

THIRD SUNDAY OF

*Easter*

APRIL 26, 2020

Were not our hearts burning within us  
while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?

Luke 24:32



## *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

## Parish Staff

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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](http://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.

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School

**K-8 Principal: Marci Greene (916) 684-7903**

[mgreene@stelizabethcg.org](mailto:mgreene@stelizabethcg.org)

**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.

## Church, Office & School

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## GOD'S PLAN

Saint Peter speaks to us twice today. In the first reading, we hear an excerpt from his sermon on Pentecost; in the second, part of his first letter. Once a frightened, uneducated fisherman who often said just the wrong thing, now Peter is speaking what he knows to be true. Everything Jesus had said now makes sense. His death and rising were all part of God's plan, and our faith and hope can be centered on God.

Today's Gospel tells the story of Jesus' walk to Emmaus with two of the disciples. Frightened, sad, and confused, the two of them don't recognize Jesus, who tells them what we heard Peter say above: All this had to happen as part of God's plan. In the end, these disciples recognize Jesus as we are to recognize him—in the breaking of the bread.

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Easter
Tuesday:	St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort
Wednesday:	St. Catherine of Siena
Thursday:	St. Pius V
Friday:	St. Joseph the Worker; First Friday
Saturday:	St. Athanasius; First Saturday

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59, or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

### 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.

### 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.

### 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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**All 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.

**Church Hours**

The church will be open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for individual, private prayer. This schedule will remain in effect until further notice. If you chose to visit the church, please follow social distancing regulations.

**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](http://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!**

Remember to make use of our subscription to **Formed.org**. It's a huge multimedia library that is available to you at no cost. Explore books, movies, guided prayer and more. This is especially valuable right now. They even have faith based children's programs and books!

*St. Vincent de Paul News*

Thank you for all you do to support SVdP. Due to the Covid-19 virus, SVDP will NOT be accepting clothing, small appliances or personal items until further notice. 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. For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.



You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.

— Acts 2:28

**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](mailto:tbabich@stelizabetheg.org). Summer School Registration is open now, too.

**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, April 25, 2020**

**5:00 pm**

Judith Marshall (TG)

**Sunday, April 26, 2020**

**7:00 am**

Vanessa Kendrick (BD)  
Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)  
James Valmore (+)

**9:00 am**

Martes Lacalle (DA)

**11:00 am**

Leticia Palos (SI-H)  
Adrian Bonilla (+)

**1:00 pm**

**5:00 pm**

All souls in Purgatory (+)

**Monday, April 27, 2020**

**8:30 am**

**Tuesday, April 28, 2020**

**8:30 am**

**Wednesday, April 29, 2020**

**8:30 am**

Isla Rose Escarez (BD)

**Thursday, April 30, 2020**

**8:30 am**

Vicenta Albarillo (DA)  
Catalino Canlas (+)

**Friday, May 1, 2020**

**8:30 am**

Dr. Jacob Sebastian (BD)

**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 total for April 5th: \$9,466.00

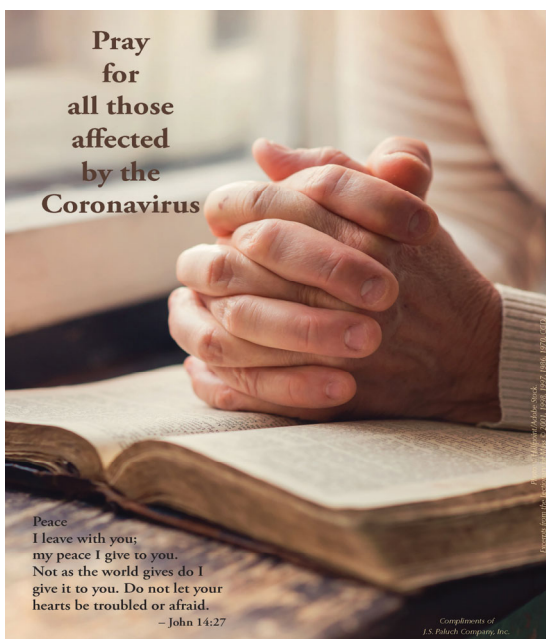
Easter Collection: \$8,980.0

(Weekly totals include contributions made through Faith Direct)

Good Shepherd needs your support now more than ever! Join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to Good Shepherd. Faith Direct offers a safe and secure way to donate to our parish in this time of uncertainty. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish.

**Getting started is easy! Visit [faith.direct/CA688](https://faith.direct/CA688) or text the word ENROLL to (916) 439-8801.**

**Thank you for your continued support of our parish family, especially during this difficult time for all of us.**



**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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