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Sunday of Advent

“Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid
to take Mary your
wife into your home.”

Matthew 1:20

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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.

TRUST IN GOD

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.

Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to “tempt the LORD” in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord’s enduring protection of God’s chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel.

Matthew’s reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. John of Kanty; Hanukkah begins
Tuesday:	Vigil of Christmas
Wednesday:	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Thursday:	St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins; Boxing Day (Canada)
Friday:	St. John
Saturday:	The Holy Innocents

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.

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!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday:	<u>Vigil:</u> Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] <u>Night:</u> Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 <u>Dawn:</u> Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 <u>Day:</u> Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Thursday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Friday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Devotional Masses — (Simbang Gabi)

Simbang Gabi will conclude on Dec. 23 beginning at 6:30 p.m. with Rosary then Mass at 7:00 PM. 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!!!!

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Parish News

LifeTeen

Sunday evening Life Nights will resume with our spring kick-off on Feb. 2nd. Until then . . . Join us for the Walk For Life on January 25th! Parents and kids—stay up to date on our activities by registering on our website to receive text updates.

Grief Support Sessions

St. Joseph's Ministry of Consolation will be offering seven weekly grief support sessions on Wednesday mornings from Jan. 8 until Feb. 19, 2020 from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. We are present for those grieving the loss of a loved one or other significant loss in one's life. This ministry takes place in the context of faith, and is caring, supportive, and compassionate. For more info, please contact Marilyn at 916 769-5835 or Mary Ellen at 916 893-8863.

Stay inFORMED

Remember to make it a point to enjoy the free movies, books, talks, and study programs on **formed.org** that are provided to you at no cost by Good Shepherd. Visit our website and click on the "Formed" link on the home page for free access.

Download Our Parish App!

Don't forget to check out our app, **MYPARISH**. This is a great tool to stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar and much more! Download it at **myparishapp.com**, search your phone's app store for **myparish**, or click on the **MYPARISH** icon under the "more/parish resources" tab on our website.

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 how you can still help those less fortunate right here in our community. Visit our website and look for the Winter Sanctuary link to sign up to see what is still needed. For more info contact: Veronica at vschreiver@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

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.

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. **Food distribution hours are Mondays from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Please note that there will be no food distribution on December 30th.** For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.

Christmas Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019

4:00 pm

Chavez Family (TG)
Mama Esing (+)
Gloria Gamez-Solorio (+)
Frank Lienert (+)
Alfred Solorio (+)

6:30 pm

Krizzi & Kimberly Manlangit (TG)
Natividad Alcaraz (+)
Danny Cabebe (+)
Rafael Antonio Garcia (+)
Rafael Montelibano (+)

9:00 pm

Dionicia Baclig & family (TG)
Florina Baysa (BD)
Arsenia Ng (BD)
Rosita Baysa (+)
Encarnacion Cabilangan (+)

Midnight Mass

Tink Cariker (SI-H)
Austria family (TG)
Dela Cruz family (TG)
Joves family (TG)
Reynaldo Mirano (+)

Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2019

7:00 am

Annie Jacobs (SI-H)
Dee Ong (SI-H)
Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)
Patrick Misquitta (+)

9:00 am

Jeff Cranny (+)
Delilah Guevarra (+)
Lazaro Medina Jr. (+)
Francisco & Conceicao Nunes (+)
Chachy Parathathu (+)

11:00 am

Eugenio Alejo (+)
Joe Avis (+)
Scott Avis (+)
Jesusa Edrosolan (+)
Domingos Fagundes (+)
Emilas Maquinto (+)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 21, 2019

5:00pm

The Javier family (TG)
Jerico Alcaraz (DA)
Raquel Garcia (1yrDA)
Tuulima Laufasa (+)
Rick Traver (+)

Sunday, December 22, 2019

7:00 am

Rose Ambrosio (+)
Salvatore Ambrosio (+)
Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)
Carmen Ramos (+)
Gary Weeces (+)

9:00 am

Grace Bacilig (TG)
Thomas (SI)
Kungamma (+)
Luis Mendoza (+)
All souls in purgatory (+)

11:00 am

Angel Bacerra (BD)
Romeo & Julie Gonzalvo (48yrWA)
Mariano & Domingo family (TG)
Theresa Baptista (+)
Raquel Garcia (1yrDA)
Brenda Iletto (+)
Norma Ibay (+)

1:00 pm

Ma. Rosalina Cruz (+)
Albaro Meraz (1yrDA)
Patricio Salindong (+)
Bill Sweeney (+)
All souls in Purgatory (+)

5:00 pm

Alex & Rhodora Bravo (28yrWA)
Rebecca Easton (SI-H)
Rogelio Balsalubre (DA)
Alice Cardozo (+)
All souls in Purgatory (+)

Monday, December 23, 2019

8:30 am

Celeste Bocade (BD)
Mark Vega (BD)
Mildred Dela Cruz (DA)
Emma Bertha Magaña (+)
Ofelia Udujan (+)

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

8:30 am

**Christmas Eve
And Christmas Day intentions
Are listed separately**

Thursday, December 26, 2019

8:30 am

Fernando Delara (DA)
Mila Legaspi (+)
Francisco & Maria Martins (+)
Ilda Martins (+)
Bicbic Roblon (DA)
Anthony Viduya (10yrDA)

Friday, December 27, 2019

8:30 am

Simplicio E. Mejia (+)
Jorge Murga (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. 14/15 will be in next weekend's bulletin.

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.

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Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.



Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

9:00 p.m.

Midnight

Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day

7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 1, 2020, New Year's Day

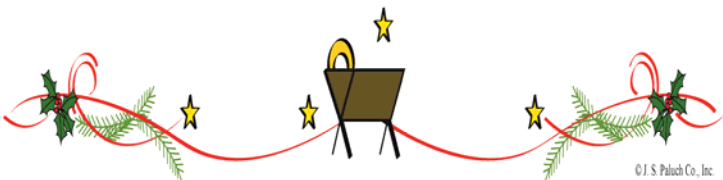
The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.



**Parish Registration and
Change of Address**

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