



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 27, 2020

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Sacraments

Reconciliation:

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

Baptism: Parents and godparents go to

www.gscccg.org/sacraments/baptism for more
information.

Marriage: Engaged couples begin preparation a
minimum of six months prior to the date of the
wedding. Schedule with the parish office.

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Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8am - 3pm
Closed for lunch 12-1pm
Closed Wednesdays



Schedule

Mass Times:

Saturday at 5p.m. Vigil

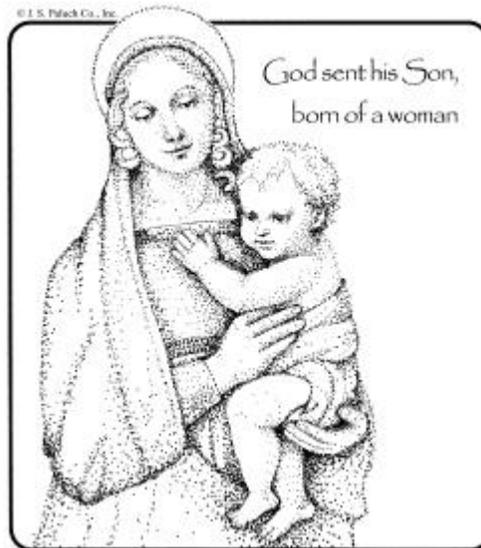
Sunday at 7, 9, 11 a.m. and 1, 5p.m.

Weekdays at 8:30 a.m.

WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday:	The Holy Innocents
Tuesday:	Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
Wednesday:	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Thursday:	Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
Friday:	The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day; First Friday
Saturday:	Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen; First Saturday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt:13-18
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Friday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Friday, January 1, 2021, New Year's Day

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass Times:

9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Please sign up online to attend. You can also watch our Mass recording beginning at 9:00 am on our YouTube Channel.

The parish office will be closed on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.



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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. 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!

Evangelus Communication Tool

We are testing a new communication tool called "Evangelus". It will be used to send email and possibly text messages to parishioners when we have important information to communicate. If we have your email on file, you should have already received something. If you haven't, please contact us at gscdevelopment@frontier.com to be added to our email list.

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.gscccg.org.**
- Download **our app, My Parish.**
- **Our YouTube channel.** Search for "Good Shepherd Catholic Church Elk Grove" and subscribe.
- **Our Facebook page.** Search for "Good Shepherd Catholic Church" and like our page.

St. Vincent de Paul News

Thank you for all you do to support SVdP. We are currently not accepting clothing or household goods 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. There will be no food distribution on Dec. 28th. **For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.**

Catholics Returning Home

Do you know someone who has left the Church? Most of us do not have to look very far to find non-practicing Catholics in our circle of family and friends. Many of us are concerned about these loved ones, but we don't know how to help them. Obviously, most of them are searching, but how can we help them find their way home?

As baptized practicing Catholics, we have a precious gift of faith and love from the Lord that needs to be shared with our non-practicing brothers and sisters. First, we need to pray for them. Next, we need to extend a personal invitation to them to come home to the Catholic Church. Most non-practicing Catholics are waiting for an invitation to return. Many mistakenly think they are excommunicated and are not welcome to return for a variety of reasons.

Here at Good Shepherd, we have a special program to help non-practicing Catholics return to the Church and it's entitled "Catholics Returning Home." The series begins on **Thursday February 11th.** To participate in this program for the 2021 Lenten season, please pick up a brochure and a registration form and pass it on to anyone you know who might be interested. Or you can download a brochure and registration form from our website. Registration ends on February 4, 2021. For more information, please call Verne Bowers at 916-479-3930.

