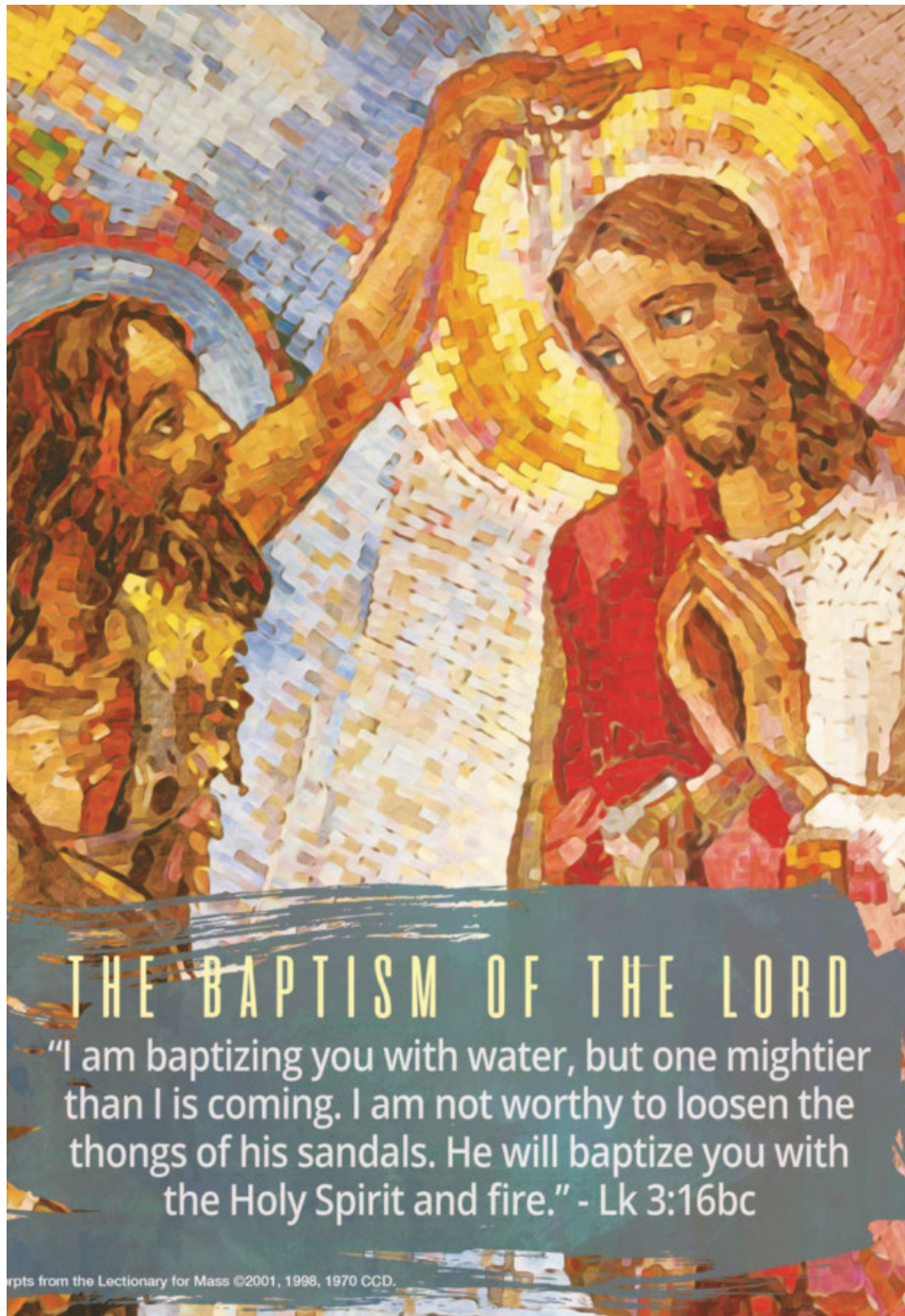


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Good Shepherd Catholic Church is a diverse parish community; guided by the Holy Spirit into One Flock, following Jesus Christ, Our Good Shepherd, to live and proclaim the Word of God. **We Value:** Life Long Faith Formation, Sacramental Devotions, Evangelization, Community Service, & Social Justice.

JANUARY 9, 2022



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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.

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FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

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

and to sign up for this **FREE** event. **GIVE BACK!** For our bingo night we will be supporting Chicks In Crisis, a local organization helping families in need of pregnancy, parenting and adoption support. Check our website to see how you can help!

