

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.

MARCH 27, 2022



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'"
- Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm Vigil

Sunday: 7, 9, & 11 am; 1 & 5 pm

Weekdays: 8:30 am

First Saturday: 9:30 am

Swahili Mass: First Sunday at 2:30 pm

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday: 10:00-10:30 am in the Hall

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

During Lent: Wednesdays 5:45 - 8:00 pm &

Fridays 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

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Let's Gather

AND AWAKEN THE JOY!



Our 10th Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held **Sunday, April 10**. Please RSVP at gscceg.org/blog/easter-egg-hunt. We are also looking for donations to fill eggs such as wrapped candies (no nuts) and small toys. Donations may be placed in the buckets in the narthex labeled "Easter Egg Hunt Donations." Thank you in advance for your generous donations to make this event a success!

SOUP FOR THE SOUL AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us every Friday for Soup for the Soul at 5:45 pm. We will serve a light soup dinner and watch **The Search** video series with Chris Stefanick. (April 1 will be held in the narthex. All other Fridays will be in the Fr. Philip Wells Hall.)



On **April 8th** the final Soup for the Soul will be a **fish fry** (in addition to soup) hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Dinner that night will be served a little earlier at 5:30 pm. Please join us!

Stations of the Cross will follow Soup for the Soul each Friday evening during Lent (except Good Friday) starting at 7:00 p.m. in the church. You can also join the students of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton school on Wednesdays at 1:15 pm for Stations of the Cross (through April 6).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 3: Fellowship/Pancake Breakfast beginning @ 8:00 am

April 3: Kinderchurch during 11:00 am Mass

April 5: Lenten Penance Service @ 7:00 pm

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Our Lenten Penance Service will be on **April 5 at 7:00 pm** in the church. Our regular confession schedule is Saturdays from 3:00-4:30 pm and Wednesdays from 5:45-7:00 pm. The final opportunity for confession before Easter will be on April 13 beginning at 5:45 pm. There will be no confessions on March 30 or on April 16.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

- Wednesday evenings 5:45-8:00 pm (extended time during Lent)
- Every Friday during Lent (through April 8) 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- There will be one hour of Adoration immediately following the first Saturday Mass on April 2
- There will not be Adoration on March 30

MASS OF THE SICK (ANOINTING)

Join us on **Saturday April 2nd at 9:30 am** for our 1st Saturday Mass and Mass for the Sick.

All are welcome to attend Mass and those qualifying for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will have an opportunity to receive the sacrament during Mass.

This sacrament has the hoped-for effect that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the sacrament is a spiritual healing of receiving the Holy Spirit's gift of peace to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.

When is it appropriate to receive Sacrament of the Sick?

The Anointing of the Sick "is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived." (CCC 1514)

If a sick person who received this anointing recovers his health, he can in the case of another grave illness receive this sacrament again. If during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious, the sacrament may be repeated. It is fitting to receive the Anointing of the Sick just prior to a serious operation. The same holds for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced. (CCC 1515)

For more information on this sacrament, go to <https://www.usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development/upload/Anointing-of-the-Sick-handout.pdf>

READINGS & OBSERVANCES

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent
Friday: April Fools' Day
Saturday: St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

5:00 pm Encarnacion Rojas (+)

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

7:00 am Ernesto Lopez (+)
9:00 am Dr. Guillerma Naval- Sahagun (+)
11:00 am Canuto Curso (DA)
1:00 pm Canuto Curso (DA)
5:00 pm Winchile & Terefil Ducusin (WA)

MONDAY, MARCH 28

Antonia Matutis (SI-H)

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

Garry Marquez (BD)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

Theresa Ramos (+)

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

Benjamin Marquez (BD)

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

Verne Bowers (SI)

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: 3/26: Eddie Cabrera; 11 am 3/27: Alice Petruzzelli (90 yr); 3/29: Frances Divinagracia; 4/1: Gloria B. Dimaano, Abraham Mattathil (98 yr), Loida Pangilinan

Special Intention for Healing: 7 am 3/27: Isaiah David Monteiro; 11 am 3/27: Josefina Domingo; 1 pm 3/27: Colen Noveno; 3/28: Audrey Angoco, Aysha Roberto

Special Intention: 5 pm 3/27: Stephanie

Anniversary: 1 pm 3/27: Charles and Lilian Soto

Death Anniversary: 3/26: Mariano Panganiban Perez; 9 am 3/27: Andres Ceballo; 11 am 3/27: John Kress; 3/29: Antonio David (7yrDA); 3/31: Rudolph (Rudy) Martinez (1yrDA); Robert Palmer; 4/1: Diosdado Torres

