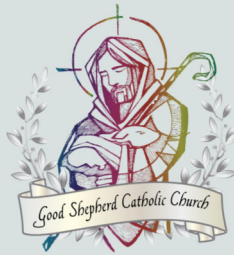


# Good Shepherd Catholic Church

## 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



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# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

*Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:  
"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel."*

*Mark 1:14-15*

## Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. Michael Vaughan  
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Rev. Julius Kiogora Kaburu  
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Deacon: Rommel Declines  
Deacon: Al Llenos  
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Coordinator: Diane Marcotte

**Office of Religious Education**  
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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.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.

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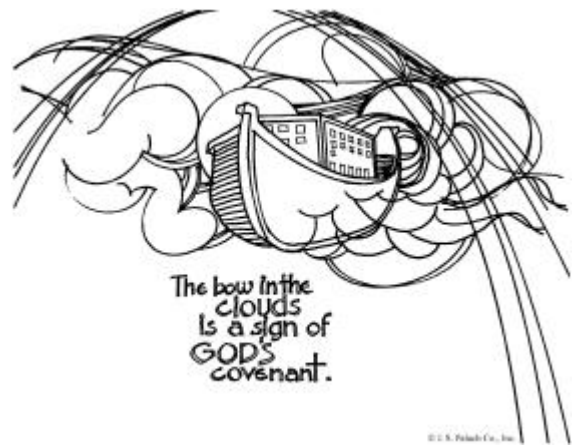
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## REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL

Lent is the time of year we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism.

Peter's letter gives an explicit explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words proclaimed by Jesus immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived by our baptismal promises.

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending
Monday:	Washington's Birthday; Julian Calendar Lent begins
Tuesday:	St. Polycarp
Thursday:	Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset
Friday:	Abstinence
Saturday:	St. Gregory of Narek

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

## Stations of



## the Cross

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There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm in the church. Please sign up online at <https://gscceg.org/lent>. This special webpage also contains links and resources for Lent.

### First Saturday Mass

We are happy to announce the return of our monthly "First Saturday" Mass on March 6 at 9:30 a.m. The online sign up for those wishing to attend this Mass is available on our website. Attendance at this Mass will be limited as per current safety protocols. We are very thankful to those parishioners who volunteered to facilitate this Mass!

### Lenten Regulations

During Lent the Church calls us all to a spirit of penance through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

- Everyone over 14 years old is obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.
- Everyone aged 18-59 is obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means that one full meal may be taken. Two other small meals may be eaten, but together they should not equal one full meal.
- We are urged to read and pray with sacred Scripture more intently during Lent and to participate in special devotions such as Eucharistic adoration, praying the Rosary, and Divine Mercy Chaplet, for example.
- You are especially encouraged to partake of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent.

### Formed Daily Reflections

This Lent, we invite you to journey with Dr. Tim Gray by signing up for FORMED Daily Lenten Reflections at [formed.org/lent](http://formed.org/lent). Each day you will receive in your inbox a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your Christian life. Sign up today for free by visiting [formed.org/lent](http://formed.org/lent)!

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Here are a few examples of who we are:

- Father Michael & Father Julius are Knights
- Deacon Rommel, Deacon Al, & Deacon Bill are Knights
- Most Lectors, EM's, Ushers & Collectors are Knights
- Most Ministry Leads are Knights

We help fund those Ministries who request our help. We support a number of Youth Activities such as the Free Throw Contest and Soccer Shootout Challenge. We contribute 100% of our proceeds to the Sacramento Life Center from our Mother's Day Rose Sale for much needed ultra sound machines. I am asking you now....Join the Knights

Rich Thompson – Chancellor

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### 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. 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.**



### Diocesan Resources for Families

Have you visited the diocesan website lately? They have a variety of resources to prepare for the Lord's Day with Reflections and Activities following the Gospel of Sunday, and much more. <https://www.scd.org/family-and-faith-formation/home-resources-families-faith-formation>.

