

# 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



I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink,  
a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me,  
ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.

MATTHEW 25:35-36

OUR LORD  
**JESUS**  
CHRIST  
**KING**  
OF THE UNIVERSE

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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 John Paul II Room.

**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.

## THE SHEPHERD KING

The job of shepherd and the job of king couldn't be more different from each other. Shepherds are on the lowest rung of society, kings are at the top. But God says, through the prophet Ezekiel, that the Messiah will lead in a way very different from earthly authorities who lord it over their people and cause harm with their poor leadership.

Our King takes on the job himself. Christ, like a shepherd, will give rest, seek out the lost, bring back the strayed and scattered ones. He will heal the wounded and bind up the injured. He does not delegate, but will "shepherd them rightly." We have a king who cares for us and who is not afraid to "judge between one sheep and another" (Ezekiel 34:17).

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday:	Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time; St. Clement I; St. Columban; Bl. Miguel Agu stín Pro
Tuesday:	St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions
Wednesday:	St. Catherine of Alexandria
Thursday:	Thanksgiving Day
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary



### Thanksgiving Schedule

The only Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 8:30 a.m. The parish office will be closed on November 26 and 27.

There will be no recorded Mass for November 29 because our video volunteers will be away for the holiday weekend. You can check [www.scd.org/coronavirus/livestream-mass](http://www.scd.org/coronavirus/livestream-mass) for online Masses from our diocese or EWTN on YouTube.

### Attending Mass

Since our county has been moved back into the purple tier, we are again restricted to outdoor gatherings only. At this time, our Masses are scheduled to be outside under the tent. PLEASE be mindful that due to inclement weather, things can change very quickly. If there is a change, an email will be sent to all who have signed up to attend Mass. Our website will also be updated. It's a good idea to always check your email and/or our website before coming to Mass.

Also remember that due to spacing issues, not everyone will be seated under the tent. You should bring a lawn chair and an umbrella just in case you need it. The worship space is not heated so dress appropriately!

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28
	<u>Thanksgiving Day (suggested):</u> Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday:	Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday:	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

### 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!

## **Ordination Anniversary—Father Julius**

Father Julius will be celebrating his ten-year ordination anniversary on December 18th. Under the current circumstances we are unable to celebrate in person so we ask that you remember him in your prayers and be sure to congratulate him when you see him at Mass. Any cards or notes of congratulations can be mailed to the church office. We are so very thankful to have Father Julius here at Good Shepherd!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **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 Staszkow. 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 the season to prepare for the arrival of Jesus! Make memories and traditions that will last a lifetime and for the faith of your family. We invite you to join us to pray, reflect, and have some activities to help us prepare for the Christmas Season. Register at: <https://forms.gle/5mTsFr5R6dVcSVYA>. For more information contact Teresa Donan at 916-733-0132 or email [TDonan@scd.org](mailto:TDonan@scd.org) with the office of Family and Faith Formation at the Diocese of Sacramento.



### **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.

### **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.

### **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 November 16 we served 44 families consisting of 204 people and gave out 189 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.**

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**Feed the Hungry**

### **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 [uwdaug1950@gmail.com](mailto:uwdaug1950@gmail.com). Scan our convenient QR Code for a quick application!



Dear Lord,  
For all your  
bountiful  
gifts, we  
thank you.

PAUL BUBEL

## *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 Nov. 7/8: \$16,309.86  
(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](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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