

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.

DECEMBER 12, 2021



**"HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND FIRE."
- LK 3:16**

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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

Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Closed Wednesdays

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CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER JULIUS

Be sure to join us in congratulating Father Julius on the 11th anniversary of his ordination on December 18th. We are very thankful and blessed to have Father Julius here with us! God is good all the time! All the time GOD IS GOOD!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

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

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 2022

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.



AND AWAKEN THE JOY!



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone that picked up a tag from the giving tree to assist the Adopt a Family Program this year. This year we were able to provide Christmas joy to 11 families in our community. Your generosity was truly overwhelming!

SAVE THE DATE—BINGO NIGHT

Our next "Let's Gather" event will be a bingo night on January 14th. More information to come soon!

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 pancake breakfast with Mexican pastries and hot chocolate. Come celebrate the Queen of the Americas.

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. 12— Pancake Breakfast

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

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

Dec. 15— Advent Penance Service (7:00 pm)

Dec. 15-23— Simbang Gabi Masses (No confessions/ adoration on 12/22)



READINGS & OBSERVANCES

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Tuesday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Friday: Our Lady of Loreto
Saturday: St. Damasus I, Pope

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

Cory Watson (7yrDA)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:00 am Bernardo A. Barba (+)
9:00 am Artur Serpa (DA)
11:00 am Paul Nguyen Mai (+)
1:00 pm Alejandro Flores (DA)
5:00 pm Ida Vaughan (+)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

Joe Avis (+)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Ivan Castellanos (+)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Margaret Ann Pivec (+)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

Judy Gerke (DA)

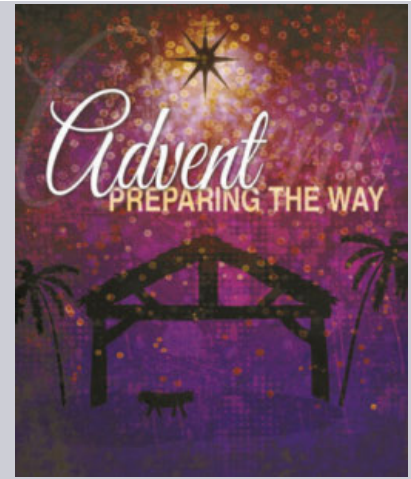
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Margaret Ann Pivec (+)

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:

Birthdays: Fr. Jose Ma. Loyola D. Cumagun (9am 12/12), Jeruel-Noah Gore (1pm 12/12), Krysta Chavez (12/13), Arsenia Ng (12/13), Ernesto Tan (12/13), Florina Baysa (12/14)
Thanksgiving: Josie Ryder (12/14), Jose and Junia dela Cruz (12/15), Placida Butcher (12/16)
Special Intention for Healing: Mary Rose Carter (7am 12/12), Priscila Flauta (1pm 12/12), Charles T. (12/16)
Special Intention: Nick Soberanis (10/23), Rey & Elaine Basa (12/16), Esmeralda Edmond (12/15)
Anniversary: Dennis & Maria Ilao (12/11),
Death Anniversary: Anthony Bezmalinovich (12/11), Antonio A Medrano (7am 12/12), Delilah Guevarra (9am 12/12), Robert Dean Cabiles (12/14), Bienvenido Campomanes (12/16)
Rest of the Soul: Damaso Fermin (12/11), Rudolf Lanz (12/11), Felix U. Maquinto (12/11), Alfredo A. Figuerres (7am 12/12), Candido Guno (7am 12/12), Oscar Macabenta (7am 12/12), all Souls in Purgatory (9am 12/12), Jessie Law (9am 12/12), Perkin Lee (9am 12/12), Joe Teicheira (9am 12/12), Caroline Kang (11am 12/12), Cindy Palmer (11am 12/12), Paul Petruzzelli (11am 12/12), Margaret Ann Pivec (11am 12/12), Ida Vaughan (11am, 1pm 12/12), Amaro Fernandes (1pm 12/12), Narciso & Feliza Lacayanga (1pm 12/12), Pacifico & Soledad Lumaquin (1pm 12/12), Erlinda Javier (5pm 12/12), Mary Leal (5pm 12/12), Rosalinda Bosano Reyes (5pm 12/12), Reshelyn Serrano (5pm 12/12), Gloria Gamez-Solorio (12/13), Alfred Solorio (12/13), Arsenio Naval Sr. (12/14), Myrna Quero Panelo (12/14), Danilo Quero (12/14), Manuel Baysa (12/15), Cecilia Legaspi (12/15), Teresita Nuñez Balang (12/16), Drexel K. Wesleder (12/16), Irene Fineza (12/17), Reynaldo Ramos (12/17), Sylvia Salud (12/17), Avelina and Teofilo Sanchez (12/17)



