

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



AS THE EARTH BRINGS FORTH ITS PLANTS,
AND A GARDEN MAKES ITS GROWTH SPRING UP,
SO WILL THE LORD GOD MAKE JUSTICE AND PRAISE
SPRING UP BEFORE ALL THE NATIONS.

ISAIAH 61:11

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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.gscccg.org/sacraments/
baptism](http://www.gscccg.org/sacraments/baptism) for more information.

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 13, 2020

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JOHN THE BAPTIST

At a school open house a woman could be overheard introducing her husband to some of the other parents. "Oh, Bill, I'd like you to meet Johnny's father. And over here, this is Marie's mom; you know, the little girl from our Ellen's soccer team."

With satisfied resignation Bill introduced himself not by name: "I'm Ellen's Dad."

It's good to know who you are. Be it someone's father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife, it's important to embrace the full meaning of our various roles.

John the Baptist knows who he is. And who he is not. He is not the Christ. Nor Elijah. Nor like any other prophet God's people had ever seen.

John the Baptist knows his mission is divine. He's more than satisfied to be the one to announce the coming of God's reign. The Christ is near. Make straight your paths.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. John of the Cross
Wednesday: *Las Posadas* begins



We will have outdoor Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Attendance will be limited to 100 people per Mass. You will be able to sign up online beginning on December 21st at noon. The sign-ups will close on December 23rd at 10:00 am. YOU MUST SIGN UP ONLINE TO ATTEND. THERE WILL BE NO WALK-INS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE OR CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES.

The Mass schedule is as follows:

Thursday, December 24 (Christmas Eve):

Mass at 2:00pm, 4:00pm, and 6:00pm

(There will be Mass at 8:30 am on Thursday morning.)

Friday, Dec 25 (Christmas Day):

Mass at 10:00am, 12:00pm, and 2:00pm

Special "Midnight Mass" Recording

If you are unable to get a reservation or choose not to attend Mass in person, we invite you to watch our recorded "Midnight Mass" which will be available for viewing on our YouTube channel.

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!

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Additional Times for Confession

On December 19th, Father Julius and Father Chris will both be available to hear confessions from 2:00-4:30 pm in the John Paul II Room and in the entrance to the Father Phillip Wells Hall.

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.

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, 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**. 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>.



Virtual Parish Mission

Waiting in Hope: Patience, Prayer, and Perseverance Virtual Parish Mission **December 14 - 16, 7:00pm - 8:30pm** Join Fr. Bart Landry, CSP, Coordinator for Black Catholic Ministry, for an Advent mission at St. Basil the Great Parish. The mission includes Mass and will be held nightly at 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm beginning Monday, December 14th through Wednesday, December 16th and will be live-streamed to St. Basil's YouTube channel, Facebook page, and can be viewed on St. Basil's website: www.stbasilvallejo.org/at-table-of-plenty.

From the Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

WAIT: Advent Retreat with Steve Angrisano

Join us on December 16, 2020 - FREE — WAIT is an Advent Retreat series hosted by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry on Wednesdays at 7pm on Facebook Live @scdoyya. Our next session is on December 16th featuring Steve Angrisano. Steve is a singer, song writer and storyteller who will offer an Advent reflection of faith, hope and love with his music and storytelling. Questions? Contact Jennifer Campbell at jcampbell@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.

Praying For Our Community

We lift up their names in our prayers of the faithful

Saturday, December 12

Alexis Uzoh (SI)
Derek Uzoh (SI)
Desiree Uzoh (SI)
Anthony Bezmalinovich (DA)
Lina Pavisic de Harasic (+)
Sister Tania Pavisic (+)

Sunday, December 13 @ 7:00 am

Brianna Uzoh & Desiree Uzoh (SI)
Delialah Guevarra (+)
Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)
Jason Perez (+)
Deacon Ed Smith (+)

9:00 am

Leesa Chua (SI-H)
Francisca De Guzman (+)
Primitiva Quero Panelo (+)
Duilinda Serpa (+)
John Teicheira (+)

11:00 am

Joe Avis (+)
Rhonald Banayat (DA)
Karl and Venice Bernadas (TG)
Alejandro Flores (DA)
Gloria Gámez-Solorio (DA)

1:00 pm

Abraham and Anjali Antony (TG)
James Anttumalil (SI)
Neal Mathew (SI)
Noelle Mathew (SI)
Barry Belleza (DA)

5:00 pm

Krysta Chavez (BD)
Lisette Marie, Elaine Marie and
Yvette Marie (BD)
Roberto Manzo (+)
Raul "Lito" Melendez (+)

Monday, December 14

Florina Baysa (BD)
Robert Dean Cabiles (+)
Benny Canio (+)
Arsenio Naval SR (+)
Myrna Quero Panelo (+)

Tuesday, December 15

Leonardo and Ester Ote (52yr WA)
Jane Khoshsefat S(I-H)
Manual Baysa (+)
Sr. Carola Marie Kelly, OSF(+)
Frank McNamara (+)

Wednesday, December 16

Kristie Cheung (BD)
Gonzales Family (TG)
Bienvenido Campomanes (DA)
Judy Gerke (DA)
Drexel K. Wesleder (+)

Thursday, December 17

Ligaya Barroga (TH)
Cesar Valmores & Family (TH)
Arsenia Ng (BD)
Ernesto Tan (BD)

Friday, December 18

Gramm Newbold (BD)
Jesus DeVera (DA)
Corazon Joves (+)

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. 29/30: \$14,766.38

(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, 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 _____

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Phone _____

E-mail _____

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