

April 11, 2021

Divine Mercy 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



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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 for more information.

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

DOUBT

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are “proof that there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of “doubting Thomas” that we fail to notice that today’s Gospel gives us John’s account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas’ disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God”—more remarkable.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy); Julian Calendar Easter
Monday:	Ramadan (Islamic observance) begins at sunset
Tuesday:	St. Martin I

Parish Office Hours

The parish office is now open to the public from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. We request that you schedule an appointment. We are closed for lunch from noon to 1:00 pm and every Wednesday.

Church Closure

Due to COVID restrictions, the church may be locked at times while funerals, weddings or baptisms are taking place. If you are planning to visit the church, you may want to call us ahead of time.

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.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped with Holy week and Easter! This includes ushers, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, lectors, check-in volunteers, livestream technicians, musicians, art & environment and those who helped with set up and take down. Without everyone’s help, we wouldn’t have been able to welcome so many of our parishioners back to the table!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Divine Mercy Novena and The Feast of the Divine Mercy

The Celebration of the Feast of the Divine Mercy will be today (Sunday) at the 1:00 p.m. Mass. Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held right after Mass. We will have first class relics of St. Faustina available for veneration after all Masses, as well. 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 or call 916-840-6386.

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!



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 Tuesdays (except April 13) 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 – 916.743.3777 or Lady Michelle @ 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 29 we distributed 153 boxes of food to 37 families consisting of 169 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.



Father Son 2021 Program

The Father-Son Program explores God's gift of human fertility and helps you and your son see God's plan of true masculinity and becoming a Catholic man. For boys ages 12-16 on Saturday, April 17th from 9am - 1pm. Registration at presentation-parish.org/fsprogram or by calling 916-481-7441 x200. For more information, contact Jackelin Aguilar at 916-733-0156 or Jaguilar@scd.org.

ON FiRE: Keep the Light Bright - Navigate

Sunday, April 11th at 7pm: Join us for our final Keep the Light Bright event "Navigate to ON FiRE"! This evening will be full of fun and games. Our special guest for the night will be Bishop Jaime Soto who will help us introduce our ON FiRE 2021 talent. Questions? Contact Antony Ta at ata@scd.org or Jennifer Campbell at jcampbell@scd.org and visit www.onfirenorcal.com to get the link to keep the light bright.

Parent Support: Cultivating a culture of service within the domestic church

Monday, April 19th at 8pm on YouTube: Join the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry team as we discuss ideas for cultivating a life of service within the domestic church on Monday, April 19th at 8pm on YouTube. We, as Catholics, are called to serve others. And it can be a challenge to cultivate service as part of your family culture. During this Parent Support night we will break open this topic and share some practical ideas that you can bring into your family today to become a family of service. Questions? Contact Jennifer Campbell at jcampbell@scd.org or go to www.scd.org/parentsupport.

Deus Vocat Virtual Retreat for Girls

Girls ages 13-17 will learn about Religious Orders, Consecrated Life, and Married Life. There will be time for prayer, fellowship, games, and more. On Saturday, May 1 from 10am - Noon Retreat, 4:30pm Livestream Family Mass. Cost: \$15. Registration: <https://scd.formstack.com/forms/deusvocat>



Parish Registration and Change of Address

New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community?

Recently moved or changed phone number?

Name _____

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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 10

5pm

Louie Mora (+)

Sunday, April 11

7:00 am

Andres Vega & Family (TG)

9:00 am

Cesar Vega (+)

11:00am

Vega-Marquis Family (TG)

1:00 pm

Bernie Barba (+)

5:00 pm

Peter Huan Le (DA)

Monday, April 12

Benjamin Cecilio (1 YR DA)

Tuesday, April 13

Joe Avis (+)

Wednesday, April 14

Ivan Castellanos (+)

Thursday, April 15

Anastacia Villa Juan (+)

Friday, April 16

Ernesto Guerrero (80th yr BD)

Key: *Deceased (+) Thanksgiving (TG)*

Death Anniversary (DA) Birthday (BD) Special Intention (SI) Wedding Anniversary (WA) SH-H) Special Intention for healing

This week we will remember in prayer:

Birthdays: Fiyona Binoy (5pm 4/10), Avegail and Miguel Ortiz (7am 4/11), Norah-Grace Gore and Luc-Herve Gore (1pm 4/11), Mario Morando (4/13), Carmen Cua (4/14)

Thanksgiving: Divine Mercy ministry group and families (1pm 4/11), Macawile and Guerrero families (4/16)

Special Intention for Healing: IGary Silva (5pm 4/10), Raul Castro (7am 4/11), David Monteiro (7am 4/11), Jocelyn Reyes (7am 4/11), Daniel P, Martin P and Steven P (11am, 4/11), Rev. Joseph Houg Nguyen (5pm 4/11)

Special Intention: Maria Abraham (5pm 4/10)

Anniversary: Punnoose and Mariamma (57yrWA 4/11)

Death Anniversary: Eladio Sabater Portem (5pm 4/10), Edilberto Carpeso Pimentel (40 day DA 9am 4/11), Joseph Hong Tran (4/15)

Repose of the Soul: Joe Ferrer (5pm 4/10), Segunda Lacaba Lovegas (5pm 4/10), Maria Hoa Nguyen ((5pm 4/10), Felicidad Lacaba Venus (5pm 4/10), Conrado and Estela Gunabe (7am 4/11), Bernardo A. Barba (9am 4/11, 4/12-4/16), Alberto Del Mundo (9am 4/11), Charlie Dela Rosa (9am 4/11), All souls in purgatory (11am 4/11), Maria Hoa Nguyen (1pm 4/11, 4/12-4/16), Joseph Thoat Nguyen (5pm, 4/11, 4/12, 4/13), Bernardo Barba 4/12-4/16), Peter Huan Le (4/12-4/13), Tami Lucier (4/12), Leo Licastro (4/15), Teresita Nuñez Balang (4/16), Rauletour Urbano (4/16), All souls in purgatory (4/16)

Stewardship at Good Shepherd

Weekly collection total: March 27/28 = \$21,006.55

(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, or text 'Enroll' to (916) 439-8801. Thank you for your continued support!**

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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