



Fourth Sunday of

Advent

December 23, 2018

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

Luke 1:41-42

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Baptism: Parents and godparents please see our baptism information at www.gscccg.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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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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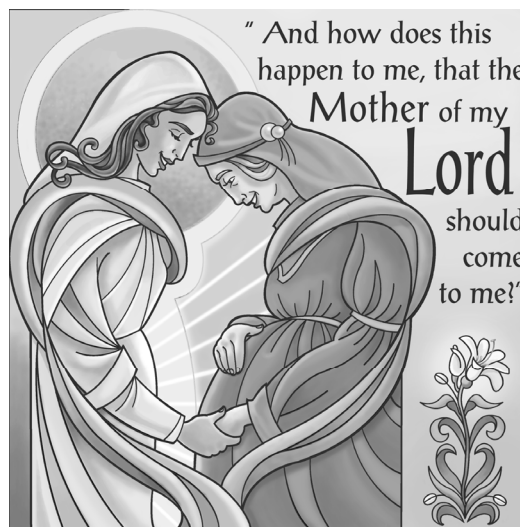
MEMORIES AND DREAMS

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday:	Vigil of Christmas
Tuesday:	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Wednesday:	St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa
Thursday:	St. John
Friday:	The Holy Innocents
Saturday:	Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Tuesday: Vigil:	Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night:	Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn:	Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day:	Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Wednesday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Thursday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday:	1 Jn 1:5 -- 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Holiday Office Closures

The parish office will be closed for the holidays from December 24-26 and again from December 31-January 2.

Environment Change

The Art and Environment Ministry will be changing the church environment to Christmas on Dec. 24th at 9:30 a.m. This is a large undertaking that will require lots of help. We will be working until it is completed. Your help will be much appreciated!

Winter Sanctuary

Winter Sanctuary 2018 will be held from 12/23/18 (Sunday evening) to 12/30/18 (Sunday morning). Our parish has really come together again to love and offer warmth to those less fortunate this holiday season. If you wish to sign up for the week following Christmas at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church or in February 2019 at Soaring Oaks Church, please check our website for these opportunities to help our neighbor churches fill their volunteer needs. Any questions-please contact Veronica Schreiber at 916-801-6101 or Deacon Rommel at 916-479-3459.

Santo Nino Novena

Join us as we celebrate the Feast Day of the Holy Infant Jesus (Santo Nino). Novena schedule as follows:

Dec. 27-28: after the 8:30 am Mass

Dec. 29: at 9:30 am

Dec. 30: after 1:00 pm Mass

Dec. 31: after the 8:30 a.m. Mass

Jan 1, 2019: after 11:00 am Mass

Jan 2 -4: after 8:30 am Mass

Jan 5: SANTO NINO FEAST DAY 9:30 am Mass

After Mass there will be a procession around the Church building then fellowship in the Father Philip Wells Hall. Again, let's continue the adoration and celebration in honor of "THE LITTLE KING" the HOLY INFANT JESUS!!!!

Elk Grove Transit Services

Do you need a ride to church, events or doctor appointments? Elk Grove Transit Services provides scheduled rides for seniors over 75 years old or disabled. To apply for service or to get more information, contact Senior Transport Services at (916) 627-3555. Good Shepherd is not affiliated with this program.



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St. Vincent de Paul News

SVdP wishes to thank you again for all you do to help us provide for those in our community who are in need. Please do not donate fresh food in the St. Vincent de Paul wagon. It will spoil and have to be thrown away. Thank you for your attention to this food safety concern. SVdP hours are Mondays from 10:00—11:00 a.m. For assistance, call (916) 647-1243.



Please note that the locker will be closed on December 24th and 31st.

Ministry Highlight

Social Committee

Our Social Committee is an active service ministry. Often, our function is to set up for an event, organize food (occasionally we help provide food for an event), serve our guests, and clean up. A few of the events the Social Committee has participated in this year have been the receptions for our 25th Anniversary, pancake breakfasts, reception for Deacon Rommel, helping with the KofC Luau, and the Veteran's Day reception. The Social Committee will be putting on our 24th annual Crab Feed on February 9th.

We are open to all parishioners who enjoy serving others, meeting people, and spending time with our parish family. We meet the first Monday of each month. We would love for you to join us! If you are interested, please call Cathy at 916-683-3373.

Christmas Mass Intentions

Monday, Dec. 24, 2018 4:00pm

Mu Van Le (+)
Sabina Nantuna (+)
Phan Thi Nguyen (+)
Saturnino & Helen Pizarro
(1yrDA)

6:30pm

Mario Arizzi (SI-H)
Patricia Arizzi (SI-H)
Chavez family (TG)
Larkin family (TG)

9:00pm

Dionicia Badlig & family (TG)
Somera Family (TG)
Cergia B. Dizon (+)
Clemencia Punsal (+)
All souls in purgatory (+)

Midnight Mass

Bobby & Elma Aglubat (TG)
Austria family (TG)
Dela Cruz family (TG)
Edgar & Dolly Noveno (TG)
Helen Dewsnup (+)

Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2018 7:00 am

Jones Family (TG)
Elizabeth Kendrick (SI-H)
Glicería Curso (+)
Enrichetta Dalin (+)

9:00 am

Bert & Becca Yamat Family (TG)
Gina Bertulano (+)
Hermogenes &
Inocencia De Peralta (+)
Jesus Devera (+)
Chachy Parathathu (+)

11:00am

Eugenio V. Alejo (+)
Joe Avis (+)
Scott Avis (+)
Domingos Fagundes (+)
Francisco & Conceicao Nunes (+)

Upcoming Events

Walk for Life West Coast 2019!

