

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



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Whoever receives
one child such as
this in my name,
receives me;
and whoever
receives me,
receives not me
but the One
who sent me.

Mark 9:37



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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 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.

THE MEANING OF DISCIPLESHIP

The geography of today's Gospel is significant. Jesus is completing his ministry in Galilee and beginning his journey to Jerusalem, where he will meet both death and resurrection. The prediction of his death placed here is the second of three in Mark's Gospel, and as usual it is the occasion for an important teaching on the part of Jesus. Today that lesson is tied to the need for his disciples to embrace a ministry of service. A play on words in Aramaic would have linked the words "child" and "servant," thus turning Jesus' gesture of placing a child in their midst into an illustration of his understanding of himself as the Servant of the Lord. It is that same awareness of the meaning of their ministry that Jesus (and Mark) wishes to instill in the disciples. Theirs must be a ministry of service if they are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. And that service might even require of them that they be "handed over" to death. What would have been—in the culture of Jesus' day—an ordinary discussion of social status ("who is the greatest") becomes in Mark's context a key insight into the meaning of discipleship for the disciples and for us.

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Let's Gather

AND AWAKEN THE JOY!

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

Please join 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!

Give Back! - Please bring donations of non-perishable food items for our St. Vincent de Paul ministry on Sept. 26 when you come to the Ministries in Motion event. Donations can be dropped in their wagon and will go directly to helping families in need right in our community. Thank you!

Volunteer! - Volunteers are needed to make this day a success. Sign up at <https://gscceg.org/blog/ministries-motion>.

Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

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



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
- Monday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions; Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset
- Tuesday: St. Matthew
- Wednesday: Autumn begins
- Thursday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
- Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
- Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Bible Study



GSCC announces this year's BIBLE Studies for all parishioners who are interested in learning Scriptures.

Gospel of Luke - Tuesdays - 6:30pm-7:45pm 1st class on Sep 21 - JPII Room -

presented by Kerry Joseph. Contact kerrycfusa@yahoo.com if you are interested in this class.

Book of Genesis -presented by Carlos Llanera & Jenni Banicki- details are still TBD but will be announced soon.

The Divine Mercy Charismatic (Prayer) Group

Divine Mercy Ministry meets every 4th Saturday for Bible Study @2:30-4:00 pm. St John Paul II room. For more info call or text (916) 203-8765 or email us at sugonzales@msn.com.

Second Collection—Fire Relief

In response to recent disasters the US Conference of Catholic Bishops has requested dioceses around the country to participate in a special emergency collection. Next weekend we will take up a special second collection. The funds collected in this one-time appeal will be used to support the USCCB efforts for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the church as well as efforts of Catholic Relief Services and/or Catholic Charities USA. Thank you for your generosity in response to these emergency needs and to aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts.

Altar Server Ministry

The Altar Server Ministry is looking for kids who want to serve at Mass. All children who are 10 or older, in the 4th grade or higher and enrolled at SEAS or in CFF are invited to participate. This is a great opportunity to meet other kids, work together to serve God, and have fun. Visit our booth at the Ministries in Motion event on September 26th. We'll be serving ice cream floats and answering all of your questions.

St. Vincent de Paul News

Thank you for all you do to support SVdP. On Sept. 13 we distributed 144 boxes of food to 36 families consisting of 165 people. Food distribution is on Mondays from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Beginning Oct. 4 we will be on winter hours from 10:00-11:00 am. SVdP has funds available for utility assistance for our 95757 and 95758 residents. For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.



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.

Help Wanted

A parish family is looking for a school aide/tutor for their child in an area high school. This would be a part-time, paid position. Email Vincenette at vgagucas2008@hotmail.com if interested.

Hearts of Compassion

Hearts of Compassion Grief and Bereavement Ministry group sessions will be on Monday evenings thru Oct. 25 at 6:30 pm in the St. John Paul II Room. For more info call Suzanne at 916 - 801-0561. All are welcome!

Holy Spirit Novena

Did you know that God planted in each of us a "gift"? Discover your "gift" that God has given you. For more information, visit the Holy Spirit Novena Ministry booth at the September 26 ministry fair, and register for our October 2 gathering.

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!

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.

Diocesan Ministry Days Event

The Ministry Days event scheduled for Sept 24-25 has been postponed at this time. Please note this is the event that was being held at St. Francis High School, **NOT** our Ministries in Motion event here on September 26.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 18

Nick Soberanis (SI)

Sunday, September 19

7:00 am

Jose M. David & Corazon David (+)

9:00 am

Norma Teresa Cruz de Soto (+)

11:00am

Joe Avis (+)

1:00 pm

William Sweeney (+)

5:00 pm

Daniel Martínez Casas (+)

Monday, September 20

Scott Avis (+)

Tuesday, September 21

Tami Lucier (+)

Wednesday, September 22

Henry & Aurelia Barajas (+)

Thursday, September 23

Ariane Siverio (BD)

Friday, September 24

Tirso Pepito (+)

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: Brian Parathathu (9/18), Alain Kirk Mangubat (1 pm 9/19), Gavin Savella Dye (9/20), Genito Colud Perez (9/21), Grace Garcia (9/24), Mark Silverio (9/24), Maria Tang (9/24)

Thanksgiving: Nic Legaspi (9/22), Monica (9/22)

Special Intention for Healing: Melissa Umali (9/18, 7am 9/19, 9/20-9/23), Bessie & Lourdes Pulmones (7am 9/19)

Special Intention: Rich Dorricott (9/18), Michelle Hayes (9/18), Monica Small (9/18), Pauline Zapata (7am 9/19), Kathy Raymond (9am 9/19), Susan Schenck (9am 9/19), Jeanette Banicki (11am 9/19), Mary Palmer (11am 9/19), Alicia Ramirez (11am 9/19), Griselda Havey (1pm 9/19), Charles & Lilian Soto (1pm 9/19), Carlos Llanera (5pm 9/19), Andrew Pascua (5pm 9/19), Michael Patrick (5pm 9/19), Josie Ryder (5pm 9/19), Michael Veprin (5pm 9/19), Charles T. (9/24)

Anniversary: Cesar and Fely Salgado (60yrWA 11 am and 1pm 9/19)

Death Anniversary: Zoe Grace Angeles (2yrDA 9/21), Walter S. Maston (9/22), Armando Dela Merced Mangahas (40dayDA 9/24)

Repose of the Soul: Henry & Aurelia Barajas (9/18), Joe Barajas (9/18), Corazon Joves (9/18), Primitiva Quero Pabelo (9/18), Nelson Rodriguez (9/18-19), Claudio Lumban (7am 9/19) Carmel Lea (7am 9/19), Aurelio, Clemente, Patricio and Potenciana Navarette (9am 9/19), Jacinto Yamzon (11am 9/19), Juanito L. Bernardo (1pm 9/19), Deceased members of the Do & Nguyen family (1pm 9/19), All souls in purgatory (1pm 9/19), Rolando Aguilar (9/20), Teofista Roxas (9/20), Jose & Ilda Martins (9/20), Joao Silva (9/21), Edgardo Barnes Angeles (9/22), Ben Crosby Banayat (9/22), Lawrence Cruz (9/23)

Offertory at Good Shepherd

Weekly Collection Total for 9/11 & 9/12: \$20,886.88

Second Collection (Priest's Retirement): \$3,634.97

(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.

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? ☐

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Phone _____

E-mail _____

Address _____

City, Zip _____

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