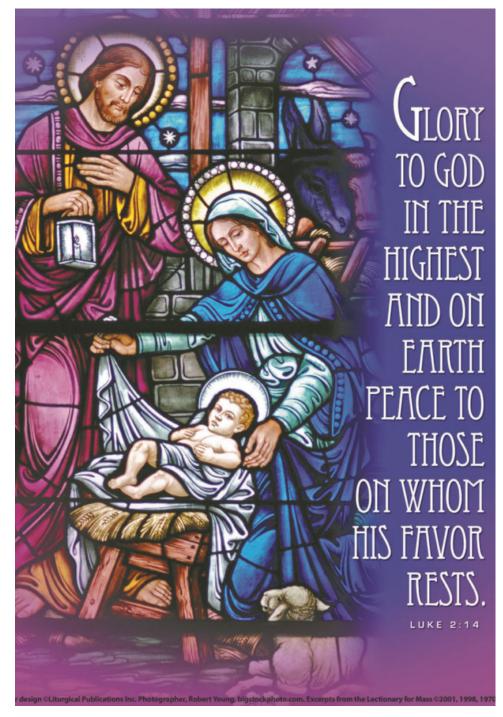
GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 26, 2021





PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Michael Vaughan

Parochial Vicar: *Rev. Julius Kiogora Kaburu* Deacons: *William Sousa, Rommel Declines* & *Al Llenos* Business Manager: *Denise Wesleder* Receptionist: *Monica Goodale* Communications & Development Coordinator: *Diane Marcotte*

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 916-683-2963

Coordinator, Religious Education: Menchie Cabrera Confirmation Preparation Coordinator: 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

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON SCHOOL

K-8 Principal: *Marci Greene* (916) 684-7903 Preschool Director: *Tammy Babich* (916) 691-4825

Let's Gather

AND AWAKEN THE JOY!



FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Our next "Let's Gather" event will be a family bingo night on **January 14th.** Visit https://gscceg.org/blog/ bingo-night for more information

and to sign up for this FREE event.

SAVE THE DATE— Our February event will be an adults-only **DATE NIGHT** on February 11. More information to come soon!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec. 27, 31 & Jan. 3—Parish office closed
Jan. 1—Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, Mass at 9:30 am. (NOT a holy day of obligation.)

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. We will be hosting the 1st day on Jan. 12th beginning with 8:30am Mass and ending in the evening at 8:30pm with Benediction. 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. 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 <u>www.walkforlifewc.com</u> or email Gary Hickman at greenhope28@yahoo.com.

ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN

Join the Our Mother of Perpetual Help ministry every day after the 8:30 am Mass as they pray together the Rosary for the Unborn.

Let your spirit fly! Your Good Shepherd Catholic Church MINISTRY LISTING

The various ministries of Good Shepherd Catholic Church serve by providing a variety of ways of connecting with the community. Through these ministries you can learn and grow as an individual, meet others who share your values, and reach out to serve the larger parish and city. We hope there's something for everyone here. If not, join us in creating future ministries. For more detailed information about these and other ministries, please visit our website at gscceg.org, or contact the parish office.

SPIRITUALITY

*Cursillo Divine Mercy Charismatic Prayer Group Holy Spirit Novena Prayer Group Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayer Group Santa Nino/Fatima Prayer Group Soldiers of St. Michael the Archangel FAITH FORMATION Children's Liturgy of the Word Kinderchurch **Baptism Ministry** Wedding Ministry Catholic Faith Formation- CFF. **Confirmation Preparation** -EDGE/1:8 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults-RCIA Youth Ministry-Middle and High School FIAT/Young Adults Ministry Catholics Returning Home *Couples for Christ

LITURGICAL

Liturgy Board Altar Servers Art and Environment Eucharistic Ministers Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound Lector Ministry Martha Ministry-*Care for Sacred Linens* Mass Coordinators Ushers and Greeters Music Ministry Sacred Silence Adoration Ministry **OUTREACH/PARISH LIFE** Evangelization Outreach Works of Mercy-Ministry to the Homeless Elizabeth Ministry - Support in pregnancy/childbirth Respect for Life & Life Runners Garden Ministry Social Committee-Parish Events Sharing and Caring Seniors St. John Caregiver Support Lazarus Ministry-Funeral Liturgical Support Hearts of Compassion-Bereavement Support PARISH SUPPORT St. Michael Ministry-Security Services St. Isidore Technology Ministry COMMITTEES *Knights of Columbus *Columbiettes-Knights of Columbus Women's Guild *St. Vincent de Paul Society St. Josephine Bakhita Black

Catholic Ministry Vocations Ministry Veterans Ministry

*LAY ORGANIZATIONS

Come join us in doing the work of Jesus Christ!

