

# 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.gscceg.org/sacraments/baptism](http://www.gscceg.org/sacraments/baptism) for more information.

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

I will place my law within them  
and write it upon their hearts;  
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Jeremiah 31:33

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## THE NEW COVENANT

Today's first reading is an enormously important passage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. The prophet announces that God has chosen to forgive the people, and that as a sign of divine forgiveness a new covenant will be established. Contrasting the new covenant with the one made with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah says that the new covenant will be written on the people's hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community's tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to God in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an obedience that springs from the depths of one's heart.

Precisely that kind of obedience is highlighted in today's second reading, where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made him the source of salvation for all who, in turn, obey him.

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## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny
Tuesday:	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
Thursday:	The Annunciation of the Lord
Friday:	Abstinence

## Palm Sunday and Holy Week Schedule

### Please sign up online to attend.

**Palm Sunday:** Mass in the church with concurrent livestream to the parish hall for overflow seating at all Masses except the Sun. 7 am. Drive thru palm distribution from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in the parking lot. The 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass will be livestreamed on YouTube.

**Holy Thursday- Mass of the Last Supper:** Masses will be at 4:00 and 6:00 pm. Both Masses in the church with concurrent livestream to the parish hall for overflow seating. There is no daily Mass at 8:30 am on Holy Thursday. Communion distribution from 5:00-6:00 pm. Adoration of the Reposed Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 pm in the hall. The 4:00 pm Mass will be livestreamed on YouTube.

**Good Friday- Passion of Our Lord:** Service with Veneration of the Cross and Communion Distribution at Noon and 3:00 pm. Both services will be in the church with concurrent livestream to the parish hall for overflow seating. Distribution of Communion from 2:00-3:00 pm. Stations of the Cross at 5:00 pm. The Noon service will be livestreamed on YouTube.

**Easter Vigil:** Mass at 7:30 pm (approximate running time for this Mass is about 3 hours). Mass in the church with concurrent livestream to the parish hall for overflow seating. Livestreamed on YouTube.

**Easter Sunday:** Masses at 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. All Masses in the church with concurrent livestream to the parish hall for overflow seating. Communion distribution from 10-11 am and from 2-3 pm. The 7:00 am Mass will be livestreamed on YouTube.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;

## Distribution of the Holy Eucharist

There is distribution of 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** 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.



## Lector Training

Mandatory Lector Training will take place on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in becoming a lector is invited to join this training session. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Chris at [lectors@gscceg.org](mailto:lectors@gscceg.org) or call 916-582-2847. (This is a repeat of the session held on March 20th.)

## Lenten Mission

Thank to you everyone who joined us virtually and/or in person at our Lenten Mission this past week. If you missed it, the videos are still available for viewing on our YouTube channel and at <https://gscceg.org/2021-lenten-mission>.

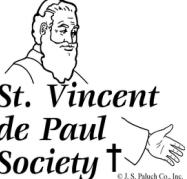
## Consecration to St. Joseph

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 Columbiette 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 .

## St. Vincent de Paul News

  
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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 3/15 we distributed 132 boxes of food to 35 families (159 people). Food distribution is on Mondays from 10:00-11:00 a.m. There will be no food distribution on March 29. SVdP has funds available for Utility assistance for our 95757 and 95758 residents. For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.

## 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.

## Knights of Columbus: Into the Breach

Ready to put your faith into action? Join the Knights of Columbus in a discussion of the Apostolic Exhortation: Into the Breach. This call to battle for Catholic men urges them to embrace masculine virtues in a world at crisis. Join us at 6:30PM on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 in the church. For more information and to sign up, visit <https://www.laguna-knights.org/>.

## Annual Chrism Mass:

Bishop Jaime Soto will preside at the annual Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 6pm. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Chrism Mass will be live-streamed on the Diocesan Website and the Diocese of Sacramento Facebook Page. Here is the link <https://www.scd.org/chrism> Bishop Soto and the priests of the diocese will pray for God's continued blessings on the local church of Sacramento. The priests will renew their priestly promises. At this Eucharist, the bishop will bless the three holy oils which are used in sacramental celebrations in all parishes of the diocese throughout the coming year.

## 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.

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, March 20**

5:00 pm

Scott Avis (+)

**Sunday, March 21**

7:00 am

Francis Vitug Narciso (BD)

9:00 am

Narciso Antolan Burgos (7yrDA)

11:00 am

Joao Silva (DA)

1:00 pm

William Sweeney (+)

5:00 pm

**Monday, March 22**

Monsy Paranickal (BD)

**Tuesday, March 23**

Fely Valmores (40day DA)

**Wednesday, March 24**

Primitiva Quero Panelo (+)

**Thursday, March 25**

Albert Anthony Arceo (+)

**Friday, March 26**

Mariano Panganiban Perez (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:

**Birthday:** Roger Laurente (5pm 3/20), Eugenia Lindgad (7am, 3/21),  
Natalie Camerino (9am 3/21),

**Thanksgiving:** Cid Butcher (1pm 3/21)

**Special Intention for Healing:** Tina Giles (7am 3/21), Melinda Martin  
(7am 3/21)

**Special Intention:** Carmen Soberanis (5pm 3/20)

**Anniversary:** Charles and Lilian Soto (38yr WA 3/26)

**Death Anniversary:** Teresita Jacinto (11am 3/21), Alfredo Vistacion  
(40 day, 11am and 1pm 3/21), Andres Ceballo (3/26), John Cress (3/26)

**Repose of the Soul:** Teresita Dimaano (5pm 3/20), Conrado and  
Estela Gunabe (7am 3/21), Sheila Blakey (9am 3/21), Fedela Del Rosario  
(9am 3/21), Venancio Del Rosario (9am 3/21), Consuelo Vitug  
(9am 3/21), Deceased members of the Do and Nguyen families (1pm  
3/21), All souls in purgatory (1pm 3/21), Romeo Fernandez (3/23),  
Rosita Ong (3/24), Andrea Mejia (3/25), Juanita Cabrera (3/26)

## Stewardship at Good Shepherd

Weekly collection total: March 6/7 = \$19,572.21

(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](http://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.**



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