

# 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



The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner  
who went out at dawn  
to hire laborers for his vineyard.

Matthew 20:1



September 20, 2020

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Church, Office & School**  
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## Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Frazer

Parochial Vicar:

Rev. Julius Kiogora Kaburu

Deacon: William Sousa

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## Schedule

### Mass Times:

Saturday: 6:00 p.m. Vigil

Sunday: 6:30, 8:30, 10 a.m. and 6:00 and 7:30 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.

### 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.gscceg.org/sacraments/baptism](http://www.gscceg.org/sacraments/baptism) for more information.

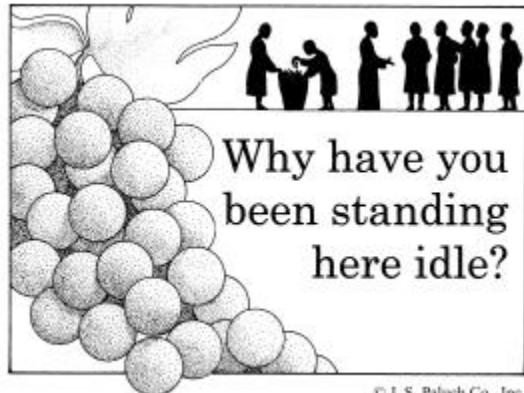
**Marriage:** Engaged couples begin preparation at least six months before wedding date. Schedule with parish office.

## DIRECTION

Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we're confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are—moves in ways we can't even imagine.

Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last.

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday:	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

### Mass Schedule Change

Beginning on October 3/4, we will return to our original schedule of Masses: **Sat. Vigil 5:00 p.m., Sun. 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 and 5:00 p.m.** Masses will continue to be held outside on the school black top until further notice.

We are excited to have **Father Julius Kiogora Kaburu** joining us as our new Parochial Vicar. Let's be sure to extend our warmest Good Shepherd welcome to Father Julius!



Welcome to Our Parish

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Matthew
Tuesday:	Autumn begins
Wednesday:	St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
Saturday:	Ss. Cosmas and Damian; Blessed Virgin Mary

### Stay Connected!

There are several ways to stay connected and aware of what is going on here at Good Shepherd.

- The best way is to check **our website, [www.gscceg.org](http://www.gscceg.org).** There you will find links to watch Mass online, information regarding schedule changes and links to other online resources.
- Download **our app, My Parish.** We use the app to send out important messages. The app also includes links to daily Mass, scripture readings, etc.
- **Our YouTube channel.** Search for "Good Shepherd Catholic Church Elk Grove" and subscribe to our channel. You'll be able to view our Sunday Mass.
- **Our Facebook page.** Search for "Good Shepherd Catholic Church" and find the page with our picture. We post most recent information and links to Mass, etc.

### Stay inFormed!

Remember to make use of our subscription to **Formed.org**. It's a huge multimedia library that is available to you at no cost. Explore books, movies, guided prayer and more. This is especially valuable right now. They even have faith based children's programs and books!

# 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. 24 from 7-8 p.m. Please email Verne Bowers at [verne.bowers@advent-ca.com](mailto:verne.bowers@advent-ca.com) or via phone at 916-479-3930 should you wish to participate.

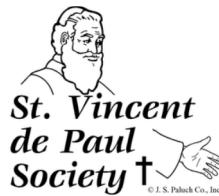
Once we're allowed to convene indoors for regular meetings, we will be conducting our formal 6 week series to go over: (1) Overview of the Series; (2) Video presentation on Inactive Catholics/Sharing Session; (3) The Church Today, Changes since Vatican II; (4) Explanation of the Mass; (5) Explanation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

## 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](http://www.ministrydays.com).

## Christian Brothers High School Open House

Join us on Sunday, October 4 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and see firsthand why CB is *the place to be* for exceptional academic programs, the arts, athletics and more – all in a faith-filled, nurturing community. In order to protect the health and safety of our school community and guests, this will be a virtual event. Please register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CBOpenHouse2020> to ensure you receive important event details and admissions information.



**St. Vincent  
de Paul  
Society**

**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 September 14 we served 38 families consisting of 179 people and gave out 150 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!



