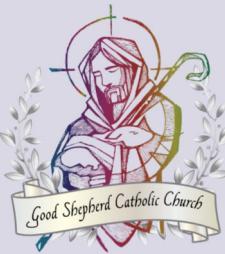


# Good Shepherd Catholic Church

## 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



A VOICE CRIES OUT:  
IN THE DESERT PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!  
MAKE STRAIGHT IN THE WASTELAND A HIGHWAY FOR OUR GOD!  
EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED IN,  
EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW.

ISAIAH 40:3-4



SECOND SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**  
DECEMBER 6, 2020

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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.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.

## GOD'S DELAY

In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, "Where is God? Why hasn't your Lord come to save you now?"

And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today's second reading: the "delay" of the Lord's second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God's patience. God is giving everyone the chance to seek repentance.

God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon. It was God who personally led them, making a "straight highway" for them across the desert.

We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God's Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side.

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## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Tuesday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday:	St. Juan Diego
Thursday:	International Human Rights Day; Hanukkah begins at sunset
Friday:	St. Damasus I
Saturday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe

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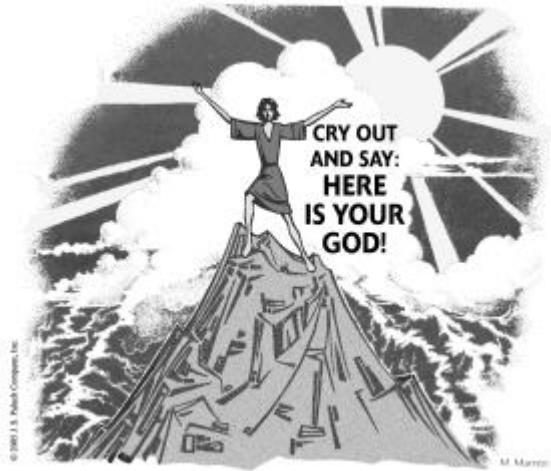


Dear Parishioners,

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



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## 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.**



## 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 their 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 and checking out other resources available at <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/advent>.



## 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.

## From the Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

**WAIT-** A Virtual Advent Retreat Series — Join us on December 09, 2020. Take a break this Advent season to be renewed and refreshed while we WAIT. Join us for our second session of WAIT at 7pm on Facebook @scdoyya. During this session we will be joined by David Bisino. David will share his reflection on this Advent season and how we Wait in hope. For more information contact Jennifer Campbell [jcampbell@scd.org](mailto:jcampbell@scd.org).

**Into The Mix**—Young adults are invited to join us on December 10, 2020 - Into the Mix has kicked off and we have our next stream scheduled from 7:00-8:00pm. "Into the Mix" is a monthly livestream where we 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 at [ata@scd.org](mailto:ata@scd.org).

## **Navigate**—Virtual Youth Group for Teens

Join us on December 13, 2020 -We have our guest speaker for our Navigate livestream on Sunday, December 13th at 7PM via YouTube. This stream we will have special guest Fr. Bong Rojas, who will speak on "being gifted" and how we all have something to offer God and the world. Encourage your teens to participate and dive deeper into the Catholic faith and explore its richness. This is a time for teens to find community and fellowship as they learn how to navigate their lives towards Christ. For more information visit <https://www.scd.org/Navigate> or contact Antony Ta at [ata@scd.org](mailto:ata@scd.org).

# *Praying For Our Community*

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

## Saturday, December 5

Grace Baclig-Guanco (BD)  
Anthony and Dorothy Uzo (SI)  
Segundina Bocalbos (+)  
    Hal Dolan (+)  
    Julio Millare (+)  
Carmen Ramos (+)

## Sunday, December 6 @ 7:00 am

Anthony Ndulue (TG)  
    Derek Uzoh (SI-H)  
Maria Teresa Blanco (+)  
Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)  
Alfred and Helen Lial (+)

### 9:00 am

Chikara Ozioko (BD)  
Ediltrudes Mendoza Family (TG)  
    Leesa Chua (SI-H)  
    Emilio Baldia (+)  
Virgilio Mateo Cruz (+)

### 11:00 am

Cesar Salgado (BD)  
Francis Sarnicki (SI-H)  
Segundina Bocalbos (+)  
    Robert Manzo (+)  
Deacon Ed Smith (+)

### 1:00 pm

Cesar Salgado (BD)  
Christopher Savella (BD)  
Gracelyn Savella (BD)  
    Quyen Ha (+)  
Alvaro Machado (+)  
Tony Machado (+)

### 5:00 pm

Joao & Maria Pires (+)  
Francisco & Faustina Silva (+)  
    Maria Gion Tran (+)  
    Maria Trinca (+)  
All Souls In Purgatory

## Monday, December 7

Lynette Chavez (BD)  
Joshua A Williams (BD)  
    Leesa Chua (SI-H)  
Segundina Bocalbos (+)  
Manuel and Tina Marquez (+)

## Tuesday, December 8

Abrio Family (TH)  
    Leesa Chua (SI-H)  
Segundina Bocalbos (+)  
Cherry Pie Laura Pamittan (+)  
Concepcion Wakatani (+)

## Wednesday, December 9

Rommel Barroga (+)  
Segundina Bocalbos (+)  
    Maria Fagundes (+)  
Concepcion Valmores (+)  
Francisco Valmores (+)

## Thursday, December 10

Leesa Chua (SI-H)  
    Dung Dinh (+)  
Salvador Rose (+)  
    Billy Tenorio (+)  
    Phuc Tran (+)

## Friday, December 11

Tomas Benarao, JR (+)  
Damaso Fermin (+)  
Paul Nguyen Mai (+)  
    Elaine Melon (+)  
Cory Watson (DA)

### **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. 21/22: \$13,903.18  
(includes contributions made through Faith Direct)

Thank you for your support of our parish. COVID-19 has changed many things this year. Unfortunately, it has even impacted the finances of our parish and we need your help. We are prayerfully requesting that you consider making a donation or setting up a recurring gift using our online giving provider, Faith Direct.

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

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