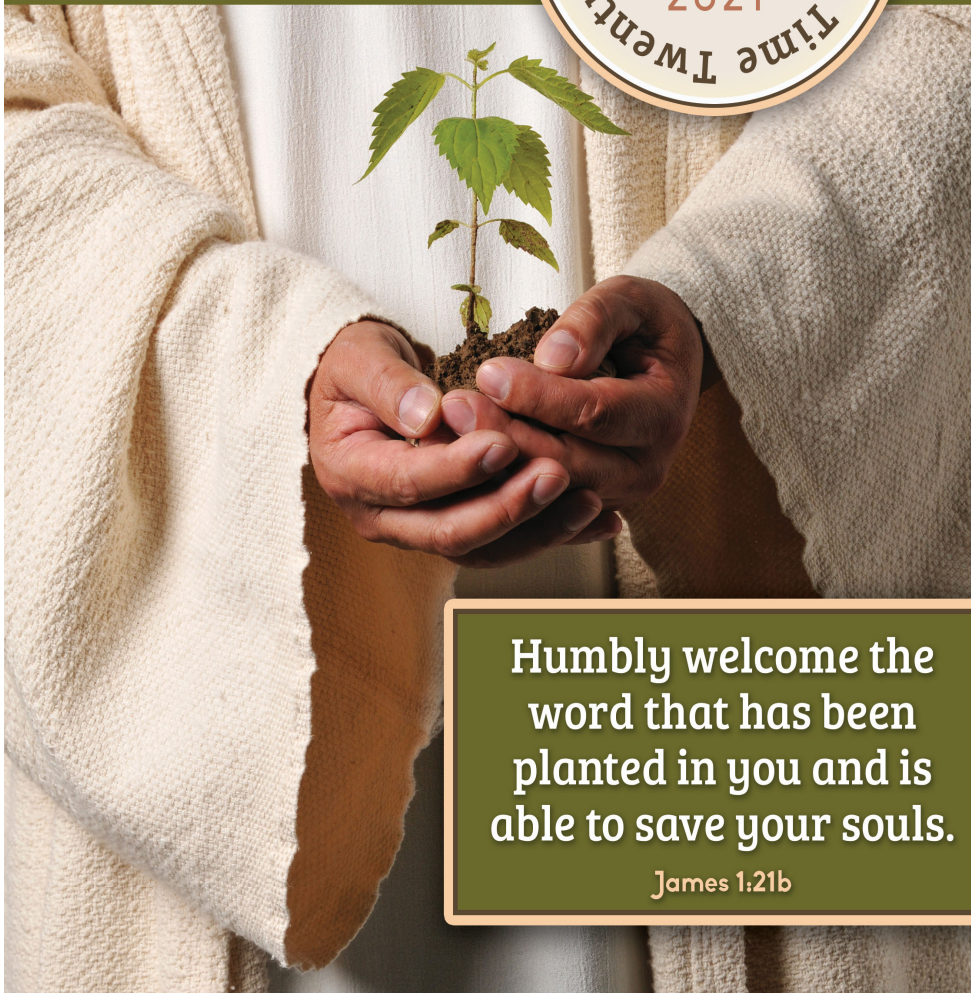
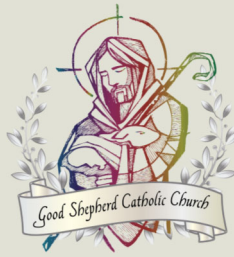


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Mission Statement:

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



Humbly welcome the
word that has been
planted in you and is
able to save your souls.

James 1:21b

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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.

DOERS OF THE WORD

The second reading for today begins a five-week series of selections from James, a letter that is classified among the so-called "catholic" (or universal) epistles because they are addressed to a general audience rather than to one particular community. Today's text offers important advice for Christians of every generation. God is first cited as the author of all gifts, and in particular, reference is made to the gift of baptism by which we have been made the "first fruits" of the new creation.

What follows is advice based on a very Jewish understanding of the "word" as an active force, operative in the world. We are reminded that unless we, too, become "doers" of the word, our claim to faith is empty. Today and in subsequent weeks the author reminds us that it is equally important to do the "works" of love, for example, by caring for the "orphans and widows in their affliction."

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Let's Gather

AND AWAKEN THE JOY!