Knights of Columbus Laguna Council # 11236

The Knights of Columbus are looking for a few good men! If you are interested in joining the largest Catholic men's fraternal organization then look no further. We are your Priest (Fr. Chris and Fr. Julius), we are your Deacons (Deacon Bill and Deacon Rommel). We are many of the Lectors, EM's, Ushers, and many Parish Ministry Leads are Knights. Chances are the Catholic man that sits in front or behind you at Mass is a Knight. We do great things at Good Shepherd. For more info contact: Richard Thompson (916) 895-9121 or uwdaw1950@gmail.com. God Bless and Vivat Jesus!



Dear Parishioners of Good Shepherd Catholic Church,

Greetings as we enter the blessed season of Advent, a time set apart from all others, offered to God as he works within us in our waiting.

Already a year of untold waiting and yearning to leave this pandemic behind, we long to return to some semblance of normalcy. Can these four weeks of Advent be any different? A resounding YES! Jesus calls us to venture beyond normal, beyond the ordinary, and beyond what the mind can see. Ever-watchful as we prepare our hearts for His coming,

- We can imitate the innkeeper who made room for the Holy Family
- We can emulate the shepherds committed to seek and find their Lord
- We can model ourselves on the Magi who traveled the distance to recognize, honor and adore the true King
- We can offer our gifts of charity, patience and mercy to each other in Christian fellowship
- We can joyfully repent giving up who we were yesterday for our "new self" tomorrow

Yes, Advent has the power to wake us to our faith, jolt us to the promise of eternal salvation and stir us as we journey to the baby Jesus lying in a manger. It is a pathway paved with hope, peace, joy and love. And along the way, Jesus transforms our waiting into rejoicing!

Even as Covid-19 continues to keep us distanced, masked and limited in gathering, the Holy Spirit leads us in new and creative ways to unite us as a community and strengthen our faith. I am grateful to you for your patience, perseverance and generosity throughout this difficult time. As you share your gifts with Good Shepherd Catholic Church, your heartfelt stewardship perpetuates Christ's love and affords the parish the means to continue its mission and ministries.

Two thousand years ago on that most holy night when Christ was born, kings and shepherds felt the magnitude of his welcoming love for all. How beautiful it will be to recreate that celebration with the people of Good Shepherd at our Christmas Masses.

My steadfast prayer is that God will bless you beyond what the mind can see; that the light of Christ will inspire you and shine brightly in you, dispelling the darkness so that others around you may encounter Christ through you; and that the joy of the Advent and Christmas seasons will fill your hearts and souls.

In love of Christ our Savior,

Father Christopher Frazer, Pastor

Praying For Our Community

We lift up their names in our prayers of the faithful

Saturday, December 26, 2020

5:00 pm

Fernando Delara (+)
Mila Legaspi (+)
Ilda Martins (+)
Francisco & Maria Martins (+)
Raul "Lito" Melendez (+)

Sunday, December 27, 2020

7:00 am

Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)

9:00 am

Christian Eliazo (BD)
David Eliazo (BD)
Venancio Del Rosario (+)

11:00 am

Ken Cox (+)
Tom Cox (+)
Dave Reynolds (+)
Artur Serpa (+)

1:00 pm

Uzoh family (SI)
Dorothy Collins (+)
Ralph LeGale Wofford (+)

5:00 pm

Monday, December 28, 2020

8:30 am

Clare Krawczak (+)

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

8:30 am

Christian Campomanes (BD)
Josefina Abaya (DA)
Felix Delacruz (1yrDA)

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

8:30 am

Chinedu and Blessing Ozioko (WA)
Virginia Maiolini (DA)
Manuel and Tina Marquez (+)
Sr. Dolores Pallilo (+)

Thursday, December 31, 2020

8:30 am

Modesta Magtoto (DA)

Friday, January 1, 2021

9:00 am

4:00 pm

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 Dec 12/13: \$16,313.86

(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. As you plan your end-of-year charitable contributions, please keep us in mind and 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 _____

Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Address _____

City, Zip _____

Please provide weekly offering envelopes Yes No

Please fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!

Diane Marcotte

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