

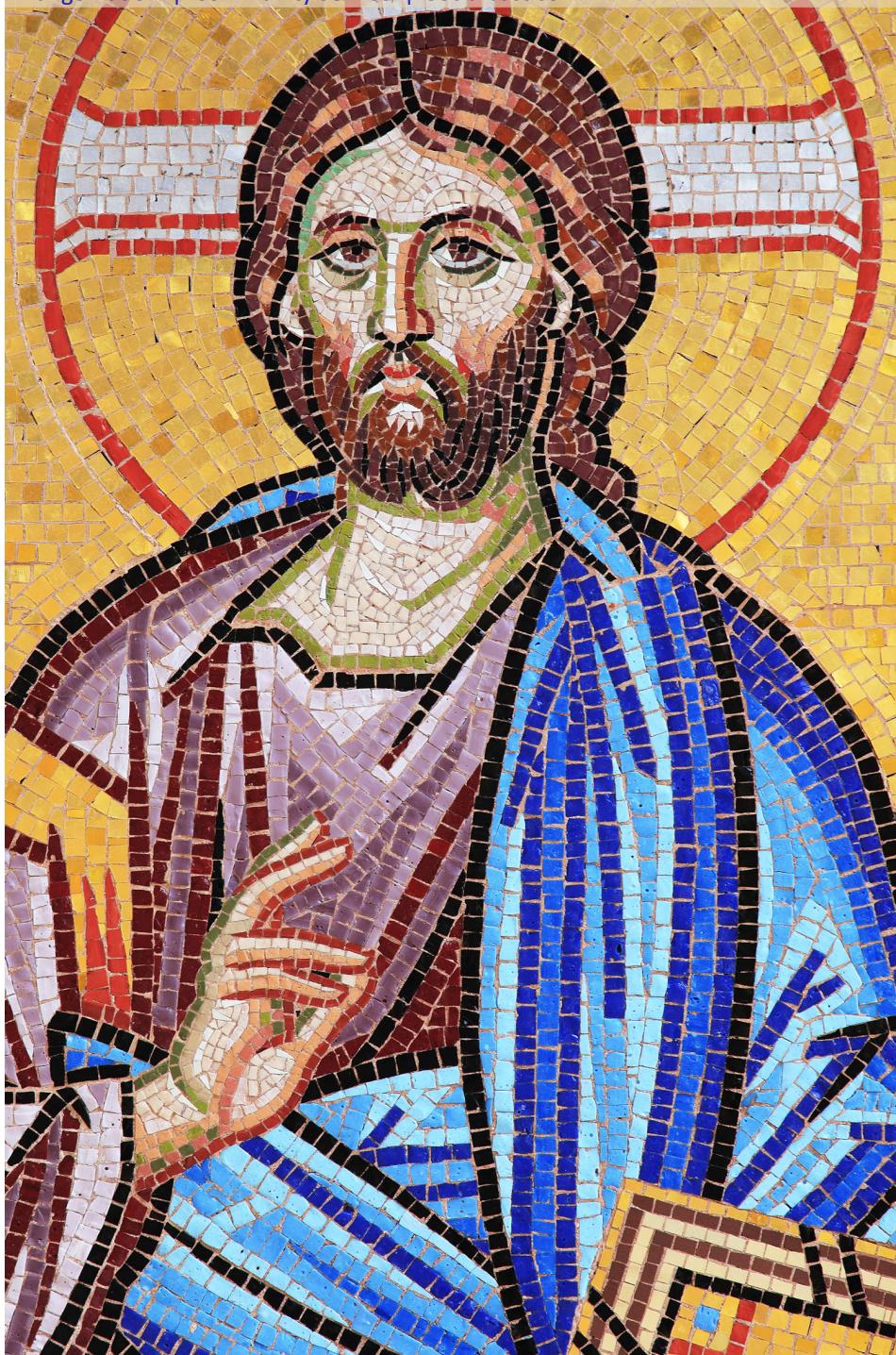
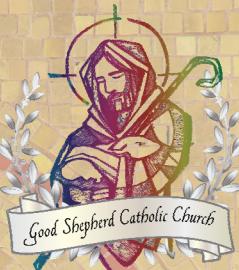
**March 24, 2019**

*Third Sunday of Lent*

## 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.

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## Schedule

### Mass Times:

Saturday: 5p.m. Vigil

Sunday: 7, 9, 11 a.m. and 1, 5 p.m.

Weekdays: 8:30 a.m.

First Saturday of the month: 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. Sunday Masses

**Kinderchurch:** 9 a.m. Mass only

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

First Thursday, silent adoration, and with prayers of devotion: 6–8:30 p.m.

First Friday, Exposition: 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. with Divine Mercy chaplet and solemn benediction.

## Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:30–4:30 p.m. in church, or by appointment.

**Baptism:** Parents and godparents refer to [www.gscceg.org](http://www.gscceg.org) baptism information to schedule baptism class.

