) Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)

9:00 am

Leonarda Cortez (+) Serapion Cortez (+) Serapion Cortez, Jr. (+) Danilo Manuel (+) Josephine Quiroz (+)

11:00 am

Rose Camerino (TG) Benjamin Cecillo (SI-H) Felipe Enriquez (DA) Vincent Brown (+) Felicidad Munoz (+)

1:00 pm Achelle G. Punla (+)

5:00 pm

Benjamin Gomez (DA) All Souls in Purgatory Connie DaSilva (+) Paciencia Legaspi (BD)

Monday, January 27, 2020 8:30 am

Socorro Torres (BD) Michael & Merna Story (40 yr WA) Dolores De Jesus (DA) Thomas Mathai (DA) Merces & Agostinho Martinho (+)

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 8:30 am

Dannelle Kloeppel (SI)

Wednesday, January 29, 2020 8:30 am

Thursday, January 30, 2020 8:30 am Abrham (DA)

Friday, January 31, 2020 8:30 am

Marilou Abellana (BD) Alani Kendrick (5 yr BD) Fr. Julito R. Orpilla (BD) Thanh X. Tang (DA) Uldarico Abellana, Sr. (+) Jose Naval (+)

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 Jan. 18/19 will be in next weekend's bulletin.

Cant 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.

Take a LEAP OF FAITH - Buy TRAVEL RAFFLE tickets DRAWING on February 29, 2020 at the Crab Feed! Buy your raffle tickets now for a chance to win a \$2,000.00 TRAVEL VOUCHER! We've never had a raffle quite like this! Don't miss out! Just \$20 per ticket! On sale HERE! and NOW! Tickets on sale after Masses weekends of Jan. 11/12 and 18/19 in the office until Feb 28, AND at the Crab Feed. More about this AMAZING raffle prize: Good Shepherd Catholic Church is delighted to work with travel agent and parishioner Shelle Suarez of Mickey's Dream Vacations by Michelle to make YOUR travel dreams come true! If you're the lucky winner, you'll receive a \$2,000 Travel Voucher to apply toward a trip of your choosing! The voucher must be used by December 31, 2021. Voucher may be applied toward the purchase of a cruise, airfare, hotel, amusement park, or any combination of the endless travel possibilities available to you. Any costs above the \$2,000 voucher amount are the responsibility of the winner. WHAT'S YOUR DREAM VACATION? Have we put you in the mood for ALASKA ... or maybe warmer climates? A cruise? A flight? Fun-filled? Quiet & relaxing? Let the dreaming begin... 🦼 with your ticket purchase(s)! Raffle drawing to occur at ood Shepherd Catholic Church's 25th Annual Crab Feed on Saturday, February 29, 2020. Need not be present to win Parish Registration and Change of Address New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community? □ Recently moved or changed phone number? \square Today's Date_ Name Phone E-mail Address

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