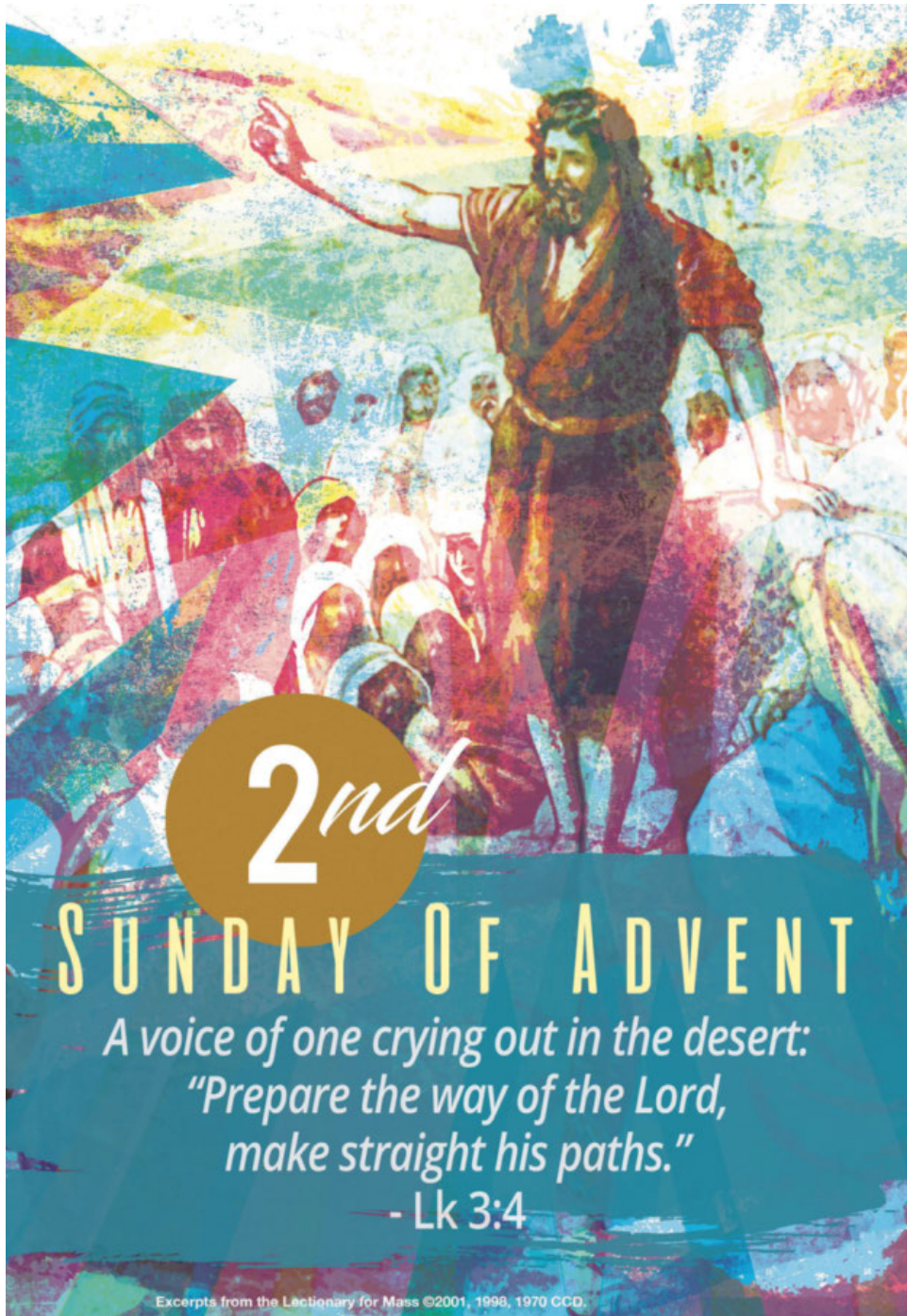


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MISSION STATEMENT:

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.

DECEMBER 5, 2021



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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

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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. On December 22 there will not be Adoration or Confessions. The last opportunity for confession before Christmas will be on December 18 from 3:00 to 4:30 pm.

SIMBANG GABI

Devotional Masses (Simbang Gabi) will be celebrated from Dec. 15 to Dec. 23. First Mass on Dec. 15 will be held at 8:30 AM. Subsequent Masses will be at 7:00 PM daily. 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. Rosary will precede the evening Masses at 6:30 pm. A fellowship reception after each evening Mass will be held in the Narthex. Final reception and Christmas program will be held in the Parish Hall on December 23. All are welcome!

This year, we will hold a parol making contest. Beginning Dec. 16, all participating parol contestants will process their respective parol/star at the beginning of each Mass. Volunteers are welcome!! Contact Bobby at 916-525-5180, BobbyNavRet@aol.com or Ling at 916-206-7039, LingAvera52@gmail.com for more information.

