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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



AUGUST 16, 2020

*O woman,
great is
your faith!*

MATTHEW 15:28



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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Schedule

Mass Times:

Saturday: 6:00 p.m. Vigil

Sunday: 6:30, 8:30, 10 a.m. and 6:00
and 7:30 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.

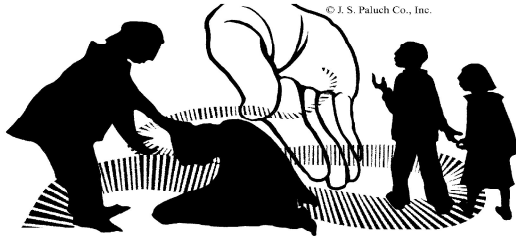
Sacraments

Reconciliation: By appointment only.

Contact the office to schedule.

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

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



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 16, 2020

Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed.

— *Isaiah 56:1*

WHY PRAY?

The “foreigners” as Isaiah calls them, the “Gentiles” as Paul calls them, or the “Canaanites” as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer. As we listen to today’s readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles had the opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. John Donne, a fifteenth-century poet, knew what the qualities of good prayer were. Donne asks God to treat him differently from most Christians. The poet does not want God to merely “knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend,” but also to “break, blow, burn, and make me new” (*Holy Sonnets*, XIV).

It takes a dynamic faith on our part to come to God in prayer. As Jesus once said, “Knock and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7). It may take pounding the door down, but if we are as persistent as the woman in today’s Gospel, the results will follow.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab;
Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8;
Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. John Eudes
Thursday: St. Bernard
Friday: St. Pius X
Saturday: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Attending Mass

We are so grateful for the continued support of our Good Shepherd community and for those of you that join us for outdoor Mass. **Please take a few moments to read the following reminders** about COVID guidelines and suggestions for a more comfortable experience for everyone attending Mass in person:

- Please follow the direction of Ushers at all times. Wait for them to direct you at dismissal so that you maintain 6 ft social distance from anyone not in your household. **Please do not move any chairs.** We work hard to ensure that the chairs are configured to keep everyone comfortable while also making the communion and dismissal process efficient and safe.
- For everyone’s safety, we continue to sanitize all chairs after they are used. For this reason, we ask that once you are seated, you remain in that chair and not move to another seat. Our goal is to minimize points of shared contact as much as possible.
- **Please sign up for Mass online.** This streamlines the check in process. If you do not sign up online, we have to collect your personal information as you enter -- creating a back-up at check in. It only takes a few minutes to sign up online. **If you aren’t signed up, please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass.** Please call the office if you don’t have web access.
- We monitor the weather for changes that affect our Parishioners. If you cannot tolerate the sun or heat, it would be wise to attend our early morning or evening Masses. Assume that you will be in the sun if you attend the 10:00 am Mass. You may bring hats and personal umbrellas.
- Thank you to everyone for following the mask requirement currently imposed by both the Health Dept. and the Diocese. **Everyone must wear a mask at all times during Mass.**
- The Dispensation issued by the Diocese remains in effect. If you are not comfortable attending Mass under the current conditions or if you don’t feel well, please watch Mass on our YouTube channel. Your cooperation helps everyone stay healthy!

Parish News

Requesting a Mass Intention

Since our office is currently closed to the public, most of our staff is working from home. The best way to reach us is by sending an email to gscoffice@frontier.com. If you would like to request a Mass intention, please email it to us. To make a donation for your Mass intention, you can drop it in the collection basket, pay online through Faith Direct or send us a check in the mail. If you would like a Mass card, just let us know in your email and we can schedule a time for you to pick it up.

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 remember that the church may be closed for funerals so it's always a good idea to call the office prior to visiting.

Farewell to Fr. Ed

We have been fortunate to have Father Edgardo Garcia Velazquez as our Parochial Vicar for the past three years. However, as of September 1, Father Ed will be reassigned as Parochial Vicar at Holy Rosary Parish in Woodland. Since we are unable to have a farewell gathering, if you would like to drop off a card or note for him you may do so in the parish office between now and August 28th.

Please join us in welcoming **Father Julius Kiogora Kaburu** as our new Parochial Vicar as of September 1. Father Julius is currently the Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph Parish in Lincoln.

Baptisms at Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd is still welcoming new members into our parish family at baptism. Baptisms are currently being held outside. **Our baptism ministry is in need of volunteers that can assist the priest or deacon on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays by setting up for baptism and helping check in the families as they enter.** The commitment is approximately 2 hours on one of those mornings from 9 am until 11am. We hope to have enough volunteers to assist so that your time would only be one Saturday every 2 months. Please call the office or email Monica Goodale at gscoffice@frontier.com if you would like to help.

