

## 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.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesdays: 5:45 to 7:00 pm

## Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays from 3:00 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](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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF

# Lent



MARCH  
14  
2021

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish  
but might have eternal life.

John 3:16

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## GOD'S MERCY

Today's reading from the second book of Chronicles contains a sort of "mini-history" of Israel. It highlights God's mercies in choosing Cyrus the Persian to be an instrument of deliverance when the people were in captivity in Babylon. Despite their sinfulness and the deserved punishment they were undergoing, God's mercy was lavished on the people in the form of a miraculous act of liberation.

The Letter to the Ephesians, in much more theological terms, gives a similar account of a God "who brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved." The author stresses that it was when we were "dead in our transgressions" that God saved us, an act of pure grace. He emphasizes that it is not our own efforts that freed us from sin ("this is not from you"); rather, "it is the gift of God." This, of course, is the heart of the entire Pauline corpus, that salvation comes to us by faith in God's mercy, revealed in the death of Jesus.

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54  
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;  
Jn 5:17-30  
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47  
Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;  
Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or  
Lk 2:41-51a  
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53  
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9;  
Jn 12:20-33  
Alternate readings (Year A):  
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;  
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

### 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 **6:30 pm (note the new time)** followed by Adoration until 8:00 pm. Please sign up online at <https://gscceg.org/lent>. If you're unable to attend in person, we invite you to watch the Stations of the Cross video on our website.

### 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: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny;  
Daylight Saving Time begins  
Wednesday: St. Patrick  
Thursday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem  
Friday: St. Joseph; Abstinence  
Saturday: Spring begins

### 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.

### 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>.

## 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 3/8 we distributed 131 boxes of food to 33 families (146 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.



## Consecration to St. Joseph

The Evangelization Outreach Ministry is facilitating a virtual 33-Day Preparation for Consecration to St. Joseph from March 30 to May 1. We will use the book "Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father" by Fr. Donald Calloway. According to Fr. Calloway, consecration to St. Joseph will help us become "another Joseph" for Jesus and Mary. That is, entrusting ourselves to St. Joseph helps us become a faithful, loving and trusting companion of Jesus and Mary. The book is available on Amazon and shopmercy.com. For more info and to join, email [ninfa.campomanes@gmail.com](mailto:ninfa.campomanes@gmail.com) or call 916-840-6386.

## JOIN THE COLUMBIETTES

The Columbiettes, an organization of Catholic women dedicated to our Patronesses, Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Theresa the Little Flower and St. Joan of Arc, are comprised of affiliated Auxiliaries of the Knights of Columbus Councils. A Columbi-ette Auxiliary is in existence only with the consent and approval of the Council with which it is affiliated and is here to aid our Council spiritually, socially, and financially. If you are interested in joining, please contact Lady Becky @ [susiesmom1@comcast.net](mailto:susiesmom1@comcast.net) – 916.743.3777 or Lady Michelle @ [shellex36@yahoo.com](mailto:shellex36@yahoo.com) – 916.717.4302 .



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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 teens and is a time for them to find community and fellowship as they learn how to navigate their lives towards Christ. <https://www.scd.org/Navigate>.

## Into the Mix

March 18th at 7PM "Into the Mix" is a monthly livestream for young adults where we will have guests share about their spiritual lives, talk theology and reveal their signature drink. <https://www.scd.org/youth-and-young-adult-ministry/into-the-mix> or contact Antony Ta at 916-733-0151 or [ata@scd.org](mailto:ata@scd.org).

## Divine Mercy Novena and The Feast of the Divine Mercy

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday. He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena, saving for the last day the most difficult intention of all, the lukewarm and indifferent of whom He said: "These souls cause Me more suffering than any others; it was from such souls that My soul felt the most revulsion in the Garden of Olives. It was on their account that I said: 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass Me by.' The last hope of salvation for them is to flee to My Mercy."