Repose of the Soul: 3/26-27 all Masses: Zackery Branchflower and Kathleen O'Neill; 3/26: Petra Orallo Alontave, Antonio Espinal Alontave, Juanita Macabeo Cabrera, Roger Geach, Milagros Ocampo; 7 am 3/27: Corazon Ursua Nietes; 9 am 3/27: Bernardina Barros; 11 am 3/27: Rodolfo Baronia, Rosie Ganotisi; 1 pm 3/27: Leonor Llanillo; 3/28: Roger Geach; 3/31: Manuel Avis, Felicidad Castillo de Otero, Edgardo Mercado

SCHEDULING A MASS INTENTION/PRAYER REQUEST:

If you have a Mass intention or prayer request, please contact the parish office (either by phone or email) to confirm that your requested Mass time is available BEFORE submitting payment in the collection basket or through Faith Direct. If you do not contact the office first, we can not guarantee that your intention will be added to the requested Mass.

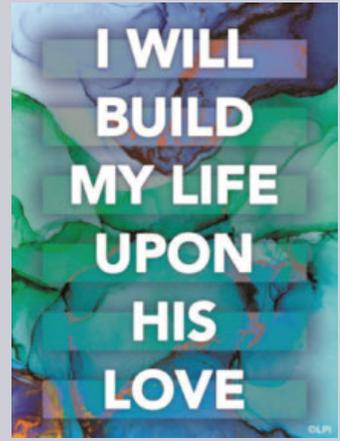


UPCOMING FUNERALS:

Zackery Branchflower March 31 @ 1:00 pm

Virginia Estioco April 5 @ 10:30 am

Christopher Beck April 7 @ 11:00 am



THE FACE ON GOD'S BROCHURE

When a church is raising funds for a new building or a diocese is launching a stewardship appeal, there is usually someone — or several someones — who serves as the face of the campaign. Maybe it's a married couple, or a family, or a group of folks who have been particularly active in the community and can speak to the worthiness of whatever endeavor is being undertaken.

Oftentimes, for better or worse, we fill that role for God. We are the face on the front of His promotional brochure. If we call ourselves Christians, that means that people will meet Christ through us. That's what being an Everyday Steward is — a steward, everyday; someone who conducts his Master's business when the Master is not seen.

It can be intimidating because we have so much baggage and no capabilities of our own. But then we remember that we are offered reconciliation through Christ — that "the old things have passed away, (and) new things have come" (2 Corinthians 5:17). We remember that we are the prodigal sons, and the fattened calf has been slaughtered on our behalf.

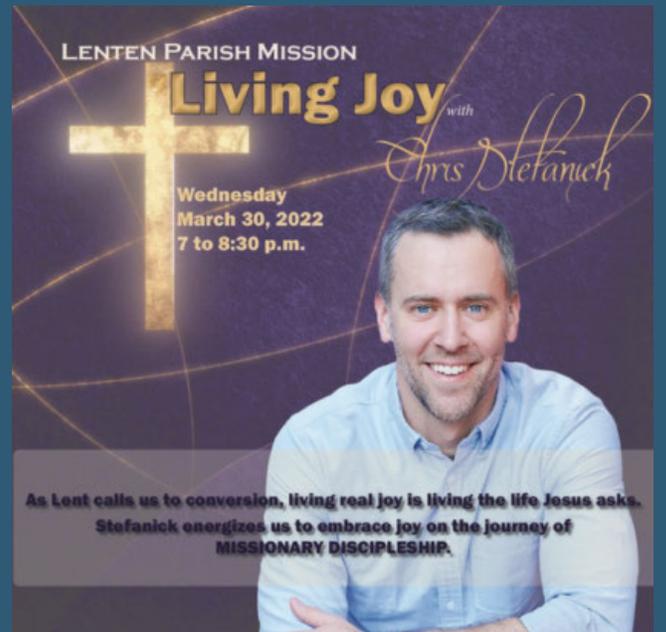
But it's a role that requires commitment. The story of the prodigal son is only compelling and only means something because the son, presumably, embraced his reconciliation to his father. He didn't go on to abandon him again.

So let us think to ourselves each day, "Whoever I encounter will meet Christ's ambassador. I was dead and have come to life again. How can I speak to the worthiness of that reconciliation? How can I make others desire it?" Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LP

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

As Lent calls us to conversion, living real joy is living the life Jesus asks. We are excited to welcome **Chris Stefanick** on March 30th at 7:00 pm for our **Lenten Mission**. Chris will share his 9 practical rules to help you rediscover and live joy every day.

We have purchased a limited number of copies of Chris's book, **Living Joy**, for parishioners. Visit <https://gscccg.org/blog/2022-parish-mission> to RSVP for the mission and to reserve your free copy of the book. You can also call the parish office for details.



Thank you for your support of our St. Vincent de Paul Society! On March 21 we served 41 families consisting of 196 people and gave out 163 boxes of food. Thank you for your generous clothing donations. **We currently can not accept any more clothing.** SVdP has funds available for utility assistance for our 95757 and 95758 residents. For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.

