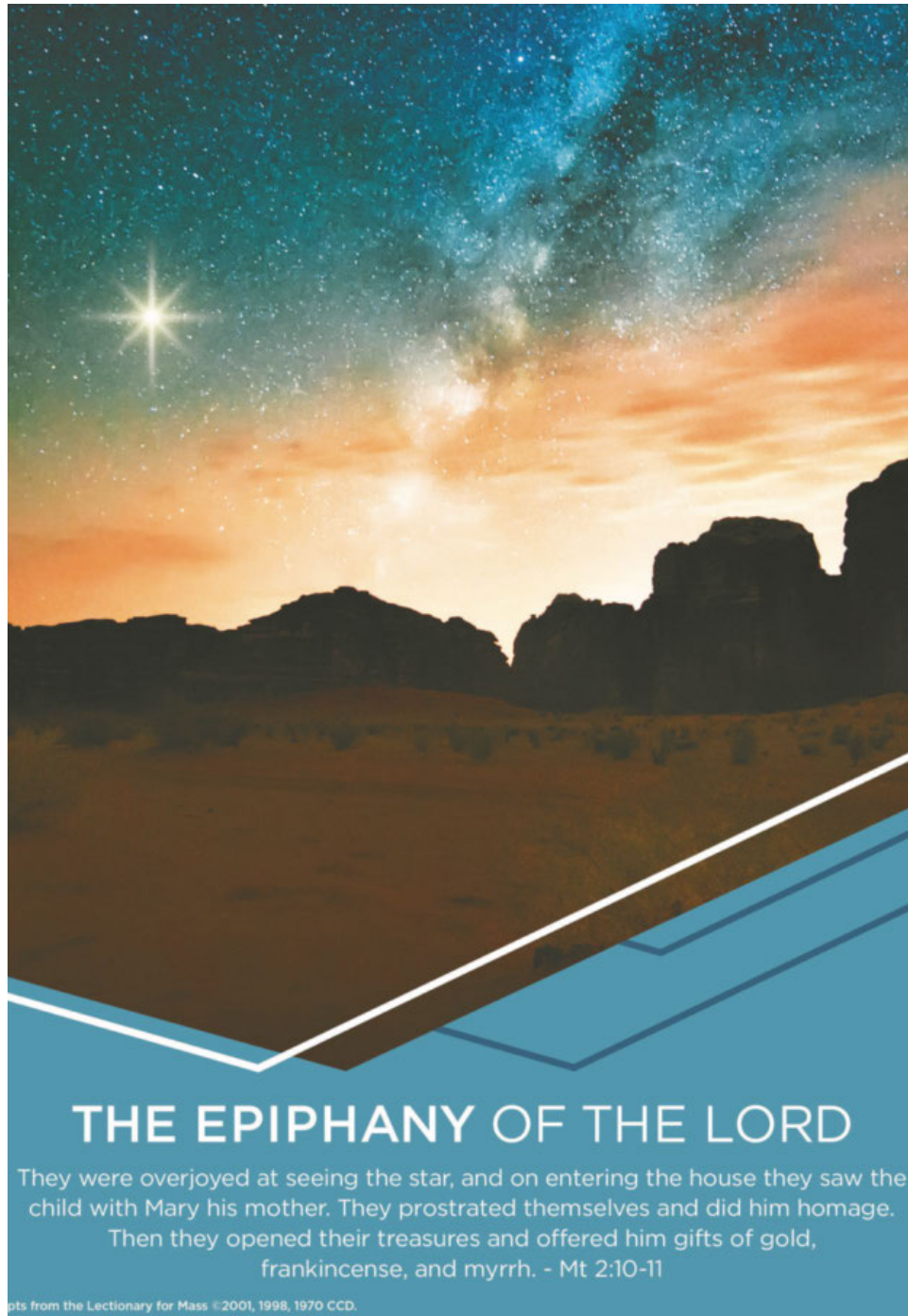


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MISSION STATEMENT:

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.

JANUARY 2, 2022



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916-683-2963

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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

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FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Our next "Let's Gather" event will be a family bingo night on **January 14th**. Visit <https://gsceeg.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:

Jan. 3—Parish office closed

Jan. 7—First Friday Adoration

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 www.walkforlifewc.com 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.

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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 gsceeg.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
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- *St. Vincent de Paul Society
- St. Josephine Bakhita Black Catholic Ministry
- Vocations Ministry
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*LAY ORGANIZATIONS

Come join us in doing the work of Jesus Christ!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our Good Shepherd Parish families, for your continuous and ongoing support this past year. Not only in spirit and action, but also financially. It is through the generous spirit of giving by you, our parishioners, that we are able to support our pastoral programs and be able to serve those in our community who are less fortunate than we are.

