

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 19, 2021



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Lk 1:41-42

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Elizabeth Pott

Director of Youth Ministry:

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: 8am - 3pm

Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Closed Wednesdays

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CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER JULIUS

Be sure to congratulate 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!

SIMBANG GABI

Devotional Masses (Simbang Gabi) will continue through Dec. 23 at 7:00 pm each day. Rosary will precede each Mass at 6:30 pm. Final reception and Christmas program will be held in the Parish Hall on December 23. All 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.

CHRISTMAS REMINDERS

With the anticipated increase in Mass attendance during Christmas, the doors from the garden area will be locked during ALL Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. You will still be able to exit the doors after Mass but entrance to the Church will be limited to the main set of doors of the Narthex. Please plan accordingly and arrive early.

For those unable to attend Mass in person, there will be distribution of Communion in the Youth Room on Dec. 25 and 26 from 10:00 –10:45 am.



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone that picked up a tag from the giving tree to assist the Adopt a Family Program this year. We were able to bring some extra 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 family bingo night on January 14th. There will be a sign up for this free event. Visit <https://gscccg.org/blog/bingo-night> for more information.

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 call Susan at 916-203-8765 or email sugonzales@msn.com for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

Dec. 24 & 25—See Christmas Mass schedule. There will be no confessions or 5:00 pm Mass on December 25.

Dec. 25 & 26—Distribution of Communion in the Youth Room from 10:00-10:45 am.

Dec. 24 & 27—Parish office closed



READINGS & OBSERVANCES

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
Friday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Saturday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/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, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent
Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. John of Kanty, Priest
Friday: Christmas Eve
Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

Nick Soberanis (SI)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:00 am Ida Vaughan (+)
9:00 am Norma Teresa Cruz de Soto (+)
11:00 am Daniel Martínez Casas (+)
1:00 pm Mercy Mwari (+)
5:00 pm Margaret Ann Pivec (+)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

Scott Avis (+)

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: Angel Bacerra (12/18), Chinedu Ozioko (12/20), Jonathan Cruz and Angelica Cruz Rey (12/22), Celeste Bocade (12/23), Jeremy Joves (12/23)

Thanksgiving: Angelito Calaguas & family (9am 12/19), Magbitang family (5pm 12/19), Alex Key family (12/21), Anna and P.O. Varghese (12/23)

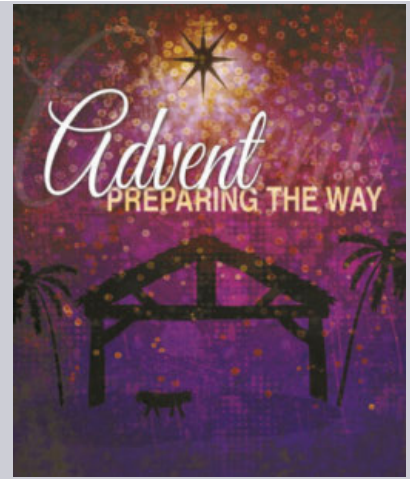
Special Intention for Healing: Isaiah David Monteiro (7am 12/19), Kristy Fontanilla (12/22), Charles T. (12/23)

Special Intention: Justin Santillan (5pm 12/19), Flora Akridge (12/21), Rey and Elaine Basa (12/22)

Anniversary: Romeo and Julie Gonzalvo (11am 50yrWA 12/19), Fr. Julius Kaburu (11yr Ordination anniversary 12/19)

Death Anniversary: Alvaro Meraz (12/18), Raquel Garcia (11am 12/19, 12/21), Leonor Naval (11am 40day 12/19), Emiliana Curso (12/20), Alberto David (1yrDA 12/20), Barry Belleza (12/21)

Repose of the Soul: Ed Camillieri (all masses), Felipa Delizo (12/18), Corazon Joves (12/18), Felix U. Maquinto (12/18), Primitiva Quero Pabelo (12/18), Francis Sarnecki (12/18), Filomeno Asilo (7am 12/19), Cesar deVillava (7am 12/19), Brian Torrella (7am 12/19), Pedro Torrella (7am 12/19), Estella Martinez (9am 12/19), Ramon Martinez (9am 12/19), Raymond (9am 12/19), Tommy Edwards (11am 12/19), Caroline Kang (11am 12/19), Don Reyes (11am 12/19), Lenida Cortez Bascara (1pm 12/19), Conrado and Estela Gunabe (1pm 12/19), Yolanda Manalang (1pm 12/19), Teresa Delgado (5pm 12/19), Joaquin O. Lim (5pm 12/19), Julia B. Lim (5pm 12/19), Carlos B. Lim (12/20), Asteria Galacio (12/21), Joao Silva (12/21), Crescencio S. Micu (12/22), Fortunata Roy Micu (12/22), Henry Halkyer (12/24), Rene Labrado (12/24), Patrick & Margaret Sullivan (12/24), Ernie Tomeros (12/24)



BABY JESUS' WISH LIST

Odds are you've got a Christmas list going by now — gift ideas for everyone from your nephew to your goddaughter to your mailman. But what about the birthday boy? What's the gift Jesus gets from you this Christmas?