### Family Lent Retreat-At-Home

Starting February 17, 2021— Lent helps us in our conversion process, that is, to reach a transformation of the heart that shows that Christ really lives in us. For more information visit the link above or contact Teresa Donan at 916-733-0132 or [tdonan@scd.org](mailto:tdonan@scd.org) [TDonan@scd.org](mailto:TDonan@scd.org) .

### Attending Mass

We are so grateful for the continued support of our Good Shepherd community and for those of you that join us for Mass. **Please take a few moments to read the following reminders.**

- Thank you to everyone who is signing up online to attend. And please remember it's important to arrive at least 15 minutes early to Mass!
- If you or a family member or someone you have been in close contact with are sick or showing ANY symptoms of COVID, we urge you to stay home. The dispensation from attending Mass remains in effect until further notice. We all must be responsible and do our part to protect everyone in our community.
- Masks are required at all times while inside the church.
- Thank you for respecting our ushers as they are working hard to help keep everyone safe by following social distance protocols.
- For everyone's safety, we continue to sanitize the church after each Mass.



### Parish Registration and Change of Address

New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community?

Recently moved or changed contact information?

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please provide weekly offering envelopes  Yes  No

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, February 20**

**5:00 pm**

Scott Avis (+)

**Sunday, February 21**

**7:00 am**

Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)

**9:00 am**

Leonora Baclig (DA)

**11:00am**

Cory Jones (BD)

**1:00 pm**

Estrella Mananes (+)

**5:00pm**

**Monday, February 22**

Chimezuru Ozioki (BD)

**Tuesday, February 23**

Valsamma Baby (DA)

**Wednesday, February 24**

Robert Stoner (BD)

**Thursday, February 25**

Teody Marucut

**Friday, February 26**

Jorge Fernandez (TG)

**Key:** Deceased (+) Thanksgiving (TG)

Death Anniversary (DA) Birthday (BD) Special

Intention (SI) Wedding Anniversary (WA) SI-H)

Special Intention for healing

### This week we will remember in prayer:

**Birthday:** Isabel Llarena (2/20), Rose Divinagracia (9am, 2/21), Julia Marcotte (2/24)

**Thanksgiving:** Parishioners of Good Shepherd, (11am, 2/21)

**Special Intention for Healing:** Isaiah David Moneiro (7am 2/21), Rev. Joseph Huong Nguyen (11am 2/21), Mark Allen Albertson (11am 2/21), Theresa Matista (2/22 and 2/24), Teddy Marucut (2/25)

**Special Intention:** Carmen Soberanis (2/20), Death Valley Lent Hiking Group, (2/20-2/26)

#### Anniversary:

**Death Anniversary:** Abelardo Zafra, (1yrDA-2/20), Victorio Descargar (2/23), Adrian Bonilla (5yrDA-2/23)

**Rest of the Soul:** Corazon T. Dabalos, (2/20, 9am 2/21, 2/22-2/23) Primitiva Quero Panel (2/20), Barbarene Williams-Boykin (7am 2/21), Eleanor Claire (7am 2/21), Francis Sarnecki (9am 2/21), Kunjamma Paranickal (2/22), Chachi Parathathu (2/23), Edilberto Macawile (2/24), Rizalina Alontave Herco (2/25), Mike Manela (2/26)

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## *Stewardship at Good Shepherd*

Weekly collection total: Feb 7/8 = \$19,581.21

*(weekly total includes contributions made through Faith Direct)*

This time last year the full scope and inherent dangers of COVID-19 were becoming clear. Our world was brought to a standstill, but our parish ministries continued because so many people needed our help. Recurring gifts helped sustain our parish in unprecedented times and continue to be a vital source of support for ministries that are a lifeline to those in need in our community.

To continue to make a difference in 2021, we are reaching out to our parishioners. The more people use eGiving, the stronger foundation we will have for ministries that bring hope in times of uncertainty. We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. **Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/CA688](https://faith.direct/CA688), or text 'Enroll' to (916) 439-8801. Thank you for your continued support!**



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The Annual Catholic Appeal is dedicated solely to the social mission of the Church here in Northern California. Last year, as our communities pulled together to overcome the paralyzing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, 362,000 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.



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