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



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan. 11—Knights of Columbus Rosary Crusade (7:00 pm)

Jan. 13—St. John Caregiver Support Group (10:00 am)

Jan. 13—Holy Spirit Novena Group (11:30 am)

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 8:30 am Mass and ending in the evening at 8:30 pm 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.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

The USCCB (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops) is interested in your opinion on various aspects of our Catholic faith. Good Shepherd will be holding a listening session on January 31, 2022, at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. This is an opportunity for you to share your experiences and hopes for the church. The session is open to everyone- practicing Catholics, lapsed Catholics, or even members of other denominations. Check our website for the sign up to attend. Please consider attending. Your opinion MATTERS!

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2022

Honor marriage and salute the beauty of faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in married life by attending a special Mass with Bishop Soto on February 12 at 9:30 am at St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish. There will be a special blessing for sacramentally married couples and an opportunity to renew their marital commitment. For more information and to register to attend visit www.scd.org/wmd.

DAY OF REPARATION

January 22 marks the 49th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. In our diocese, January 21 is designated as a Diocesan Day of Reparation. All are asked to observe this Day of Reparation through fasting, prayer, penance and works of mercy. You can also join Bishop Soto for the Annual Pro-Life Mass of Reparation at the Cathedral on January 21 at 12:10 pm.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED - BAPTISMAL BIB

Question: At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

Answer: When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers, and this is symbolized by the white garment. ©LPI

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 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022

5:00pm Evelyn Walker (SI-H)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

7:00 am Norma Gunabe Inigo (BD)

9:00 am Bernardo Barba (+)

11:00 am Gladys Anudokem(+)

1:00 pm Alice Gore (BD)

5:00 pm Nicole Fabela (SI-H)

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022

Caroline Kang (+)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

San Nguyen (+)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

Mariela Obergon (+)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

Thresiamma Sebastian (DA)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

Ivan Castellanos (1yrDA)

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: Daniella Zafra Ramos (1/8), Rosario Pineda (1/8), Editha Barba (9am 1/9), Janice Declines (1pm 1/9), Virgie Rodriguez (1pm, 1/9), Gabriel Fernandez (1/10), Febelyn Fineza (1/11), Elena Arellano (1/12)

Thanksgiving: Paz Ortiz (1pm 1/9), Do Family (1/11)

Special Intention for Healing: Isaiah David Monteiro (7am 1/9), Carolyn Valmore (7am 1/9), Gino Lamajora (1/10)

Special Intention: Marc Francis Fabela (1/13), Nicole Fabela (1/14)

Death Anniversary: Oscar Banaga (1/13), Marcelino Madayag (1/14)

Repose of the Soul: Hospicio S. Bautista (1/8), John Lorda (1/8), Nellie Mateo (1/8), Conrado and Estela Gunabe (7am 1/9), Maria Fagundes (11am 1/9), Godofredo Dela Cruz (5pm 1/9), All souls in purgatory (1/10), Adolfo Dalaten (1/11), Thang Nguyen (1/11), Trung Nguyen (1/11), T.K. Abraham (1/12), Elamma Joseph (1/12), Denver Thomas (1/12), Joe Avis (1/13), Mr. and Mrs. Ninan Xavier (1/13), Gladys Anudokem (1/14)



I HOPE I AM LIKE HIM

“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?”

Perhaps you’ve heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God’s will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let’s examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God’s plan?

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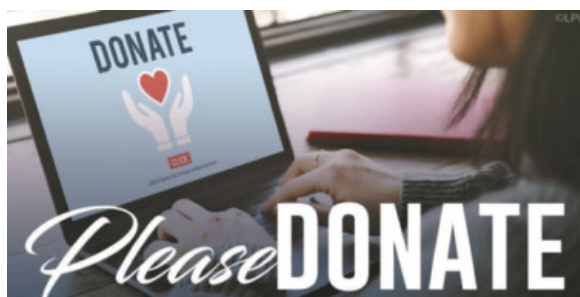
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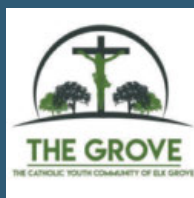
Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. May God bless you and your loved ones now and into the New Year!



- ⇒ 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)

Jan. 14 — We are Family (middle school at St. Joseph)

Jan. 16— Best Year Ever (high school at St. Maria Goretti)

SANTO NINO NOVENA

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

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

Were you raised Catholic but seldom come to Church anymore? Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from the Church? Would you like to learn more about the Church as it is today? Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again? No matter how long you've been away and no matter the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. Our series of seven informal meetings begins January 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the John Paul II room adjacent to the parish office. 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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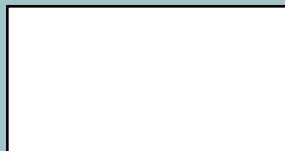
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