On a personal note, I want to express my deepest appreciation for all the generous gifts Father Julius and I received along with Christmas cards and kind words. We cherish each one of you and offer our prayers and special celebration of the Holy Mass of Thanksgiving. May God reward your generosity, love, and support that Father Julius and I so humbly feel.

-Father Michael

READINGS & OBSERVANCES

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious
Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022

9:30am Leonora Baclig (+)
5:00pm Cesar Valmores and family (TG)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

7:00 am Conrado, Estela & Fred Gunabe (+)
9:00 am Maria Teresa Sanchez (TG)
11:00 am Dorothy Banicki (+)
1:00 pm
5:00 pm Remegio Perez Sr. (40th day DA)

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022

Jose and Ilda Martins (+)

THIS WEEK WE WILL REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Special Intention for Healing: Isaiah David Monteiro (7am 1/2)

Special Intention: Jones and Kendrick families (9:30am 1/1)

Anniversary: Gil and Araceli Cantiller (25th yr WA 7am 1/2)

Rest of the Soul: Eugene McIlhargie (all Masses) Fe Abrigo (11am 1/2), Ivan Castellanos (1/4), Domingos Fagundes (1/4), Eufemia Gonzaga (1/5), Tina & Manuel Marquez (1/7)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

Abraham Salvaleon (2yrDA)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

Flora Blancas (+)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

Nellie Mateo (40th day DA)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

Verne Bowers (SI)

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



THE LIGHT OF THE MOON

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

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CATECHETICAL FOUNDATIONS EDUCATION AT THE DIOCESE

If you wish to have a greater understanding of the fundamentals of our Christian faith, this series of classes is for you. Over a period of 8 months and just a few hours per month, participants will review topics via an online learning platform. If you are unable to complete the entire course, you can take classes one month at a time on subjects of interest for \$20 per month. This is a great opportunity for catechists and those involved in pastoral or liturgical ministries. Go to: https://catholic.formstack.com/forms/catechetical_foundations for more information. Registration is now open for Cohort 3 beginning in January.

FAITH FORMATION EDUCATION

Parish Faith Formation classes will be held throughout 2022 at parishes across the Diocese. Take this opportunity to grow your understanding and faith by attending one or more of these educational opportunities. The first session will be on 1/16/22 at St. Christopher in Galt. For more information, contact Teresa Donan at 916-733-0132 or tdonan@scd.org or visit www.scd.org/OFFFCalendar.

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 exodus90brothers@gmail.com for more information or visit <https://gscccg.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! On December 20th we distributed 168 boxes of food to 41 families consisting of 179 people. **There will be no food distribution on January 3rd.** 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.


SACRED SILENCE ADORATION MINISTRY (SSAM)

"Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC:1324)

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 more information contact Leela at lmattathil@yahoo.com or Marbe at marbelous7@gmail.com. All are welcome!

GRIEF SUPPORT SESSIONS

St. Joseph's Ministry of Consolation will be offering seven weekly grief support sessions on Wednesday mornings, beginning, January 12, 2022 until February 23 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. We are present for those grieving the loss of a loved one or other significant loss in one's life. This ministry takes place in the context of faith, and is caring, supportive, and compassionate. We will be meeting in the Renwald Room. For more information, please contact Marilyn Petruska at 916 769-5835 or Mary Ellen Trapp at 916 893-8863.

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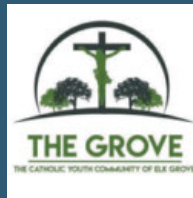
Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. May God bless you and your loved ones now and into the New Year

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ 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 church is in need of lighters/strikers for the altar candles. If you would like to donate, please drop them off at the parish office. Thank you!

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

Have you been away from the Church for a while? Have you ever thought about returning? If so, we would like to welcome you back here at Good Shepherd Parish. We have a special ministry for people like you who have been away from the Church. Please join us for a seven week series of informal meetings beginning January 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the John Paul II room adjacent to the parish office. We would like to address your questions and make you feel at home once more in the Catholic Church. For more information, please call the parish office.

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.



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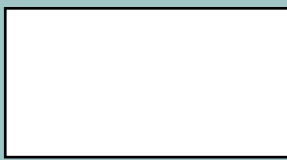
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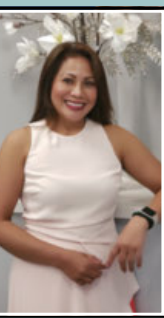
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