

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



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Schedule

Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Vigil

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 and 5:00 p.m.

Weekdays: 8:30 a.m.

Distribution of Holy Eucharist:

Sunday: 10:00-11:00 am in the entrance to the Fr. Phillip Wells Hall

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday: 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.gscceg.org/sacraments/baptism for more information.

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

Church, Office & School

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Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8am - 3pm

Closed for lunch 12-1pm

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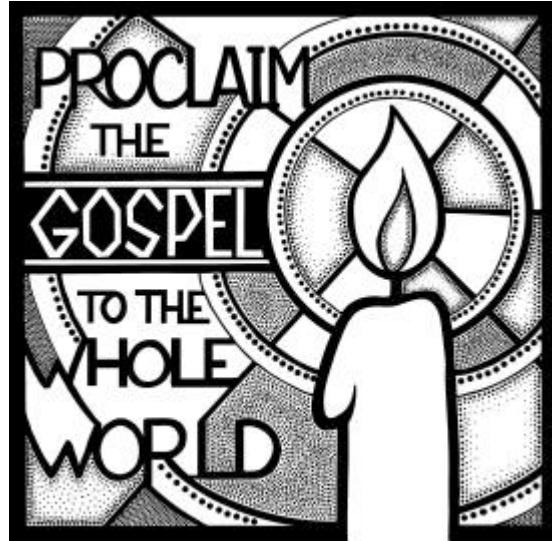
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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ASCENSION

The theological unity, or perhaps even the temporal experience of the early community, made it seem that Jesus' resurrection and his ascension were inseparable aspects of a single mystery. Only in the later writings of Luke and John has further theological reflection helped the Christian community to distinguish different dimensions of the mystery. Liturgical tradition has followed the forty-day chronology formulated by Luke. We would miss the point, however, if we were to demand a precise historical chronology of events such as the Resurrection-Ascension that are primarily spiritual in nature and that clearly surpass the bounds of time and space as we know them.

What is important for us to grasp is the significance of the Ascension. For Luke, it is the decisive turning point that marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of the disciples' Spirit-led ministry and thus the ministry of the whole church down to our own day.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	<u>Vigil:</u> Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 <u>Day:</u> Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Day; Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sundown
Tuesday:	St. John I
Thursday:	St. Bernardine of Siena; Julian Calendar Ascension
Friday:	St. Christopher Magellanes and Companions
Saturday:	St. Rita of Cascia; Vigil of Pentecost

Help Needed

Are you looking for a way that you can help our parish community and connect with other members of Good Shepherd? We're looking for people who are willing to make some phone calls and reach out to their fellow parishioners to see how they are doing. If you are interested in helping, please email gscdevelopment@frontier.com or call the parish office for more information.

Finance Council Vacancy

Fr. Vaughan is currently seeking a parishioner to fill a vacancy on the Parish Finance Council. This Council functions as a consultative body to the pastor. It consists of selected professionals to advise the pastor in these areas:

- Preparation of the annual operating budget
- Long-term financial planning
- Annual parish financial report, which is submitted to the Diocesan Bishop
- Annual and periodic financial reports to the faithful

The Council ensures that an adequate system of internal controls is in place to guide the parish in caring for and managing financial resources and temporal goods. The Parish Finance Council observes all policies and procedures outlined in the Parish Financial Management Handbook. If you are a business professional looking for a way to serve your parish, please forward a brief summary of your experience to the parish office at goodshepherdchurch@frontiernet.net before June 1st, 2021.

Knights of Columbus: Into the Breach

The Knights of Columbus study/discussion sessions will continue on Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm in the church until June 29th. **Open to ALL Catholic men.** 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 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 May 9 we distributed 183 boxes of food to 32 families consisting of 159 people. Food distribution is now on Mondays from 9:00-10:00 a.m. There will not be food distribution on Memorial Day, May 31. **SVdP has funds available for Utility assistance for our 95757 and 95758 residents. For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.**



Knights of Columbus, Council 11236 Rosary Night of Prayer

The Knights of Columbus are promoting a Rosary Night of Prayer in honor of our Blessed Mother on **Monday, May 24, 2021 at 6:30pm** in the Church. All parishioners and all Brother Knights are invited to attend.

Mary, our Blessed Mother, is the patroness of our order. We ask her to pray for us and ask that she bestow her blessings to us on this special day, **Mary, Mother of the Church.** Best of all, this gives us **all** an opportunity to pray the Rosary together as a parish community. For more information contact SK Iggy Lopez-Alvarez at (916) 416-7327.

Memorial Day Mass

Good Shepherd Armed Forces Veterans Ministry and St. John Paul Assembly invite everyone to their joint celebration of Memorial Day on Monday, May 31st beginning with Mass at 8:30 a.m. After the Mass, parishioners will be invited to proceed to our Lady of Divine Shepherd Garden for a wreath laying by Fr. Michael. All military personnel, policemen and firemen are encouraged to wear their respective military dress uniforms.



