

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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 18, 2020

I have called you
by your name,
giving you a title,
though you knew me not.

I am
the Lord
and there
is no other,

there is no God besides me.

Isaiah 45:4-5

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Schedule

Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Vigil

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11 a.m. and 1:00
and 5:00 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: Saturdays from 3:30 to
4:30 p.m. in the Church.

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.

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IN GOD ALONE

Isaiah speaks to us today of Cyrus, King of Persia, anointed by the Lord. God calls Cyrus by name and leads him in service to the Israelites. In this passage we hear that it is the Lord who gives Cyrus his title, who arms him against his enemies, and who opens doors and unbars gates before him. And God does all of this so that the people will know that "I am the LORD," and that "there is none besides me" (Isaiah 45:6).

Paul opens his letter with essentially the same notion—that in God alone we find our grace and peace. Paul also gives thanks to God on our behalf, calling to mind our work of faith, hope, and love. And in the familiar Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Pharisees to give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday
Monday:	Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions
Tuesday:	St. Paul of the Cross
Thursday:	St. John Paul II
Friday:	St. John of Capistrano
Saturday:	St. Anthony Mary Claret; Blessed Virgin Mary; United Nations Day

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday:	Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday:	Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

We are in need of volunteers!

As we deal with ever-changing circumstances and restrictions on our gatherings, now more than ever we are in need of volunteers to help at Mass. We need more ushers, people to check-in parishioners at Mass, and Mass coordinators. Anyone can help - men, women, even responsible, older teens in need of volunteer hours. If you feel called to help in any of these capacities, please contact the parish office at gscoffice@frontier.com. All of these roles require a minimal time commitment but make a huge difference in keeping everyone safe and healthy!

Thank you for considering how you can make a positive impact at Good Shepherd.

First Saturday Mass

We are happy to announce the return of our monthly "First Saturday" Mass on November 7 at 9:30 a.m. The online sign up for those wishing to attend this Mass will be available on our website. Attendance at this Mass will be limited as per current safety protocols. We are very thankful to those parishioners who volunteered to facilitate this Mass!

Weekly Confessions

The priests are once again available for confessions on Saturdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the church.

Lazarus Mass

The month of November is the time of year to offer special prayers and Masses for our deceased loved ones. Our Lazarus Mass this year will be a recorded Mass (not open to the public) and will be available for viewing on our YouTube channel on Nov. 7. At this recorded Mass, we will share special remembrances of all parishioners who have died since 11/1/19 and their names will be included on a banner that will be displayed in the church narthex. Please email the office by 10/23/20 to ensure your loved one's name is included on the banner. A paper lantern with the name of your deceased loved one will also be displayed on the altar during this Mass. The lanterns will be blessed and will be available for you to pick up after November 8 if you would like to have it. If you would like us to include a photo of your loved one in the Mass video, please email it in jpg file format to gscdevelopment@frontier.com by 10/30/20.



We appreciate all of our volunteers who are sacrificing and sharing their time to make it possible for us to safely offer Mass during this time!

3rd annual SELFe Event for Women

In light of the public health crisis that is taking a physical and mental toll on so many, St. Francis High School is hosting its third annual SELFe event featuring Christian comedian Kerri Pomaroli. The SELFe Event focuses on comedic relief this year to help lift us up, give us some needed laughs, and bring us back together in the spirit of being our best selves. This event is being live streamed for free on October 25th. To sign up go to: <https://stfranciscatholic.ticketspice.com/selfe-event>.

Navigate: Virtual Youth Group

The Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult ministry invites all teens to tune in to Navigate: Virtual Youth Group. These live streams will be on the 2nd Sunday of every month. The purpose of Navigate is to connect youth throughout the diocese. For more information visit <https://www.scd.org/Navigate> or contact Antony Ta at ata@scd.org.

Welcome Prospective Kindergarten Families

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year now through December 18th. Applications can be found on our website, www.stelizabetheg.org, or at the school office. To enroll, your child must be 5 years old by September 1, 2021. Birth and Baptismal certificates and shot records must be submitted with your application. We are pleased to provide a tour of the school upon request. Please call 916-684-7903 for more info.



Catholics Care. Catholics Vote. Participate in political life.

In their statement on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the U.S. Catholic bishops remind Catholics about the call to participate in political life. "In the Catholic tradition," they write, "responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" (no. 13). Visit www.faithfulcitizenship.org today to read the statement, watch guidelines and resources. Other parish resources can be found by visiting www.scd.org/faithful-citizenship.



