



# Keeping the Christmas Season at Home

*December 25, 2019 – January 12, 2020*



## Welcome to Good Shepherd Catholic Church

We are glad that you joined us on this Christmas Day, as we rejoice in the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Good Shepherd is a welcoming community and if this is your first time here, we hope to see you again!

We invite you to visit our website and take a look at the many events and happenings here at Good Shepherd. You can also download the MyParish App—a valuable tool that is offered to keep our parishioners up-to-date and informed.

### ***Our 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

### **CHRISTMAS READINGS**

- Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

### **Catholics Returning Home**

Catholics Returning Home, a new ministry of Good Shepherd, invites all non-practicing Catholics return to the Church and join our informal sessions beginning right after Easter. Watch the bulletin and our website for more information to come after the new year.

### **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!!!!

### ***Table Prayer for the Christmas Season***

The Word became flesh.

*The Word became flesh.*

Let this meal nourish us  
to live in service to others  
as we celebrate your dwelling among us,  
O Christ.

*The Word became flesh.*

May the food of this table strengthen us  
to share the good news  
brought to earth by the voice of  
herald angels.

*The Word became flesh.*

Grant that this will be a season of peace,  
so others will see your love in us  
first shown in your humble birth.

*The Word became flesh.*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Bless this meal, bless our lives  
during these joyful Christmas days.  
Amen.

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### **Life Teen**

Join our Life Teen group for Life Nights every week after the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass. All high school teens are welcome to join us! For updates on our events, join our texting list...Text **goodshepherd to 84576**.



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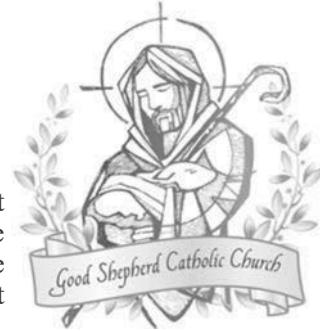
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

**Walk for Life—Save the Date** - The 16th Annual West Coast Walk for Life on 1/25/2020. Join Good Shepherd parishioners on our bus to San Francisco in support of all women and children. Visit <https://www.walkforlifewc.com> for more info.

# Christmas 2019

Dear Parishioners of Good Shepherd,

I wish you all a happy and blessed Advent as we begin this wonderful time of year. Advent comes from the Latin word ‘Adventus’ meaning arrival. Indeed, Advent reminds us of the coming of Jesus, our God, born among us as a tiny baby. This single event is so incredible that we continue to celebrate it over 2,000 years later. I love watching the transformation that Christmas brings to the world, both in our environment and in our hearts.



Christmas brought the hope of a savior to God’s people. Many years may have passed since that day, but we are still just as much in need of a savior today. We celebrate Jesus Christ coming as the light of the world, to light our path to the Father and to bridge the gap of sin and mortality. And, he comes to us bearing a message of hope, love, and joy!

The people in Jesus’ time were no strangers to what it meant to welcome a king. Each person would spring into action doing whatever they could from beautifying the town to preparing a great feast and providing hospitality. As we prepare for the coming of the King of Kings among us, so are we invited to prepare for the coming of the Lord into our lives and hearts in a very special way.

I look forward to celebrating the Advent and Christmas season with you all. This is personally a very special time of year for me. Christmas not only was the invitation that brought me into the church as a youngster, but also a special part of my priesthood. One of my favorite moments was celebrating Mass in Bethlehem.

I invite you to join us for the liturgies and festivities that mark this season. May the Lord bless you in this sacred time.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Chris Frazer  
Pastor



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**Pastor: Rev. Christopher Frazer**  
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## Schedule

### Mass Times:

*Saturday: 5p.m. Vigil  
Sunday: 7, 9, 11 a.m. and 1, 5 p.m.  
Weekdays: 8:30 a.m.*

*First Saturday of the month: 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. Sunday Masses*

### Kinderchurch:

*9 a.m. Mass only*

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

*First Thursday, silent adoration, and with prayers of devotion: 6–8:30 p.m.*

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

### Church Office:

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## Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:30–4:30 p.m. in church, or by appointment.

**Baptism:** Parents and godparents refer to [www.gscceg.org](http://www.gscceg.org) for baptism information and to schedule baptism class.

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

## *Our Ministries*

The various ministries of Good Shepherd Catholic Church serve by providing a variety of ways of connecting with the community. Through these ministries you can learn and grow as an individual, meet others who share your values, and reach out to serve the larger parish and city. We hope there's something for everyone here. If not, join us in creating future ministries.

*For more detailed information about these and other ministries,  
please visit our website or contact the parish office.*

*Altar Servers ~ Art & Environment*

*Baptism Ministers ~ Children's Liturgy of the Word*

*Couples for Christ ~ Cursillo*

*Divine Mercy Charismatic Group*

*Elizabeth Ministry*

*Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound*

*Evangelization and Outreach Ministry*

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion*

*Hearts of Compassion (Grief and Bereavement)*

*Hospitality Ministry ~ Kinderchurch*

*Knights of Columbus ~ Lazarus Ministry*

*Lector Ministry ~ Legion of Mary*

*Life Teen ~ Liturgy Board*

*Mass Coordinators ~ Music Ministry*

*Pastoral Council*

*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)*

*Respect for Life*

*Sharing and Caring Senior Singles*

*Social Committee*

*St. John Caregiver Support Group*

*Stewardship Committee ~ Ushers*

*Veterans Ministry ~ Vocations Ministry*

## *Stewardship at Good Shepherd*

For the seasonal visitors whom we consider part of our parish family, we pray that you will enroll in our recurring donation program, Faith Direct. Please consider a weekly donation amount. Your sacrifice will help Good Shepherd Church not only keep the lights on during the off season, but will go a long way in helping us serve our community. Please pick up an enrollment form in the parish office or go to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our parish code is CA688.

**Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!**



## *Epiphany House Blessing*

*Items needed: chalk and a small bottle of holy water. Gather with family members, friends, and perhaps some neighbors at the front door.*

Leader: In the (+) name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The main doorway is signed*

[20 + C + M + B + 20]

Let us pray: *Christus mansionem benedicat.*

May Christ bless this house. Amen.

Leader (or other Reader): A reading from the book of Revelation. "I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people.'"

The Word of the Lord     ALL: Thanks be to God!

*Each room is sprinkled with holy water.*

*Living room:*

Lead us to live with you on high. Bless this room, O Lord.

Amen.

*Kitchen:*

You have prepared a banquet for us. Bless this room, O Lord.

Amen.

*Dining room:*

You feed us at that heavenly banquet. Bless this room, O Lord.

Amen.

*Bedrooms:*

In you alone do we rest secure. Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

*Bathroom:*

You cleanse us from the stain of sin. Bless this room, O Lord.

Amen.

*All return to the front door to pray together.*

Our Father . . .

*All are sprinkled with holy water.*

Bless this household through all days to come, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

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