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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

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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 9 p.m. First Friday, Exposition at 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. with Divine Mercy chaplet and solemn benediction.

Sacraments

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

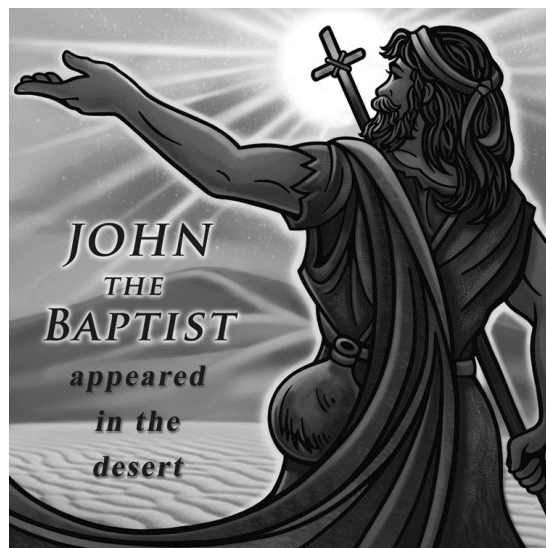
Baptism: Parents and godparents please see our baptism information at www.gscceg.org regarding scheduling for the baptism class.

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

NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	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
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
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 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Advent; International Human Rights Day
Monday:	St. Damasus I
Tuesday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe; Hanukkah begins at sunset
Wednesday:	St. Lucy
Thursday:	St. John of the Cross
Saturday:	Las Posadas begins

Advent Penance Service

Our Advent Penance Service will be held on Dec. 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Masses celebrated on the evening of Sunday, Dec. 24th are Masses of the Vigil of Christmas, NOT Masses of the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The faithful are obligated to participate in separate celebrations of the Eucharist for the Fourth Sunday of Advent AND for Christmas. Our Mass schedule for the 4th Sunday of Advent is: 5:00 p.m. Saturday vigil (on the 23rd), 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Our Mass schedule for Christmas is as follows: Dec. 24th at 4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9:00 p.m., and Midnight; Dec. 25th at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap, a speaker series for young adults will be on Thurs., Dec. 14th from 6:30-9:00 pm, in the St. John Paull II room. All young adults (18+) are welcome! The topic for the evening is Evangelizing at Family Gatherings. The guest speaker will be Cecilia Flores, Director of the Newman Catholic Center of Sacramento. For more info, go to the Facebook event on the Young Adult Catholic- Diocese of Sacramento page.

2nd Collection/Retirement Fund for Religious

Help religious communities—your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

Adult Confirmation

We invite all parishioners (18 and up) who have not received their Sacrament of Confirmation to join our Adult Confirmation Program. Registration is open and the first class will start on January 28th after the 9:00 a.m. mass. The program consists of 12 sessions and one morning retreat. Please contact the Faith Formation office at goodshepherd@frontier.com. It's a great opportunity to renew and grow in faith!

Devotional Masses—(Simbang Gabi)

Devotional Masses (Simbang Gabi) will be celebrated from Dec. 15 to Dec. 23 at 7:00 p.m. (except Dec. 17 will be at 8:00 p.m.). Simbang Gabi (Filipino 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 the daily gospel. Rosary will precede each mass at 6:30 pm. There will be fellowship after all masses. All parishioners are invited to attend. Contact Bobby Aglubat at 916 525 5180 or at BobbyNavRet@aol.com for more information.

Parish News

Good Shepherd Parish 25th Anniversary—Silver Jubilee

Help us create lifelong memories by participating in our 25th anniversary planning. We are looking for leadership and volunteers for a series of events throughout 2018 to commemorate this special occasion. We need participation from all ethnicities, and encourage our newer parish families to join us! Upcoming meetings will be on Dec. 18th and Jan. 22nd in the St. John Paul Room at 6:30 p.m. **SAVE THE DATES: April 21** Anniversary Liturgy with Bishop Soto & Gala Dinner (limited seating available); **April 22** Silver Jubilee Receptions following all masses. Many more events to come..... Contact bettymay8@gmail.com for more information.

Winter Sanctuary

Good Shepherd Catholic Church offers hope & help for the Elk Grove homeless over the holidays. We will host EG Wins, otherwise known as the **Elk Grove Winter Sanctuary, from Sun. Dec 24th - Sat. Dec 30th**. Homeless guests will be served an evening hot meal, a safe place to stay comfortably, and a morning breakfast. **REQUIRED TRAINING: Sunday Dec 10th at 2:30 PM in the Father Philip Wells Hall.**

Did not sign up? Still have opportunities to give: cash/check donations are now being accepted at the office- please make checks payable to WINS/Social Justice or if cash put in envelope marked WINS/Social Justice. Please include your name and address with the donation. If you wish to serve and were unable to schedule a time during the Christmas season, EGHART needs volunteers over the 12 week period of housing the homeless in Elk Grove. Please sign up online- www.tinyurl.com/2017egwins.

