

SECOND

Sunday of Advent

On that day,
a shoot shall sprout from
the stump of Jesse,
and from his roots
a bud shall blossom.

Isaiah 11:1

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December 8, 2019



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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.gscccg.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

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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.

THE LONG-AWAITED ONE

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Advent
Monday:	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday:	International Human Rights Day
Wednesday:	St. Damasus I
Thursday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday:	St. Lucy
Saturday:	St. John of the Cross

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.
and 5:00 p.m.

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

Christmas Masses

We ask all Good Shepherd Parishioners and guests to prepare for the large crowds at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Extra seating will be available in the Church, but arriving early is the only way of making sure you have a place to sit. Senior, Handicapped, Disabled, and those with Caregivers will need to arrive at least 20 minutes prior to the start of Mass to make sure that we can locate a seat for you. Please know that if you arrive as Mass starts, the church and most available space will already be at capacity. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Suspension of the Cup

Due to the arrival of the flu season, the Bishop's Office has issued the following directives: temporarily suspend the use of the communion cup at Mass, receive the Body of Christ in the hand, do not shake hands during the peace greeting and do not hold hands during the Our Father. The obligation to attend Mass does not apply to those who are sick. If you are sick, stay home and take care of yourself. The administration of Holy Communion in both kinds will resume as soon as the Bishop deems it safe and prudent to do so.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	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
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Second Collection/Retirement Fund for Religious

Help care for elders— please prayerfully consider supporting the retired religious next weekend by giving to the second collection. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Devotional Masses — (Simbang Gabi)

Devotional Masses (Simbang Gabi) will be celebrated from Dec. 15 to Dec. 23 beginning at 6:30 p.m. with Rosary then Mass 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. There will be a fellowship reception after each mass. Volunteers are welcome to help. Please contact Bobby Aglubat at 916 525 5180, BobbyNavRet@aol.com; Ling Avera at 916 206-7039, LingAvera52@gmail.com for more information.

Environment Change

The Art and Environment Ministry will be changing the church environment to Christmas on Dec. 24th at 9:30 a.m. This is a large undertaking that will require lots of help. Sign up under the volunteer link on our website. Your help will be much appreciated!

St. John Caregiver Support Group

The St. John Caregiver Support Group will be meeting on Dec. 12th from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. Anyone caring for a disabled person is encouraged to attend. For more info, contact Norma at nf972419@gmail.com.

Parish News

Upcoming Events

Mass of Thanksgiving and Reception

On Dec. 14th we will honor Fr. Diogo Baptista on the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood with a Mass of Thanksgiving and reception at 5:00 p.m.. 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. Let us show Fr. Baptista our gratitude for his service! If you are interested in helping with this event, check our website for the volunteer link.

Stay inFORMED

Are you looking for a way to center yourself on Christ in the storm of busyness and distractions this time of year? Create 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

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 Dec 29th, 2019, to Jan. 5th, 2020. VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED from our church community!!!!

Please visit our website and look for the Winter Sanctuary link to see how you can help. 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 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 25th we served 74 families consisting of 281 people and gave out 261 boxes of food. On December 2nd we served 35 families consisting of 170 people and gave out 147 boxes of food. **Please note that we are now on winter hours, 10:00-11:00 a.m.** For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena and Celebration

Join us for the Second Annual Celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12 at 7:30 a.m. for a procession with mariachi followed by Mass at 8:30 a.m. with the SEAS students. Novena schedule will be: 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. All are welcome. Refreshments and fellowship in the Narthex after the rosary. For more info contact SK Iggy Lopez-Alvarez at (916) 416-7327.

Sharing and Caring Senior Singles

Our annual Christmas Party will be Thurs., Dec. 12 at the Golden Corral 7700 W. Stockton Blvd. 11am-1:00pm (To help decorate come by 10:40.) We will have an optional gift exchange (gift cost \$10 or less.) PLEASE RSVP to Carol 916- 685-3955 or Peggy 707-279-1761. Hope to see you there!!

