

**April 4, 2021**

*Easter Sunday*

## **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



*He is not here, but he  
has been raised.*

Luke 24:6

## **Parish Staff**

**Pastor:** Rev. Michael Vaughan  
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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 (Confession):** 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.gsceg.org/sacraments/baptism](http://www.gsceg.org/sacraments/baptism) for more information.

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

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Dear Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish,

**“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.” (Psalm 118:24)**

Easter is the solemnity of solemnities. It is the reason we come together on Sunday to celebrate the Lord’s rising from the dead.

The Easter message is one of joy and hope. The Lord has passed through death and opened the doors to heaven for us. We are pilgrims in this world and citizens of heaven.

The joy we have in belonging to the Lord, no one can take away from us. “I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand.” (John 10:28) As long as we have the Lord’s presence we are the richest people on earth. If we lose him, we are the poorest of the poor. As long as we are united to Christ, nothing truly bad can happen to us. “We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28)

As we go forward in our personal and communal life, let us do so with renewed missionary zeal. Our experience of the Risen Christ should make us desirous to share his love with others. Pope Francis stated “The new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized. Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God’s saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love. Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are ‘disciples’ and ‘missionaries,’ but rather that we are always ‘missionary disciples.’” (Joy of the Gospel n.120)

Thank you for your continued generosity sharing your gifts and be assured of my prayers for each of you.

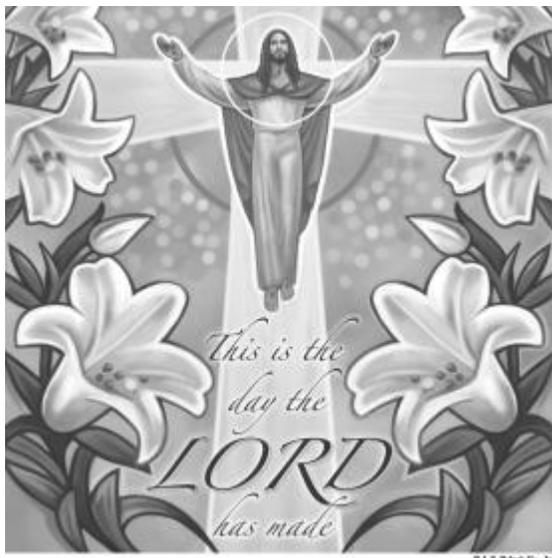
Fr. Michael

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord; Julian Calendar Palm Sunday
Monday:	Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday:	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday:	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
Thursday:	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday:	Friday in the Octave of Easter; Julian Calendar Good Friday
Saturday:	Saturday within the Octave of Easter

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31



#### REJOICE AND BE GLAD

During the first three or four centuries of Christianity, if you asked a Christian to name the feast days of the church, your answer would have been a puzzled stare, for there was only one feast: the Resurrection of the Lord. Every Sunday was a feast celebrating the one great feast. Even though our calendar now has many beautiful and holy feasts, we must continually be called back to the fact that all these other feasts exist because of the feast of Christ’s passover from death to life. The psalm today proclaims this message well: “This is the day.” It is not one of many days, but it is the day of all days, the one that gives all the others their origin, purpose, meaning, and destiny. Listen carefully to Peter’s speech in Acts with its recollection of the Passion, to the words of the apostle Paul, and to the account of Mary Magdalene, John, and Peter finding the empty tomb, and you will hear the many wonderful works that God has done for us through Christ. Rejoice and be glad!

## SAVE THE DATE

**May 23, 2021**

Please save the date for May 23rd (Pentecost Sunday) for a parish event that will rekindle our hearts, renew our minds and reenergize our spirits. More details to come on this family-friendly outdoor gathering. We hope you'll plan to join us!



### 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.

### 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 6:30 pm on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 in the church. For more information and to sign up, visit <https://www.laguna-knights.org/>.

### 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. For more info, 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.

### Spring cleaning alert!

It's time to shred your old bank statements, tax forms, bills, etc. at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School's 2021 paper shredding fundraiser. This drive-thru event will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2021, from 8:30am – 12:30pm in the Church parking lot. The suggested donation is \$10 per box. Proceeds go to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School.

### 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 March 22 we distributed 149 boxes of food to 39 families consisting of 160 people. Food distribution is on Mondays from 10:00-11:00 a.m. There will be no food distribution on April 5. **SVdP has funds available for Utility assistance for our 95757 and 95758 residents. For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.**



### Thank You

Many thanks to Laguna Party Rentals, a parishioner-owned business, for their donation of the backdrop which enhanced our Hall worship space during Holy Week and Easter!

### 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.

### 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.



## Parish Registration and Change of Address

New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community?

Recently moved or changed phone number?

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Please provide weekly offering envelopes Yes No

**Please fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!**

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, April 3**

**Easter Vigil**

No Mass Intentions

**Sunday, April 4/Easter**

**7:00 am**

Alfred & Helen Lial (+)

**9:00 am**

Venancio Del Rosario (+)

**11:00am**

Domingos & Maria Fagundes (+)

**1:00 pm**

Maragarita Millare (+)

**Monday, April 5**

Julio Millare (+)

**Tuesday, April 6**

Roselyn Elecho Urbano (+)

**Wednesday, April 7**

Manuel & Tina Marquez (+)

**Thursday, April 8**

Agostinho & Mercedes Martinho (+)

**Friday, April 9**

Domingos Fagundes (+)

**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:** Miguel Ortiz (4/8)

**Thanksgiving:** Deleon family (7am 4/4)

**Special Intention for Healing:** Isaiah David Monteiro (7am 4/4), Virgil and Belen Young (7am 4/4), Melinda Martin (9am 4/4)

**Special Intention:** Greg Palmer (4/8)

**Anniversary:** Punnoose and Mariamma (57yrWA 4/6)

**Death Anniversary:** David Gianatasio (2yrDA 9am 4/4), Antonio Villa Juan (1pm 4/4), Mary D. Palmer (4/9)

**Rest of the Soul:** Conrado and Estela Gunabe (7am 4/4), Bernardo A. Barba (7am 4/4), Teresita Jacinto (9am 4/4), Mary Machado (9am 4/4), Flores Urbano (9am 4/4), Camilla Jasmine Layus Asuncion (11am 4/4), Myrna Quero Panelo (11am 4/4), Raulito S. Urbano (11am 4/4), Roselyn Elecho Urbano (11am 4/4), Roman and Maria Cruz (1pm 4/4), Melchor Gonzales (1pm 4/4), Rosie Salindong (1pm 4/4), Alfredo Sr. and Macaria Figuerres (4/5), Alfredo A. Figuerres Jr. (4/5), Catalina A. Figuerres (4/5), Felicitas Estioco (4/6), Violeta Menese (4/6), Raulito S. Urbano (4/6), Celis Naval (4/7)

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## *Stewardship at Good Shepherd*

Weekly collection total: March 20/21 = \$19,286.17

*(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.**

## CONNECT WITH GOOD SHEPHERD

Please take advantage of these two valuable digital resources offered for you to stay up-to-date on what is happening at Good Shepherd and to deepen your faith. Check the information below to find out how to easily access both of these great resources.

Our app, called MyParish, is a great way to stay connected to news and events here at our parish. It's also a source for daily readings, Mass and prayers.

Evangelus, our new communication tool, allows us to reach you directly with important messages. If you haven't already received messages from us, please use the links below to add your information to our contact list.

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