

November 24, 2019

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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



Remembering All Souls throughout November and always.

*Eternal Rest
Grant Unto Them, O Lord
And Let Perpetual Light
Shine Upon Them*

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Schedule

Mass Times:

Saturday: 5p.m. Vigil

Sunday: 7, 9, 11 a.m. and 1, 5 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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

9, 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. Sunday Masses

Kinderchurch: 9 a.m. Mass only

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: Saturday 3:30–4:30 p.m.
in church, or by appointment.

Baptism: Parents and godparents
refer to **www.gscccg.org** baptism
information to schedule baptism class.

Marriage: Engaged couples begin
preparation at least six months before
wedding date. Schedule with parish
office.

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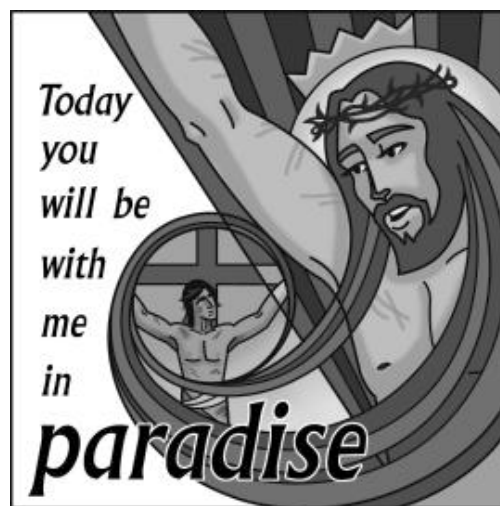
OF KINGS AND KINGSHIP

Americans have an uncomfortable relationship with kings. The American Revolution was fought for independence from King George, after all. Nonetheless, today every Catholic church around the world celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today's feast invites us to look beyond our national loyalties and rejoice in our primary identity. We are children of God in Jesus, Christ the King. Our readings help us consider what it's like to belong to God's kingdom. The book of Samuel captures the deep longing of the Israelites for a king to shepherd them. Saint Paul reminds the Colossians that we belong to the kingdom of Christ, whose power he praises in a beautiful hymn. Finally, Luke's Gospel calls to mind the kind of king Jesus chooses to be—a suffering servant, a man for others. By sacrificing his life for us, Jesus throws open the gates of Paradise.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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| Sunday: | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe |
| Monday: | Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time; St. Catherine of Alexandria |
| Thursday: | Thanksgiving Day |
| Saturday: | St. Andrew |



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday: | Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4 |
| Tuesday: | Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11 |
| Wednesday: | Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19 |
| Thursday: | Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28 |
| Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: | Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19 |
| Friday: | Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33 |
| Saturday: | Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22 |
| Sunday: | Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44 |

Second Collection

Please be generous in this week's special collection, which supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people live in poverty. Through this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle. In addition 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Seating at Mass

Folding chairs of any type are not allowed to be brought in to the Narthex or Church for use in seating during Mass. This is a violation of fire code. In an emergency where evacuation is required, these would become a hazard. There is ample seating in the Church, and if you have difficulty finding a seat, please find an Usher to assist you. Also seniors, handicapped, and disabled persons are invited to locate an Usher if you need assistance, and better seating is available if you arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the start of Mass to afford us more time to get you a proper seat. Thank you for your cooperation.

Pie Sales

This will be the final weekend for the Knights of Columbus pie sales. Proceeds from the sales benefit the Adopt-a-Family Program helping families in need during the Holiday Season. Buy your pies and support this worthwhile charitable program!

Praise and Worship Night Hosted by Life Teen

Join us on December 1st at 6:30 p.m. for a Life Teen Adoration night. **Everyone** is invited to kick off the Advent season with adoration and music by our Sunday 5:00 p.m. Life Teen choir. Priests will be available for individual confessions. This event is open to all parishioners, not just teens.

Communal Reconciliation Service

Our Advent Penance service will be held on Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. Additional times for individual confessions will be announced in a later bulletin.

Immaculate Conception

December 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent. Therefore the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9. It is NOT, however, a holy day of obligation.

Parish News

Stay inFORMED

WE ARE NOT MEANT TO JOURNEY ALONE . . . especially not during such a holy season as Advent. At FORMED, they have been looking for ways for us to center ourselves on Christ in the storm of busyness and distractions particularly with this time of year. What helps us? Creating a space for Christ and Christ alone. Join us on this journey by signing up for Advent Reflections powered by FORMED Daily. Receive daily meditation, formation, and motivation to create a space in your day and in your heart for Christ. Go to <https://formed.org/advent> to sign up.

My Parish App

This Advent season you can also take advantage of the spiritual encouragement available to you on the free My Parish app. These helpful reflections will aid readers in reflecting on the Mass readings each day as we await Christ's coming. Remember the My Parish app is a valuable tool available to our parishioners for daily readings, upcoming events, important messages and much more directly from Good Shepherd.

Winter Sanctuary 2019-2020

Good Shepherd offers hope & comfort for the Elk Grove Homeless from Sunday evening Dec 29th, 2019, to Sunday morning January 5th, 2020. Homeless guests will be at Good Shepherd each night for an evening meal, a safe, warm and dry place to stay, and a morning breakfast with sack lunch to go. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** from our church community!!!! Sign ups are electronic again this year. **Please visit our website and look for the Winter Sanctuary link.** We also have items to donate (please stick to the list on the website). If you prefer to make a monetary donation it can be brought directly to the church office. (We are hoping to buy each guest a Y pass and laundromat pass). Our first volunteer orientation will be on Sunday, Dec 15th at 2:00 PM in the Father Phillip Wells Hall. For more information, please contact: Veronica Schreiber at vschreiber@gmail.com or 916-801-6101; Liz Anguiano at Los_Anguianos@sbcglobal.net or 916-698-6616; Mike Sessions at bctoo@frontier.com or 916-207-5635.

