

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

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



FIFTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

MAY 2, 2021

By this is my Father glorified,
that you bear much fruit
and become my disciples.

John 15:8

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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
First Friday: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in the St. 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.gsccceg.org/sacraments/baptism for more information.

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

BEARING FRUIT

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God “prunes” us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly “pruned” by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials “pruned” him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Monday: Ss. Philip and James
Wednesday: Cinco de Mayo
Thursday: National Day of Prayer
Friday: First Friday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

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.

Reminder

As a reminder, when you receive communion at Mass, consume the consecrated host at the altar by stepping to the side and lifting your mask. Please do not walk away from the altar until you have consumed the host.

Adoration

There will be Adoration on the **First Friday** of every month from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm (to conclude with Chaplet of Divine Mercy) and **every Wednesday evening** from 5:45-7:00 pm. Additional helpers are needed to assist with Adoration. If you are able to serve, please contact the parish office.

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



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Parent Support Workshop

Join the next Diocesan monthly Parent Support Session on May 17th at 8:00 pm. Members of the Office of Family & Faith Formation and Youth & Young Adult Ministry will share ideas for talking to your children about love, sex and marriage. During this session the team will help you learn your rights as a parent to review and opt out of sex education in the public schools. Learn where to find resources to teach about love, sex and marriage from a Catholic perspective. Watch live at <https://www.scd.org/parentsupport>.

SAVE THE DATE May 23, 2021

Did you know that the Church has an actual birthday? It's Pentecost Sunday. Every year, 50 days after Easter, we celebrate Pentecost, the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and they received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. On that day, the apostles all began to preach in their native tongues and they were understood by all. Three thousand people were converted and baptized. For this reason, it is known as the birthday of the church. Because we are all members of the body of the Church, it is our birthday as well. So we're going to celebrate!

Please plan to join us for a picnic on the school lawn on May 23rd beginning at noon. Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets and lunch and we will provide drinks and dessert and enjoy an

afternoon of fellowship and fun for the entire family.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please contact the parish office.



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Knights of Columbus: Into the Breach

Ready to put your faith into action? The Knights of Columbus are hosting 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. **Open to ALL Catholic men.** Join us at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays in the church. For more information and to sign up, visit <https://www.laguna-knights.org/>.

Join the Columbiettes

Interested in learning about how you can serve our parish? We are forming a chapter of Columbiettes here at Good Shepherd. This organization of Catholic women is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Theresa the Little Flower and St. Joan of Arc, is affiliated with the local Knights of Columbus Council and is **open to ALL Catholic women.** We are having a meet and greet on May 16th at noon and would love for you to join us! For more info, contact Lady Michelle at shellex36@yahoo.com or call 916.717.4302.

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 April 26 we distributed 135 boxes of food to 32 families consisting of 163 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.**



Young Adult Ministry

Fiat is a ministry for Catholic young adults (ages 18-39) that seeks to inspire personal holiness through holistic formation, authentic friendships, intentional discipleship, vocational discernment, & a deeper encounter with Christ. Join us each Wednesday for fellowship after Adoration. We will meet in the Narthex and then go to a local eatery. To contact us, please email us at fiat.ya.eg@gmail.com. For more events & updates, follow us on Instagram @fiat_ya, or find us on Facebook by searching Fiat Catholic Young Adults.



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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.gscccg.org
- Download our **app**, **My Parish**
- **Our YouTube channel.** Search for "Good Shepherd Catholic Church Elk Grove" and subscribe.
- **Our Facebook page.** Search for "Good Shepherd Catholic Church" and like our page.

Annulment Workshop

What is an annulment? Who can get one? There are many misconceptions about annulments in the Catholic Church, especially regarding the difficulty, cost, and process. We want to make the process accessible and comfortable for all who desire it. Join us for an informal conversation ONLINE with Cheryl Tholcke, the Moderator of our diocesan Tribunal Chancery and Fr. Mark Richards, our diocesan Judicial Vicar. They will fully explain the process and answer any questions you may have. The Zoom link will be provided after registration. Monday, May 24 from 6:30-8:00 PM ONLINE. RSVP by May 20 to Darcy Wharton at SS. Peter & Paul Parish, Rocklin (darcy.wharton@rocklincatholic.org).



Parish Registration and Change of Address

New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community?

Recently moved or changed phone number?

Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Address _____

City, Zip _____

Please provide weekly offering envelopes Yes No

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 1

5pm

Erlinda dela Rosa (+)

Sunday, May 2

7:00 am

Alfred and Helen Lial (+)

9:00 am

Bernardo A. Barba (+)

11:00am

Roselyn Elecho Urbano (+)

1:00 pm

Jun Buduan (+)

5:00 pm

Derek Uzoh (SI)

Monday, May 3

Anita Estrada (DA)

Tuesday, May 4

Domingos and Maria Fagundes (+)

Wednesday, May 5

Julio Millare (+)

Thursday, May 6

Mary Baby (BD)

Friday, May 7

Manuel and Tina Marquez (+)

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: Elizabeth Murikken and Mary Murikken (5pm 5/1), Nestor Noveno (11am 5/2), Mary Baby (5/6), Jordan dela Cruz (5/6), Sr. Doris Jordan (5/6)

Thanksgiving: Rodel Fontanilla Family (7am 5/2)

Special Intention for Healing: Isaiah David Monteiro (7am 5/2), Isaiah Ellis (9am 5/2), Nancy Simpkins (9am 5/2)

Special Intention: Thomas Murikken (5pm 5/1), Ubois family (5pm 5/1), Ndulue family (7am 5/2), Anthony Uzoh (7am 5/2), Glory Tactacan (1pm 5/2), Brianna and Desiree Uzoh (5pm, 5/2), Dorothy Uzoh (5/3)

Anniversary: Jonathan and Amelia Cruz (11am 5/2), Andrew and Lorelei Gibson (11am 5/2)

Death Anniversary: Guadalupe Lopez (9am 5/2), Lucito Flojo (1pm 5/2), Jaime Decena (5pm 5/2), Florentina Curso Cua (4yr DA 5/4)

Rest of the Soul: Ruben delos Santos (5pm 5/1), Frank Ubois (5pm 5/1), Leo Galang (7am 5/2), Conrado and Estela Gunabe (7am 5/2), Carmelita R. Reyes (9am 5/2), Ina Kohn (11am 5/2), Raulito S. Urbano (11am 5/2), Felicitas Tomas (1pm 5/2), Rene and Bessie Ramos (1pm 5/2), Tommie Bedania (5pm 5/2), Alejandro Flores (5/3), Bonifacio Abero (5/4), Raulito Urbano (5/4), Roselyn Elecho Urbano (5/4), Tan Kung Bee (5/5), Conrada dela Cruz (5/7), Luis and Angeline Pawid (5/7)

Offertory at Good Shepherd

Weekly Collection Total for 4/17-4/18: \$17,714.58

(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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