

THE PRESENTATION OF

THE LORD

FEBRUARY 2, 2020



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Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel,
and to be a sign that will be contradicted.

LUKE 2:34



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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

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School

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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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A CHRISTMAS REPRISÉ

The Church's celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the "official" end of the Christmas season. Today's feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a "second Epiphany."

The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, "Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me." The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a "share" in our own "blood and flesh." The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surround his birth.

In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with "wisdom" and the "favor of God."
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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scouting Sunday; Groundhog Day
Monday:	Fourth Week in Ordinary Time; St. Blaise; St. Ansgar
Wednesday:	St. Agatha
Thursday:	St. Paul Miki and Companions
Friday:	First Friday
Saturday:	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking; Blessed Virgin Mary

Parish Needs

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

Parish Office Hours

The parish office will be closed on February 17th in observance of President's Day.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Blessing of St. Blaise

Monday February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise. We will have the traditional blessing of the throats at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. You may also bring your candles to be blessed at that Mass.

2019 Tax Statements

The 2019 tax statements have been mailed out. If you requested a tax statement last year, you will automatically receive one this year. Please remember, if you require a tax statement for your church donations, you must call or email the church office.

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. Food servers are still needed — check the volunteer link on our website to sign up! 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 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 tonight, Feb. 2nd, following the 5:00 pm. Life Teen Mass. If you can't make it, join us next Sunday, Feb. 9th at the same time. 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

Catholic Jail Ministry

We welcome any of you who are interested in bringing the Catholic faith to those who have a desire for it in our local county jail. This ministry is a vital way of uplifting prisoners with both a better understanding of what Catholics believe and practice and also an understanding that the outside community still cares about them. The cost to you for donating your time is negligible but the rewards in seeing faith spring anew in the lives of those who have fallen so low is immeasurable. Do you have a desire to bring Christ into the darkness and see what His light can do? This is the place.

If you have a catechist credential or you have a few years of teaching Catholic catechist classes in the parish, we would welcome the chance to see if this ministry is the one for you. If so, then you would likely find yourself in front of a small group of inmates who want to hear about God's love and how the church can assist them in their journey in the path of Jesus. If you do not have a catechist credential but want to help out, we have some other opportunities that assist the others who do teach. We also need prayer warriors and spiritual counselors who can meet with the prisoners in the secure visiting rooms to discuss their problems and get direction.

If you are interested, please contact Irma Michel at irma-michel@surewest.net or contact the parish office and ask them to connect you with Irma.

Upcoming Events

Fellowship Breakfast

Our next Fellowship breakfast will be Sun., Feb. 9th following the 7:00 a.m. Mass with continuous serving until shortly before the 11:00 Mass begins. The meal is sponsored by the KofC and hosted by Hospitality Ministry. We ask for a free will offering to cover expenses. Please join in our Fellowship!

Black History Month

February is Black History Month! Please come by and visit our Black History display in the Narthex on Sundays, featuring saints and holy people of African descent, the history of Black Catholics in the US, and artful inspirations alive in the Black Catholic Church. Please contact Valerie Ramos for more information at (916)317-9385.

Knights of Columbus Rosary Night of Prayer

The Knights of Columbus is offering a Rosary Night of Prayer in honor of our Blessed Mother on Tues., Feb. 11 at 6:30 PM in the Church. All are welcome. This is a special night as we celebrate the feast day of *Our Lady of Lourdes*. This is a great opportunity for you to give thanks for blessings received, to pray for the sick in our parish family or for a special intention that you may have. Best of all, it gives us all an opportunity to pray the Rosary together as a parish community. For more information contact SK Iggy Lopez-Alvarez at (916) 416-7327.

Sharing and Caring Seniors

Please join us for our potluck on Feb. 15th at 12:00 p.m. in the John Paul II Room. ALL seniors, single or married, are welcome to attend. Please bring your favorite potluck dish to share.

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 fundraising event! The 21st Annual Mad Hatter's Auction & Gala benefitting SEAS will be on Saturday, February 22 in the Father Philip Wells Hall. For tickets and more info, visit www.stelizabetheg.org 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 27th we served 42 families consisting of 175 people and gave out 168 boxes of food. **Food distribution hours are Mondays from 10:00-11:00 a.m.** For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 1, 2020

5:00pm

Uldarico Abellana, Jr. (BD)
Langley family (TG)
Evangeline Gonzalez (+)
Remedios Amante Miranda (+)
Primitiva Quero Panelo (+)

Sunday, February 2, 2020

7:00 am

Robert Macawile (BD)
Alfred & Helen Lial (+)
Roy Nicholas (+)

9:00am

Daniel Parathathu (BD)
Olympia Restar (BD)
Marianita Gallardo (+)

11:00 am

Victoria Aflague (DA)
Jose Naval (+)
Dale Russell (+)

1:00 pm

Paulino Ong Jr. (+)
Anchelle G. Punla (+)

5:00pm

All souls in purgatory (+)

Monday, February 3, 2020

8:30 am

Marshall & Marie Dela Pena (WA)
Maria del Carmen Barragan (+)

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

8:30 am

Domingos Fagundes (+)

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

8:30 am

Gelmar Carreon (BD)
Gloria Reyes (BD)
Isabel Alejo (+)
RoseMarie Gould (+)

Thursday, February 6, 2020

8:30 am

Scott Schneider (SI-H)
Avelino Viquiera Jr. (2yrDA)

Friday, February 7, 2020

8:30 am

Philipson Cossid (BD)
Carl De La Cruz (BD)
Nathaniel Luu (SI)
Tina Marquez (+)
Anthony Viduya (+)

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 Jan. 18/19: \$18,864.84

Weekly collection total for Jan. 25/26: \$21,431.75

Second Collection for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School: \$3,334.18

(Weekly collection totals include donations 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.

The Good Shepherd Catholic Church Simbang Gabi Devotional Group wishes to acknowledge and thank the following donors. We truly appreciate your support and donations making the Simbang Gabi Devotion successful and we will critically rely on you again in the future to make the Simbang Gabi a tradition in our Church. In behalf of Father Christopher Frazer, Father Ed Garcia Velazquez and the Simbang Gabi Group, we thank you again from the bottom of our hearts and may you be rewarded a thousand fold. God knows what you did.

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Name _____

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