

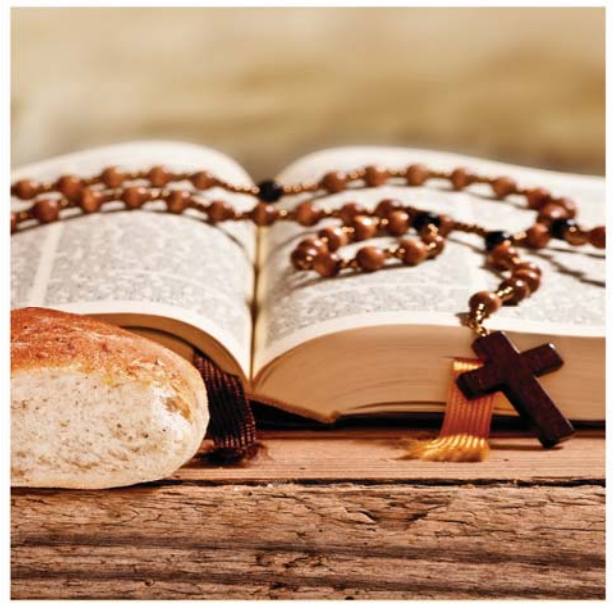
# First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020

Jesus said,  
"One does not live  
on bread alone,  
but on every word  
that comes forth  
from the mouth of God."

Matthew 4:4

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## 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 Manager: Denise Wesleder

Parish Office Receptionist: Monica Goodale

Communications and Development Coordinator:

Diane Marcotte

**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

## Sacraments

**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.gscccg.org](http://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

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School

**K-8 Principal: Marci Greene (916) 684-7903**

[mgreene@stelizabetheg.org](mailto:mgreene@stelizabetheg.org)

**Preschool Director: Tammy Babich (916) 691-4825**

## 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.

## Church, Office & School

9539 Racquet Court

Elk Grove, CA 95758

(916) 684-5722 ☎ (916) 684-4472 Fax

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Closed for lunch 12-1pm

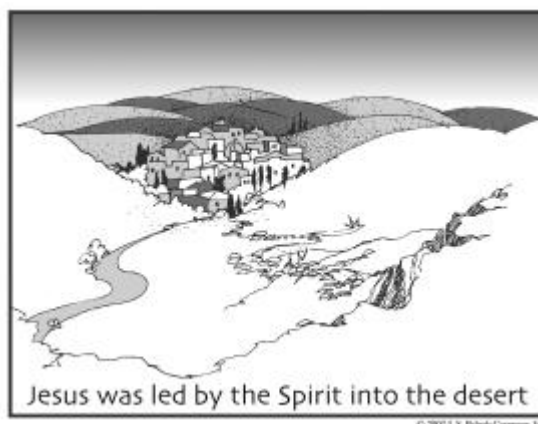
Closed Wednesdays

[goodshepherdchurch@frontiernet.net](mailto:goodshepherdchurch@frontiernet.net) ☎ [www.gscccg.org](http://www.gscccg.org)

## STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
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 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	First Sunday of Lent
Monday:	Julian Calendar Lent begins
Tuesday:	St. Katharine Drexel
Wednesday:	St. Casimir
Friday:	World Day of Prayer; Abstinence; First Friday
Saturday:	Ss. Perpetua and Felicity; First Saturday

### Soup for the Soul

Every Friday during Lent at 5:45 p.m. in the Fr. Philip Wells Hall, come and draw closer to Jesus through a simple meal of bread and hot soup and enrich your Catholic faith. This year's presentation will be the "WILD GOOSE" series with Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, focusing on discovering a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. Following the video series, there will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction in the Church.

### Daytime Stations of the Cross

Everyone is welcome to attend Stations of the Cross on Wednesday afternoons at 1:15 p.m. with the children of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton school. Perfect for anyone who doesn't like to drive in the evenings!



