

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



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NOVEMBER
2020



THIRTY-SECOND
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

**STAY AWAKE,
FOR YOU KNOW
NEITHER THE DAY
NOR THE HOUR.**

MATTHEW 25:13

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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.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.

EXPECTING THE UNEXPECTED

If it ever crossed your mind that Jesus was somewhat lacking in a sense of humor, today's Gospel should belie any such notion. Jesus' story of the five wise and five foolish bridesmaids is downright hilarious. The circumstances of the story were surely familiar to Jesus' listeners, just as they are—if we think about it—to us. Weddings never, ever start on time. There's always a delay. Buttons pop off at the last minute. Flowers wilt. Cars full of wedding guests get caught in traffic. Soloists contract laryngitis. Brides or grooms or priests show up late! So the only reasonable way to approach a wedding is with a sense of humor, to realize that something probably will go awry, and, when that happens, to smile about it.

Jesus tells this funny story to encourage us to be watchful, yes; to be ready, yes. But he doesn't tell it to make us dour and somber. The heavy-hearted tremble, waver, lose sight of their place and purpose, and fall asleep. The lighthearted know that the unexpected will happen—is bound to happen—so they are awake in their place and ready in their purpose when it comes.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Tuesday:	St. Leo the Great
Wednesday:	St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day
Thursday:	St. Josaphat
Friday:	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday:	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday:	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

Lazarus Mass

The month of November is the time of year to offer special prayers and Masses for our deceased loved ones. Due to COVID restrictions this year, our annual Lazarus Mass is only available for viewing on our YouTube channel. At this recorded Mass, we shared special remembrances of all parishioners who have died since 11/1/19. Their names are also included on the banner displayed in the church narthex. If your loved one is being remembered at the Mass this year and you would like to pick up the special lantern with their name on it, they will be available on a table in the church narthex until November 18. You can pick them up any time.

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. Thank you.

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**. 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 Office Closure

The parish office will be closed on November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

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 **TONIGHT** 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.

Into the Mix: Diocesan Young Adult Fellowship

All young adults are invited to join the Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry on YouTube for their livestream of "Into the Mix" on Nov 19th at 7PM. "Into the Mix" is a monthly livestream where they will have guests share about their spiritual lives, talk theology and reveal their signature drink. Come and ask questions through chat, engage in dialogue, and hear about various topics through the lens of the Catholic faith. Come to the table with a drink, some snacks and join in the conversation. For more information: Contact Antony Ta (916)733-0151 ata@scd.org or Alejandro Barraza (916)733-0134 abarraza@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.

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. 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!



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. We are now on our winter schedule, with food distribution on Mondays from 10:00-11:00 a.m. There will be no food distribution on November 9th. **For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.**



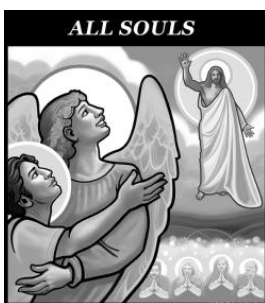
Mass Intentions

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. 24/25: \$13,599.25
(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.
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Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/CA688, or text 'Enroll' to (916) 439-8801.

Thank you for your continued support!



Together IN CHRIST

Responding to Coronavirus

Due to the ongoing spread of COVID-19, families have been faced with the challenge of establishing a 'new normal' in their daily lives. The disruptions that families experience with the closure of schools, child care centers, workplaces, as well as many other services, can be a cause of tension and distress.

Whatever your family situation, there is an opportunity to find grace in the midst of this crisis. Families can use this time as an invitation to focus on our relationships and on building strong family bonds. Here are a few suggestions on how to use this time well:

Pray Together

- Visit your local parish: some churches are still open for private visits. Spend time as a family before Jesus in the tabernacle. He is waiting for you!
- Pray the Rosary — Try starting with just one decade and offer it for an intention important to your family.
- Pray the Stations of the Cross — do this at home with a simple cross or crucifix.
- Meditate on the Scriptures

Build and Fortify Your Relationships

- Set aside time to pray with your spouse
- Consider using extra time to enrich your marriage
- Be Kind
- Write a mission statement for your family.

Have Fun Together

- Do something fun as a family — bake a pie, bring out a board game, get creative with craft supplies, or take a nature walk at a nearby trail.
- Plan a family celebration for upcoming feast days honoring the saints.
- Start building a family photo album or photobook. Organize your photos and plan some home videos.



Parish Registration and Change of Address

New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community?

Recently moved or changed contact information?

Today's Date _____

Name _____

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