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.

Many non-practicing Catholics carry with them a tremendous amount of guilt and misinformation about the Church and are afraid of approaching the Church for fear of being rejected. You can make a tremendous difference in someone's life simply by reaching out to them and telling them that we miss them and would like for them to come back home to the Church family.

Here at Good Shepherd we have a program to help non-practicing Catholics return to the Church entitled "Catholics Returning Home." The next series begins Jan. 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the John Paul II Room. Please pass this article on to anyone you know who might be interested. For more information, please contact the office or visit the parish website.



GIVE BACK

This Christmas our parish will support several families in our community. There is 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.

PILGRIMAGE WITH FATHER MICHAEL

Join Father Michael Vaughan for "Our Lady of Guadalupe," a pilgrimage to Mexico City and other sites in Mexico from August 8-16, 2022. Check our website or contact Susan at sugonzales@msn.com for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec. 8—Immaculate Conception (**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**, Vigil at 7:00 pm on 12/7, Mass on 12/8 at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm)

Dec. 12— Pancake Breakfast (in conjunction with Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration following the 7:00 am Mass)

Dec. 13—Our Lady of Fatima Rosary (after morning Mass)

Dec. 14— Knights of Columbus Rosary Crusade (7:00 pm)



READINGS & OBSERVANCES

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
Tuesday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin
Friday: Our Lady of Loreto
Saturday: St. Damasus I, Pope

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

Domingos and Maria Fagundes (+)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00 am Alfred and Helen Lial (+)

9:00 am Chinzara Ozioko (BD)

11:00 am Deceased Members of Do & Nguyen Fam (+)

1:00 pm Maria del Refugio Ramirez (DA)

5:00 pm Felix U. Maquinto (+)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

Cesar Salgado (BD)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Manuel and Tina Marquez (+)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Conchita De Leon (+)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

Domingos and Maria Fagundes (+)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

Loreto Pacual Villa Juan (+)

Key: Deceased (+) Thanksgiving (TG)

Death Anniversary (DA) Birthday (BD) Special Intention (SI)

Wedding Anniversary (WA) SI-H) Special Intention for healing

THIS WEEK WE WILL REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Birthday: George Puthenpurayil (12/4), Francisco Sanchez and Francisco Sanchez III (12/4), Genevieve Babich (9am 12/5), Barroga family birthdays in November (12/6), Lynette Chavez (12/7), Daniel James Caasi (12/10)

Thanksgiving: Bernadas family (5pm 12/5), Priscila Flauta (12/8)

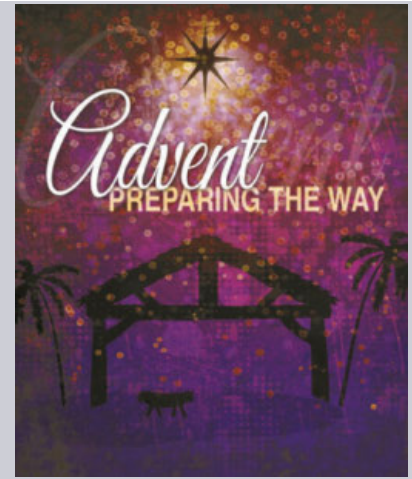
Special Intention for Healing: Melissa Umali (7am 12/5), Kristy Fontanilla (7am 12/5), Beatrice Flores (9am 12/5), Charles T. (12/9)

Special Intention: Thomas Murikken (12/4), Justin Santillan (7am 12/5), Angela Rivera (9am 12/5), Taaca family (12/6), Rey and Elaine Basa (12/8), Alicia Martino (12/10)

Anniversary: Francisco and Malu Sanchez (36yrWA 12/4)

Death Anniversary: Eliza Sazon (12/4), Wilburn Brooks (11am 12/5), Lalie Digal (11am 12/5), Fidel Climaco Sr. (1pm 12/5), Nenette Panelo (12/7), Brenda Dizon (12/9)

Rest of the Soul: Frank Ubois (12/4), Lilai Domingo (7am 12/5), Remedios M. Marcelo (7am 12/5), Cecio Ramirez (7am 12/5), Chris Trevino (7am 12/5), Clemente Tuason 7am 12/5), Felix Umali Maquinto (9am 12/5, 12/6-12/10), Jovencio r. CabangonSr. (9am 12/5), Flor Dias (9am 12/5), all Souls in purgatory (9am 12/5), Caroline Kang (11am 12/5), Raulito S. Urbano (11am 12/5, 12/7), Roselyn Elecho Urbano (11am 12/5, 12/7), Catalino Enriquez (1pm 12/5), Felipe Enriquez (1pm 12/5), Vic Roblon (1pm 12/5), Zenaida St. Ana (1pm 12/5), Fermina Bernadas (5pm 12/5), Roy Mariano (5pm 12/5), Tirso Pepito and Hospicia Pepito (5pm 12/5), Manuel Naluz Sr. (12/6), Anecito Pepito (12/6), Narciso Mangaluz (12/8), Concepcion Wakatani (12/8), Maria Dung Dinh (12/9), Hien Nguyen (12/9), Maria Dao Nguyen (12/9), Nhu Tran (12/9), Bede Selvanayagam (12/10), Benny Stanilaus (12/10)