If you've ever read the Book of Leviticus, you know all about the sacrifices God asks of the Israelites, referred to in the reading from Hebrews today. Leviticus can be a chore to read — a little repetitive, a little intimidating. There's a lot of very specific actions that God asks His Chosen People to complete to make up for whatever they have done wrong. In essence, it's a bit of a wish list for gifts.

But it's a wish list that can really confuse you. What's God going to do with a cereal offering? The kidneys of an animal? If you look closely, what God is doing here is beautiful. He's customized his wish list to only those things He knows the Israelites can give. It's God saying, in what amounts to theological baby-talk for folks who barely know of Him and His ways, exactly how they could be stewards. "Do this, but don't do that. If you do that, do this and you will find My mercy."

Our guide to stewardship — the Gospels of Christ — is less precise because by the time of Christ, God's people have grown in understanding of love and mercy and relationship with the divine. Through Christ, we find out that God's real wish list didn't really consist of cereal offerings and the kidneys of various animals. It's far simpler, but luckily, it's something we still have on-hand. All He wants is our whole heart.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

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 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 December 13 we distributed 119 boxes of food to 31 families consisting of 126 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.

EMAIL SCAMS

The Diocese has received reports that texts and emails have been received from a scammer impersonating Bishop Soto and pastors of the Diocese. Be skeptical and closely scrutinize the addresses and phone numbers if you receive unexpected email or text messages. If you are not certain the message is authentic, respond to the individual in person or call the individual using a phone number you know is correct. BUT DO NOT RESPOND TO THE IMPOSTER.

PARISH REGISTRATION AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS

New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community? ☐

Name

E-mail

Please provide weekly offering envelopes ☐ Yes ☐ No

Recently moved or changed phone number? ☐

Phone

Address

City, Zip



STEWARDSHIP

DECEMBER 11/12 COLLECTION TOTAL WILL BE IN NEXT WEEKEND'S BULLETIN.

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*.

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 *Faith Direct*.

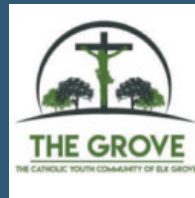
Thank you for your trusted support – your monthly gifts are always greatly appreciated! Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/CA688, or text 'Enroll' to (916) 439-8801. **Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.**

VOLUNTEER

- ⇒ Help is needed for setting up the Christmas environment on **December 24** at 10:00 am. Save the date to help put everything away on **January 10** at 6:00 pm.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ We are looking for a volunteer to assist Deacon Rommel in welcoming our newest parish members with the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday mornings. The commitment would be about 5 Saturdays per year. Please contact the parish office if you would like to help.



THE GROVE—YOUTH MINISTRY



All high school and middle school teens are invited to attend our youth ministry events. For more info and the schedule visit thegroveyouthministry.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

Good Shepherd)

Jan. 9—Come To The River (XLT night at Good Shepherd, everyone is welcome)

ADVENT RESOURCES

Visit the 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>.

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: 9:30 am Mass with SANTO NINO Celebration

After Mass there will be a procession around the Church building. 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!!!!

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Have You Drifted Away from the Church? Are you upset with the Church or with God? Please give us a chance to listen to you and address your concerns. Join us for our informal weekly sessions beginning January 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the John Paul II room. The meetings will be facilitated by parishioners, some of whom were former non-practicing Catholics and who, you might find, experienced many of your feelings. Please contact the parish office or visit the parish website for more information.

CARMELITE COOKBOOK SALES

The Carmelite Auxiliary of Sacramento exists to support the Carmelite Nuns in Georgetown. The Nuns have created a cookbook and will be here this weekend to sell them. Suggested donation is \$35. Thank you!

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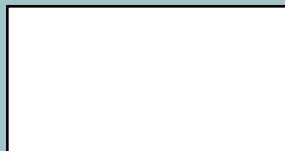
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