INTERESTED IN BEING A LECTOR?

The Lector Ministry is offering training to anyone interested in becoming a Lector and returning lectors on Thursday, March 31 at 5:30 pm in the

church. For more information, email lectors@gscccg.org.

HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA MINISTRY

The Holy Spirit Novena Ministry will meet at 8:40 am in the church on April 2 for a special prayer for our spiritual gifts and holy works. All are welcome to join the Holy Spirit Novena Ministry. Our next meeting is on Thursday, April 14, at 11:30 am in the youth room. Email HolySpiritNovenaMinistry@gmail.com for more information.

CAMP PENDOLA

Next weekend there will be a representative from the Diocese here with more information on Camp Pendola. Be sure to stop by the table in the narthex to learn more about this great summer youth camp!



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:

- **March 27**—Generous With Words and Actions (high school at Good Shepherd)
- **April 1**—For the Love of God (middle school youth at Good Shepherd)
- **April 3**—Generous with Possessions (high school at St. Joseph)



PARISH REGISTRATION AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS

New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community?

Recently moved or changed phone number?

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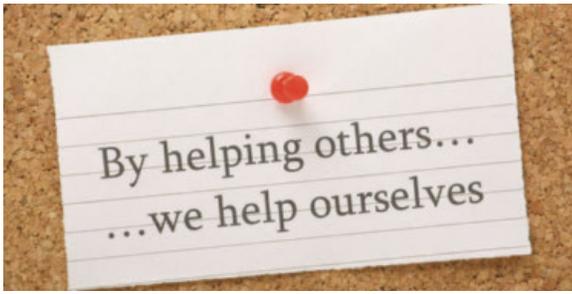
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STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTAL FOR MARCH 19/20: \$25,321.99
2ND COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE: \$8,023.46

SECOND COLLECTION

This week we take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection to help Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

GIVING UP ENVELOPES FOR LENT!

We invite you to help us save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent and enrolling with Faith Direct! With Faith Direct you can make regular automatic contributions to Good Shepherd using your credit/debit card or bank account. It's secure and convenient. There's no cost to you and the program provides a great benefit to our parish! Just visit **faith.direct/CA688** or text 'Enroll' to (916) 439-8801. **Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.**

VOLUNTEER

⇒ Volunteer opportunities are always available here at Good Shepherd. Visit [www.https://gsceg.org/volunteer](https://gsceg.org/volunteer) to see how you can help.

PRE-COMMUNION PRAYER

A parishioner recently asked about the Pre-Communion Prayer that some of our choirs have been singing. You may have heard it immediately before communion at Mass. Here are the lyrics:

*Lord, prepare me
to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy,
tried and true;
with thanksgiving,
I'll be a living
sanctuary
for you.*

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BIBLE STUDY—GENESIS PART 2

Let's spend some time diving into this book of beginnings and learn God's truth together. This bible study course will meet Thursdays at 7pm from April 7th - May 19th. Study guidebooks will be available for \$15.00 on the first night of the class in the St. John Paul II room next to the church office. For more information email Carlos at ifourc@hotmail.com.

KofC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Join the Knights of Columbus for their 3rd Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, April 18 at Woodbridge Golf & Country Club. Cost is \$150 per person or \$580 for a foursome. Go to <https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/knights-of-columbus-st-john-paul-ii-assembly-3504> for more events and to register.

SPRING CLEANING ALERT!

It's time to shred your documents at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School's paper shredding fundraiser on Sat., April 9 from 8:30am – 12:30pm in the church parking lot. Suggested donation is \$10/box. Proceeds go to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School. Contact Elizabeth at edesilva36@yahoo.com with any questions.



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? Join us for our informal sessions for non-practicing Catholics. We would like to know your feelings and try to address your questions. Meetings will be Wednesdays at 7:00 pm beginning on April 20. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office or visit the parish website.

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT (MARCH 27) IS LAETARE SUNDAY

This weekend we reach to the half-way point of Lenten Season and a time to show some signs of joy as we grow closer to Easter and the resurrection. We are inspired to continue our Lenten commitments to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Laetare comes from "Laetare Jerusalem" or "Rejoice, O Jerusalem" and is expressed in the Entrance Antiphon for Mass. You will see the more festive color of rose vestments (Priest robes) at Mass, more joyful music, and the use of flowers at the altar.



This weekend's altar flowers are donated by Paula Bonifacio and children for their thanksgiving intentions.

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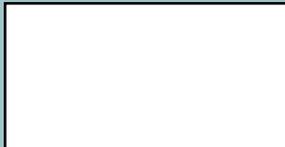
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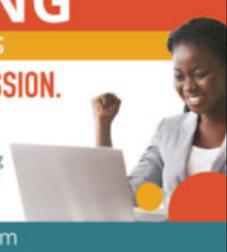


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