

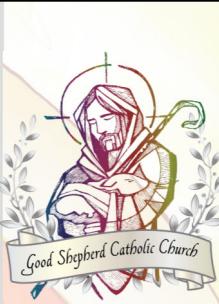
**July 19, 2020**

*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## 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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## Schedule

### Mass Times:

Saturday: 5p.m. Vigil

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

Weekdays: 8:30 a.m.

First Saturday of the month: 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. Sunday Masses

**Kinderchurch:** 9 a.m. Mass only

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

First Thursday, silent adoration, and with prayers of devotion: 6-8:30 p.m.

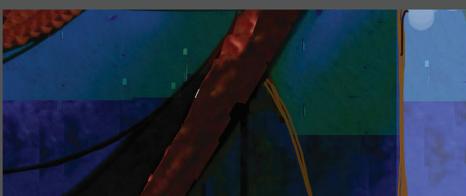
First Friday, Exposition: 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. with Divine Mercy chaplet and solemn benediction.

## Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m. in church, or by appointment.

**Baptism:** Parents and godparents go to [www.gscceg.org/sacraments/baptism](http://www.gscceg.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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## GOOD SEEDS

Today Jesus continues to speak to his followers using parables. What a rich treasure we are given today in three parables about the kingdom of heaven! The kingdom is likened to a man sowing good seed in his field, a mustard seed, and yeast mixed with flour. As they did last week, today the disciples press Jesus for an interpretation of one of the parables—the parable of the man sowing good seed. Lest we think that these parables are simply amusing little anecdotes, Jesus' interpretation should be seen for what it is—a warning. Wailing and grinding of teeth in a fiery furnace await those who are children of the evil one. This parable points to the struggle for today's believer. Sometimes, through sin, we sow weeds and prevent the love of Christ from blossoming. Let today's Gospel help put us back on track. Let us recommit ourselves to preparing for the last days, the harvest, by blossoming as the good seeds we were created in love to be.

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## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Apollinaris
Tuesday:	St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Wednesday:	St. Mary Magdalene
Thursday:	St. Bridget
Friday:	St. Sharbel Makhluf
Saturday:	St. James

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday:	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday:	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Sunday:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

## Thank you Volunteers!

Thank you to our ushers who go above and beyond at each Mass— helping everyone maintain a safe social distance and cleaning and sanitizing our church in between each Mass! Their hard work allows us to follow health and safety guidelines. Thanks also to all volunteers who are helping at the Mass check-in table. Your cooperation with all of our volunteers is much appreciated. Please remember that these people are giving of their time to ensure that we can follow all necessary protocols and remain open.

## Returning to Mass

Please go to our website to sign up to attend Mass. We ask you to keep in mind the following:

- All parishioners (except children under 2 years old) are required to wear a mask.
- Mass check-in begins 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass. Please arrive no later than 10 minutes before Mass. Mass will begin promptly and there will be no admittance once Mass starts.
- If you sign up and then are unable to attend Mass, please delete your sign up or call the parish office to let us know. Our sign ups are getting full but we have people who are not showing up for Mass. **Also, do not reserve spots for family members unless you are certain they will attend with you.** Please be courteous to your fellow parishioners — remember we have many people trying to make a reservation to attend Mass.
- If you would like to reserve a spot for Mass but the sign up is full, you may still be able to attend. We suggest that you arrive 20-30 minutes prior to the start of Mass. You'll be asked to wait in a standby line. If we have no-shows, those people in the standby line will be allowed inside on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please note that we can not guarantee you a spot at Mass if you are in the standby line.
- Please take a moment to view the videos on our website so that you will know what to expect when returning to Mass.
- As this situation continues to evolve, your patience and understanding is very much appreciated. With grateful hearts, we give thanks for the support of our amazing parishioners and for the opportunity to join together again as one flock in our beloved church home. Welcome back to the table!

# Parish News

## Volunteers Needed

We are looking for parishioners to help with usher duties for our weekday Mass at 8:30 a.m. and for special Masses such as funerals. We are also in need of volunteers to help clean the church pews after these special Masses. This involves spraying a disinfectant and wiping down the pews. If you are interested in helping out with either of these needs, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

## Church Hours

The church is usually open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for individual, private prayer. If you chose to visit the church, please follow social distancing regulations. Please note that the church is closed for cleaning immediately after Mass for about 45 minutes. The church may also be closed for funerals. It's always a good idea to call the office prior to visiting the church so that we can confirm that it is open.

## Stay Connected!

- Check our website, [www.gscceg.org](http://www.gscceg.org), for most current information, links to watch Mass online, and links to other online resources.
- 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 our Sunday Mass.
- Our **Facebook page**. Like and follow @goodshepherdelkgrove.
- **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.

## 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. On July 13th, we served 32 families consisting of 130 people and gave out 124 boxes of food. **For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.**



## Additions to Divine Mercy Chapel

Next time you are in the church, please visit the Divine Mercy chapel. You will see two new pieces of framed art, paintings of St. Faustina and St. John Paul II. These beautiful paintings were donated by Fr. Leon Juchniewicz and generous parishioners who paid for the framing. We are grateful for these additions which enhance our worship space.

