

## 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



## Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. Michael Vaughan  
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(916) 691-4825

## 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.

Did not God  
choose those who  
are poor in the world  
to be rich in faith  
and heirs of the  
kingdom that he  
promised to those  
who love him?

James 2:5

September

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2021



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# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## THE MESSIAH FORETOLD

Today's story of the cure of a deaf man with a speech impediment is a good example of how much is contained in a simple miracle story. The Greek word *mogilalos* appears only here in all of the New Testament. It is a technical term referring to someone with a stammer. It is also used only once in the entire Jewish scriptures, in the passage that we read today as our first reading from Isaiah. Clearly, by his choice of this precise word Mark wants us to recognize that what Jesus is doing is the fulfillment of what Isaiah had predicted centuries earlier. In fact, Mark wants us to recognize that Jesus is the Messiah foretold by Isaiah and the other Jewish prophets of old.

The word *ephphatha*, "be opened," used to describe the restoration of the man's speech, is another example of a subtle allusion to an earlier prophecy. This time the prophecy in question is from Ezekiel, when he foretells that in the messianic age, "your mouth shall be opened to speak" (24:26). The sophistication of Mark's narrative is further revealed when we realize that there are multiple levels within a single reference. Mark not only draws our attention back to Israel's prophetic past, he also points to the initiatory practice of his contemporaries by his mention of such things as spittle, touching of ears, and the use of the word *ephphatha*, all of which were practices incorporated into the early Church's baptismal ritual.

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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.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: Labor Day; Rosh Hashanah  
(Jewish New Year 5782) begins at sunset  
Wednesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Thursday: St. Peter Claver  
Saturday: Patriot Day; Blessed Virgin Mary

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

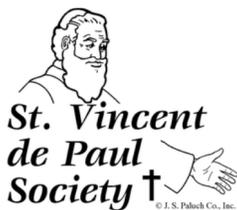
- Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911  
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19  
Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]  
Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38  
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42  
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49  
Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18;

## Second Collection

Next weekend we will have the diocesan collection for Priests Retirement. This is an opportunity for parishioners to thank our faithful and dedicated priests for their long and loving service to the Diocese. Please consider making a donation. To donate online visit [www.scd.org/dpr](http://www.scd.org/dpr).

## 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. 30 we distributed 137 boxes of food to 35 families consisting of 156 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 2nd Saturday at 2:30 p.m. for prayer and every 4th Saturday for 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](http://www.onfirenorcal.com).

### Bulletin Advertising

Over the next few weeks, we will be working on setting up new advertisements for businesses in our bulletin, as we transition the production of our bulletin over to a new printing company. If you are interested in learning more about placing an ad in our bulletin, please contact Travis Lawmaster at 916.347.7955, or email at [tlawmaster@4Lpi.com](mailto:tlawmaster@4Lpi.com). Placing an ad in our bulletin raises visibility for your business in the community, and functions as a charitable donation to the parish which helps us tremendously. We thank all of our current and future advertisers for their support, and encourage our parish members to patronize their businesses.

### 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](http://www.ministrydays.com). For more information contact Jennifer Campbell at [jcampbell@scd.org](mailto: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, September 4

Domingos & Maria Fagundes (+)

### Sunday, September 5

7:00 am

Alfred & Helen Lial (+)

9:00 am

Mark Allen Albertson (+)

11:00am

Raulito S. Urbano (+)

1:00 pm

Johnson & Bernadas Family (SI)

5:00 pm

Pablo & Irene Z. Arandilla (+)

### Monday, September 6

Purita Gipanago (BD)

### Tuesday, September 7

Manuel & Tina Marquez (+)

### Wednesday, September 8

Paul Erhard (DA)

### Thursday, September 9

Domingos & Maria Fagundes (+)

### Friday, September 10

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:** Joel Joves (9/4), Dory Serilla (11am 9/5), Arce Ruiz (90 YR 1PM 9/5), Maria Paranickal (9/6), Fernando Estrada (9/7), Edilberto Dagot (9/10), Cynthia Peñaranda (9/10)

**Thanksgiving:** Alex, Carla & Patrick Keh (9am 9/5), Marquez family (9/7), Bernadas family (9/8)

**Special Intention for Healing:** Isaiah David Monteiro (7am 9/5), Kenneth Kabigting (7am 9/5), Jose Ma. Geoffrey Guanco Salvador (9am 9/5), Santillan Keh (9am 9/5), Lorie dela Cruz (9/9)

**Special Intention:** Thomas Murikken (9/4), Andrew & Lorelei Gibson Family (1pm 9/5), Thomas and Steven (9/4, 9/6, 9/8), Ivy Mathew (9/10)

**Anniversary:** Jojo & Joyce Joves (9/4), Joe & Lita Morales (9/4), Dennis & Dennis and Phyllis Plank (9/4-67yrs)

**Death Anniversary:** Pacita Cariño (9am 9/5), Flora Mendoza (11am 9/5), Rodulfo Belleza (9/6), Moises Lardizabal (9/8), Luisito Naval (9/8), Fe A. Santos (7yrDA 9/9)

**Repose of the Soul:** Celestina Ringor (9/4,9/5), Flordelino De La Cruz (9/4), Conchita De Leon (9/4), Frank Ubois (9/4), Jose David (7am 9/5), Conrado & Estela Gunabe (7am 9/5), Midge Homes (7am 9/5), Felipa Macam (7am 9/5), Roland Riturban (7am 9/5), Canio Antonio Casale (9am 9/5), Esteban Mercado (9am 9/5), Roselyn Elecho Urbano (11am 9/5), Herminia Verzosa (11am 9/5), Jacinto Yamzon (11am 9/5), Lawrence Cruz (1pm 9/5), Eli & Incar Pabinguit (1pm 9/5), Genaro Altamira (5pm 9/5), Lenard Vincent Umadjay (5pm 9/5), Edelino & Margarita Quidato (5pm 9/5), Crispina & Generoso Quino (5pm 9/5), Manuel Isturis Jr. (9/6), Raulito S. Urbano (9/7 & 9/9), Roselyn Elecho Urbano (9/7 & 9/9), Joseph Barajas (9/8), Milagres Furtado (9/9), Pedro dela Cruz (9/10)

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## Offertory at Good Shepherd

Weekly Collection Total for 8/28-8/29: \$22,191.94

*(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.

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

# Let's Gather

AND AWAKEN THE JOY!

**Festive, outdoor carnival  
booths and games!  
Family-friendly!  
Free lunch!**

*Hosted by our parish ministries*

*on the plaza*

*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**



### Parish Registration and Change of Address

New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community?

Recently moved or changed phone number?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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