Good Shepherd Night Leader/Overnight Coordinators:

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Rommel Declines - -declinesfamily@gmail.com or 916-479-3459

Good Shepherd Meal Team Coordinators:

Verne Bowers- verne.bowers@advent-ca.com or 916-479-3930

Cynthia Hobson- mssaphire.ch@gmail.com or 916-684-3367

Religious Education Raffle Basket Fundraiser

Our Religious Education Program's One-and-Only Fundraising event for the 2017-2018 catechetical year is still going and we would like to ask our faith community for your support! Our HIGH-END Raffle Baskets (valued between \$500 and \$1900) will be displayed in the Narthex, and tickets will be sold after all masses through December 16/17 for \$20 each, or 6 tickets for \$100. The **BEST WAY** to support this fundraising event is to purchase raffle tickets! By doing so, you will be supporting the 800+ students in our program. The raffle drawing will be after the 5:00 PM Mass on Dec. 17th in the Narthex. All are invited to stay after Mass and witness the announcement of our Raffle Basket WINNERS! On behalf of our Religious Education Staff, with grateful hearts ... we thank you very much for your support of this ministry.

St. Vincent de Paul News

St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank you again for all you do to help us provide for those in our community who are in need. **We are in need of any size diapers and baby wipes.**

On Dec. 4 we served 39 families consisting of 172 people and gave out 155 boxes of food.

From October-April our hours will be Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Volunteers are always welcome. To volunteer, contact us at (916) 647-1243.



Upcoming Events

Knights of Columbus Rosary Night of Prayer

The KofC Rosary Night of Prayer in honor of our Blessed Mother will be on Tues., Dec. 12, at 6:30pm in the Church. All are welcome. After the rosary, please stay and join us for some refreshments and fellowship to celebrate this special day, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. For more info contact SK Iggy Lopez-Alvarez at (916) 689-2428.

13th of the Month Prayer

Our 13th of the Month Fatima Rosary prayer will be on Wed., Dec. 13 after the 8:30 a.m. morning mass and following the Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Please join us and let us make Our Blessed Mother smile and happy as we obediently fulfill our promise to her.....pray, pray, pray the Rosary everyday.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Annual Alumni Dinner

All SEAS graduates are welcome to attend "Mustache and Mozzarella" - our annual Alumni Spaghetti Dinner on Jan. 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fr. Phillip Wells Hall. Tickets are \$10 per person and \$5 per additional sibling. Payments may be made at the school office before Dec. 22nd. For more information contact Lisa at 916-903-6812.

Prayer and Life Workshop

The objective of the Prayer and Life Workshop is to instill the living God in people's hearts and make them happier. Learn several prayer methods, enter into a personal relationship with the Lord and practice forgiving exercises. Come to our opening meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Maria Goretti/8th Grade classroom.

Walk for Life West Coast 2018!

The 14th Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco is Sat., Jan. 28th, 2018. For the 12th year, we are chartering buses to attend the Walk. Please contact the office to reserve your seat on the bus. For more info, please visit the website at www.walkforlifewc.com or email Gary at greenhope28@yahoo.com. Please join us to make a public stand for Families and for LIFE.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 9, 2017

5:00 pm

Jeruel-Noah Gore (BD)
Austria family (SI)
Anthony Bezmalinovich (DA)
Brenda Limpiada Dizon
(1yrDA)

Sunday, December 10, 2017

7:00 am

Malia Abria (SI-H)
Jackey Falley (BD)

9:00 am

Rhald Angelo Quel D. Kho
(SI-H)
Grace Santos (SI-H)
Ener, Maria and Christopher
Gueco (TG)
Vicente Mendiola (+)

11:00 am

Fides Castaneda (SI-H)
George Puthenpurayi (BD)
Cesar Gomez Salgado (BD)
Brigido Martinez, Jr. (+)
Ivan F. Martinez (+)

1:00 pm

Cesar Gomez Salgado (BD)
Aleyamma Chacko (DA)
K.C. John (+)
Cornelio Quedado (+)
M.C. Thomas (DA)

5:00 pm

Nora Sepulveda Padilla (+)
All souls in purgatory (+)

Monday, December 11 2017

8:30 am

Damasco R. Fermin (+)
Cory Watson (DA)

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

8:30 am

Alejandro Flores (DA)
Paul Nguyen Mai (+)
Antonio A. Medrano (DA)

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

8:30 am

Krysta Chavez (BD)
Felipe Agbay (+)
Joe Avis (+)
Melchor Gonzales (+)

Thursday, December 14, 2017

8:30 am

Efren Suspeñe (BD)
Benny Canio (DA)
Andres Del Rosario Jr. (+)
Flordelis Lazan (+)
Myrna Quero Panelo (DA)

Friday, December 15, 2017

8:30 am

Jesus Christopher Talosig (+)

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 Dec 2/3 = \$22,383.72
- 2nd collection/Building Fund = \$7,626.82

Thank you for your generous support. Your ongoing donations are essential in helping us meet the many needs of the parish and community.

In this season of Advent, we are continuously preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth. Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming new year by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting Good Shepherd, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or end-of-year contributions to your account. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: CA688. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.



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Recently moved or changed phone number? ☐

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Phone _____

E-mail _____

Address _____

City, Zip _____

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