DECEMBER 26, 2021

READINGS & OBSERVANCES

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk
	2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-
	2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Saturday:	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	The Holy Family	
Monday:	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist	S
Tuesday:	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	
Wednesday:	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr	Т
Friday:	St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve	t
Saturday:	New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace	S

MASS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE-DEC. 24 4:00 pm Chavez family (TG) 6:30 pm Margaret Ann Pivec (+) 9:00 pm Melchor Gonzales (+) SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 12:00am Samuel Rinelli (+) 7:00am Nick & Carmen Soberanis (SI) 9:00am Ana Maria Martins (+) 11:00am Joe Avis (+) **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26** 7:00 am Francisco and Maria Martins (+)

9:00 am Christian and David Eliazo (BD) 11:00 am Duilinda Serpa (DA) 1:00 pm William Sweeney (+) 5:00 pm Amaro Avis (+)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27 Mary Machado (+) **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28** Clarence Krawczak (+) WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29 P.S. & Philomina Sebastian (47yrWA) **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30** Manuel and Tina Marquez (+) FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 Modesta Magtoto (DA)

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

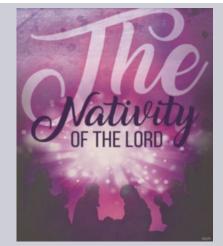
THIS WEEK WE WILL REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Birthday: Christine Gunabe (7am 12/25), Patrick John Key (11am 12/26), Christian Campomanes (12/29) Thanksgiving: Bernadas family (4pm 12/24), St. Elizabeth Ann Seton teachers & staff (4pm 12/24), Lucia de Vera (6:30pm 12/24), Dionicia Baclig & family (9pm 12/24), Wilhelmina Baclig & family (9pm 12/24), Geoffrey & Grace Guanco (9pm 12/24), Austria family (12am 12/25), Barroga family (12am 12/25), Nic & Alice Legaspi (12am 12/25), Cory Jones family (7am 12/25), Parishioners of Good Shepherd (7am 12/25), Filemon B. Dimaano, Jr. (9am 12/25), Alex and Premie Madayag (5pm 12/26), Lianne Tran (12/30), Langley family (12/31) Special Intention for Healing: Charles T. (12/30)

Special Intention: Rey and Elaine Basa (12/29)

Anniversary: Robert & Abagail Ortiz (7am 12/26), Gil & Araceli Cantiller (25yrWA 12/30), Chinedu & Blessing Ozioko (12/30)

Death Anniversary: Kuriakose Kokkapally (5pm 12/26), Joseph Dat Nguyen (1yrDA 12/27), Josefina Abaya (12/29), Lawrence Chase (40day DA 12/29), Virginia Maiolini (12/30), Tan Kung Bee (12/31), Rolando Santiago (12/31) Repose of the Soul: Roberto Fineza (4pm 12/24), Rene Labrado (4pm 12/24), Jose Meraz (4pm 12/24), Jesus de Vera (6:30pm 12/24), Benjamin & Consuelo Roxas (6:30pm 12/24), Roman & Maria Cruz (9pm 12/24), Rosie Salindong (9pm 12/24), Feleti Frederick Fotu (12am 12/25), Felix U. Maquinto (12am 12/25), Conrado, Estela & Fred Gunabe (7am 12/25), Eduardo Luchico (9am 12/25), Fred & Gloria Luchico (9am 12/25), Victor Luchico (9am 12/25), Eugenio Alejo Sr. (11am 12/25), Scott Avis (11am 12/25), Domingos & Maria Fagundes (11am 12/25), Rudy Martinez (11am 12/25), Sofia Estabillo (7am 12/26), Kuriakose K. (7am 12/26), Jose & Ilda Martins (7am 12/26), Venancio Del Rosario (9am 12/26), Natividad Dumapias (9am 12/26), all souls in purgatory (9am 12/26), Fernando Delara (11am 12/26), Eliseu Fernandes (11am 12/26), Mila Legaspi (11am 12/26), deceased members of the Do and Nguyen families (1pm 12/26), Joseph Dat Nguyen (1pm 12/26), Perla Tolentino (1pm 12/26), all souls in purgatory (1pm 12/26), Alejandro Madayag Sr. (5pm 12/26), Maria Mendoza (5pm 12/26), Monica Nacional (5pm 12/26), Pete & Teodora Bulatao (12/27), Joseph Salva Cruz (12/28), Sr. Delores Palillo (12/30), Ida Vaughan (12/30), Janice C. Lenti (12/31) 3



STEWARDSHIP TIES

There is a lot of imagery around Christmas that has to do with adoption - or, more specifically, with a child being loved by another as if they belonged to that person and loved in such a profound way that in time, they do come to belong to that person.