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.**



Volunteers Needed

Thank you to our ushers who go above and beyond at each Mass— helping everyone maintain a safe social distance and cleaning and sanitizing 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. **Additional volunteers are needed to help with the Usher Ministry. If you would like to help usher at Mass, please contact the parish office or email edcamerino@gmail.com. Thank you.**

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 (email is the best & fastest way to communicate with us) or call the Religious Education Office at 916-683-2963, to schedule an appointment.

2020-2021 Good Shepherd Parish RCIA

If you are interested in joining this year's cohort on the road to full reception in the Catholic Church, which includes: **adults desiring baptism, Holy Communion, and/or confirmation**, classes begin August 2nd. Please download the registration packet at www.gscceg.org/formation/sacrament-preparation-adults-rcia. Email Valerie Ramos at Valerie.ramos@comcast.net or call (916) 317-9385 for more information.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 15, 2020

6:00 pm

Charles J. Soto Sr. (BD)
Patrica Ezeli (SI)
Dr. Onyeka and Mrs. Chika
Nwobodo (SI)
Ben & Dolly Garcia (50yrWA)
Teresita P. Alontave (DA)
John Fernandez (+)

Sunday, August 16, 2020

6:30 am

Cezar Caasi (BD)
Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)
Bonifacio Urbano Jr. (+)
Bonifacio Urbano Sr. (+)

8:30 am

Christen Dembinski (+)

10:00am

Fr. Ed Garcia (SI)
Nguyen Dong family (TG)

6:00 pm

7:30 pm

Joao Mendes (+)

Monday, August 17, 2020

8:30 am

Carolyn Valmore (BD)
Gina Gunabe (SI)
Danilo & Josephine Perez (42yrWA)
Bob Cooley (+)
Sr. Dolores Pallilo (+)

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

8:30 am

Justin Mattathil (BD)
Dorothy Uzoh (BD)
Corazon Joves (+)

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

8:30 am

Kaelyn Angeles (BD)
Alida Grace Magtoto (BD)

Thursday, August 20, 2020

8:30 am

Scott Avis (+)
Rudy & Agnes Cernicky (+)
Iris Dingding (+)
Peter & Marie Lozancich (+)
Ruth Anne Winn (DA)

Friday, August 21, 2020

8:30 am

Charles J. Soto Jr. (BD)
Ryan Torres (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

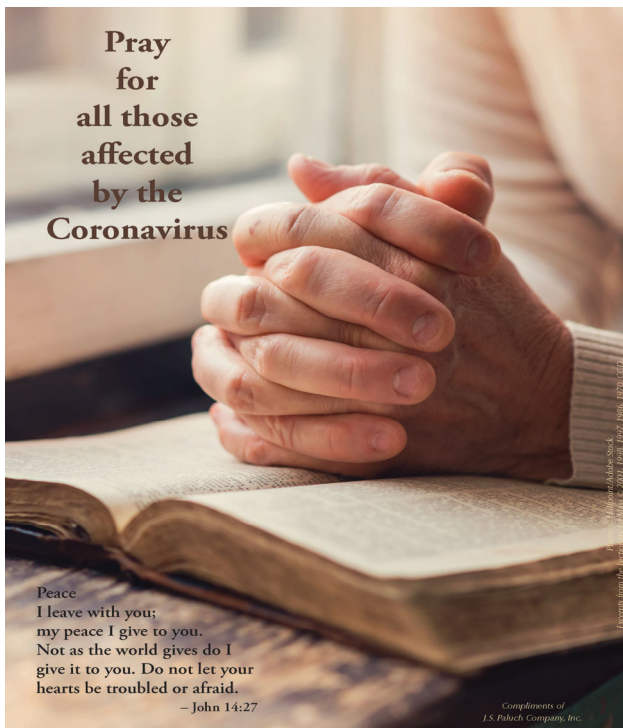
Weekly collection total for August 1/2: \$18,772.88
(Weekly totals include contributions made through Faith Direct.)

With attendance at in-person services still restricted, Good Shepherd is depending on online donations to continue our ministry.

Please consider enrolling in our eGiving program and setting up your recurring donation. You can use eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet for recurring and one-time gifts.

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

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!



PRAYER IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC

O God of compassion,
your people are anxious in this time of pandemic.
Send your Holy Spirit among us
to dispel our fears.

We cry out to you in our confusion;
comfort us in our affliction.

Grant our leaders wisdom to guide us.
Strengthen and sustain those who are ill,
and be with those who care for them.

Help us to travel this road
in solidarity with our neighbors,
with our eyes fixed on the salvation
promised us through the death and resurrection
of your Son, who is Lord forever and ever.

Amen.

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Parish Registration and Change of Address

New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community?

Recently moved or changed phone number?

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