

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

*Jesus found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves,
as well as the money changers seated there.
He made a whip of cords and drove them all out.*

John 2:14-15

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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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Wednesdays: 5:45 to 7:00 pm

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the John Paul II Room and Wednesdays from 5:45 to 7:00 pm in the Conference Room and Sacristy.

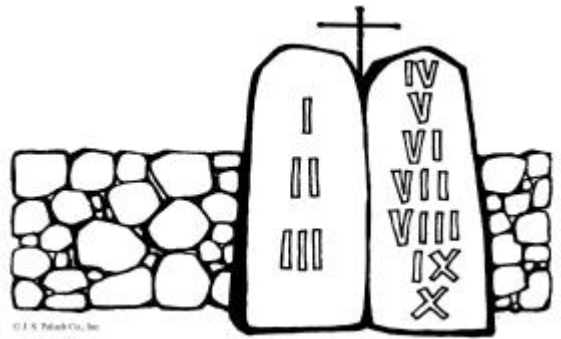
Baptism: Parents and godparents go to www.gscccg.org/sacraments/baptism for more information.

Marriage: Engaged couples begin preparation at least six months before wedding date. Schedule with parish office.

TOTAL ALLEGIANCE

In previous weeks we have seen how the theme of covenant—as a preparation for the baptismal covenant celebrated at Easter—occupies an important place in our cycle of Lenten readings. The notion of covenant as a relationship between two parties carries with it an expectation of mutual accountability and fidelity to the terms of the covenant. When God forged the covenant with the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai, it was a pledge of God’s protection, and it would forever permit them familiar access as the Chosen People. For their part, the Jewish people were to observe the dictates of the law, summarized most succinctly here in the form of the Ten Commandments. To be in a covenantal relationship with the Lord God requires an exclusive relationship, just as discipleship with Jesus—ritualized in baptism—demands a total allegiance to him and none other.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9;
Mt. 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;
Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6;
Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
Alternate readings (Year A):
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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.

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.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny
Monday: St. John of God
Tuesday: St. Frances of Rome
Friday: Abstinence

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. 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!

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>.

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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
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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. On 3/1 we distributed 141 boxes of food to 35 families (167 people). 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.**



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Navigate: Weathering the Storm

March 14 at 6:30PM via Zoom or YouTube. Navigate is our diocesan wide virtual youth group for all Middle School and High School teens. This is a time for teens to find community and fellowship as they learn how to navigate their lives towards Christ. <https://www.scd.org/Navigate> or contact Antony Ta at 916-733-0151 or ata@scd.org.

Into the Mix

March 18th at 7PM "Into the Mix" is a monthly livestream where we will have guests share about their spiritual lives, talk theology and reveal their signature drink. Come and ask questions through chat, engage in dialogue, and hear about various topics through the lens of the Catholic faith. Come to the table with a drink, some snacks and join in the conversation. <https://www.scd.org/youth-and-young-adult-ministry/into-the-mix> or contact Antony Ta at 916-733-0151 or ata@scd.org.

Air Purification at Good Shepherd Church

Recently, we installed an air purification system to reduce the presence of Covid-19 and other viruses inside the church, the Father Philip Wells Hall, St. John Paul II room and the Parish offices. Installation was completed on February 26 by our HVAC contractor (Boss Sheet Metal). As part of the contract, Boss will be conducting quarterly maintenance for the next two years to ensure the system is working as designed.

This new system supplements the Church's other efforts, such as sanitizing, social distancing and wearing of masks to control the spread of harmful viruses.

The system uses ion technology to chemically treat harmful viruses in the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. We reviewed several commercially available systems and selected one developed by Global Plasma Solutions. This technology generates ions that attach to any carbon containing molecules such as those found in bacteria, viruses and odors. Additional information is available at: <https://globalplasmasolutions.com/>.

The selected air purification system is an in-duct system that is installed inside our existing HVAC equipment and requires minimal maintenance. In order for the system to be effective, the fans must be operating either with or without the heating or air conditioning. The system does not create any other harmful byproducts.

The installation of this system, renovations to the church restrooms, and other improvements have been made possible by a very generous donation made by one of our parishioners for COVID retrofitting. We extend our gratitude for this donation which has allowed us to make our church a safer place to come and worship.