The 15th Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco is Saturday, January 26th, 2019. For the 13th year, our Parish is chartering buses to attend the Walk. The cost is \$25. Please contact the parish office to reserve your seat on the bus. For more information about the Walk, please visit the website at www.walkforlifewc.com or email Gary Hickman at greenhope28@yahoo.com. Please join us to make a public stand for families and for LIFE.

Stateside World Youth Day

Join the Diocese of Sacramento on Jan. 26 and 27 at Trinity Pines Catholic Center in Colfax for Stateside (Virtual) World Youth Day. \$20 registration. To register, visit <https://catholic.formstack.com/forms/vwyd>. For more info contact Rochelle Gammad at (916) 733-0123.

Save the Date

Mark your calendars for our 24th annual Crab Feed to be held on February 9, 2019. Tickets will go on sale in January. Please watch the bulletin for more details.

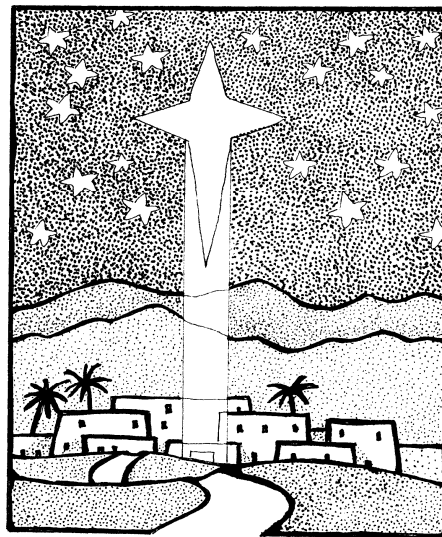


Annual Women's Parish Retreat, "On the Way With Jesus"

During this weekend you can experience God's love, healing, peace and forgiveness. It's also a time to relax and reflect after the holidays. Join the women of the parish on the weekend of January 11 to January 13. Call Suzanne at 916-801-0561 or go to www.christthekingretreatcenter.org to make a reservation.

Life Teen

Join our Life Teen group for Life Nights every week after the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass. All high school teens are welcome to join us! For updates on our events, join our texting list...**Text goodshepherd to 84576**. To listen to the music played at the Youth Mass visit www.gscceg.org/ministries/youth-life-teen to find our YouTube playlist of worship songs.



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Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 22, 2018

5:00 pm

Marion Azevedo (+)
Marshall Van Henigan (+)
Teotonio Martins (+)
Clemencia Punsal (+)
Jesus Sanchez (+)

Sunday, Dec. 23, 2018

7:00 am

Celeste Bocade (BD)
Nelly Bisquera (+)
Roberto Bisquera (+)
Sr. Dolores Palillo, SFCC (+)
Clemencia Punsal (+)

9:00 am

Mildred Dela Cruz (DA)
Estella Martinez (+)
Ramon Martinez (+)
Raymond Martinez (+)
Primitiva Quero Panelo (+)

11:00 am

Clare Krawczak (+)
Emma Bertha Magaña (+)
Connie Negrete (+)
Duilinda Serpa (DA)
Ofelia Udtujan (+)

1:00 pm

Padrid Family (TG)
Xavier Polivka (BD)
Yen Bach Nguyen (+)
Rizalde Roxas (+)
William Sweeney (+)

5:00 pm

Jacinto Llorera (+)
Leonila Llorera (+)
Myrna Llorera (+)
Ricardo Llorera (+)
All souls in purgatory (+)

Monday, December 24, 2018

8:30 am

Hermey Pamintuan (BD)
Aniceto Somera (DA)

***Christmas Eve
and Christmas Day intentions
are listed separately***

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

8:30 am

Parathathu family (TG)
Rogelio & Ofelia Udtujan (SI)
Fernando DeLara (3yrDA)
Ilda Martins (+)
Maria Martins (+)

Thursday, December 27 2018

8:30 am

Emmanuel Cua (BD)
Teodora Bulatao (+)
Frank Soto Jr. (+)

Friday, December 28, 2018

8:30 am

Paulino & Consolacion Feraren (+)
Clare Krawczak (+)
Mariela Obregon (+)

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

The collection total for December 15 & 16 will be in next weekend's bulletin.

In this season of Advent, we are continuously preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth. Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming new year by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting Good Shepherd, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season. Signing up is easy! Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **CA688**. Already using Faith Direct? Log in to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account to make a one-time gift today!

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.



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Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

9:00 p.m.

Midnight

Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day

7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 1, 2019, New Year's Day

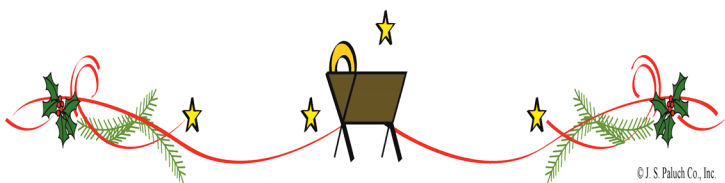
The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.



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New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community? ☐

Recently moved or changed phone number? ☐

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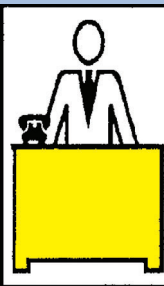
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