The Veterans Ministry is inviting all parishioners with relatives who are members of the Armed Forces to submit a picture of their loved one for a Memorial Day display in our narthex. We will be including them in our prayers at Mass. Please email BobbyNavRet@aol.com for more information.

Good Shepherd Adopt a Family

Our Works of Mercy ministry is once again assisting a local family to transition out of homelessness. **Please visit gscceg.org/blog/good-shepherd-adopt-family to see how you can help.** If you have any questions please contact Betty May at bettymay8@gmail.com. God bless you and thank you ahead of time for your charitable hearts and good works of mercy!

Fiat—Young Adult Ministry

Young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to 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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TEEN NEWS

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All high school teens are invited to join us on May 30th after the 5:00pm mass for pizza, outdoor games and fellowship. We will meet around 6:15pm on the blacktop area by the Youth Room and will conclude at

8:00pm. If you have any questions please email Lifeteen@gscceg.org. See you there!

Life Teen

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>.

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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.gscceg.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.
- Make sure we have up-to-date contact information for you. You can update it on our website at <https://gscceg.org/about/update-your-contact-information>.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 15

5pm

Sean James Refe (+)

Sunday, May 16

7:00 am

Conrado and Estela Gunabe (+)

9:00 am

Pete Bulatao (+)

11:00am

Alex George (BD)

1:00 pm

Rene and Bessie Ramos (+)

5:00 pm

Teresita Nuñez Balang (+)

Monday, May 17

Dr. Evelyn Ong (+)

Tuesday, May 18

Corazon Joves (+)

Wednesday, May 19

Franz Josef Villanueva Apostol (+)

Thursday, May 20

Scott Avis (+)

Friday, May 21

Hospicia Pepito (+)

Key: Deceased (+) Thanksgiving (TG)
Death Anniversary (DA) Birthday (BD) Special Inten-
tion (SI) Wedding Anniversary (WA) SI-H) Special
Intention for healing

This week we will remember in prayer:

Birthday: Lorelei Gibson (5pm 5/15), Derek, Brianna, Desiree Uzoh (11am 5/16), Carmelita Sarmiento (5/20)

Thanksgiving: Austria family (5pm 5/15), Jose and Junia Dela Cruz (60th WA, 5/21)

Special Intention for Healing: Margie Estavillo (7am 5/16), Isaiah David Monteiro (7am 5/16)

Special Intention: Ubois family (5pm 5/15)

Death Anniversary: Evelyn Ong (1yrDA 5pm 5/15), Peter Valmore (7am 5/16), Hermenegilda G. Margate (5/18), Hipolita Aguilar (5/19), Salve Cancio (1yrDA 5/20), Natividad Camerino (5/20)

Repose of the Soul: Rizalina Alontave Herco (5pm 5/15), Frank Ubois (5pm 5/15), Jim Hoss (7am 5/16), Phillip Hoss (7am 5/16), Gale Nguyen (7am 5/16), Rolando Aguilar (every Mass 5/15 and 5/16), Bernardo A. Barba (9am 5/16), Joseph and Patrick Earley (9am 5/16), Wayne and Joanne Earley (9am 5/16), Henry and Aurelia Baragas (11am 5/16), Merlin Benigno (11am 5/16), Patricia McKenna (11am 5/16), Phat Dinh (1pm 5/16), Quy Nguyen (1pm 5/16), Maria Nhu Tran (1pm 5/16), Khanh Tran (1pm 5/16), Tai Tran (1pm 5/16), Consuelo Acierto (5pm 5/16), Henry Joseph Baragas (5pm 5/16), Thelma Asignado Saquing (5pm 5/16), Rolando Aguilar (5/17-5/21), Joao Angelo (5/17), Joao Angelo (5/18), Norma Teresa Cruz de Soto (5/19), Ron Cancio (5/20), Sofia Caraang (5/20), Hermengilda G. Margate (5/21), Roberto Manzo (5/21), Joao Silva (5/21)

Offertory at Good Shepherd

Weekly Collection Total for 5/1-5/2: \$19,450.80

(weekly total includes contributions made through Faith Direct)

Making plans for the summer? Make sure to plan for your offertory as well! When your summer travels take you away from Sunday services, eGiving lets you continue to support Good Shepherd and the ministries you cherish. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts sustain our parish through the busy summer months. You'll provide us with consistent support, even if you're away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community never miss a beat. **Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/CA688, or text 'Enroll' to (916) 439-8801.**

Thank you for your continued support!

Let's Gather

AND AWAKEN THE JOY!

PENTECOST

Family picnic



**Sunday
May 23, 2021**

*On the grassy fields behind our school!
Enter under the Balloon Arch and reconnect
with friends and family as we celebrate the
birthday of the Church!*

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Parish Registration and Change of Address

New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community?

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