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## *Mass Intentions*

**Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020**

**6:00 pm**

Estelita Maliwat (BD)  
Steve Suess (BD)  
Ndulue family (SI)  
Joe Avis (+)  
Armando Ochoa (+)  
Edelwina Paule (+)

**Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020**

**6:30 am**

Alfredo L. Batoon, Sr. (DA)  
Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)

**8:30 am**

Akahana Magtoto (BD)  
Oliver Magtoto (BD)  
Josephine Santos (+)

**10:00am**

Modesto Torbelá (SI-H)  
Scott Avis (+)  
Tami Lucier (+)  
Jose Martins (+)

**6:00 pm**

Adrian Paolo Francisco (SI)  
Maria Velma Kielian (SI-H)  
Joao Mendes (+)

**7:30pm**

Deceased members  
of the Do Family (+)  
Bill Sweeney (+)  
All souls in purgatory (+)

**Monday, September 21, 2020**

**8:30 am**

Zoe Grace Angeles (1 YR DA)  
Uldarico Ortiz Jr. (DA)  
Joao Silva (+)

**Tuesday, September 22, 2020**

**8:30 am**

Elsa Vega (SI)  
Bencrosby Banayat (+)

**Wednesday, September 23, 2020**

**8:30 am**

Bhonna Del Rosario (BD)  
Elsa Vega (SI)  
Venancio Del Rosario (+)  
Emabertha Magaña (+)  
Leoneza Martins (+)  
Daria Vida (+)

**Thursday, September 24, 2020**

**8:30 am**

Joao Mendes (+)  
Tirso Pepito (+)

**Friday, September 25, 2020**

**8:30 am**

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 total for Sept. 5/6: \$ 17,915.68**

*(includes contributions made through Faith Direct)*

Fall is here along with our traditional season of stewardship. However, this year has been anything but typical, which is why we are reaching out to our parishioners.

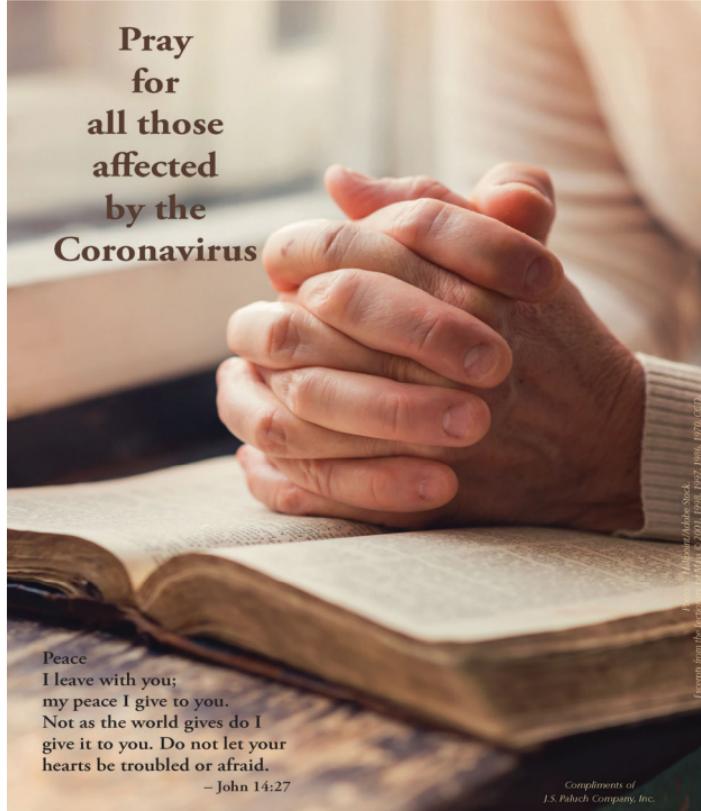
This year people throughout our community have turned to us for help. However, Good Shepherd can only continue to meet that need with your assistance. Your valuable online donations help us to continue our ministry to answer their call for help.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/CA688](http://faith.direct/CA688), or text 'Enroll' to (916) 439-8801.

**Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!**

Pray  
for  
all those  
affected  
by the  
Coronavirus



Peace  
I leave with you;  
my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives do I  
give it to you. Do not let your  
hearts be troubled or afraid.  
— John 14:27

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## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

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