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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 6
5:00 pm
Francis Sarnecki (+)

Sunday, March 7
7:00 am
Alfred and Helen Lial (+)

9:00 am
Henry Nadeau (+)

11:00am
Manuel and Tina Marquez (+)

1:00 pm
Hermogenes and Inocencia
de Peralta (DA)

5:00pm
Julia Rojo (+)

Monday, March 8
Petra Orallo Alontave (DA)

Tuesday, March 9
Domingos and Maria Fagundes (+)

Wednesday, March 10
Henry Nadeau (+)

Thursday, March 11
Hannah Palmer (SI)

Friday, March 12
Henry Nadeau (+)

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:

Birthdays: Raphael Divinagracia (3/9)

Thanksgiving: The Vega family, (9am 3/7)

Special Intention for Healing: Margie Estavillo (7am 3/7), Isaiah David Monteiro (7am 3/7)

Special Intention: Tina Sandoval (7am 3/7), Terry DeFrates (3/11)

Anniversary: Rod and Nelly Aguila (5pm 3/6)

Death Anniversary: Manuel Garcia, (5pm 3/6)

Repose of the Soul: Adelaida and Zoe Grace Angeles (5pm 3/6), Ernesto Andrade (5pm 3/6), Henry Nadeau (5pm 3/6), Conrado and Estela Gunabe (7am 3/7), Robert Cosgaya, Sr. (9am 3/7), Deceased members of the Vega family (9am 3/7), Edilberta Cecilio (11am 3/7), Silverio Macabenta (11am 3/7), Naiomi Brown (1pm 3/7), Henry Nadeau (3/8-3/12), Romeo O. Odi (3/8), Spencer John Thomas, Sr. (3/9), Julieta Laurente (3/10), Mario Laurente (3/10), Rodrigo Laurente, Sr. (3/10), Rolando Santiago (3/12)

Stewardship at Good Shepherd

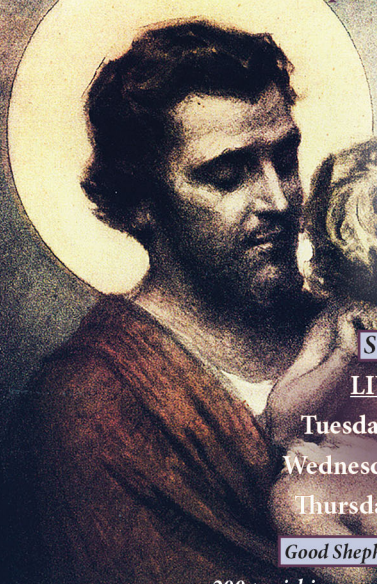
Weekly collection total: Feb 20/21 = \$15,045.50
(weekly total includes contributions made through Faith Direct)

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!**

In this Year of St. Joseph, please join
Good Shepherd Catholic Church
for a *livestreamed* 2021 Lenten Mission

To connect, visit: <https://gscccg.org/>



Renewing
**FAITH,
HOPE &
LOVE**
in the imitation
of St. Joseph

Save these Dates!

LIVESTREAMED

Tuesday, March 16 – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 17 – 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 18 – 6 p.m.

Good Shepherd Parishioners

200 parishioners may sign up to attend the
final presentation on March 18 at
Good Shepherd Church where Fr. Matthew
will join us in-person.

Final talk – 6 p.m.

Holy Mass – 7 p.m.

The 7 Sorrows & Joys of St. Joseph - following Mass



Very Reverend Matthew Spencer, OSJ

Provincial Superior of Holy Spouses Province, Oblates of St. Joseph
While now residing in Santa Cruz at the Shrine of St. Joseph –
Guardian of the Redeemer, Father Matthew is no stranger to
the Sacramento Diocese having ministered at Mt. St. Joseph
Seminary and Novitiate in Loomis, and on the airwaves of
Immaculate Heart Catholic radio. Father Matthew will deliver
this special parish mission to Good Shepherd Catholic Church
in Elk Grove, California and the larger Diocese of Sacramento
community via livestream video!

Ordained in 2009, Father Matthew offers his life as an oblation – a
sacrifice – to God in the imitation of St. Joseph. Especially in this year of St.
Joseph, he aims to share how Lent can be a time of renewal of *everyone's* oblation as they, in the
words of Pope Francis, live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity.

“Every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping and loving.”

– Pope Francis



Parish Registration and Change of Address

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