

**February 16, 2020**

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### **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



## **Parish Staff**

**Pastor:** *Rev. Christopher Frazer*  
**Parochial Vicar:**  
*Rev. Edgardo J. Garcia Velazquez*  
**Deacon:** *William Sousa*  
**Deacon:** *Edward Smith (Ret.)*  
**Deacon:** *Rommel Declines*  
**Deacon:** *Al Llenos*  
**Business Mgr:** *Denise Wesleder*  
**Receptionist:** *Monica Goodale*  
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### **Catholic Faith Formation: (916) 683-2963**

**Coordinator, Religious Education:**  
*Menchie Cabrera*  
**ONE EIGHT/EDGE Confirmation Preparation Coordinators:**  
*Elizabeth Pott & Scotia Burrell*  
**LifeTeen Coordinator:**  
*Joshua Hollcraft*

## **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School**

**K-8 Principal:** *Marci Greene*  
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## **Schedule**

### **Mass Times:**

**Saturday:** 5p.m. Vigil  
**Sunday:** 7, 9, 11 a.m. and 1, 5 p.m.  
**Weekdays:** 8:30 a.m.  
**First Saturday of the month:** 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. Sunday Masses  
**Kinderchurch:** 9 a.m. Mass only  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**  
First Thursday, silent adoration, and with prayers of devotion: 6-8:30 p.m.  
First Friday, Exposition: 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. with Divine Mercy chaplet and solemn benediction.

## **Sacraments**

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m. in church, or by appointment.  
**Baptism:** Parents and godparents go to [www.gscccg.org/sacraments/baptism](http://www.gscccg.org/sacraments/baptism) for more information.  
**Marriage:** Engaged couples begin preparation at least six months before wedding date. Schedule with parish office.



### **Church, Office & School**

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Closed Wednesdays  
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## CHOICE

"If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; Presidents' Day
Friday:	St. Peter Damian
Saturday:	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday

## Parish Office Hours

We will be closed on February 17th in observance of President's Day.

## Annual Catholic Appeal

Today we join together through the Annual Catholic Appeal. We may not all be social workers, yet through the Annual Catholic Appeal, the whole Catholic community leans in to help our Catholic charities . . . and our own parish . . . providing support to programs and ministries that help lift our neighbors and friends out of poverty.

The Annual Catholic Appeal is dedicated solely to the social mission of the Church here in Northern California. Last year, 261,000 people were helped through appeal-funded charitable works. Please be as generous as you can. Every gift makes a profound difference in someone's life.

## Catholics Returning Home Ministry (CRH)

Do you know anyone who has been away from the Church for awhile and would like to encourage them to return to the Catholic Church? We are launching a six week series of informal meetings beginning Tuesday, April 14 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the John Paul II Room (next to the Parish Office). We would like to address their questions and concerns, and make them feel at home once again in the Catholic Church. Please pick up a brochure in the Narthex for more information about the CRH Ministry. For additional information, you can call CRH Coordinator Verne Bowers at 916-479-3930 or via email at [verne.bowers@advent-ca.com](mailto:verne.bowers@advent-ca.com).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Sunday:	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

## Bring Last Year's Palms

Please bring your palms from last year and drop them in the baskets in the Narthex. They will be burned for the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

## 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.

## 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](http://myparishapp.com), searching your phone's app store for **myparish**, or clicking on the **MYPARISH** icon on our church website.

## Parish News

### 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.

### Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

Ash Wednesday is February 26th. Our Mass schedule is as follows: **8:30 a.m.** (with students of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School), **Noon, 5:00 p.m.** and **7:00 p.m.**

### A Traveler's Guide to Heaven—A Lenten Mission

Lent is God's annual reminder that this life is a short voyage intended to end with Him forever in Heaven. Save the date for March 3-5 for this retreat facilitated by Steve Patton, Community Liaison for Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services of the Diocese of Sacramento.

### LifeTeen

Join us for our next Life Night on Sunday, Feb. 23rd after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. 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

### CURSILLO

Good Shepherd has a *dynamic* Cursillo group supporting and enriching our faith community! The Cursillo Movement is international and started during World War II in Spain by Eduardo Bonnin Aguilo to preserve the fundamental beliefs and teachings of the Catholic Church when under threat of being silenced. To this day, the Movement attempts from within the Church to give LIFE to the essential Catholic truths and deepen one's encounter with Christ in support of our actions and words being as Christ-centered as possible.

Joining the Cursillo Movement begins with attending a Cursillo weekend. The weekends include a review of the essential Catholic truths and a supportive environment for attendees to discover how they can apply their unique gifts and talents to promoting Christian communities in their day-to-day lives in their families, schools, places of business, etc.