Our monthly Fellowship will be March 8<sup>th</sup> following the 7:00 a.m. Mass with continuous serving until shortly before the 11:00 Mass begins. The meal is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and hosted by Hospitality Ministry. Please join us for fellowship and a delicious pancake breakfast!

### 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. Please join us for a mission facilitated by Steve Patton, Community Liaison for Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services of the Diocese of Sacramento, on March 3-5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. For more information, check our website.

**First Thursday Adoration:** Please note that due to the mission, first Thursday adoration (on March 5<sup>th</sup>) will begin at the conclusion of the mission talk, approximately 7:30 p.m. (not at 6:00 p.m. as normally scheduled).

### CFF WORKSHOP

All parishioners are invited to our next CFF workshop, "You are What You Eat," focusing on the Eucharist. The workshop, presented by Father Ed, will be on March 2nd from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the church.

### Schedule Change for Confessions

Our Confirmation Masses this year will be on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Our regular confession time at 3:30 p.m. is CANCELLED for that day only. There will be no confessions on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Please call the office to schedule a confession time or attend our Communal Reconciliation Service on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## Parish News

### Annual Catholic Appeal

Your gift will make a difference in someone's life. If you have not yet made a donation, it's not too late! Envelopes are still available in the church or in the parish office. Please remember . . . 25% of what you give is returned to our parish to assist people in our own community who need help.

### Kinderchurch Easter Egg Hunt

Our 9th Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday, April 5. We would appreciate donations to fill eggs such as wrapped candies, small toys and treats to the buckets in the Narthex labeled "Kinderchurch Easter Egg Hunt." We also need large and medium sized plastic eggs. Donations qualify towards volunteer hours. Email [kinderchurch@gmail.com](mailto:kinderchurch@gmail.com) for additional info.

### 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).

### Download Our Parish App!

Remember to download the MYPARISH app—a great way to stay connected with our parish throughout the week and stay up to date on current events. 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.

### 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.

## 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. For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.



## Upcoming Events



### St. Patrick's Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will host their 8th Annual St. Patrick's Dinner on Sat., March, 14th in the Fr. Wells Parish Hall. For ticket information, contact Terry Rees, (916) 687-1266.

### Forty Days for Life

The Respect Life Ministry promotes LIFE from conception through natural death. This Lent, join us in support of the pre-natal child. We will meet in the Narthex after the morning Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays during Lent to carpool to Planned Parenthood (located at Fruitridge Rd. and Franklin Blvd.) where we take action to end abortion. We pray, sing and share our love of LIFE with others. Any questions? Text or leave a voicemail message for Margaret at 916-512-0865.

### 13th of the Month Rosary

Our 13th of the Month Fatima Rosary prayer will be on Fri., March 13 after the 8:30 a.m. mass in the church. Please join us and let us make Our Blessed Mother smile and happy as we obediently fulfill our promise to her.....pray, pray, pray the Rosary everyday.



### St. John Caregiver Support Group

The St. John Caregiver Support Group will meet on March 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. Anyone caring for a disabled person is encouraged to attend. For more info, contact Norma at [nf972419@gmail.com](mailto:nf972419@gmail.com).

### LifeTeen

Join us for a pizza party at our next Life Night on March 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### "A Heart Renewed" Online Retreat

Participate in this online Lenten retreat offered by the Jesuit School of Theology. You will receive daily prayers and reflections on the scripture readings in your inbox during Lent. Sign up at [www.scu.edu/aheartrenewed](http://www.scu.edu/aheartrenewed).