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

## MID-LENT CHECK-IN

God says to Moses, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you . . . The LORD, the God of your [ancestors], the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob" (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, and so we believe that the dead will one day rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great "I AM." Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God's ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today's Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit.

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## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

|         |                                      |
|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Sunday: | Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny |
| Monday: | Annunciation of the Lord             |
| Friday: | Abstinence                           |

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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|---|--|
| Monday:   | Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;<br>Lk 1:26-38       |
| Tuesday:  | Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9;<br>Mt 18:21-35        |
| Wednesday:  | Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;<br>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;<br>Mk 12:28-34             |
| Saturday:   | Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14                      |
| Sunday:   | Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21;<br>Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 |
| Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;<br>Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38] |  |

## Second Collection This Weekend

This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

## Special Stations of the Cross

Join us on Friday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m. for a special Stations of the Cross to pray for healing from clergy sexual abuse.

## Jubilant Books Still Available

Learn about the history of Good Shepherd while reflecting on the 2019 daily readings. These books written by our own parishioner, Lynette Magnino, are still available for purchase in the parish office and are a great way to enrich your faith this Lenten season while learning about Good Shepherd's 25-year journey of faith.



## Lenten Prayer Service in the Spirit of Taizé

The Church asks us to focus on simple living, prayer and fasting especially during the Holy Season of Lent. Please join us on Wednesday, March 27 from 7-8 p.m., for an evening of meditative and contemplative candlelight prayer service, using the tradition and music of Taizé. **What is a Taizé Prayer Service?** It is a contemplative way of praying and chanting punctuated by silence in between chants and scripture reading. It originated in Taizé, France where a monastic community of brothers, founded in the 1940s, pray and work together. They emphasize service and ecumenism. The simplicity of their work and prayer life has attracted millions of pilgrims, most especially the young adults, retreating from their busy and noisy life. Today, the Taizé Community is made up of over a hundred brothers, Catholics and from various Protestant backgrounds, coming from around thirty nations. Religious congregations and parishes all over the world, including the Vatican, hold Taizé Prayer Service in the spirit of ecumenism. For more information, please visit their website at [www.taize.fr](http://www.taize.fr). During this Season of Lent, let us journey together to the Foot of the Cross and Encounter Christ through Meditative Songs, Scripture Readings and Silence amidst the flickering lights of candles surrounding our sacred space. Parents of CFF students in a sacramental year can count this towards workshop hours.

## Soup For The Soul

Come and draw closer to Jesus through a simple meal of bread and hot soup and enrich your Catholic faith through a series of DVDs. Every Friday during Lent at 5:45 p.m. in the Fr. Philip Wells Hall, soup will be served followed by Stations of the Cross (at 7:00 p.m.) and Benediction in the Church.

## Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00 p.m. (followed by solemn Benediction) and Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m. (with SEAS students).

## Communal Penance Service

Our Lenten Communal Penance Service will be on April 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

## Respect Life Ministry

The Respect Life Ministry promotes LIFE from conception through natural death. This Lent, join us in support of the prenatal child! We will meet in the Narthex after the morning Mass on Tuesdays to carpool to Planned Parenthood (located at Fruitridge Rd. and Franklin Blvd) where we pray for an end to abortion.

## Parish News

### Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you to those who have already pledged to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal! This annual tradition connects us to thousands of people who need our help every day. If you have not yet made a donation, Appeal envelopes are available in the parish office. Your gift truly makes a difference in the lives of others. Remember, 25% comes back to our parish to serve our local needs.

### Formed Media Library

If you missed our announcement last week make sure you check out the **Formed media library** that we are offering to all of our parishioners! This includes a huge library of video-based study programs, feature films, audio presentations, and eBooks at no cost to you. To gain access to this online library, go to: [www.gscceg.formed.org](http://www.gscceg.formed.org) and click on "register now" to create your own account. There is also an app available for Apple and Android devices! (If the link above doesn't work, you can go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org), click on "enter code" and type in the following code: **C4MZP2**. You will then be prompted to register and create your own account.) We hope that everyone makes use of this valuable resource that the parish is providing to deepen and enrich our Catholic faith.

### Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



#### Messages

- Helpful parish updates
- Easily reply to requests
- Connect with our parish throughout the week

Learn more or download our parish app at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com)

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### St. Vincent de Paul News

SVdP wishes to thank you again for all you do to help us provide for those in our community who are in need. Please do not donate fresh food in the St. Vincent de Paul wagon. It will spoil and have to be thrown away. Thank you for your attention to this food safety concern.

St. Vincent de Paul has been awarded a cash grant by the City of Elk Grove for assistance with utility bills. If you are having difficulties and reside in Elk Grove, please call (916) 647-1243.

On March 18th we served 36 families consisting of 150 people and gave out 140 boxes of food. SVdP is excited to announce that we have increased our locker hours. Food distribution will now be on **Saturdays** (during March and April only) AND **Mondays** from 10:00-11:00 a.m.



