

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



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Owe nothing to anyone,
except to

*love one
another.*

Romans 13:8



September 6, 2020

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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: By appointment only.
Call the parish office to schedule.

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.

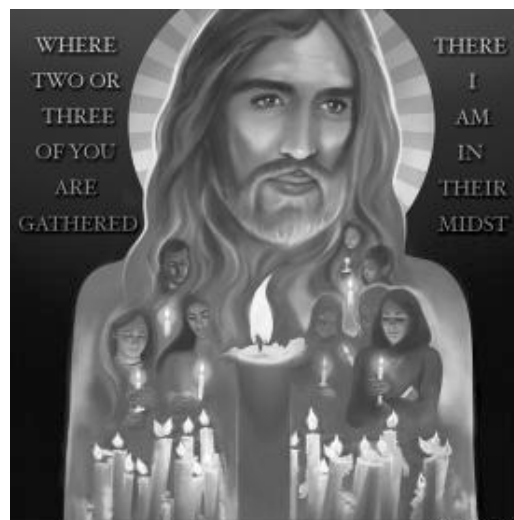
A MESSAGE OF LOVE

In the final verses of today's Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us.

Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he "does not speak out" to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible.

We live in a "do your own thing" age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
Tuesday:	Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday:	Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Labor Day
Tuesday:	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday:	St. Peter Claver
Friday:	Patriot Day
Saturday:	The Most Holy Name of Mary; Blessed Virgin Mary

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Volunteers Needed

Welcome Father Julius

We are excited to welcome **Father Julius Kiogora Kaburu** as our new Parochial Vicar. Father Julius was previously assigned as the Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph Parish in Lincoln. Let's be sure to extend our warmest Good Shepherd welcome to Father Julius!

Holiday Office Closure

There will be no staff on site Monday, September 7, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.



2020-2021 Religious Education Registration is CLOSED

Thank you to all who have registered their children for Religious Education. If you are registered please look for an informational email coming soon regarding the Distance Catechesis program which will begin later this month.

USHER MINISTRY—Thank you to our ushers who go above and beyond at each Mass by 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. Your cooperation with our Ushers is much appreciated! **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.

BAPTISM MINISTRY — We continue to welcome 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. Thank you.

Parish News

Catholics Returning Home

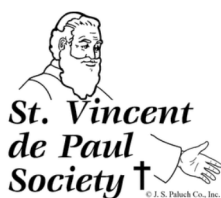
Have you been away from the Church for a while? Have you ever thought about returning? If so, we would like to welcome you back here at Good Shepherd Parish. We have a special ministry for those who have been away from the Church.

We would like to address your questions and make you feel at home once more in the Catholic Church. We will be conducting informal Zoom Q&A sessions beginning Thurs. Sept. 17th from 7-8 p.m. Please email Verne Bowers at verne.bowers@advent-ca.com should you wish to participate.

Once we're allowed to convene indoors for regular meetings, we will be conducting our formal 6 week series to go over: (1) Overview of the Series; (2) Video presentation on Inactive Catholics/Sharing Session; (3) The Church Today, Changes since Vatican II; (4) Explanation of the Mass; (5) Explanation of the Sacrament of Penance, Examination of Conscience' (6) The Nicene Creed: What Catholics Believe.

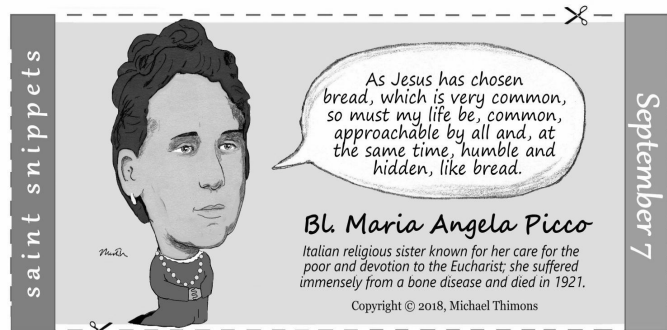
2020-2021 Good Shepherd Parish RCIA

If you are interested in joining this year's cohort on the road to full reception in the Catholic Church (includes adults desiring baptism, Holy Communion, and/or confirmation) please download the registration packet at www.gscceg.org/formation/sacrament-preparation-adults-rcia. **Registration closes on Sept. 15.** Email Valerie at Valerie.ramos@comcast.net or call (916) 317-9385 for more info.