We see this with Joseph and the infant Jesus. Joseph is not Jesus' biological father. But through a series of actions, and through his faithfulness in small, everyday matters, Joseph becomes the foster father of Jesus.

Perhaps we are parents who have adopted children, or we ourselves were adopted. We have also seen how, through a series of actions of love and sacrifice, someone can become the parent of a person who is not their "blood." A lot of times these families celebrate the day of the adoption. I've heard it called a "gotcha day," and it's marked joyously, like a birthday.

Most of us are not descended from the Israelites, God's Chosen People. But through a series of extraordinary actions of love and sacrifice, God has made Himself our parent, too. And through our own actions, and through faithfulness in small and everyday matters, we are His children.

But in this family, instead of blood ties, we have stewardship ties. It's not about who we look like, it's about how we treat one another. How we take care of one another.

So this Christmas, let's think about how we will celebrate our adoption. As much as it is Jesus' birthday, it's also our "gotcha day" the day we received the gift of eternal family.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LP

Dear Believers,

The gospel on the first Sunday of Advent greeted us with powerful imagery – with Jesus speaking "of signs in the sun, the moon and the stars" and his urgent appeal to be vigilant and ready to stand before the Son of Man.

The readings set an intriguing tone as we entered a season beloved for its preparation and reverence for the miracle of the incarnation. Yet, as we pondered the reality of a cosmic or cataclysmic Second Coming at the onset of Advent, our thoughts jolted us to the profound compassion and love of God who sent our savior, Jesus Christ, an infant born of a virgin in a humble manger.

This, too, is powerful – the Nativity story is one of immense grace that should stir if not compel in us a sensational awakening. Perhaps, again. Perhaps, anew. Why? Because it is THIS story that makes possible our future story.

In our awakening to the hope, joy and love of Christ's message, the peace of this season and, indeed, the very peace of life manifests itself.

I invite you to immerse yourself in our Good Shepherd Parish community and awaken your faith beyond any perceived limits, or sameness, or routine of before. Seek to encounter Christ personally, to accompany others who may not yet know the fullness of faith, and share in the beauty of each other in community, striving

to grow as missionary disciples. Most of all, I pray that we may continue vigilantly as believers and beneficiaries of Christ's wondrous gift of salvation.

On behalf of our parochial vicar, Father Julius Kiogora Kaburu, our deacons, parish staff and myself, we wish you God's abundant blessings throughout Christmas and the New Year.

In love of Christ our Savior, Reverend Michael Vaughan, Pastor

SOLDIERS OF ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL AND EXODUS 90 MINISTRY

We are excited to welcome a new men's ministry that will be bringing Exodus 90 to our parish. This 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.

There will be an orientation meeting on **Thursday Jan 13th at 7pm** in the St. John Paul II room. The Exodus begins January 17th. Email Michael at <u>exodus90brothers@gmail.com</u> for more information or visit https://gscceg.org/ blog/exodus-90.

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! 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.

HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA MINISTRY

The Holy Spirit Novena Ministry is having a special prayer for our spiritual gifts on Jan 1 at 8:45 am in the church. The Holy Spirit is the *promise* and all were to receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:39).

All are welcome to join the Holy Spirit Novena Ministry. Our next meeting is Thurs., Jan 13, from 11:30am-noon in the conference room. Email HolySpiritNovenaMinistry@gmail.com.

SACRED SILENCE ADORATION MINISTRY (SSAM)

This Ministry believes and promotes the awareness of the true presence of Jesus in the Holy Mass, Eucharist, adoration & benediction. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit the SSAM ministry is working to coordinate more Eucharistic spirituality awareness events such as increased hours of adoration and benediction. For information contact more Leela at Imattathil@yahoo.com or Marbe marbelous7@gmail.com. All are at welcome!

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New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community? \Box		Recently moved or changed phone number? \Box	
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STEWARDSHIP DECEMBER 11/12: \$28,705.76 RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS: \$4,375.26 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: \$3,754.00

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.**



- \Rightarrow Help is needed for taking down the Christmas environment on **January 10** at 6:00 pm in the church.
- ⇒ Interested in audio-visual arts and/or technology? Our AV/ Tech Ministry is looking for help with the weekly Mass livestream. Contact Matt at avtechministries@gmail.com or 209-625-6225 to learn more.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Our Art & Environment Ministry is looking for some help! This ministry creates the environment in our worship space that enhances our liturgy. If interested contact the office.

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:

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

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 –14: after the 8:30 a.m. 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

Invitation to Non-practicing Catholics. The Church has changed and you might not know it! Has it been a while since you've been to church? Are you upset at the Church or with God? Please give us – and yourself – another chance. Join us for informal sessions for non-practicing Catholics. We would like to know your feelings and try to address your questions. The meetings will be held starting January 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the John Paul II room adjacent to the parish office. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office or visit the parish website.

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.



