


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.

NOVEMBER 28, 2021



1st Sunday
OF ADVENT

“Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.” - Lk 21:27

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Gonzo Duran

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm Vigil

Sunday: 7, 9, & 11 am; 1 & 5 pm

Swahili Mass: First Sunday at 2:30 pm

Weekdays: 8:30 am

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday: 10:00-10:45 am in the Youth Room

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday: 5:45 - 7:00 pm

First Friday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Wednesday: 5:45 - 7:00 pm.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri: 8 am - 3 pm

Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Closed Wednesdays

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K-8 Principal: *Marci Greene*

(916) 684-7903

Preschool Director: *Tammy Babich*

(916) 691-4825

CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER MICHAEL

Be sure to join us in congratulating Father Michael on the 17th anniversary of his ordination on November 25th. We are very thankful and blessed to have Father Michael as our pastor!

INCLUSION MINISTRY

Often families are not prepared for the birth of a child with a disability or the development of impairments. The mission of the diocesan Ministry for Catholics with Disabilities is to provide information, ongoing support and welcome persons with disabilities to the Body of Christ. Learn more at www.scd.org/inclusionministry.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Our Advent Penance Service will be held on Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00 pm. Please note there will be no adoration on that day.

SIMBANG GABI

Devotional Masses (Simbang Gabi) will be celebrated from Dec. 15 to 23 here at Good Shepherd. 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. Mass times will be included in future bulletins. There will be a fellowship reception after each Mass. Volunteers are welcome to help. Please contact Bobby Aglubat at 916-525-5180 or email BobbyNavRet@aol.com for more information.



Let's Gather

AND AWAKEN THE JOY!



FAMILY MOVIE

Everyone is invited to join us on December 3 beginning at 6:30 pm in the Fr. Philip Wells Hall for our free family movie night! We'll begin with a simple sweet treat that the

kids can make then the movie will begin at 7:00 pm. We will be showing "The Star" - an animated story of the Nativity which is fun for all ages. Bring your blankets/sleeping bags and pillows and we will provide hot chocolate, cookies and popcorn (chairs will be available for grown ups who prefer not to sit on the floor). Little ones are invited to wear their cozy Christmas pajamas! **Please RSVP at <https://gscccg.org/blog/christmas-joy>.**

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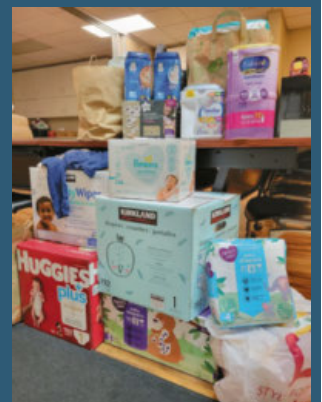
This Christmas our parish will support several families in our community. There will be a giving tree in the Narthex and we ask that you pick a tag off the tree and purchase a much needed item for a family in need. Help us spread the joy of Christmas with those members of our community needing a little extra help this year. Check our website for more details.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

We will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. Mañanitas with Mariachi will start at 6 am followed by Mass and breakfast. Come celebrate the Queen of the Americas. If you are interested in helping, contact Juanita Baier at (916) 549-6551.

SACRAMENTO LIFE CENTER THANKS YOU!

Our donations to the Sacramento Life Center were much appreciated. The center supports over 600 women and families per year by providing ultrasounds and women's health services in addition to baby items. For more information visit, <https://saclife.org/>.



READINGS & OBSERVANCES

FIRST READING:

I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the land. (Jer 33:15)

PSALM:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. (Ps 25)

SECOND READING:

Strengthen your hearts,
to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. (1 Thes 3:13)

GOSPEL:

Stand erect and raise your heads
because your redemption is at hand. (Lk 21:28)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent
Tuesday: St. Andrew, Apostle
Friday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Saturday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

MASS INTENTIONS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Robert Kim (DA)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

KC Antony and Adria Torres (+)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

Verne Bowers (SI)

Key: Deceased (+) Thanksgiving (TG)
Death Anniversary (DA) Birthday (BD)
Special Intention (SI) Wedding Anniversary
(WA) SHH) Special Intention for healing

THIS WEEK WE WILL REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Birthday: Irene Cadotte (12/2), Danny Sarmiento (12/2)

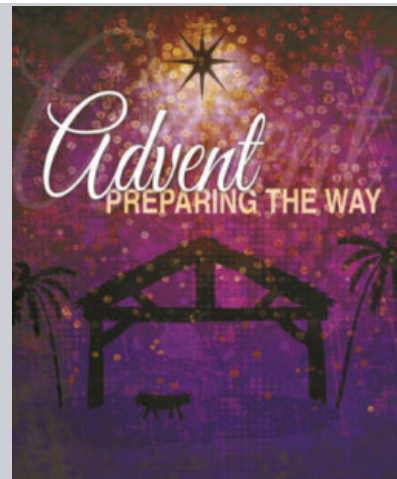
Thanksgiving: Johnson family (12/2), Priscila Pascua (12/2)

Special Intention for Healing: Melissa Umali (12/1-12/3), Michael Taaca (12/2)

Special Intention: Rey and Elaine Basa (12/3)

Death Anniversary: Lalie Digal (12/1)

Rest of the Soul: Thankachen Philipose (12/1), Mathew Polackel (12/1), Jacob Tharaken (12/1), Aurelio Mitura (12/2), Ittiavira Thommen (12/2), Eustaquio Acierto Sr. (12/3), Jose Aguilar (12/3), Lalie Digal (12/3), Karen Gomes (12/4)



PREPARING THE MANGER

Where do you fall in the “Christmas-songs-in-November” debate — do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There’s no theological problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it’s not everyone’s cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season — the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way — that you forget to prepare the manger.

Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It’s hard to miss that point — Lent doesn’t even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master.

It’s harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God — and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season — “advent” — encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, “so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap.”

So let us not forget — our master’s advent is upon us. And let us ask ourselves: how can we prepare the manger?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

The Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass
Tuesday, December 7
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 8*
8:30 a.m.
7:00 p.m.



Advent Penance Service
Wednesday, December 15**
7:00 p.m.

The Nativity of the Lord
Holy Day of Obligation

Christmas Eve Masses
Friday, December 24
4:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
9:00 p.m.
Midnight

Christmas Day Masses
Saturday, December 25
7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God
NOT a Holy Day of Obligation
Saturday, January 1, 2022

9:30 a.m.

* No adoration
or confession on 12/8.

** No adoration on 12/15.
Individual confessions
available after service.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are a wonderful way to bring beauty to the Mass in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one. We are looking for parishioners who would like to sponsor flower arrangements for in front of the church altar. Please contact the church office for more information.

HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA MINISTRY

The Holy Spirit Novena Ministry is having a special prayer for our ten spiritual gifts on Dec. 4 in the church at 8:45 am. The Holy Spirit is the *promise* and all were to receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:39). All are welcome to join our ministry. Our next meeting is on Thursday, Dec 9, from 11:30am- noon in the conference room. To register, please email HolySpiritNovenaMinistry@gmail.com with your name and phone number.

ST. JOHN CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

The St. John Caregiver Support Group will be meeting on December 9 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. Anyone caring for a disabled person is encouraged to attend our meetings every second Thursday of the month. For more info, contact Norma at nf972419@gmail.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you for your support of our St. Vincent de Paul Society! Food distribution is on Mondays from 10:00-11:00 am. SVdP has funds available for utility assistance for our 95757 and 95758 residents. For assistance please call (916) 647-1243. **There will be no food distribution on November 29th.**

As of December 6th we will resume clothing distribution on Monday

mornings on a trial basis (weather permitting). Donations of gently used clothing can be dropped off in the SVdP wagon in the narthex.



WELCOME KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2022-23 school year now through Dec. 17, 2021. Applications can be found at www.stelizabetheg.org or in the school office. Your child must be 5 years old as of Sept 1, 2022. We are pleased to provide a tour of the school upon request. Please call the School office at 916-684-7903 for more information.

PARISH REGISTRATION AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTION TOTALS FOR WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 20/21 WILL BE INCLUDED IN NEXT WEEKEND'S BULLETIN

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

This Thanksgiving we are expecting an unprecedented number of people throughout our community to turn to Good Shepherd for warm meals, comfort, and shelter. No one in need should be turned away, which is why we are reaching out to our parishioners.

Your generous online donations now will help sustain Thanksgiving ministries that reflect God's love. As you can imagine, our ministries are feeling the effects of rising costs and empty shelves. We must prepare as early as possible this year to do our best to help those in need.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

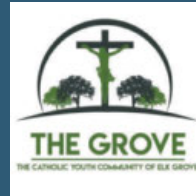
Thank you for your trusted support – your monthly gifts are always greatly appreciated! Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/CA688, or text 'Enroll' to (916) 439-8801. **Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.**

VOLUNTEER

- ⇒ Love art & Design? You could be the next lead for our Art & Environment Ministry! This essential parish ministry creates the environment in our worship space that enhances our liturgy. If you are interested please contact the parish office.
- ⇒ For an ongoing list of volunteer opportunities, visit <https://gsceg.org/volunteer>.



THE GROVE—YOUTH MINISTRY



High school (9th-12th) events will be on Sunday evenings. Middle school (6th-8th Grade) events will be Friday evenings. For more information and the schedule of events visit thegroveyouthministry.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec. 3 — "Christmas Presence" All Middle School teens are invited (at St. Joseph).

Dec. 5 — "Prepare the Way" All high school teens are invited (at St. Maria Goretti).

ADVENT RESOURCES

Advent is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the complete joy of Christmas. Visit our diocesan website for resources for families and adults to live this holy season: <https://www.scd.org/family-and-faithformation/home-resources-families-faith-formation>. Questions? Call Teresa Donan 916-733-0132 or email TDonan@scd.org.

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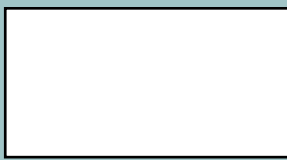
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