Ministries In Motion—Sept. 26 10:00 am—3:00 pm

All are invited to our next "Let's Gather" event which will feature our parish ministries in a festive carnival-game themed environment. This will be fun for the entire family! Kids (and those young at heart) can enjoy fun carnival games and treats while adults learn more about sharing the joy of being disciples of Christ through our many parish ministries. If you have been wondering how to be active - IN MOTION - as true missionary disciples in our parish community, this event is for YOU! Bonus — lunch will be provided to all in attendance!

Fellowship Breakfast

We are excited to announce the return of our monthly fellowship breakfast! All are welcome to join us outside under the big tent (adjacent to the parish hall) for breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 12th after the 7:00 a.m. Mass with continuous serving until shortly before the 11:00 a.m. Mass begins. The meal is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus but we do ask for a free will offering to help cover expenses.

Bishop's Statement Re CA Wildfires

Bishop Soto has recently issued a statement regarding the devastating wildfires in California. You can read the statement at <https://www.scd.org/news/statement-bishop-jaime-soto-recent-wildfires>. You can also find information on that webpage on how to provide assistance to those affected by the fires in our diocese.

Be doers of
the word,
and not
hearers
only



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Friday: St. Gregory the Great ; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

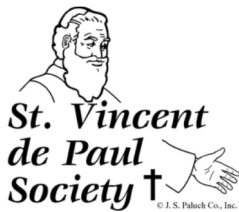
Inter-Religious Prayer Service

Sept. 2 at 6:30 pm inside the church

Please join us for a prayer service lead by Good Shepherd clergy and Muslim community leaders. This gathering of our Catholic community and members of the Muslim community will bring us together to pray for peace and unity in our world and foster a greater inter-faith understanding.

Email Phishing Scams

Please be aware that email spam and phishing scams continue to go out appearing to be from priests. Father Michael and Father Julius will never send an email requesting money or gift cards or with an ambiguous request for some sort of assistance. If you receive one of these messages, please do not respond and delete the email.



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. We also can not accept packaged food items that are opened or partially consumed.** On Aug. 23 we distributed 127 boxes of food to 32 families consisting of 144 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. There will be no food distribution on Labor Day (Sept. 6). For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.

Hearts of Compassion

Good Shepherd Grief and Bereavement Ministry, "Hearts of Compassion", will offer seven Monday evening group sessions beginning Sept. 13 thru Oct. 25 from 6:30 until 8:00 pm in the St. John Paul II Room. This outreach ministry is led by grief peer counselors and provides support to parishioners and their family and friends who are experiencing the loss of a loved one. For more information, please call Suzanne Dodd, 916- 801-0561. All are welcome!

Looking for hidden Cursillistas

Are you a Cursillista and new to the area? We want to get to know you! Are you interested in refreshing your Cursillo involvement, join us for 4th Day Group meetings or for Cursillo events? Send us your contact information. We want to keep you informed on all activities in Elk Grove and the Sacramento Diocese. Let us know if you are not receiving our email updates. We have an Ultreya coming in October and want to assure you receive the information. Contact Monica Small (smallusf77@yahoo.com) or Maria Serpa (serpamhome@gmail.com) for more information.

The Divine Mercy Charismatic (Prayer) Group

This group is made up of Catholic Christian families dedicated to bringing Christ to families and families to Christ by invoking the charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit as given at Pentecost. Meets every fourth Saturday at 2:30 p.m. for prayer and bible study in the St. John Paul II Room (next to the parish office). For more information, call (916) 203-8765 or email sugonzales@msn.com.



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://gscccg.org/ministries/education-and-sacramental-preparation-ministries>. (Adult Inquirer and Expectations Forms). **REGISTRATION ENDS 9/12.** For more info email Valerie at Valerie.ramos@comcast.net or call (916) 317-9385.

Youth Activities

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XLT presented by the Youth Community of Good Shepherd

XLT stands for "Exalt." XLT is an evening of prayer for our community that includes praise and worship, a message, and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The XLT events are being held on the second Sunday of each month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. We extend an invitation to our entire community to join us on September 12, 2021 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for our next XLT event.

ON FIRE—Sat. Sept. 18th from 9:00 am to 8:30 pm

We will be together again with high school youth and young adults from the 9 Northern CA and NV dioceses for a day of fellowship, prayer and fun at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom. For more information go to www.onfirenorcal.com.

Natural Family Planning Introductory Sessions

These Intro Sessions fulfill the NFP requirement for Diocese of Sacramento for marriage preparation for engaged couples. If you're already married and interested in using NFP in your marriage, this class is also for you! It's a great way to get more information on how to chart your fertility as well as monitor, maintain and evaluate your health. For more info, contact Andrea Arevalo at 916-733-0156 or aarevalo@scd.org.

