

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: 10:00-10:45 am in the en-
trance 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. and Wednesdays from 5:45 to
7:00 pm.

Baptism: Parents and godparents
go to [www.gscccg.org/sacraments/
baptism](http://www.gscccg.org/sacraments/baptism) for more information.

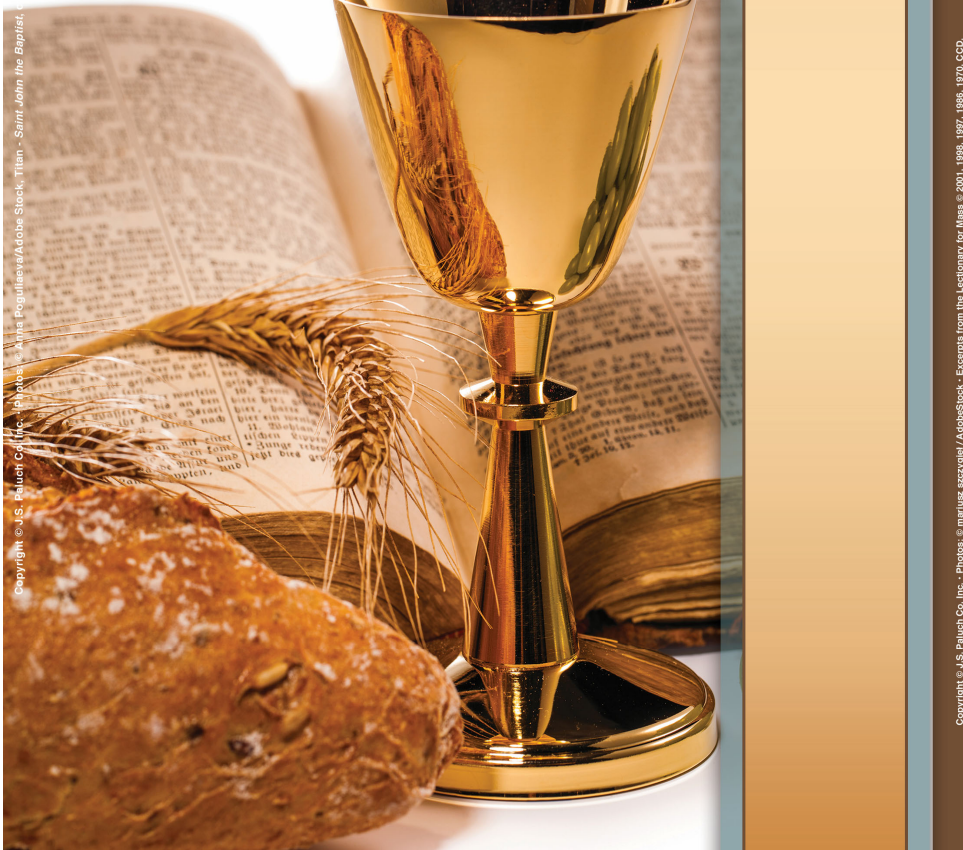
Marriage: Engaged couples begin
preparation at least six months before
wedding date. Schedule with parish
office.

The bread of God

*is that which comes
down from heaven and
gives life to the world.*

John 6:33

August 1, 2021
**EIGHTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME**



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THE BREAD OF LIFE

Today's Gospel has the crowd asking Jesus three questions. First, "When did you get here," to which Jesus responds by rebuking them for their failure to grasp his miracle as a "sign," an occasion to put faith in him. Their second question about accomplishing the "works of God" has Jesus respond that faith is the "work" that God wishes. Many scholars believe this is John's answer to the faith-works dichotomy emerging in the early Christian community. Faith is the work of God in the believer, John would have us understand. The third question asked by the crowd is a request for a "sign" that would allow them to put faith in Jesus, as the manna in the desert allowed the Israelites to put faith in the Lord God. Jesus answers by revealing himself as the "bread of life" that "comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

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Let's Gather

AND AWAKEN THE JOY!

Hot August Nights Car Show & Food Trucks

Our "Hot August Nights" Car Show and food truck event will be on August 28 from 10:00 am—2:00 pm. If you have a fancy car or know someone who does and would like to be included in our car show, please fill out the application on our website at gscceg.org/blog/hot-august-nights-car-show-food-trucks. This event will be fun for the whole family. Come out and see some cool cars and enjoy yummy food!