THE WELL THAT NEVER DRIES UP

Depending on how your mood is today, the words of Paul will hit you differently. “Rejoice always,” he tells us. Well, if your football team is poised to win this weekend or next, maybe you’re really feeling this vibe. But if you’ve got a long slog at work ahead of you this week and a to-do list that only seems to grow and never shrink, it may make you grumble. “Rejoice always? Always? When I’m tired? Cranky? When I’m sick of doing and giving? Thanks, Paul. I’ll be sure to scribble that phrase on a Post-It and stick it to my dashboard for when some entitled punk inevitably cuts me off on tomorrow’s morning commute.”

When we feel this way, we know it’s time to head back to the well. Think of all the places in Scripture where God compares His love, His mercy, His salvation to water. And not just any water — living water, water that moves. God’s strength is not a stagnant puddle sure to evaporate and disappear. It’s water you can keep coming back to. It’s water that never dries up.

Which is good news for us, because we never stop failing to do what we should, never stop failing to feel the joy and the compassion and the selflessness we are called to. We need a source of living water if we are going to ‘rejoice always.’ To be everyday stewards, we need a well that never empties.

The fountain of salvation never dries up. There is always more there for us to draw from. It’s a sign of His commitment — so let us, in turn, be committed to Him.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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.



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 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! There will be an orientation meeting on **Thursday Jan 13th at 7pm** in

the St. John Paul II room. The Exodus begins January 17th, 2022. Email Michael Patrick at exodus90brothers@gmail.com for more information.

RETREAT FOR WOMEN

You are invited to spend a relaxing, spiritually insightful weekend with women of our parish on Jan 21-23, 2022 at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center. The theme for 2021-2022 is "God's Dream for our World, The Bible as a Story." For more information call Suzanne at 916-801-0561 or go to www.christthekingretreatcenter.org.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you for your support of our St. Vincent de Paul Society! On Dec. 6 we gave out 148 boxes of food to 36 families consisting of 174 people. Food distribution is on Mondays from 10:00-11:00 am. There will be no food

distribution on Dec. 27th. SVdP has funds available for utility assistance for our 95757 and 95758 residents. For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.

Clothing distribution has resumed again and there is a need specifically for winter clothing. Donations 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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DECEMBER 4/5: \$32,926.81

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

As a parish, we strive to be good stewards of our resources. Many families have moved away from envelopes and are now using *Faith Direct* to fulfill their generous stewardship commitments to our parish and the wider church through electronic donations. We have also found that many are not using their envelopes that we mail out. Help us to reduce our envelope and postage expense and at the same time support Good Shepherd in a secure and convenient way by enrolling with *Faith Direct*.

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.**

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

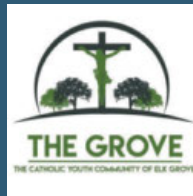
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VOLUNTEER

- ⇒ 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. 12— “XLT—Fiat” EVERYONE is welcome (at St. Joseph)

Dec. 17 — “Minute to Win It” Christmas Party All middle school teens are invited (at Good Shepherd)

Dec. 19— White Elephant Christmas Party All high school teens are invited (at Good Shepherd)

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. 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>.

CARMELITE COOKBOOK SALES— DECEMBER 19

The Carmelite Auxiliary of Sacramento exists to support the Carmelite Nuns in Georgetown who are charged with praying for our entire Diocese. The Nuns have created a cookbook and will be here on December 19 in the Narthex to sell them. These cookbooks make a great Christmas gift! Suggested donation is \$35. For more information visit <https://www.carmeliteauxiliary.org/>. Thank you!

SANTO NINO NOVENA

Join us as we celebrate the Feast Day of the Holy Infant Jesus (Santo Nino). Novena schedule as follows:

Jan. 6 & 7: after the 8:30 am Mass

Jan. 8: 4:00 pm (before the 5:00 pm Mass)

Jan. 9: after 1:00 pm Mass

Jan. 10 & 11: after the 8:30 a.m. Mass

Jan 12: TBD

Jan 13 & 14: after the 8:30 am Mass

Jan 15: SANTO NINO Celebration after the 9:30 am Mass

After Mass there will be a procession around the Church building then returning to the Narthex. Brown bags will be provided after the procession in front of the Father Philip Wells Hall. Again, let's continue the adoration and celebration in honor of "THE LITTLE KING" the HOLY INFANT JESUS!!!!

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