

# 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

**Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Frazer  
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## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School

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**Preschool Director:** Tammy Babich  
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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.

November 15, 2020

Thirty-Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

*Well done, my good and faithful servant.  
Since you were faithful in small matters,  
I will give you great responsibilities.  
Come, share your master's joy.*

*Matthew 25:21*

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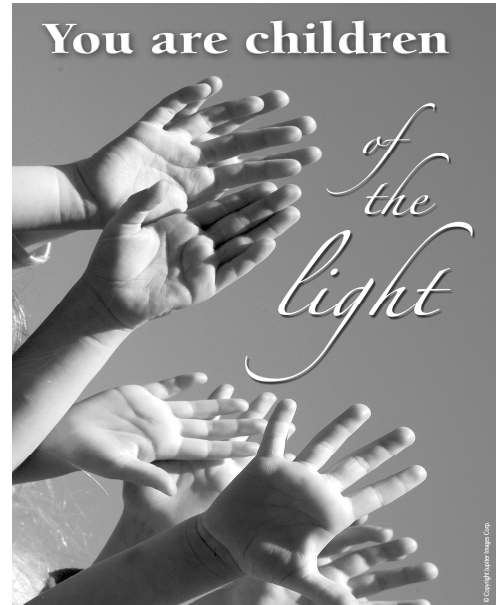
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## CHANGE OUR LIVES

The letters of Paul to the Thessalonians are among his earliest writings, and are driven by his belief and the belief of the entire early Christian community that the return of Christ was imminent, and that devoting time or attention to anything else was foolish.

As time progressed, this fervor subsided a bit. Today we may wonder, when we hear these readings about the coming end-times, if we should take them to heart, if we really believe that Christ still may come upon us as a “thief at night” (1 Thessalonians 5:2). Does this mean that we are to stop our long-range goal-setting, get rid of our yearly calendars and planners, or stop putting money in the college education fund? Of course not. What it does mean is that we need to change our lives, living like children of the light and illuminating the world around us with the light of the gospel. Then, on that day, when the details of our daily living become unimportant, we will be ready to find our peace and security in Christ Jesus.

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
Tuesday:	St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Wednesday:	Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
Saturday:	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28, or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Thursday:	Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

### Parent Support – Creating a culture of prayer at home

Join the diocesan office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry on Monday, November 23rd at 8pm for this month’s Parent Support. They will have two guest speakers: Bob Dunning, host of the Bishop’s Hour, and our own Deacon Rommel Declines. They will share their experiences and wisdom as fathers to support the prayer life their children, while sharing practical tips for parents to use with their own children. For more information contact Jennifer Campbell at [jcampbell@scd.org](mailto:jcampbell@scd.org) or visit [scd.org/parentsupport](http://scd.org/parentsupport).

### Lazarus Mass

Our Lazarus Mass is still available for viewing on our YouTube channel. This Mass is a special remembrance for those members of our parish family that have died this past year. If your loved one’s name was included, you can pick up the special lantern with their name on it. The lanterns will be on a table in the Narthex until November 18th. You can pick them up anytime the church is open.

### 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.gscccg.org](http://www.gscccg.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!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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.stelizabeth.org](http://www.stelizabeth.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.

### We are still in need of volunteers!

A big thanks to all of our volunteers who are working help us follow health guidelines so that we can maintain a safe environment for Mass! We could still use a few more ushers. If you're willing to help, please let us know by email to [gscdevelopment@frontier.com](mailto:gscdevelopment@frontier.com). Thank you.

### 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 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 now through November 22nd. Drive-thru purchase tents will be setup in the church parking lot. Be sure to support the Knights and show our appreciation for all they do in service to Good Shepherd!

### 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](mailto:ata@scd.org) or Alejandro Barraza (916)733-0134 [abarraza@scd.org](mailto:abarraza@scd.org).

### WAIT– Virtual Advent Retreat

Each Wednesday at 7pm on Facebook @scdoyya — This Advent the diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is presenting a retreat series featuring Katherine Angulo, David Bisono, Steve Angrisano, and Deacon Kevin Staszko. Our speakers will share an advent reflection meant to challenge and inspire as we wait for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

### Family Advent Retreat at Home

Advent is our season when we prepare for the arrival of Jesus! Faith practices are essential for Family Catholic Identity. Make memories and traditions that will last a lifetime and for the faith of your family. Register at: <https://forms.gle/5mTsFr5R6dVcSVSYA>. For more information contact Teresa Donan 916-733-0132 [TDonan@scd.org](mailto:TDonan@scd.org) with the office of Family and Faith Formation at the Diocese of Sacramento.

### 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.**



**Feed the Hungry**

## *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. 31/Nov 1: \$18,694.00  
*(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.
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**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!**



# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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