GOD'S PERSONAL ASSISTANTS

If you have ever planned a large-scale event, whether it's a musical performance or a religious conference, you may have dealt with someone's personal assistant. Possibly this person would be a representative of the keynote speaker or the master of ceremonies for the local bishop; perhaps it's even the staffer of a local politician or the lackey of a well-known musical act.

Personal assistants are masters of stewardship — overseeing things in their boss' absence. They prepare the way. This person's job is to get everything ready for the person in charge, so that when he or she shows up — whoever he or she is — it's smooth sailing for them to do whatever it is they need to do: sing, speak, pray, mingle, what-have-you. It's usually a big job full of little things, a gig where attention to detail is key.

God is the guest of honor in our life, the keynote speaker, the main event. And what He wants — what He needs — to do is to change our hearts. Constantly, over, and over, and over again.

We are all His personal assistants in this endeavor. We need to prepare the way of the Lord, to make straight His paths. We need to make everything ready so that when He shows up — however He shows up, whether it's in the form of a neighbor in need or a burning bush right in front of us — everything is ready for Him to do His job.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

<p>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i></p> <p>Vigil Mass Tuesday, December 7 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday, December 8* 8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.</p> 	<p>Advent Penance Service Wednesday, December 15** 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>The Nativity of the Lord <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i></p> <p>Christmas Eve Masses Friday, December 24 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m. Midnight</p> <p>Christmas Day Masses Saturday, December 25 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God NOT a Holy Day of Obligation Saturday, January 1, 2022 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>* No adoration or confession on 12/8. ** No adoration on 12/15. Individual confessions available after service.</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Good Shepherd Catholic Church</i></p>
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SOLDIERS OF ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL AND EXODUS 90 MINISTRY

We are excited to welcome a new men's ministry to our Church. In January next year we will be bringing Exodus 90 to our parish. This powerful 90-day spiritual journey is for men who are looking to invigorate their faith, enhance their prayer life and challenge themselves both physically and spiritually with a fraternity of Catholic brothers.

Men who complete Exodus 90 will have the opportunity to become a member of the Soldiers of Saint Michael the Archangel, a new Catholic Brotherhood which will empower them in their ongoing spiritual ascension.

Take control of your life! Become a soldier for Christ! Embrace true Catholic masculinity!

The Exodus begins January 17th, 2022.
Email Michael Patrick at exodus90brothers@gmail.com for more information.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you for your support of our St. Vincent de Paul Society! On Nov. 22 we gave out 192 boxes of food to 52 families consisting of 217 people. 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.

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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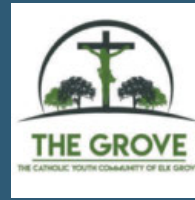
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VOLUNTEER

- ⇒ A parishioner is looking for someone with a wheelchair accessible van for transport to medical appointments. If you are able to help out, please contact the parish office.
- ⇒ 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.



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. 10 — "O Hopeful Night" All Middle School teens are invited (at St. Maria Goretti)

Dec. 12— "XLT—Fiat" EVERYONE is welcome (at St. Joseph)

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.

RESPECT LIFE WEEK – 9 DAY NOVENA OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Sacramento will be hosting a 9 day Novena of Eucharistic Adoration. Bishop Soto wants to emphasize our prayer life to focus on the unborn children and young mothers and young fathers to say "Yes" to life. Good Shepherd will be hosting the 1st day on Jan. 12th beginning with 8:30am mass and ending in the evening at 8:30pm with Benediction. Volunteers are needed to fill in the slots for the full 12 hours of Adoration. Good Shepherd ministry members are especially encouraged to participate. Check our website to sign up. Contact Gary at greenhope28@yahoo.com for more information.

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST 2021

The 18th Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco is Sat., Jan. 22nd, 2022. For the 15th 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, please visit www.walkforlifewc.com or email Gary Hickman at greenhope28@yahoo.com.

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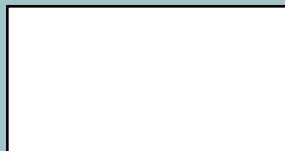
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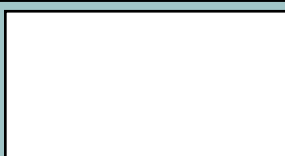
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