### High School Placement Exam

Jesuit High School is hosting a Pre-HSPT (High School Placement Test) for all boys currently in 7<sup>th</sup> grade on Saturday, March 28. If you plan on applying to a Catholic high school, you should definitely register to take this practice exam. For more information and to register, visit our website, <https://www.jesuithighschool.org/placement-testing-hspt>.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, February 29, 2020

#### 5:00 pm

Flor Manela (+)  
Lester Suess (+)

### Sunday, March 1, 2020

#### 7:00 am

Binoy & Rojini (TG)  
Mario Arizzi (+)  
Patricia Arizzi (+)  
Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)  
Alfred & Helen Lial (+)

#### 9:00 am

Joanne O. Ticsay (SI-H)  
Joy Dumire (+)  
Leo Licastro (+)  
Mary Joyce Pimentel Floretes (DA)

#### 11:00 am

Gil Cantiller (BD)  
Giselle Cantiller (BD)  
Eddie Bura (+)  
James Fejta, Sr. (+)  
Sharon Fejta-Nashert (+)  
Joel Realin (+)

#### 1:00 pm

Chia Onwuli (BD)  
Alberta Corpuz (TG)  
Gerardo Esparza (+)  
Inocencia De Peralta (DA)  
Anchelle G. Punla (+)

#### 5:00 pm

Abelardo Zafra (SI-H)  
Maria del Carmen Barragan (+)  
All Souls in Purgatory (+)

### Monday, March 2, 2020

#### 8:30 am

Russell Goodale (SI-H)  
Juanita Castro (+)  
Reynaldo Castro (+)  
Antonio Villa Juan (+)

### Tuesday, March 3, 2020

#### 8:30 am

Dena McCarroll (+)  
Mary C. Rooney (DA)  
Mary K. Rooney (+)  
James Rainwater (+)  
Marjorie Rainwater (+)

### Wednesday, March 4, 2020

#### 8:30 am

Ricardo V. Estrada (DA)  
Domingos Fagundes (+)  
Rodrigo & Julieta Laurente (+)

### Thursday, March 5, 2020

#### 8:30 am

Emma Delgado (BD)  
Kyle David Smith (DA)

### Friday, March 6, 2020

#### 8:30 am

Christine Macabingkil (BD)

#### Key:

*Deceased (+) Thanksgiving (TG)  
Death Anniversary (DA) Birthday (BD)  
Special Intention (SI) Wedding Anniversary (WA)  
SI-H) Special Intention for healing*

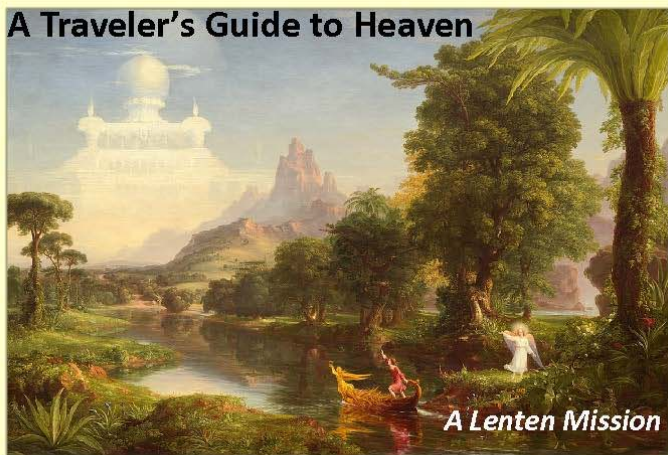
## Stewardship at Good Shepherd

- Weekly collection total for Feb. 15/16: \$19,638.52
  - Weekly collection total for Feb. 22/23: \$22,054.77
- (Weekly total includes contributions made through Faith Direct.)

Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help Good Shepherd by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide the church with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season! Signing up is easy! Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: **CA688**.

**Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.**

## A Traveler's Guide to Heaven



**March 3, 4 & 5, 2020**

**Good Shepherd Parish**

March 3, 6:30—8:00 pm, **Don't Be Scared, But Do Be Prepared!** - Catholic teaching on death, judgment and the afterlife and how it is supported by scientific evidence

March 4, 6:30—8:00 pm, **Purgatory: What to Expect** - A remarkable, true story about the final purification before Heaven as told by a soul visiting from Purgatory

March 5, 6:30—7:30 pm, **Countdown to Blast Off** - Heaven is our ultimate destination. How then can we best use these final hours we have left before our departure?



Steve Patton, M.A., J.D, is a Community Liaison for Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services of the Diocese of Sacramento.



### **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!**