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!

Additional Times for Confessions

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.

Walk for Life West Coast 2020

The 16th Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco is Sat., Jan. 25th, 2020. For the 14th year, we are chartering buses to attend the Walk. Please consider joining us to stand against the culture of Death and proclaim life in our Lord. For more information about the Walk, please visit www.walkforlifewc.com or email Gary Hickman at greenhope28@yahoo.com.

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.stelizabetheg.org, or in the school office. For more info and to schedule a tour, please call the office at 916-684-7903.

Retreat for Women

You are invited to spend a relaxing, spiritually insightful weekend with women of our parish Jan 10-12, 2020, at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center. For more info, call Suzanne at 916-801-0561 or go to www.christthekingretreatcenter.org to make a reservation or call the retreat center at 916-725-4720.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019

5:00 pm

Lynette Chavez (BD)
Joshua Williams (BD)
Anthony Bezmalinovich (DA)
Alice Lourenco (+)
Manuel & Tina Marquez (+)
All souls in purgatory (+)

Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019

7:00 am

Denis & Louise Welsh
(50yrWA)
Vicente Bacalso (+)
Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)
Ron Rowlett (+)
Generoso Tamayo (+)

9:00 am

Juan & Brigeda Avenas (+)
John Babich (+)
Cuelpo & Esperanza dela Cruz (+)
Tranquelino dela Cruz (+)

11:00 am

Bobby Aglubat (BD)
Virginia Minor (BD)
Fidel Angeles (DA)
Sally Stone (+)

1:00 pm

Adora Episcopo (+)
Melchor Gozales (+)
Dominador Oyam (+)
Consuelo Roxas (+)
Rosario Salindong (+)

5:00 pm

Barroga family (BD)
Fr. Joseph Hung Nguyen (SI-H)
Numeriano Redama (+)
Joao Silva (+)
All souls in purgatory (+)

Monday, December 9, 2019

8:30 am

Greggory Crettol, Jr. family (SI)
Elma & Rey Villiegas family (SI)
Dong & Vui Nguyen family (TG)
Brenda Dizon (DA)
Concepcion Wakatani (+)

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

8:30 am

Neal Mathew (SI)
Noelle Mathew (SI)
Thampi Mathew (SI)
Cynthia Penaranda (SI)
Mary Joseph (+)

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

8:30 am

Philipson Cossid (TG)
Anthony Bezmalinovich (DA)
Damasco Fermin (+)
Marie Nguyen T. Thuy-Hong (+)
Gary Souza (+)
Cory Watson (5yrDA)

Thursday, December 12, 2019

8:30 am

Alejandro Flores (+)
Dominic Tran Van Khoa (+)
Paul Nguyen Mai (+)
Antonio A. Medrano (+)
Joseph Pham Van Thuy (+)

Friday, December 13, 2019

8:30 am

Krysta Chavez (BD)
Joe Avis (+)
Virgilio Mangalus (+)
Sergio Vega (+)

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

Collection Total for Nov. 23-24: \$19,358.59

Second Collection/Camp. For Human Dev: \$4166.21

Collection Total for Nov 30-Dec 1: \$21,525.55

Second Collection/Building Fund: \$6175.22

(Weekly totals include contributions made through Faith Direct.)

During Advent we prepare our minds and hearts for the real meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. As we reflect on the upcoming Christmas season, it is likely that we will be busy with parties and family gatherings. Perhaps even a trip out of town to visit friends. With all of those joyous celebrations, we might miss Mass. That's where eGiving with Faith Direct can help simplify your life. By supporting Good Shepherd, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season. Signing up is easy! Visit faith.direct/CA688.

Already using Faith Direct? Log in to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account to make a one-time gift today!

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.



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
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Parish Registration and Change of Address

New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community?

Recently moved or changed phone number?

Today's Date _____

Name _____

Phone _____

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