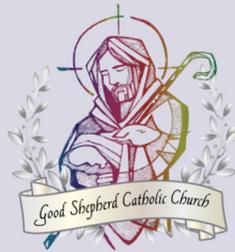


## Good Shepherd Catholic Church

### 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



WATCH THEREFORE;  
YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN  
THE LORD OF THE HOUSE IS COMING,  
WHETHER IN THE EVENING, OR AT MIDNIGHT,  
OR AT COCKCROW, OR IN THE MORNING.

MARK 13:35



FIRST SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**  
NOVEMBER 29, 2020

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## 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.

## Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays from 3:30 to  
4:30 p.m. in the John Paul II Room.

**Baptism:** Parents and godparents  
go to [www.gsceeg.org/sacraments/  
baptism](http://www.gsceeg.org/sacraments/baptism) for more information.

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

## MARK'S JESUS

Mark's Gospel is the shortest and tersest of all four. The discourses of Jesus tend to be terser as well. Mark's portrayal of Jesus has none of the poetry of the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain as in Matthew or Luke, nor the extensive, reflective "I Am" discourses as in John. Mark's Jesus "cuts to the chase," we would say today. This is reflected quite well in today's passage.

It is no accident that the dialogue of Jesus at this point in the Gospel according to Mark—the concluding words about the end of the world—immediately before his passion, is riddled with exclamation points and an overall sense of urgency.

We would do well to re-tool our own way of living this Advent, for we live in a world urgently in need of hearing the message of Jesus proclaimed. It's time for us to "wake up!" and get out into the world to do it.

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	First Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Andrew, Apostle
Tuesday:	World AIDS Awareness Day
Thursday:	St. Francis Xavier
Friday:	St. John Damascene
Friday:	First Friday
Saturday:	First Saturday

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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Dear Parishioners,

Effective February 1st, I have been asked to serve at the Pastoral Center as Vicar General and Vicar for the Clergy. Although I am honored to serve in these positions, it will unfortunately mean that my time with all of you will be cut short. Fr. Michael Vaughan, who currently fills those positions, will take on the position of pastor here.

2020 has been a difficult year, and things have been challenging with the pandemic. However, through the care, patience and participation of staff and parishioners alike, we continue to have an active and stable parish. I know that Fr. Vaughan, an experienced Pastor, is eager to continue guiding and leading Good Shepherd. I am grateful for the time spent here with all of you, and I am confident that I am leaving Good Shepherd in good hands.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Chris

### 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!

### 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!

## 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.



## 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. **For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.**



**Feed the Hungry**

## 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. This advent, the app will feature special prayers and content.
- **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! Be sure to check out there special content for Advent.

## Celebrating Advent at Home

This year Advent celebrations will look very different for all of us. Take some extra time to transform your home into a place of worship and create an atmosphere of hope, faith, joy and peace. We'll be adding some resources to our website to help you do this. You can begin today by printing out an advent calendar (<https://www.usccb.org/resources/advent-2020-calendar>) and with a simple advent wreath blessing.



## Blessing of the Advent Wreath:

*All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:*

**Our help is in the name of the Lord.**

Response (R/.) **Who made heaven and earth.**

Then the Scripture, [Isaiah 9:](#) (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or [Isaiah 63](#) (lines 16-17 & 19) or [Isaiah 64](#) (lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: **The Word of the Lord.**

R/. **Thanks be to God.**

*With hands joined, the leader says:*

**Lord our God,**

**we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:**

**he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,**

**he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,**

**he is the Savior of every nation.**

**Lord God,**

**let your blessing come upon us**

**as we light the candles of this wreath.**

**May the wreath and its light**

**be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.**

**May he come quickly and not delay.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

R/. **Amen.**

The blessing may conclude with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

**O come, desire of nations, bind**

**in one the hearts of humankind;**

**bid ev'ry sad division cease**

**and be thyself our Prince of peace.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel**

**shall come to thee, O Israel.**

## WAIT- Virtual Advent Retreat

Wednesdays at 7pm on Facebook @scdoyya —Presented by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. 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

Pray, reflect, and participate in activities to help us prepare for the Christmas Season. Register at: <https://forms.gle/5mTsFr5R6dVcSVSYA>. 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.

## Praying For Our Community

*We lift up their names in our prayers of the faithful*

### November 28—30

*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.*

### Tuesday, December 1

**8:30 am**

Segundina Bocalbos(+)

Aquilina Ceballos (+)

Eulalai Digal (+)

Robert Kim DA

Deceased family members of the Do and Nguyen family (+)

### Wednesday, December 2

**8:30 am**

Paolo Abrio (BD)

Adria Torres 96yrBD

Dorothy Uzoh (SI)

Segundina Bocalbos (+)

Margarita Millare(+)

### Thursday, December 3

**8:30 am**

Danny Sarmiento (BD)

Devin Somera (BD)

Anthony Ndulue (TG)

Maria del Carmen Barragan (+)

Segundina Bocalbos (+)

### Friday, December 4

**8:30 am**

Segundina Bocalbos (+)

Ofelia Calvillo (+)

Domingos Fagundes (+)

An Tran (+)

Members of the Nguyen Family (+)

#### Key:

*Deceased (+) Thanksgiving (TG)*

*Death Anniversary (DA) Birthday (BD) Special*

*Intention (SI) Wedding Anniversary (WA) (SI-H)*

*Special Intention for healing*

## Stewardship at Good Shepherd

Weekly collection total for Nov. 14/15: \$12,555.76

*(includes 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 gratitude 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. 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 1st.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide weekly offering envelopes Yes No

**Please fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!**

Diane Marcotte

916-684-5722

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