

# Advent

**December 1, 2019**

**First Sunday of Advent**

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## Parish Staff

**Pastor: Rev. Christopher Frazer**

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## Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. at the church, or by appointment.

**Baptism:** Parents and godparents please see our baptism information at [www.gscceg.org](http://www.gscceg.org) regarding scheduling for the baptism class.

**Marriage:** Engaged couples begin preparation a minimum of six months prior to the date of the wedding. Please contact the parish office to schedule.

## 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

### Church Office:

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Closed for lunch Noon-1:00 p.m.

Closed on Wednesdays

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School

**K-8 Principal:** Marci Greene (916) 684-7903

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**Preschool Director:** Tammy Babich (916) 691-4825

## Schedule

### Mass Times:

Saturday at 5p.m. Vigil

Sunday at 7, 9, 11 a.m. and 1, 5p.m.

Weekdays at 8:30 a.m.

First Saturday of the month at 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.

Masses on Sunday

**Kinderchurch:** 9 a.m. Mass only

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

First Thursday, silent adoration, and with prayers of devotion - 6 to 8:30 p.m. First Friday, Exposition at 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. with Divine Mercy chaplet and solemn benediction.

## HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the First Sunday of Advent we look forward to the end of time when we will awaken to the dawn of Christ's new day.

Today we hear Isaiah speak of a day when God's power will have brought universal peace and God's Word will have instructed all people, radiating God's "light" (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks "in the light of the LORD" (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed "in [God's] ways" (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled. The reading from Romans calls us to "awake from sleep" for this final "day is at hand" (Romans 13:11, 12). Together this Sunday's scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God's plan of salvation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	First Sunday of Advent; World AIDS Awareness Day
Tuesday:	St. Francis Xavier
Wednesday:	St. John Damascene
Friday:	St. Nicholas; First Friday
Saturday:	St. Ambrose; First Saturday; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

## Praise and Worship Night Hosted by Life Teen

**TONIGHT**— Dec. 1st from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Church

**All are welcome, bring the whole family!** Begin your Advent season with a night of Worship, Adoration, and Confession at Life Teen's XLT (eXaLT) night, "True North." Praise & Worship led by So-Cal worship leader Travis Barrett & the Life Teen band. "True North" Advent meditation given by youth minister Joshua Hollcraft. Food & Refreshments to follow.

## Communal Reconciliation Service

Our Advent Penance service will be held on Wed., Dec. 4 at 7:00 p.m. Additional confession times will be: Sat., Dec. 14th from 3:30-5:00 p.m., Thurs., Dec. 19th from 10:00 a.m.-noon and 4:00-6:00 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 21st from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

## All are welcome to our Fellowship Pancake Breakfast!

Our next monthly Fellowship breakfast will be Sun., Dec. 8th following the 7:00 a.m. Mass with continuous serving until shortly before the 11:00 a.m. Mass begins. Please join us for fellowship!

## Holiday Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. (sponsored by SEAS)  
6:30 p.m. (sponsored by CFF)  
9:00 p.m. and Midnight

### Christmas Day

7:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.

### New Year's Day

9:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
5:00 p.m.

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, A *Holy Day of Obligation*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
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
Sunday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

## 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.

## Devotional Masses — (Simbang Gabi)

Devotional Masses (Simbang Gabi) will be celebrated from Dec. 15 to Dec. 23 at 7:00 PM. Simbang Gabi (Tagalog for "Night Mass") is a devotional nine-day series of masses in anticipation of Christmas and to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. The theme for this year will be "Twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit." Rosary and flower offering will precede the mass at 6:30 pm. There will be a fellowship reception after each mass. All masses will be in English and all parishioners are welcome to attend. Reception and Christmas program will be held in the Father Philip Wells Hall on December 23 following Mass. Volunteers are welcome to assist with the different activities during the Simbang Gabi. Please contact Bobby Aglubat at 916 525 5180, BobbyNavRet@aol.com; Ling Avera at 916 206-7039, LingAvera52@gmail.com for more information.

## 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. Looking for a way to include the whole family this Advent season? Kids can journey alongside you with daily reflections from Brother Francis. Simply add the option when you sign up for Advent Reflections! Go to <https://formed.org/advent> to sign up.

