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Sunday of Advent

The desert and the
parched land will exult;
the steppe will
rejoice and bloom.
They will bloom
with abundant flowers,
and rejoice with joyful song.

Isaiah 35:1-2

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December 15, 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.

REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as *Gaudete* (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today’s first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God’s presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Monday: Las Posadas begins
Saturday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

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 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. Seniors, handicapped, 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.

Parish Office Schedule

The parish office will be closed Dec. 24, 25 and Jan. 1.

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: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Second Collection/Retirement Fund for Religious

Help care for elders— please prayerfully consider supporting the retired religious this weekend. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Devotional Masses — (Simbang Gabi)

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. For more info contact Bobby at 916-525-5180, BobbyNavRet@aol.com or Ling at 916-206-7039, Lingavera52@gmail.com.

Santo Nino Novena

Join us as we celebrate the Feast Day of the Holy Infant Jesus (Santo Nino). Novena schedule as follows:

Dec. 26-27: after the 8:30 am Mass; Dec. 28: at 8:30 am
Dec. 29: after 1:00 pm Mass; Dec. 30-31: after the 8:30 a.m. Mass; Jan 1, 2020: after 11:00 am Mass; Jan 2-3: after the 8:30 am Mass; Jan 4: SANTO NINO FEAST DAY 9:30 am Mass

After Mass there will be a procession around the Church building then fellowship in the Narthex. Again, let’s continue the adoration and celebration in honor of “THE LITTLE KING” the HOLY INFANT JESUS!!!!

Parish News

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!

LifeTeen

Sunday evening Life Nights will resume with our spring kick-off on February 2nd. To stay up to date on our activities, parents and teens please register on our website to receive text updates. In the meantime . . . Join us for the Walk For Life on January 25th!

Stay inFORMED

There's still time to sign 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

During this season of Advent, take advantage of the spiritual encouragement available to you on the free My Parish app. 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. Please prayerfully consider giving of your time this holiday season to help those less fortunate right here in our community. Visit our website and look for the Winter Sanctuary link to sign up. Our first volunteer orientation will be **TODAY, Sunday, Dec 15th** at 2:00 PM in the Father Phillip Wells Hall. For more info contact: Veronica at vschreiber@gmail.com or 916-801-6101; Liz at Los_Anguianos@sbcglobal.net or 916-698-6616; Mike at bctoo@frontier.com or 916-207-5635.

Ministry Highlight

Social Committee

Our Social Committee is a very active service ministry. Often, our function is to set up for an event, organize food, serve our guests, and clean up. A few of the events the Social Committee has participated in this year have been the receptions for Father Chris, pancake breakfasts and reception for Father Baptista. The Social Committee will be putting on our 25th annual Crab Feed on February 29th.

We are open to all parishioners who enjoy serving others, meeting people, and spending time with our parish family. We meet the first Monday of each month. We would love for you to join us! If you are interested, please call Cathy at 916-683-3373.

Upcoming Events

Additional Times for Confessions

Additional confession times will be: 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.

Holy Face Devotion to Christ

Every third Tuesday of the month following the 8:30 a.m. Mass we will have prayers and short reflections from Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's book, "Life of Christ." Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 17th.

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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 Our Parish Women

Join the women of the parish for the annual retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center on the weekend of January 10-12. The retreat theme this year is "Meeting Jesus Again as if for the First Time Reflecting on the Gospel of John." Reserve your space by calling 916-725-4720 or online at christthekingretreatcenter.org. For more information you can also call Suzanne at 916-801-0561.

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 December 9 we served 44 families consisting of 185 people and gave out 173 boxes of food. **Food distribution hours are Mondays from 10:00-11:00 a.m.** For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019

5:00 pm

Fr. Diogo Baptista (TG)
Florinia Baysa (BD)
Benny Canio, Sr. (DA)
Alice Lourenco (+)
Arsenio Naval, Sr. (+)
Myrna Quero Panelo (DA)
Sally Stone (+)

Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019

7:00 am

Carmen Soberanis (SI)
Juan Gonzalez (+)
Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)
Pamela Grutzmacher (+)
Gerald Nicholaus Rohrer (+)

9:00 am

Jose and Isabel Chua (+)
Leo Licastro (+)
Estella Martinez (+)
Ramon Martinez (+)
Raymond Martinez (+)

11:00 am

Helen Thai family (SI)
Nieves Alcalde (+)
Ramon Fernandez (+)
Teresita Monillas (+)
All souls in purgatory (+)

1:00 pm

Aleyamma Chacko (DA)
Ambrocio & Maxima Gonzales (+)
Nieves C. Mejia (+)
Pedro & Alberta Salindong (+)
Alfonso Vega (+)

5:00 pm

Angelica Cruz Rey & Jonathan Cruz (BD)
Frank Lienert (+)
Reynaldo Mirano (+)
Frank Young (+)
All souls in purgatory (+)

Monday, December 16, 2019

8:30 am

Judith Gerke (DA)
Fred & Gloria Luchico (+)
Eduardo Luchico (+)
Victor Luchico (+)

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

8:30 am

Jose Dela Cruz (TG)
Bienvenido Campomanes (DA)
William Roachford (+)
John Scherbinske (+)
Jessie Stiles (+)

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

8:30 am

Joseph Emata (BD)
Harold Yu (SI-H)
Arturo de la Cruz (+)
Jesus De Vera (1yrDA)
Corazon Joves (+)

Thursday, December 19, 2019

8:30 am

Romeo & Julie Conzalvo
(48yrWA)
Martin (SI)
Thomas (SI-H)
Andrea C. Mejia (+)
Frank Young (1yrDA)

Friday, December 20, 2019

8:30 am

Gramm Neubold (BD)
Chinedu Ozioko (BD)
Maria Vega (BD)
Scott Avis (1yrDA)
Edgar Biaña (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

Collection Total for Dec. 7-8: \$20,165.02

(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.



Religious Education Fundraiser

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. Please stop by the tables and take a look.

This is the final weekend to purchase your raffle tickets!

We thank everyone who has already supported us by purchasing raffle tickets! Your support helps to subsidize our tuition cost and makes it possible to award some of our CFF families' free tuition/scholarships.

**Thank you for supporting
Good Shepherd's
Religious Education
Program!**

Parish Registration and Change of Address

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