

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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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF

Lent



FEBRUARY
28
2021

From the cloud came a voice:
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Mark 9:7

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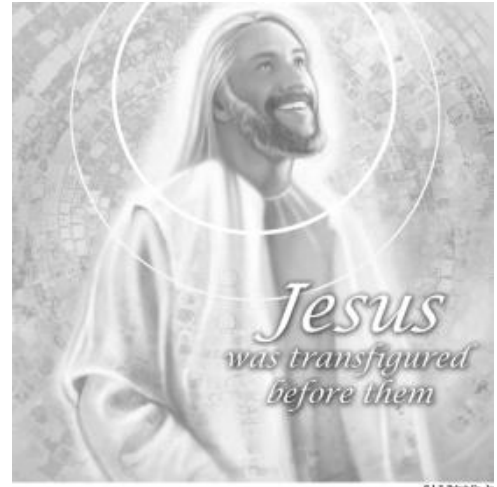
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HISTORY OF SALVATION

The first reading today continues the “history of salvation” narrative that we hear throughout Lent this year. Today’s story was among the best-loved in the Jewish tradition (surely Joseph told the story to young Jesus as he formed him in the ways of their faith); the early fathers of the Church were very fond of it as a means of explaining the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The overall tone of the first reading, psalm, and second reading seems a little incongruous with the dazzling Gospel, until we remember that the Transfiguration was placed as the Gospel for this Sunday precisely to remind us of the glory that awaits those who live faithfully and obediently to the will of God. In the life of Jesus, it is a preview of the glory of his resurrection; for us it is a glimpse of the destiny of those who continue, as we heard in last week’s Gospel, to repent and believe in the Good News.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion
Wednesday:	St. Katharine Drexel
Thursday:	St. Casimir
Friday:	First Friday; World Day of Prayer; Abstinence
Saturday:	First Saturday

Distribution of the Holy Eucharist

We will be distributing communion in the entrance to the Father Phillip Wells Hall on Sundays from 10:00-11:00 am. If you have watched Mass at home and are prepared to receive communion, we invite you to come during this time.

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!

Stations of the Cross

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

Confession Times

There will be confessions Wednesdays from 5:45-7:00 pm in the conference room and in the sacristy and Saturdays from 3:00-4:45 pm in the John Paul II Room and in the entrance to the Fr. Phillip Wells Hall.

Adoration

There will be Adoration in the church every Wednesday evening from 5:45-7:00 pm. If you’d like to assist with Adoration, contact the office.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

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.

Parish Mission—Save the Date!

We will be having a Lenten Mission with Father Matthew Spencer, OSJ, on March 16-18. This will be virtual on the 16th & 17th with an in-person event on the evening of the 18th. More information to come.

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. 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!

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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 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 27

5:00 pm

Mary Machado (+)

Sunday, February 28

7:00 am

Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)

9:00 am

Death Valley Lenten Hiking Group
(SI)

11:00am

Mercedes Descargar (BD)

1:00 pm

Ana Maria Martins (+)

5:00pm

Neha Thomas (+)

Monday, March 1

Death Valley Lenten Hiking Group
(SI)

Tuesday, March 2

Arsenio Sahagun (+)

Wednesday, March 3

Mary C. Rooney (+)

Thursday, March 4

Manuel & Tina Marquez (+)

Friday, March 5

Julio Millare (+)

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: Giovanni Bocade 3/4, Patricia Clark 3/4, Emma Delgado 3/5

Thanksgiving: Lorna Declines 5pm 2/27,

Special Intention for Healing: Isaiah David Monteiro 7am 2/28, Laura Day Aguirre 9am 2/28, Rebecca Deleon 11am 2/28 and 3/1

Special Intention: Death Valley Lent Hiking Group 5pm 2/27, Paulita Narciso 3/1

Death Anniversary: Salvacion Ceballo 9am 2/28, Freddie Garcia 3/1, Maria Santiago Vitug 3/2, Ricardo Estrada 3/4

Rest of the Soul: Norma Cruz de Soto 2/27-2/28, Jose F. Garcia 5pm 2/27, Samuel Rinelli 5pm 2/27, Deceased members of the Do and Nguyen families 1pm 2/28, Francis Sarnecki 9am 2/28, All souls in purgatory 1pm 2/28, Amparo Villena 11am 2/28, Lt. Commander Frank N. Winn, USN 7am 2/28, Leo Licastro 3/1, Sharon Fetja 3/3, James Rainwater 3/3, Mary K. Rooney 3/3, Maureen Redmond 3/3, Henry Nadeau 3/4 and 3/5

Stewardship at Good Shepherd

Weekly collection total: Feb 13/14 = \$15,333.41

(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, or text 'Enroll' to (916) 439-8801. Thank you for your continued support!**



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 . . . To sustain programs and ministries that help lift our neighbors and friends out of the hardships of poverty.

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.



Scan this QR code on your mobile device to watch the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal video message.

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