Lector Training

Are you interested in participating in Mass by helping to proclaim the word of God? Become a Lector! Upcoming training for those interested will be held on August 12 at 6:30 pm in the Church. If you already attended the session on July 26, you do not need to attend on August 12. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Chris at lectors@gscceg.org or call 916-582-2847.

Help Needed

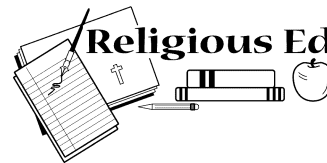
Are you looking for a way that you can help our parish community and connect with other members of Good Shepherd? We're looking for people who are willing to make some phone calls and reach out to their fellow parishioners to see how they are doing. If you are interested in helping, please email gscdevelopment@frontier.com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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli;
St. Peter Julian Eymard
Wednesday: St. John Vianney
Thursday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Friday: The Transfiguration of the Lord;
Hiroshima Memorial Day; First Friday
Saturday: St. Sixtus II and Companions;
St. Cajetan; First Saturday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13;
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;
Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;
2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2;
Jn 6:41-51



Religious Education

Religious Education Registration

Registration for the 2021-2022 catechetical year is open now through August 27th. Registration is online only. Check our website for details and the registration link. Classes will all be in person and will begin in September. **We are actively searching for catechists (teachers) and catechist assistants for grades 1-6 and core team members for middle school and high school confirmation preparation.** Training will be held in August. If you feel called to assist in this most worthwhile ministry, please contact Menchie at cfadmin@gscceg.org or call 916-683-2963.

Come & See—Swahili Mass

Everyone is invited to a special Mass on August 1 at 2:30 pm celebrated by Father Julius in Swahili. Come experience this beautiful Mass with members of our Swahili community. This Mass will be celebrated on the first Sunday of every month at 2:30 pm.

Pray the Rosary!

Next weekend we will have two opportunities to pray the Rosary together as a parish family. On **August 10** at 7:00 pm the Knights of Columbus will host their monthly Rosary Crusade. On **August 13** after morning Mass you can join the Our Lady of Fatima prayer group to pray the Rosary. All parishioners are invited to join in either or both of these special times to pray to our Mother Mary.



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Kaburu-Let's Tell The Story: Sat. August 7, 7-8:30 (Via Zoom)

You are invited to the next installment of the **St. Josephine Bakhita Speaker Series**, "Kaburu-Let's Tell The Story" with Kaye Crawford. Black Catholic History will be brought to life through tales of kingdoms, continents, and intrigue through the eyes of heroes and sheroes of our Catholic tradition. Kaye, creator of Blackcatholichistory.com, brings 30 years of research and scholarship to a lively, interactive presentation. Please see our website for the Zoom link. For more information contact Valerie at valerie.ramos@comcast.net.

Second Collection—Church in Latin America

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult terrain and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gift makes a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Trail Life USA

Trail Life is a faith-based scouting organization for boys in grades 1-12. Trail Life USA Troop CA-0127 is preparing for the upcoming school year of 2021-2022. If you and your sons are interested in more information, please contact Carlo Juanola at 916-798-9324 / carlojuanola@gmail.com.



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St. Vincent de Paul News

Thank you for all you do to support SVdP. **PLEASE DO NOT PLACE FRESH FOOD IN THE CART IN THE NARTHEX. It will spoil because the cart is not emptied daily.** On July 26 we distributed 142 boxes of food to 35 families consisting of 167 people. Food distribution is on Mondays from 9:00-10:00 a.m. SVdP has funds available for utility assistance for our 95757 and 95758 residents. For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.

Youth Activities

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XLT presented by the Youth Community of Good Shepherd

XLT stands for "Exalt." XLT is a night of prayer for our community that includes praise and worship, a message, and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We extend an invitation to our entire community to join us and our guest speaker, Seminarian Alex Marquez, on August 8 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for our August 2021 XLT.

We will spend an hour in the presence of the Lord focusing on how he is our champion and celebrating him through the words of Seminarian Marquez and through music. Simply put, XLT is a devotion focused on growing deeper in our relationship with Jesus.