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 August 31 we served 38 families consisting of 164 people and gave out 142 boxes of food. **For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.**



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 for a more comfortable experience for everyone attending Mass in person:

- Please follow the direction of Ushers. They'll direct you at dismissal and communion in order to maintain 6 ft social distance from others. **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** in order to streamline the check in process. If you don't, we have to collect your information as you enter -- creating a back-up at check in. It only takes a few minutes to sign up online. Call the office if you don't have web access.
- **If you aren't signed up, please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass.**
- 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!



Ministry Days 2020

The Diocesan Offices of Family and Faith Formation and Youth and Young Adult Ministry announce Ministry Days: "Rejoice and Be Glad" online Sept. 24-26. This event is for all Catholics and will equip you to live out your faith every day at home and in the community. For more info/registration go to www.ministrydays.com.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sept. 5, 2020

6:00 pm

Brianna & Desiree Uzoh (SI)
Carolina Garcia (+)
Julio Millare (+)

Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020

6:30 am

Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)
Alfred & Helen Lial (+)

8:30 am

Carolina Garcia (+)

10:00 am

Luisito Naval DA

6:00 pm

Joao Mendes (+)

7:30 pm

Mau Nguyen (+)
Hien Nguyen (+)

Monday, September 7, 2020

8:30 am

Sinfroso & Leonila Sanoria
(50 YR WA)
Manuel & Tina Marquez (+)

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

8:30 am

Sofia Ote (BD)
Paul Erhard (DA)
Mary Hahn (+)

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

8:30 am

Maria Fagundes (+)

Thursday, September 10, 2020

8:30 am

Ivy Mathew (BD)
Fiel Jarlego Jr. (DA)

Friday, September 11, 2020

8:30 am

Tim Goodale (BD)
Jennifer Refe (TG)
Felix Diwa (+)

Key:

Deceased (+) Thanksgiving (TG)

Death Anniversary (DA) Birthday (BD)

Special Intention (SI) Wedding Anniversary (WA)

Special Intention for healing (SI-H)

Stewardship at Good Shepherd

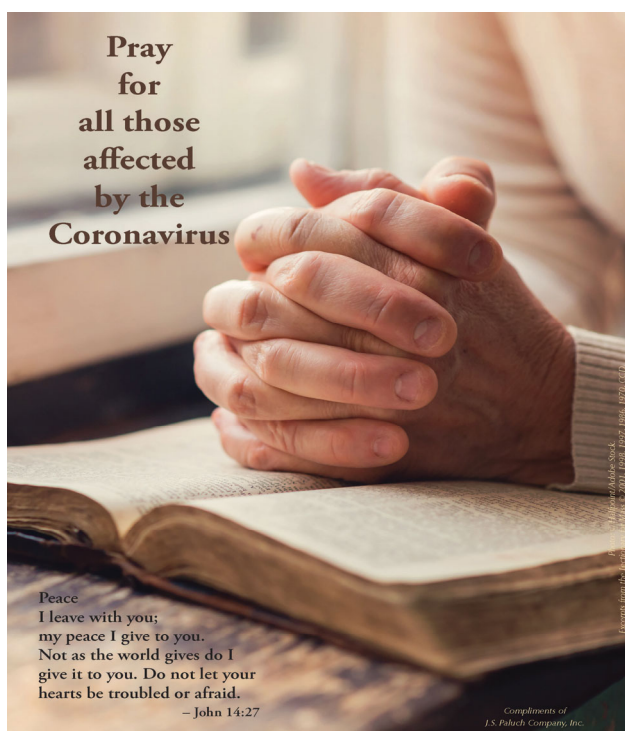
Weekly collection totals for August 22/23 will appear in next weekend's bulletin.

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? ☐

Today's Date _____

Name _____

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E-mail _____

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