The Novena schedule is as follows:

**April 2-4:** No novena will be held in the church, please see parish app for the novena prayer. **April 5-9** at 9:15 am in the church immediately following morning Mass; **April 10** at 1:00 pm in the church. The Celebration of the Feast of the Divine Mercy will be on April 11 at 1:00 p.m. with Mass, Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament to be held after Mass. For more info please call Susan or Rolly at (916)203-8765 or Maria at (916) 230-9605.

## 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. 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. 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 air purification system 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

The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal is ongoing. We thank all of you that have already given generously. Your gift helps the Catholic community as a whole and 25% comes back to Good Shepherd. For those of you still considering your gift, please be as generous as you can. You can donate electronically at <https://www.scd.org/catholic-foundation/giving> or simply drop your donation envelope in our collection basket. Every gift makes a profound difference in someone's life. Thank you.

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, March 13**

**5:00 pm**

Joe Avis (+)

**Sunday, March 14**

**7:00 am**

Isaiah David Monteiro (SI-H)

**9:00 am**

Naiomi Brown (+)

**11:00am**

Theresa Mattista (SI-H)

**1:00 pm**

Rolando Santiago (+)

**5:00pm**

Ivan Castellanos (+)

**Monday, March 15**

Francisco & Leonesa Martins (DA)

**Tuesday, March 16**

Antonio Espinal Alontave (DA)

**Wednesday, March 17**

Mary C. Rooney (+)

**Thursday, March 18**

Francisco & Maria Martins (+)

**Friday, March 19**

Peggy Hammel (DA)

**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:** Ruth Baldomero, (5pm 3/13), Linus Pittman (3/15), Danny Sarmiento Jr. (3/16), Josephine Perez (3/18)

**Thanksgiving:** Irma Roxas, (7am 3/14)

**Special Intention for Healing:**

**Special Intention:**

**Anniversary:**

**Death Anniversary:**

**Rest of the Soul:** Rosa Linda Basquez (5pm 3/13), Dorothy Juarez (5pm 3/13), Armando Hildago Sr. (5pm 3/13), Cerefinia Tavu (5pm 3/13), Emma Bardaro (7am 3/14), Conrado and Estela Gunabe (7am 3/14), Maria Dao Nguyen (1pm 3/14), Yen Nguyen (10am 3/14), An Tran (1pm 3/14), Khan Tran (1pm 3/14), Teresita Nuñez Balang (3/16), Corazon Joves (3/18), Myrna Quero Panelo (3/18)

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## *Stewardship at Good Shepherd*

Weekly collection total: Feb 27/28 = \$19,677.38

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

Thinking about spring cleaning? Why not streamline your offertory and simplify your support for Good Shepherd and the ministries that mean so much to you? Now is a great time to make the switch to eGiving – you can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

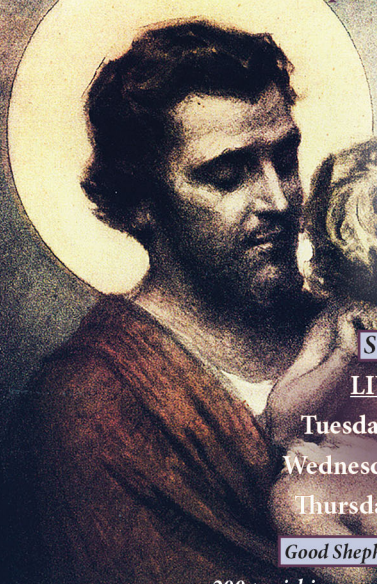
Recurring gifts help sustain our parish as we continue to confront the challenges and turmoil sparked by COVID-19, and as we work to reopen more of our programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

**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!**

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

In this Year of St. Joseph, please join  
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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.

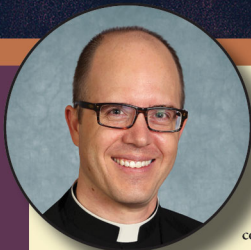
**Good Shepherd Parishioners**

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

New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community?

Recently moved or changed phone number?

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