## Upcoming Events

### Knights of Columbus Rosary Night of Prayer

The Knights of Columbus is offering a Rosary Night of Prayer in honor of our Blessed Mother on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of our Lord on Monday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. All are welcome. For more info contact SK Iggy Lopez-Alvarez at (916) 416-7327.

**Caregivers Retreat -- "WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE ME DO FOR YOU?"** To care for someone is one of the most powerful things we can do. We place ourselves, as Caregivers, in the loving embrace of the Divine and one another. We bond in prayer and solidarity to realize none of us needs to be alone in our care for another. Come to a caregivers retreat on Tues., April 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Christ the King Retreat Center. For more info visit <https://christthekingretreatcenter.org/event/caregivers-retreat/>.

### Healing Mass

A healing Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Leon and Fr. Ed on Saturday, April 6th at 9:30 am. Come receive the sacrament of the sick at this beautiful Mass. All caregivers are especially encouraged to attend this Mass to receive a special blessing.

### Kinderchurch Easter Egg Hunt

The 8th Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 14 after the 9:00 a.m. mass at the SEAS track/field. \$5 per child or \$10 family (fundraiser event for the Kinderchurch Ministry). Activities include an egg hunt, bubble station, face painting, coloring contest, raffle baskets and more! If you'd like to make a donation or volunteer to help with this event go to our website or email [Kinderchurch@gmail.com](mailto:kinderchurch@gmail.com) for more info.

### Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 29 at 5:00 p.m. for the Mass of Thanksgiving and reception celebrating Father Leon's retirement. More details to come.

### Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament

Join us on April 8 for our 1st Annual Golf Tournament held at Valley Hi Country Club and benefitting: Special Olympics (Nor. Cal.), Saint Vincent De Paul, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School and the Order of Saint John Paul II. Contact Nick Suarez, (408) 858-1750, for more information.

### SEAS Preschool/Summer School Registration

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Preschool Registration for Fall 2019 is now open. Please call for a tour and more info: Tammy Babich, Preschool Director, 916-691-4825 or send an email to [tbabich@stelizabetheg.org](mailto:tbabich@stelizabetheg.org). Summer School Registration is open now, too.

### Life Teen

All high school-aged kids are invited to our Life Nights after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sundays. For updates on our events, join our texting list...**text goodshepherd to 84576**. To listen to the music played at the Youth Mass, visit [www.gscceg.org/ministries/youth-life-teen](http://www.gscceg.org/ministries/youth-life-teen) to find our YouTube playlist of worship songs.

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, March 23, 2019**

**5:00 pm**

Do family (TG)  
Mario Dalida (7yrDA)  
Fedela Del Rosario (+)  
Venancio Del Rosario (+)  
Jorge Fernandez (+)  
Romeo Fernandez (DA)

**Sunday, March 24, 2019**

**7:00 am**

Abad Santos family (SI)  
Richard Catura (+)  
Alfonso De Guia Sr. (+)  
Eliseo Grino (+)  
Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)

**9:00 am**

Natalie Camerino (16yrBD)  
Nenita Chagas (DA)  
John Cress (8yrDA)  
Primitiva Quero Panelo (+)  
Arsenio Sehagun (+)  
Emma Somosierra (+)

**11:00 am**

Steven P. (SI)  
Dean Michaelis (SI-H)  
Ed Casey (+)  
Silverio Macabenta (DA)  
Violeta Serrano (+)

**1:00 pm**

Philomena Ndalue (SI)  
Alexis Uzoh (SI)  
Derek Uzoh (SI)  
Sydney Uzoh (SI)  
Uzoh family (SI)

**5:00 pm**

Nora Aberin (SI-H)  
Leoni & Helen Pagdilao (TG)  
Joe Baldoz Sr. (+)  
Mariano P. Perez (+)  
All Souls in Purgatory (+)

**Monday, March 25, 2019**

**8:30 am**

Marcus Cao (BD)  
Vivian Cao (BD)  
Steven P. (SI)  
Joe Baldoz Sr. (+)  
I.K. Matthew (DA)

**Tuesday, March 26, 2019**

**8:30 am**

Herminio Pugeda (SI-H)  
Stephen and Maria A. (+)  
Olivia Artiga (+)  
Jorge Armando Kafati (+)  
I.K. Matthew (DA)

**Wednesday, March 27, 2019**

**8:30 am**

Susan and Rolly Gonzales (SI)  
Steve Hemenez (SI-H)  
Kenneth De Silva (DA)  
Simplicio E. Mejia (+)  
Guillermo Naval Sahagun (DA)

**Thursday, March 28, 2019**

**8:30 am**

Alba Grace Escarez (BD)  
Danilo Quero (+)  
Maria and Agnes Um (+)

**Friday, March 29, 2019**

**8:30 am**

Frances Divinagracia (BD)  
Elaine Magtoto (BD)  
Helen Thai and family (SI)  
Antonio David (+)  
Dinah G. Martin (DA)

**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

- Collection Total for March 16/17= \$21,173.74  
(Weekly totals include contributions made through Faith Direct)



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