

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



Jesus asked them,

“BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?”



Peter said to him in reply,

“YOU ARE THE CHRIST.”

Mark 8:29

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 12, 2021

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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.
First Sunday of the month: Swahili Mass
at 2:30 pm
Weekdays: 8:30 a.m.

Distribution of Holy Eucharist:

Sunday: 10:00-10:45 am in the entrance 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 for more information.

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

IT'S ALL ABOUT CONTROL

From toddlerhood to old age, we grow in mastery of our own lives, our bodies, and our destiny. This mastery is hard won, and we don't let go of autonomy easily. Much of this self-mastery involves the avoidance of pain or discomfort, so when we hear things like "take up your cross" and "lose your life," we tend to resist the message.

James says that faith without works is dead. Ouch! That is really a direct message! One way to look at this, as well as the part about losing our life to find it, is that faith is a process of more and more openness to God's direction of our lives. It is very hard for us to give up control, but perhaps what we are being asked to do is not to become passive and babyish, but to allow God to direct where our self-mastery will lead and what it will accomplish. We are asked to relinquish the need to control the results of our efforts; to risk, as Jesus did, the loss of everything we are working to achieve. We are asked to let God take the lead and to control the results, even though we may never see those results.

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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

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.

Second Collection

This weekend we will have the diocesan collection for Priests Retirement at all Masses. This is our opportunity to take care of the faithful and dedicated priests who have spent their lives caring for our spiritual and sacramental needs within our Diocese. Thank you for your support of our parish priests. To donate online visit www.scd.org/dpr.



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day
Monday:	St. John Chrysostom
Tuesday:	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wednesday:	Our Lady of Sorrows; Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset
Thursday:	Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
Friday:	St. Robert Bellarmine; St. Hildegard of Bingen
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Thursday:	1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday:	Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

Pray the Rosary!

This week we will have two opportunities to pray the Rosary together as a parish family. On **Sept. 13** after morning Mass you can join the Our Lady of Fatima prayer group to pray the Rosary. On **Sept. 14** at 7:00 pm the Knights of Columbus will host their monthly Rosary Crusade. All parishioners are invited to join in either or both of these special times to pray to our Mother Mary.



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Bible Study



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Keep an eye out for more information regarding the return of in-person Bible study. We will have two groups that will begin meeting end of Sept./early Oct.

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.** We also can not accept packaged food items that are opened or partially consumed. 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.

Hearts of Compassion

Hearts of Compassion Grief and Bereavement Ministry group sessions will be on Monday evenings beginning Sept. 13 thru Oct. 25 at 6:30 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 info call Suzanne at 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? We want to keep you informed on all local activities. 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 (smallusf77@yahoo.com) or Maria (serpamhome@gmail.com) for more info.

The Divine Mercy Charismatic (Prayer) Group

Divine Mercy Ministry meets every 2nd Saturday of the month for Prayer Meeting and 4th Saturday for Bible Study @2:30-4:00 pm. St John Paul II room. Our group is studying the last couple of chapters in Luke. For more info call or text (916) 203-8765 or email us at sugonzales@msn.com.

RCIA

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 ENDS 9/12.** For more info email Valerie at Valerie.ramos@comcast.net or call (916) 317-9385.

Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are invited to participate in the 2021 KofC Soccer Challenge on Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. during the Ministries in Motion event. Whether you are a soccer player or not, come on out and have fun! For forms or more info, please contact Rafael at 916-926-9624.



SAVE THE DATE: NOV 20 & 21 . . .

for the Knights of Columbus 11th Annual Arts and Crafts Faire. We are accepting applications from vendors wanting to participate. Email Edwin Camerino at edcamerino@gmail.com or download an application from our website.

Youth Activities

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New Director of Youth Ministry

We are excited to introduce our new Director of Youth Ministry, Gonzo Duran. Gonzo has participated with our youth choir for some time and has accepted this new position which will serve Good Shepherd, St Joseph and St. Maria Goretti parishes. He will speak at all Masses here next weekend Sept. 18-19 to introduce himself and talk about the Life Teen ministry. Please keep him in your prayers as he takes on this most important work with our youth!

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 on the second Sunday of each month. 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.

Veterans Ministry

A permanent display is being created by the Veterans Ministry for the Narthex requesting prayers for our parishioners and family members who are active members of the Armed Forces. This is in addition to the displays of thanksgiving and remembrance the Veterans Ministry will continue to present for Veterans Day & Memorial Day.