In the Sacramento Diocese each year one women's weekend and one men's weekend are offered. The 2020 Women's Weekend is April 23-26, and the Men's Weekend is September 17-20. If interested in joining the Cursillo Movement contact Monica Small at ([smallusf77@yahoo.com](mailto:smallusf77@yahoo.com)) or Maria Serpa ([serpamhome@gmail.com](mailto:serpamhome@gmail.com)) for more information.

## Upcoming Events



February is Black History Month! Please come by and visit our 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 for more info (916)317-9385.

Join us this afternoon, Sunday, Feb. 16th at 2:30 p.m. in the Father Philip Wells Hall for a **free movie showing of "Bakhita, From Slave to Saint."**

### "Be Still" Women's Convention

The Sacramento Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be having their 87th Annual Convention on March 21st at St. Clare Church in Roseville. The theme is "Be Still" and will include an afternoon retreat led by Christine Jurisich from Retreat, Reflect and Renew. For more info call 916-840-2138 or email [nzamora@cfcssacramento.org](mailto:nzamora@cfcssacramento.org).

### Mother-Daughter and Father-Son Programs

The Mother-Daughter and Father-Son Programs explore God's special gift of human sexuality and fertility and the beauty and wonder of God's plan for growing up and becoming an adult. All presentations are pure, light-hearted and affirming! Contact: Jackie Roderick at 916-204-9505 for mother-daughter or Steve Patton at 916-796-3311 for father-son.

## 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 Feb. 10th we served 39 families consisting of 181 people and gave out 16 boxes of food. **Food distribution hours are Mondays from 10:00-11:00 a.m. There will not be any food distribution on February 17th.** For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, February 15, 2020**

**5:00 pm**

Juanita Castro (+)  
Aquilina Ceballos (+)  
Annette Henigan (+)  
Persides Riascos (DA)  
Edward Maak (3yrDA)

**Sunday, February 16, 2020**

**7:00 am**

Wilhelmina Baclig (SI)  
Emerita Taruc Aquino (DA)  
Theodala Aquino (+)  
Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)  
Flor Manela (+)

**9:00 am**

Nathalie Agustin (BD)  
Mariazeta family (TG)  
Klara Becker (+)  
Beverly Douglass (+)  
Lourdes Fruto (DA)

**11:00 am**

Jed Ashley Pulanco (BD)  
Albert Mandap (+)  
Amando Mandap (+)  
Dale Vanzaten (+)  
Anthony Young (+)

**1:00 pm**

Manuel Caceres (DA)  
Juanita Castro (+)  
Carl Jackson (+)  
Rita Solano Guveara (+)  
Achelle G. Punla (+)

**5:00 pm**

Kendra Carrion (SI)  
Veronica Carrion (SI)  
Miguel Cabrales (DA)  
Felicidad De Guzman (+)  
All souls in purgatory (+)

**Monday, February 17, 2020**

**8:30 am**

Evelyn Lardizabal (SI)  
Juanita Castro (+)  
Marianita Gallardo (+)

**Tuesday, February 18, 2020**

**8:30 am**

Angie Lovett (BD)  
Ernesto Abaya (DA)  
Juanita Castro (+)  
Corazon Joves (+)  
Cornelio Mendoza (DA)  
Zeny Mascardo Revelo (+)

**Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020**

**8:30 am**

Joseph Escarez (BD)  
Josephine Manaos (BD)  
Juanita Castro (+)  
Nadir Cota (+)  
RoseMarie Gould (+)  
Ned Salumbides (DA)

**Thursday, February 20, 2020**

**8:30 am**

Bernadette Descargar (BD)  
Scott Avis (+)  
Juanita Castro (+)

**Friday, February 21, 2020**

**8:30 am**

Jun Flores (TG)  
Leonora Baclig (DA)  
Emerita Canio (+)  
Juanita Castro (+)  
Susana LLanillo (DA)

**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 Feb. 8/9: \$18,960.82

(Weekly collection totals include donations made through Faith Direct.)

Our parish relies on the support of everyone in our parish family to help us further our mission this year. As members of this parish, we are thankful that there is an easy way for all of us to recommit ourselves to supporting Good Shepherd this year through eGiving.

Enrolling in online giving will simplify your monthly budgeting while also providing Good Shepherd with consistent, reliable support for our parish family. If you haven't signed up yet, don't worry, it's easy to get started! Visit [faith.direct/CA688](http://faith.direct/CA688).

**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!



**Crab  
FEED**



**RAFFLE**

Buy your raffle tickets now for a chance to  
win a **\$2,000.<sup>00</sup> 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  
Good Shepherd Catholic Church's  
25<sup>th</sup> 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?

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide weekly offering envelopes  Yes  No

**Please fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!**