St. Vincent de Paul News

Thank you for all you do to support SVdP. We must follow strict guidelines on what can be safely distributed to those who come for food on Mondays. Therefore, we request 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 18th we served 53 families, consisting of 232 people and gave out 210 bags of food.

Please note that we are now on winter hours, 10:00-11:00 a.m. For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.

Upcoming Events

Knights of Columbus Arts and Crafts Faire

Don't forget to stop by the 10th Annual Arts & Crafts Faire **THIS SUNDAY** Nov. 24th from 8am-3pm inside the Fr. Philip Wells Hall. The Faire will feature many vendors & small businesses. All proceeds go towards the KofC Scholarship Fund.

Annual Prayer Breakfast

The Knights of Peter Claver Council #175 presents their Annual Prayer Breakfast "Love Thy Neighbor" on Dec. 7 at 9:30 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn. All are invited. For more info and tickets please contact Deacon Rommel Declines at dcn.rommeldeclines@gmail.com.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena and Celebration

Our Second Annual Celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe is coming up. There will be a novena and rosary Dec. 3-11 and on December 12 at 7:30 a.m. a procession with mariachi followed by Mass at 8:30 a.m. with the SEAS students. Novena schedule will be: Dec. 3-5: after the 8:30 a.m. Mass; Friday, Dec. 6: after Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 7: after the 9:30 a.m. Mass; Sunday, Dec. 8: after the 1:00 p.m. Mass; Dec. 9-11: after the 8:30 a.m. Mass

Mass of Thanksgiving and Reception

On December 14th we will honor Fr. Diogo Baptista on the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. While serving as the Chaplain at Mule Creek State Prison, Fr. Baptista has also served Good Shepherd for almost 20 years by filling in when our priests are unavailable. Those of you that attend our afternoon Masses know him well! Let us show Fr. Baptista our gratitude for his service at a Mass of Thanksgiving and reception at 5:00 p.m. on December 14th. If you are interested in helping with this event, check our website for the volunteer link.



Welcome Prospective Kindergarten Families

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School is currently accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year through December 20th, 2019. Your child must be 5 years old as of September 1st, 2020. Applications can be found on our website, www.stelizabeth.org, or in the school office. For more info and to schedule a tour, please call the office at 916-684-7903.

Thanksgiving Day Mass, November 28, 2019

This year we will continue our tradition of a special Thanksgiving Day Mass at 10:00 a.m. There will be no 8:30 a.m. Mass on that day. You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food or monetary donations that will then be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help feed families of our community. Also bring the food and wine that you will be preparing for your Thanksgiving Day meal and Father will bless those items.



Mass Intentions

We honor and pray for all of our loved ones that have died over the years. During the month of November no specific names will be read. However, all names written on the All Souls envelopes placed in our crystal bowl near the Altar will be prayed for at every Mass throughout the month of November.

Stewardship at Good Shepherd

- Collection total for Nov. 9/10: \$20,535.19
 - Second Collection/Military Services \$4,394.55
 - Collection total for Nov. 16/17: \$19,983.88
- (Weekly totals include contributions made through Faith Direct.)*

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving each year is **Giving Tuesday**, a day to thank God for the blessings that he has bestowed upon us during the year and to look within ourselves to see how we can best use our talent and treasure to help others. This year, we are building upon that feeling of generosity and compassion by asking our parishioners to prayerfully consider enrolling in eGiving for your recurring weekly offering.

By using eGiving you are supporting our parish's shared mission to give back to others and spread the word of God. We are excited about Giving Tuesday and all the miraculous work we can do in our community, with your support. Enrolling in eGiving is a safe and secure way to give to our parish and getting started is easy—just visit faith.direct/CA688. Your gifts and your participation are a blessing to us, and we ask you to prayerfully consider making a donation to Good Shepherd using Faith Direct on Giving Tuesday, December. 3rd. **Thank you for your continued support of Good Shepherd Parish.**



Good Shepherd Catholic Church Religious Education Program Presents

Our Good Shepherd Religious Education Program would like to ask our faith community to support our one and only fundraising event for 2019-2020 catechetical year.

In our Narthex you will find 11 raffle basket displays that we created and designed to bring joy to young and old alike this Christmas season! Our high-end raffle baskets are valued between \$680 and \$1600. These displays will be in the Narthex after all Masses and raffle tickets are available for purchase up to December 15. You can also view baskets and their descriptions on our website.

So how can you support this fundraising event? The **BEST WAY** to support this fundraising event is to purchase raffle tickets. By doing so, you will be supporting our 800+ students in our program. Last year, we successfully raised over \$20,000.00 which subsidized our tuition cost and made it possible to award some of our CFF families' free tuition/scholarships. Raffle tickets are \$20 each or 6 tickets for \$100.

On behalf of our Religious Education staff, with grateful hearts ... we thank you for supporting this ministry.

**Thank you for supporting
Good Shepherd's
Religious Education
Program!**



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 _____

Address _____

City, Zip _____

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