

Fifth

Sunday of Lent

March 29, 2020

Jesus said,
"I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me,
even if they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and
believes in me will never die."

John 11:25-26

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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 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

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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.

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GIVE GLORY TO GOD

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, just before we begin to enter Holy Week, we are summoned to Bethany. If we had been friends of Mary, Lazarus, and Martha, and found out that Lazarus was gravely ill, we probably would have dropped everything to be with them. This was what was so surprising about the behavior of Jesus. Although he was their close friend, he chose to stay away, that God's glory would be manifested. This is a persistent theme in John's Gospel. Right to the very end, Jesus' works were meant to give glory to the Father. As our Lenten journey reaches a crescendo, let us be mindful that, as people who have "put on Christ" in baptism, we are also called, by our attitudes and actions, to give glory to God.

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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: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

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: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 —
27:66 [27:11-54]

Alternatives to Attending Mass

Since we are unable to go to Mass, please watch us on our YouTube channel. We are posting Mass every day. Our website also contains many valuable online resources for prayer, scripture readings, daily reflections and family activities.

If you prefer to watch on TV, look for the Eternal World Television Network (EWTN) on your local cable channel lineup. You can also listen to Relevant Radio, the local Catholic radio station, on AM 1620.

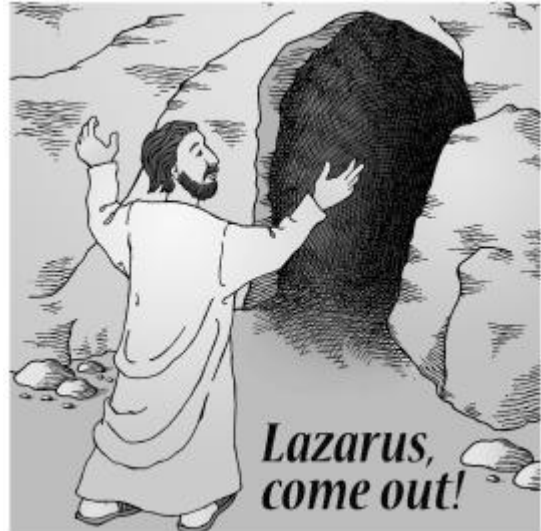
Create A Family Prayer Space At Home

In the coming weeks, families will be spending more time together at home. One good use of this time would be to pray together on a regular basis. This prayer time together can be enhanced by creating a place in your home dedicated to prayer.

Making a place for prayer in our home can help us do what the Gospel tells us, to go into an "inner room" to pray (Matthew 6:6). Make your prayer place as quiet, uncluttered, and "desert-like" as possible. It can be the corner of a room or any unused space. Furnish your prayer place with a Bible, prayer books, cross, rosary, icons, and a candle. Encourage family members to use the prayer place for personal as well as family prayer. You can bless your place of prayer, saying: Come, Holy God. Dwell in this place of prayer, and bless it with your peace and presence. Bless all who seek you here. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Wednesday: April Fool's Day

Thursday: St. Francis of Paola

Friday: First Friday; Abstinence

Saturday: St. Isidore; First Saturday

An Act of Spiritual Communion

Those who are unable to physically receive communion may pray the following:

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there,
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

SEAS Preschool/Summer School Registration

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Preschool Registration for Fall 2020 is now open. Please call for a tour and more info: Tammy Babich, Preschool Director, 916-691-4825 or email tbabich@stelizabetheg.org. Summer School Registration is open now, too.

Parish News

All upcoming events at Good Shepherd have been cancelled until further notice.

Parish Office Hours

The parish office is open by appointment ONLY. We are available to answer phones and email during our regular business hours. If you need to come in to the office, please call to schedule an appointment.

Individual Confessions

Confessions will be by appointment ONLY. Please call or email the parish office to schedule at time.

Stay Connected!

There are several ways to stay connected and aware of what is going on here at Good Shepherd.

- The best way is to check **our website, www.gscceg.org**. There you will find links to watch Mass online, information regarding schedule changes and links to other online resources.
- You can also download **our app, My Parish**. We use the app to send out important messages. The app includes links to daily Mass, scripture readings, etc.
- **Our YouTube channel**. Search for "Good Shepherd Catholic Church Elk Grove" and subscribe to our channel. You'll be able to view Mass celebrated every day right here in our Church.
- **Our Facebook page**. Search for "Good Shepherd Catholic Church" and find the page with our picture. We post most recent information and links to Mass, etc.

Stay informed!

