

## 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



## Parish Staff

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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: Noon 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.

# Solemnity of All Saints

Blessed are  
the poor  
in spirit,  
for theirs  
is the  
Kingdom  
of heaven.

Matthew 5:2

November 1, 2020

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## OUR HOPE AND GOD'S PROMISE

The Church uses these waning November days and darker skies as the season to remind us of the last things. Today's feast, the Solemnity of All Saints, is the centerpiece of three days that point to doctrines we proclaim each time we say the Apostles' Creed: "We believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting." And while the days and our hearts may be dark, the readings today are bright with the light of faith. John's vision in the book of Revelation reveals dazzling angels and white-robed saints gathered in triumph around the throne of God. In the responsorial psalm we sing our longing to see God's face, and in the second reading John writes that we are God's children and will, in fact, see God "as he is" (1 John 3:2). This is our hope. This is God's promise. Today we celebrate the triumph of those who already gaze on the face of God. Tomorrow we cry out for mercy with those in purgatory, who, like us on earth, still long to see God's face.

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	All Saints; Daylight Saving Time ends; National Vocation Awareness Week
Monday:	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
Tuesday:	Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time; St. Martin de Porres; Election Day
Wednesday:	St. Charles Borromeo
Friday:	First Friday
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

### 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 is available on our website. Attendance at this Mass will be limited as per current safety protocols.

### First Thursday/Friday Adoration

This month we will resume our First Thursday & Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. On Thursday, Nov. 5 we will have adoration from 6:00-8:30 p.m. and on Friday, Nov. 6 from Noon to 3:00 p.m. exposition with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and solemn benediction. You do not have to sign up ahead of time for adoration but you will be required to sign in before entering the church.



***We are very thankful to those parishioners who volunteered to facilitate both of these monthly events.***



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
Tuesday:	Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-32; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

### 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. 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. Please email [gscdevelopment@frontier.com](mailto:gscdevelopment@frontier.com) by Nov. 8th if you would like to pick up your lantern.

### We are still in need of volunteers!

A big thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help in the past several weeks! The extra helpers mean a lighter load for everyone. We could still use a few more ushers, especially for the 1:00 p.m. Mass. If you're willing to give about an hour of your time to help usher, please let us know by email to [gscdevelopment@frontier.com](mailto:gscdevelopment@frontier.com). Thank you.

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.scd.org/faithful-citizenship).



## Knights of Columbus

You've seen the Knights in their blue or red polo shirts maybe sitting next to you at Mass. What do these guys do? What sets us apart? Why do we smile, wave, and acknowledge each other either before or after Mass? Well, here are some answers...

We are your Priests, we are your Deacons, we are your Ushers and EM's at all the Masses. We are Ministry Leads of quite a few of the Parish Ministries at Good Shepherd Parish. Laguna Council # 11236 helps fund those Parish Ministries. Because of our fundraisers, dinners, and events; we also help set up tables and chairs. We help set up the Parish Festival booths and tents. We answer the call when Father Chris needs our help.

We love making a difference at Good Shepherd Catholic Church! Our motto in the council is "Charity, Fraternity, and Unity." If this looks like something you'd be interested in or have some questions, please call or email me...Rich Thompson – Chancellor (916) 895-9121 or [uwdawg1950@gmail.com](mailto:uwdawg1950@gmail.com). Scan our convenient QR Code for a quick application!



## Pie Sales

It's that time of year! Time for the Knights of Columbus annual pie sales. Pies will be sold after each Sunday mass beginning November 1st through November 22nd. Drive-thru purchase tents will be setup in the school drop-off area and in the parking lot area closest to the Rectory. Be sure to support the Knights and show our appreciation for all they do in service to Good Shepherd!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Navigate: Diocesan Virtual Youth Night

Navigate, our diocesan wide virtual youth group has launched and invites all Middle School and High School teens to watch the next livestream on Sunday, November 8th at 7PM via YouTube. In this stream we will have special guest Maria Jose Flores, who will speak on Faithful Citizenship and how we all can live it out throughout the year. All teens are encouraged to participate and dive deeper into the Catholic faith and explore its richness. This is a time for teens to find community and fellowship as they learn how to navigate their lives towards Christ. For more information, visit <https://www.scd.org/Navigate> or contact Antony Ta [ata@scd.org](mailto:ata@scd.org).

### Prayer Service for Racial Healing

Please join us on November 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the church for a Prayer Service for Racial Healing, hosted by the St. Josephine Bakhita Ministry. This clergy-led prayer service will be limited to 100 attendees so we request that you please sign up ahead of time if you would like to attend. For more information, contact Valerie at 916-317-9385 or [valerie.ramos@comcast.net](mailto:valerie.ramos@comcast.net).

### National Vocation Awareness Week

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 1-7, 2020. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation. Everyone in our diocese is invited to join the upcoming **rosary to pray for vocations** and our seminarians on Friday, November 6 at 4pm. The rosary will be broadcast on Youtube at [www.youtube.com/c/DioceseSacramento](http://www.youtube.com/c/DioceseSacramento).

## 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. 26 we served 30 families consisting of 160 people and gave out 102 boxes of food. We are now on our winter schedule, with food distribution on Mondays from 10:00-11:00 a.m. **For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.**



**Feed the Hungry**

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 31, 2020

5:00 pm

Paul Bernadas (BD)  
Sylvia Fernandez (BD)  
Cecilia Bernadas (TG)  
Lucila Angeles Barnes (+)  
Anecito Pepito (+)  
Abraham TK (+)  
Charlene Joyce Wofford (+)

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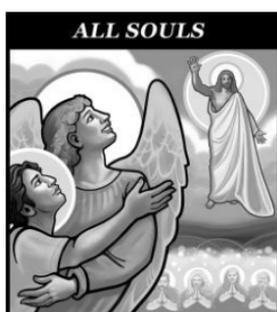
Deceased (+) Thanksgiving (TG) Death Anniversary (DA) Birthday (BD)  
Special Intention (SI) Wedding Anniversary (WA) Special Intention for healing (SI-H)

### For the Month of November:

*For the loving memory of all who have died this past year, and whose names are listed on the All Souls envelopes placed near our Altar, May they live in the light of God's love for all eternity.*

### All Souls Envelopes

If you would like to include the names of your deceased loved ones in our All Souls remembrance, **All Souls envelopes** are available in the church narthex. The completed envelopes can be dropped in the offertory basket or sent to the parish office. The envelopes will then be placed on the altar and those names will be included in our prayers during the Month of November.



## Stewardship at Good Shepherd

Weekly collection total for Oct. 17/18 \$15,577.81

*(includes contributions made through Faith Direct)*

The blessings of autumn are upon us. However, the threat of COVID-19 remains and we need your financial support now, more than ever. Online giving through Faith Direct helps us to continue our ministry and if you haven't used it before, sign up is easy. We prayerfully invite you to use eGiving from your computer, smartphone, or tablet to set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. How eGiving benefits you and our church:

- Consistency: Your support will allow us to continue our important ministries and continue to help the community.
- Convenience: Support the parish from the comfort and safety of your home with a smartphone or computer.
- Cost-Effective: Reduces our printing and mailing costs, so we can use that saved money to further our ministries in the community. Plus, it's better for the environment!

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

**Thank you for your continued support!**

# 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 contact information?

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

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