## 2020-2021 Religious Education Registration is Now Open!

Online Registration for "Distance Catechesis" for the 2020-2021 CFF, First Holy Communion & Confirmation catechetical year is open until **August 31, 2020**. Due to many concerns and logistics involved with Covid-19 as they relate to our Parish and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton facilities (which we use for all of our Religious Education catechesis), ALL of our Religious Education Programs for 2020-2021 will be moved to "Distance Catechesis (Learning)" for the whole year. We hope to resume in-person classes for the 2021-2022 catechetical year.

To greatly minimize foot traffic in the Parish & CFF Offices, Religious Education registration has been moved to ONLINE REGISTRATION. You can complete the Registration Packet and submit your payment through the parish website. Registrations will not be processed until we receive BOTH the completed registration packet AND confirmation of the online payment.

If you have any questions, concerns, or you do not have online access and need to submit a registration packet and/or payment in person, you MUST contact the CFF Office at [CFFAdmin@gscceg.org](mailto:CFFAdmin@gscceg.org) (email is the best & fastest way to communicate with us) or call the Religious Education Office at 916-683-2963, to schedule an appointment.

## Help Our Advertisers

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## *Mass Intentions*

### **Saturday, July 18, 2020**

**5:00 pm**

Gordon Philip Ferriss, Sr. (85yrBD)  
Shaji Kudilil (BD)  
Mary Rojas (BD)  
Corazon Joves (+)  
Geronimo Lacayo (+)  
Joao Silva (+)

### **Sunday, July 19, 2020**

**7:00 am**

Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)  
Elizabeth Kendrick (+)  
Frank Kendrick (+)

**9:00 am**

Vincent Del Rosario (BD)  
Maria Socorro (Socky)  
Perez Carmona (+)  
Venancio Del Rosario (+)  
Luca Nguyen Thinh (+)  
Diosadado Vida (+)

**11:00 am**

**1:00 pm**

Deceased members of  
The Do Family (+)  
Bill Sweeney (+)  
All souls in purgatory (+)

**5:00 pm**

Monina Antonio (BD)

### **Monday, July 20, 2020**

**8:30 am**

Monina Antonio (BD)  
Jaime Crisol Sr. (BD)  
Gordan & Paulette Ferris (TG)  
Robert Ote (SI)  
Scott Avis (+)  
Pedro Cua (+)

### **Tuesday, July 21, 2020**

**8:30 am**

Espie Bacerra (BD)  
Mikko Magtoto (BD)  
Ann Nguyen (SI-H)

### **Wednesday, July 22, 2020**

**8:30 am**

Mini Parathathu (TG)  
Pedro Flores (+)  
Conrado Gunabe (3YR DA)

### **Thursday, July 23, 2020**

**8:30 am**

Apolinaria Garcia (1YR DA)  
Emabertha Magana (+)

### **Friday, July 24, 2020**

**8:30 am**

Estela Gunabe (+)  
Joao Mendes (+)

#### **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 July 4/5: \$20,794.88

(Weekly totals include contributions made through Faith Direct.)

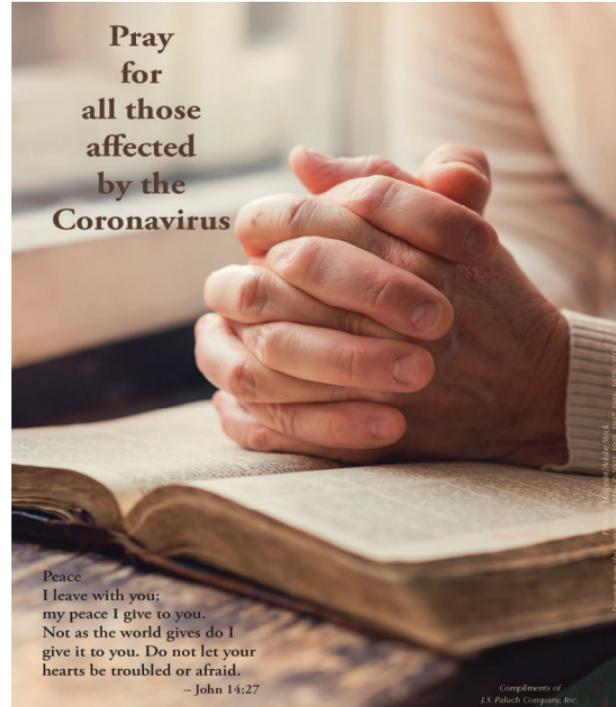
Businesses and churches are beginning to reopen, however Good Shepherd still depends on online donations to continue our ministry.

We prayerfully invite you to sign up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/CA688](http://faith.direct/CA688), or text 'Enroll' to (916) 439-8801.

**Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!**

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for  
all those  
affected  
by the  
Coronavirus



Peace  
I leave with you;  
my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives do I  
give it to you. Do not let your  
hearts be troubled or afraid.

— John 14:27

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### 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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