Ministry Days 2021

Register today for MINISTRY DAYS 2021 on September 24 and 25 at St. Francis High School. Ministry Days is a day to reconnect with disciples from all around the Diocese, share our experiences in this uncertain time, equip ourselves for the road ahead and receive God's protection as we JOURNEY WITH JOSEPH... Pope Francis asks us to follow the example of St. Joseph in this uncertain time. St. Joseph didn't have much control over the situation he found himself in, but he humbly accepted God's plan. We, like St. Joseph, are called to accept our current situation as part of God's loving plan for us, to tenderly accompany and collaborate with those we encounter, and move forward creatively and courageously in our ministry efforts. Get more information and register at www.ministrydays.com. For more information contact Jennifer Campbell at jcampbell@scd.org or 916-733-0135 .



Donations Needed

The parish is in need of gel hand sanitizer (not liquid). Donations can be dropped off in the office. Your donations would be greatly appreciated!

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 28
Primitiva Quero Panelo (+)

Monday, August 30
Rosa Morando (+)

Sunday, August 29
7:00 am
Thomas Colla (+)

Tuesday, August 31
Ramon P. Cumagun (BD)

9:00 am
Lex Dei Sr., Paz, Simplicio Buyco (+)

Wednesday, September 1
Renz Marion D. Katigbak (BD)

11:00am
Francisco and Maria Martins (+)

Thursday, September 2
Joseph (BD)

1:00 pm
Juanito L. Bernardo (+)

Friday, September 3
Jeslin Mattathil (BD)

5:00 pm
Daniel Alex Ramos (+)

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: Jenina Angela Pulanco (8/28), Mel Barros (11am 8/29), Maria Regina Coeli C. Dimaano (8/30), Jano Anton Pulanco (8/30), Marlene Abellana (8/31), Jocelyn L. dela Cruz (9/2), Dennis Perez (9/3)

Thanksgiving: Simon and Maria Sebastian (11am 8/29)

Special Intention for Healing: Frank Rios (8/28), Isaiah David Monteiro (7am 8/29), Kenneth Kabigting (1pm 8/29), Ana Chharh Prakoth (1pm 8/29), Elezabeth Chath Sophy (1pm 8/29), Sylvia Vasquez (1pm, 8/29) Elizabeth Andrew (9/1)

Special Intention: Mark & Cynthia Davido (7am 8/29), Christian Alon (8/31), Verne Bowers (9/1), Thomas and Steven (9/1-9/3), Charles T. (9/3)

Anniversary: Lee and Evangeline Alcantara (WA 11am 8/29)

Death Anniversary: Oscar Banaga (9am 8/29), Remedios M. Marcelo (8/30), Wilfredo Agdon (9/1), Enrique Guibone (9/2)

Rest of the Soul: Lawrence Cruz (8/29-31) Lidia Gonzalez (8/28-8/29), Rogelio Guerrero (8/28-8/29), John Hall (8/28-8/29), Herminia Verzosa (8/28-8/29), Feleti Frederick Fotu (8/28), Gloria Galleti (8/28), Samuel Rinelli (8/28), Joao Silva (8/28), Conrado and Estela Gunabe (7am 8/29), Ruth Anne Winn (7am 8/29), Anadeta & Ninfa Z. Arandilla (9am 8/29), Arthur & Leticia Barrido Sr. (9am 8/29), Vicente Sr., Vicente Jr., Noel, Lucy & Estrella Paranpan (9am 8/29), Celestina Ringor (9am 8/29), Rodrigo & Leah Tupas (9am 8/29), Manuel & Frances Nuñez (11am 8/29), Jacinto Yamzon (11am 8/29), Jaime Enabe (5pm 8/29), Michael Tudtud (5pm 8/29)

Offertory at Good Shepherd

Weekly Collection Total for 8/21-8/22: \$21,919.94

(weekly total includes contributions made through Faith Direct)

Summer is almost over – have you made the switch to eGiving? It's a great way to support Good Shepherd and grow our ministries that share the Good News of God's love. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Recurring gifts can streamline your stewardship and sustain our parish in the "dog days" of summer and throughout the year. You'll provide consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

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10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Ministries in *MOTION*

*If you have been wondering
about how to be active
– in MOTION –
as true missionary disciples in
our parish community,
this event is for YOU!*

**Sunday
September 26
2021**



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