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 Oct. 12 we served 41 families consisting of 169 people and gave out 151 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 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 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.**
- Please follow the direction of Ushers. They'll direct you at dismissal and communion in order to maintain 6 ft social distance from others.
- For everyone's safety, we continue to sanitize all pews after they are used. For this reason, we ask that once you are seated, you remain in that pew and not move to another seat. Our goal is to minimize points of shared contact as much as possible.
- 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!



Stay Connected!

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

- **Our website, www.gscceg.org.** There you will find links to watch Mass online, information regarding schedule changes and links to other online resources.
- **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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 17, 2020

5:00 pm

Bianna Uzoh (SI)
Dorothy Uzoh (SI)
Arya Machado (SI-H)
Alexis Uzoh (TG)
Violeta Frost (+)
Charlene Joyce Wofford (+)

Sunday, October 18, 2020

7:00 am

Cory & Remy Jones (24yrWA)
Robert & Aveigail Ortiz (WA)
Rolando Urbano (SI-H)
Robert Torkelson Bula (+)
Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)

9:00 am

Merlinda Marcial (SI-H)
Gerald Blakey (+)
Manuel F. Mello (+)
Mary R. Mello (+)

11:00 am

Maria Esparza (SI-H)
Cesar and Fely Salgado (TG)
Shawn & Melba Heap (WA)
Dave, Kelly, Mark & Maria Vega (SI)
Corazon Joves (+)

1:00 pm

Anthony Ndulue & family (SI-H)
Cesar & Fely Salgado (TG)
Deceased memb. of Do family (+)
Bill Sweeney (+)
All souls in purgatory (+)

5:00 pm

Cecilia Olinarez (SI-H)
Benjamin & Edilberta Cecilio (+)
Gionkim Da (+)
Thuong Dinh (+)
Joseph Vien Nguyen (+)
Anna Thuong (+)

Monday, October 19, 2020

8:30 am

Anthony Ndulue & family (SI-H)
Thomas & Abraham family (TG)
Juan Cervantes (+)
Robert Torkelson Bula (+)
Tony and Ighes Martins (+)

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

8:30 am

Anthony Ndulue & family (SI-H)
Julianna Vitug (BD)
Rose Sarmiento (TG)
Elsa Vega (SI)
Scott Avis (+)
Robert Torkelson Bula (+)

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

8:30 am

Tess Divinagracia (BD)
Abelardo Pawid (BD)
Emabertha Magaña (+)
Teotonio Martins (+)
Annamma Mattathil (7yrDA)
All souls in purgatory (+)

Thursday, October 22, 2020

8:30 am

Cindy Dibdo (BD)
Good Shepherd volunteers
And staff (TG)
Danilo & Josephine Perez (TG)
Elsa Vega (SI)
Gloria Colud Perez (DA)

Friday, October 23, 2020

8:30 am

Mibin Monsy (SI)
Edgar Genato (+)
Leoneza Martins (+)

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 Oct. 3/4: \$17,574.25

(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, or text 'Enroll' to (916) 439-8801.**

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

CIVILIZE IT



DIGNITY BEYOND THE DEBATE

2020

Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace: A Prayer for Civility

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where uncivil words prevail, show me how to model love.

Help me remember the God-given dignity of all and invite others to do the same.

Show me how to build bridges and not walls and see first what unites us rather than how we diverge. Let me seek to understand before asking to be understood.

Give me a listening heart filled with empathy and compassion.

May I be clear in sharing my own position and respectful and civil in describing those of others.

Let me never tolerate hateful ideas.

May I invite all to charity and love.

Lord, help me to imitate your compassion and mercy.

Make me an instrument of your peace.

Amen.

Inspired by Nine Rules for Civility from the Catholic Tradition, Bishop Zubik

Take the Pledge!

Take the pledge below as an individual, family, or community. Anyone and everyone can commit together to honoring human dignity through civil conversation. I pledge:

Civility: To recognize the human dignity of those with whom I disagree, treat others with respect, and rise above attacks when directed at me.

Clarity: To root my political viewpoints in the Gospel and a well formed conscience, which involves prayer, conversation, study and listening. I will stand up for my convictions and speak out when I witness language that disparages others' dignity, while also listening and seeking to understand others' experiences.

Compassion: To encounter others with a tone and posture which affirms that I honor the dignity of others and invites others to do the same. I will presume others' best intentions and listen to their stories with empathy. I will strive to understand before seeking to be understood.



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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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City, Zip _____

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