If you have a family member who is an **active member of the Armed Forces** and would like them to be included in the permanent display OR you have a family member who is a **Veteran (living or deceased)** and would like for them to be included in the Veterans Day or Memorial Day displays, please complete the form on the parish website's Veterans Ministry Link. The service member will be included by name, rank, and branch of service with the option of including a photo. (No originals, please. You will be able to upload a digital photo on the Veterans Ministry Link). For those needing assistance making copies of photos, we will have a scanner in the narthex after all Masses on **October 2nd & 3rd** and will be happy to assist you. If you have any questions, please contact Larry (916-230-0369) or Romeo (916-206-0896).

We wish to forever honor all those who served, are serving now, and remember those who gave the ultimate price. We honor the sacrifices you have made for this country.

Bulletin Advertising

We are working on setting up new advertisements for businesses in our bulletin as we transition the production of our bulletin over to a new printer. If you are interested in placing an ad in our bulletin, please contact Travis at 916.347.7955, or email at 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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 11

Jennifer Refe (BD)

Sunday, September 12

7:00 am

Danny & Carmelita Sarmiento
(53yrWA)

9:00 am

Bernardo A. Barba (+)

11:00am

Mariam Thomas (2yrDA)

1:00 pm

Erlinda Escarez (SI)

5:00 pm

Mary Machado (+)

Monday, September 13

Joe Avis (+)

Tuesday, September 14

Ivan Castellanos (+)

Wednesday, September 15

Marbe Agmata (SI)

Thursday, September 16

Teresita Nuñez Balang (+)

Friday, September 17

Myrna Quero Panelo (+)

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: Malu Sanchez (9/11), Kristina Butler (7am 9/12), Naysa Henchey (7am 9/12), Lauren Viduya (7am 9/12), Ely Enriquez (9am 9/12), Jonas Carl dela Cruz (11am 9/12), Abigail Lao (1pm 9/12), Carmen Silverio (9/14), Paz Hernandez (100yrs! 9/15)

Thanksgiving: Parathathu family (9/13), Marbe Agmata (/16)

Special Intention for Healing: Wilhelmina Baclig (9/11), Mike Harpst (9/11), Lito Ruiz (1pm 9/12), Nenita Flores Pawid (9/14)

Special Intention: Flores Pawid (11am 9/12), Virgil Young (9/14), Fr. Lester Menor (9/15), Charles T. (9/17)

Anniversary: Cesar and Fely Salgado (60yrWA 9/17)

Death Anniversary: Lawrence Nicolas (5pm 9/12), Francisco Savella (9/13)

Repose of the Soul: Henry and Aurelia Barajas (9/11), Joseph Barajas (9/11), Antonio David (7am 9/12), Adela Tolentino (7am 9/12), Luisa F. Crues (9am 9/12), Geronimo S. Dyegi (9am 9/12), Leo Licastro (9am 9/12), Thomas and Raymunda Pastor (9am 9/12), Encarnacion Regulto (9am 9/12), Armando Ladia (11am 9/12), Bienvenida Ladia (11am 9/12), Conrada Lambino Martinez (11am 9/12), Jacinto Yamzon (11am 9/12), Roxanne Gabriel Columna (1pm 9/12), Guilherme & Liliana Fernandes (1pm 9/12), Alejandro Linarez (1pm 9/12), Rosalinda Acosta Cantorna (5pm 9/12), Kalasag Garcia (5pm 9/12), Emma Jacob (5pm 9/12), Angel Boy Savella (9/13), All souls in purgatory (9/13), Emilia Canlas (9/14, 9/17), Julieta Garcia (9/14), Eufemia Sarmiento (9/16), Henry Le (9/11-9/12), Rosalinda Llenos (9/11-9/12), Cindy Recendiz (9/11-9/12), Fernando Velasquez (9/11-9/12)

Offertory at Good Shepherd

Weekly Collection Total for 9/4 & 9/5: \$25,470.20

(weekly total includes contributions made through Faith Direct)

eGiving is a great stewardship habit – it streamlines your giving and lets you do even more to help Good Shepherd grow our ministries that share the Good News of God's love. Why not make the switch today? You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts were a lifeline during COVID-19 and sustained our parish throughout the year. They 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, or text 'Enroll' to (916) 439-8801.

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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**



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New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community? ☐

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