### My Parish App

As we begin the season of Advent, take advantage of the spiritual encouragement available to you on the free My Parish app. Pull out those Advent wreaths and use the "Blessing of an Advent Wreath" prayer that can be found in the prayers button. Remember the 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 Schreiver at [vschreiver@gmail.com](mailto:vschreiver@gmail.com) or 916-801-6101; Liz Anguiano at [Los\\_Anguianos@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Los_Anguianos@sbcglobal.net) or 916-698-6616; Mike Sessions at [bctoo@frontier.com](mailto: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. **Please note that we are now on winter hours, 10:00-11:00 a.m.** For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.

## Upcoming Events

### Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena and Celebration

Join us for the Second Annual Celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. 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



### Knights of Columbus, Council 11236 Rosary Night of Prayer

Knights of Columbus is promoting a Rosary Night of Prayer in honor of our Blessed Mother on **Thurs., Dec. 12, at 6:30pm** in the Church. We invite all parishioners and all Brother Knights to attend. We ask Mary, our Blessed Mother, and patroness of our order, to pray for us and ask that she bestow her blessings to us on this feast day of **La Virgen de Guadalupe**. After the rosary, please stay and join us for some snacks, refreshments and fellowship to celebrate this special day. For more information contact SK Iggy Lopez-Alvarez at (916) 416-7327.

### St. John Caregiver Support Group

The St. John Caregiver Support Group will be meeting on December 12th from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. Anyone caring for a disabled person is encouraged to attend. Meetings occur on the second Thursday of every month. For more info, contact Norma at [nf972419@gmail.com](mailto:nf972419@gmail.com).

### Thirteenth of the Month

Our 13th of the Month Fatima Rosary prayer will be on Friday, Dec. 13 following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Please join us!

### 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Your child must be 5 years old as of September 1st, 2020. Applications can be found on our website, [www.stelizabetheg.org](http://www.stelizabetheg.org), or in the school office. For more info and to schedule a tour, please call the office at 916-684-7903.

## *Mass Intentions*

**Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019**

**5:00 pm**

**All names on the All Souls  
Envelopes Placed in our Cryst-  
tal bowl near the Altar (+)**

**Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019**

**7:00 am**

Connor Conrad (SI-H)  
Tina Lobregat (SI-H)  
Vincent Torrella (SI-H)  
Robert & Josephine Prince (+)  
Benjamin Sandoval (+)  
Eduardo Quiambao (+)

**9:00 am**

Rogelio Arenas (+)  
Phero Hoang Bay (+)  
Rosalina Comacho (+)  
Pedro & Maria dela Cruz (+)  
Jessie Law (1yrDA)  
Primitiva Quero Panelo (+)

**11:00 am**

Segundina Bocalbos (BD)  
Virginia Minor (BD)  
Helen Dewsnup (DA)  
Eoin McGloughlin (+)  
Artur Serpa (+)

**1:00 pm**

Rhoda Fanao (SI-H)  
Dorothy M. Logsdon (SI-H)  
Douglas Madrigal (SI-H)  
Jon Opon (SI-H)  
Virginia Madrigal (SI)

**5:00 pm**

Samantha Gonzalez (BD)  
Mike & Lily Greening family (TG)  
Arturo & Liane Munoz family (TG)  
Conrado Alejandrino (+)  
Fernanda Alejandrino (DA)  
All souls in purgatory (+)

**Monday, December 2, 2019**

**8:30 am**

Fr. Joseph Hung Nguyen (SI-H)  
Kevin Trotter Jr. (SI)  
Peter & Maria Luong (+)  
Margarita C. Millare (+)  
Deceased Members of the  
Nguyen family (+)

**Tuesday, December 3, 2019**

**8:30 am**

Juanita Chavez (103yrBD)  
K.C. Anthony (+)  
Carmen Barragan (+)  
Thomas Ozioko (1yrDA)  
Teresa Salas (1yrDA)  
Dominico & Mary Thu (+)

**Wednesday, December 4, 2019**

**8:30 am**

Caridad Gonzales (TG)  
Alice Salazar Re (SI-H)  
Domingos Fagundes (+)  
Peter Nguyen Ut (+)  
All Souls in Purgatory (+)

**Thursday, December 5, 2019**

**8:30 am**

Chizaro Ozioko (BD)  
Gary Souza (+)  
Maria Nguyen Theu (+)  
Vincent Nguyen Tu (+)

**Friday, December 6, 2019**

**8:30 am**

Rolando Albarillo (BD)  
Cesar Salgado (BD)  
Teody Marucut (SI-H)  
Edgar Brosas (+)  
Maria Nguyen Sang (+)

**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 totals will appear in next weekend's bulletin.

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](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide weekly offering envelopes ☐Yes ☐No

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

Diane Marcotte

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