Job Opening—Director of Youth Ministry

We are looking for a dynamic leader to coordinate youth ministry teams at Good Shepherd, St. Joseph and St. Maria Goretti parishes. Position requires regular evening and weekend work with Sunday being a regular workday. Ideal candidate has 5 years' experience as a paid parish youth ministry coordinator, is energetic and passionate about their faith, holds at least a BA degree, is an effective communicator to both teens, young adults and parents, enjoys a fast-paced, team oriented work environment, has experience working with youth and families from a variety of backgrounds and cultures, and is excited about building something new and exciting. For more information and job requirements, check our website or email kstaszko@scd.org.



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Good Shepherd Parish **RCIA** classes are underway.

You may still join this year's class of **adults** desiring **baptism, Holy Communion, and/or confirmation**, on the road to full reception in the Catholic Church. Registration forms available at <http://gscceg.org/ministries/education-and-sacramental-preparation-ministries>. (Adult Inquirer and Expectations Forms). **REGISTRATION ENDS 9/12.** For more information email Valerie at Valerie.ramos@comcast.net or call (916) 317-9385.

Journey with Joseph: Celebrate Dads and Grandads at the Sacramento River Cats Game

As part of the year of St. Joseph celebration, Bishop Soto invites you to join him for a special day with the Sacramento River Cats on Sunday, August 22 to honor our fathers and grandfathers. For more information go to <https://www.scd.org/event/journey-joseph-river-cats-game>.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 31

5pm

Samuel Rinelli (+)

Sunday, August 1

7:00 am

Alfred and Helen Lial (+)

9:00 am

Miguel Romeo Vinzon (+)

11:00am

Joseph Do Ngoc Luu (+)

1:00 pm

Nicole Fabela (SI-H)

5:00 pm

Lea Vicio (BD)

Monday, August 2

Cicily Sebastian (+)

Tuesday, August 3

Raultio S. Urbano (+)

Wednesday, August 4

Domingos and Maria Fagundes (+)

Thursday, August 5

Medardo Bejarin (DA)

Friday, August 6

Charles T. (SI)

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: Zenen Magtoto (5pm 7/31), Maximino Marquez Jr. (5pm 7/31), Louis Valmore (7am 8/1), Delia Daria (8/2), Celia Santiago (8/2), Jose Ma. Geoffrey Guanco (8/3), Vilma Barcena (50yr 8/4), Guillen Austria (8/5), Cenen D. Cumagun (8/5)

Thanksgiving: Verne Bowers (5pm 7/31), Do and Nguyen family (8/4)

Special Intention for Healing: Noel Bati (1pm 8/1)

Special Intention: Jimmy & Noemi Lopez (7am 8/1), Farrah Mangoba (9am 8/1), Tatum Morrell (11am 8/1), Children of Mother of Perpetual Help (8/4)

Death Anniversary: Bernard Rooney (1yr 5pm 7/31), Leopoldo Domingo (11am 8/1), Gerry Lau (8/3)

Rest of the Soul: Petra Orallo Alontave (5pm 7/31), Medardo Bejarin (7am 8/1), Vikash Chand (7am 8/1), Conrado & Estela Gunabe (7am 8/1) Purification Lopez (7am 8/1), Constanca Marana (9am 8/1), Raulito S. Urbano (11am 8/1), Roselyn Elecho Urbano (11am 8/1), Leah Cobile (1pm 8/1), Jaxon James Crimmins (1pm 8/1), Jackie Lou Tamayo (1pm 8/1), Segundino and Rose Quintans (8/2), Cicily Thommen (8/2), Roselyn Elecho Urbano (8/3), Cesar Boquiran (8/4) Conchita De Leon (8/4)

Offertory at Good Shepherd

Weekly Collection Total for 7/24-7/25: \$19,625.43

(weekly total includes contributions made through Faith Direct)

Our parish ministries depend on the steady, consistent support provided by monthly givers. It was a lifeline during COVID-19, and it sustains us year-round when summer vacations, holiday travels, inclement weather, and other forces keep people away from services. Plus it eases the workload on our hardworking staff, since they have fewer cash and check donations to process.

Thank you for your trusted support – your monthly gifts are always greatly appreciated! Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/CA688, or text 'Enroll' to (916) 439-8801.

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Hot August Nights Car Show

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*10:00 am to
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**Saturday
August 28
2021**

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New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community?

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E-mail _____

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City, Zip _____

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