As we go further into the season of Lent, be sure to make use of the online resources provided to you on formed.org. You can find videos and sign up to receive daily emails with scripture and reflections for Lent.

Remember — It Is Still Lent

You can still participate in an online Lenten retreat offered by the Jesuit School of Theology. Sign up at www.scu.edu/ahearthrenewed.

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.

On March 23rd, we served 22 families consisting of 100 people.

For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.



Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has issued the following regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19):

With the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are confronted once more with the fragility of our lives, and again we are reminded of our common humanity — that the peoples of this world are our brothers and sisters, that we are all one family under God.

God does not abandon us, he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for him, and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.

United with our Holy Father Pope Francis, let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace.

We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good.

In this time of need, I invite all the faithful to seek together the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and I share this prayer with you:

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Courtesy of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 28, 2020

5:00 pm

Alba Grace Escarez (BD)
Elaine Magtoto (BD)
Nancy Pecson (+)
Sr. Tania Pavisic (+)
Danny Oribello Quero (+)

Sunday, March 29, 2020

7:00 am

Myrna Santillan (SI)
Rodolfo Fontanilla (+)
Conrado & Estella Gunabe (+)

9:00 am

Shelia Blakey (+)
John Cress (DA)
Antonio David (DA)
Dinah G. Martin (DA)

11:00 am

Albert Erhard (+)
Encarnacion Rojas (+)
Julia Velasquez (DA)
Abelardo Zafra (+)

1:00 pm

Nancy Pecson (+)
Achelle G. Punla (+)

5:00 pm

All Parishioners of Good
Shepherd Parish (SI)
All Souls in Purgatory (+)

Monday, March 30, 2020

8:30 am

Darlene Escarez (BD)
Fely Salgado (BD)
Nancy Pecson (+)
Theresa Ramos (DA)

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

8:30 am

Benjamin Marquez (BD)
Universal Church (SI)
Manuel Avis (+)
Robert Palmer (+)
All Souls in Purgatory (+)

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

8:30 am

Abraham Mattathil Family (TG)
Ferdinand De Jesus (DA)
Nancy Pecson (+)
Diosdado Torres (DA)

Thursday, April 2, 2020

8:30 am

Zoe Grace Angeles (DA)
Margarita C. Millare (DA)
Nancy Pecson (+)

Friday, April 3, 2020

8:30 am

Maria del Carmen Barragan (+)

Key:

Deceased (+) Thanksgiving (TG)

Death Anniversary (DA) Birthday (BD)

Special Intention (SI) Wedding Anniversary (WA)

SI-H) Special Intention for healing

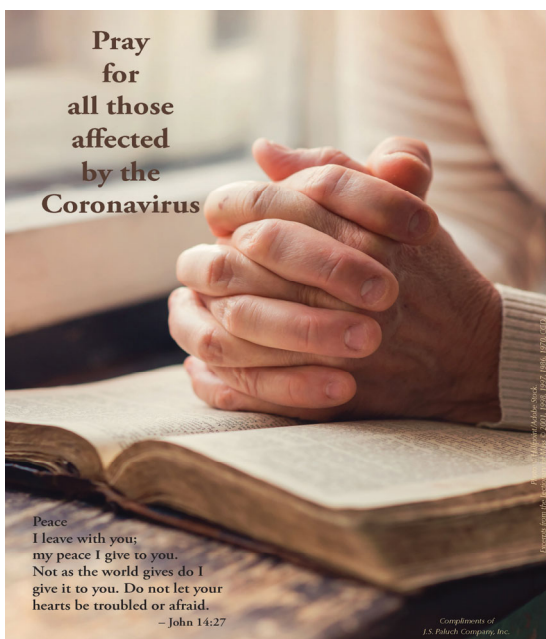
Stewardship at Good Shepherd

Weekly collection totals will appear in future bulletins.

During Lent, we prepare ourselves through prayer and giving back to our parish. But, with busy lives and active families, it's easy to skip a weekly tithe when you are unable to attend Mass or are out of town.

This Lent, we invite you to join many others at Good Shepherd in setting up recurring eGiving through Faith Direct. Thanks to eGiving, your weekly offertory will be automatically taken care of, which saves you time and saves our parish money by eliminating all those unused offertory envelopes. Getting started is easy! Visit faith.direct/CA688.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.



PRAYER TO OUR LADY, HEALTH OF THE SICK

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, united with Jesus’ pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. He who took our suffering upon Himself, and burdened Himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas — we who are put to the test — and deliver us from every danger. O glorious and blessed Virgin.

—Pope Francis, March 11, 2020

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**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!

