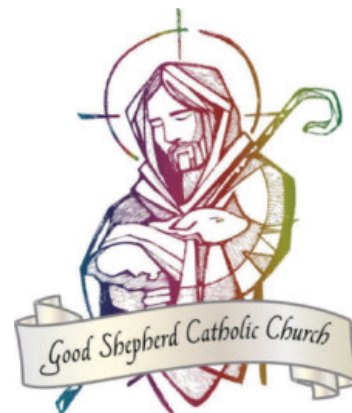
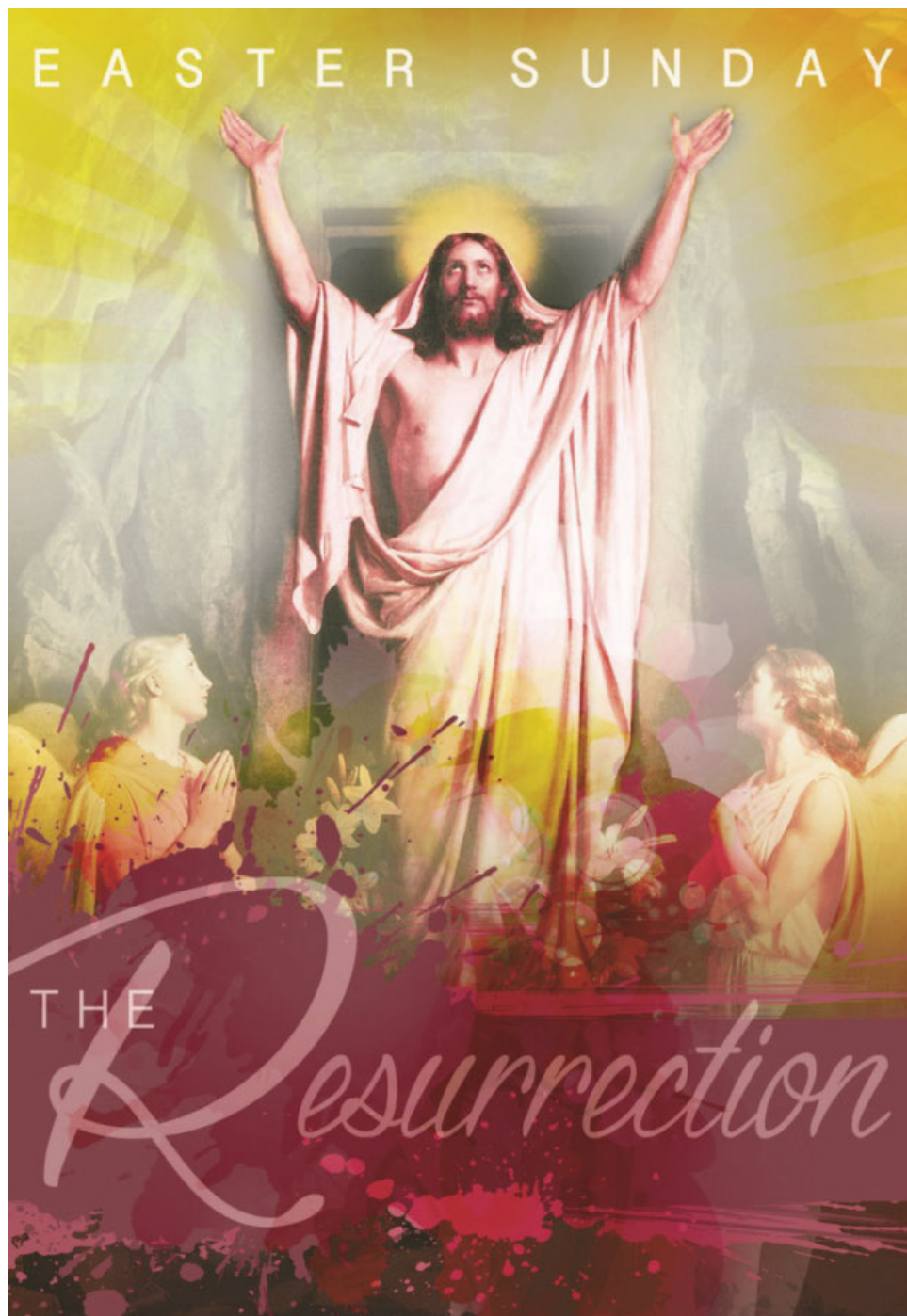


GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.

APRIL 17, 2022



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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

Wednesdays 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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Let's Gather

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SAVE THE DATE

Our final Let's Gather event will be a special BBQ family dinner on May 21st inside the Fr. Philip Wells Hall. The event will be free to all but due to limited seating, advance RSVP will be required. Please check our website for details.

To celebrate our amazing year of gathering as a parish family, we will be putting together a slideshow of all of these events which will be shared on our website and shown at the dinner in May. If you have photos you'd like to share to be included in the slide show, please email them to Nick at nickjr@us-suarez.com.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA DEVOTION

The Celebration of the Feast of the Divine Mercy is on Sunday, April 24. All masses will recognize Divine Mercy Sunday and special events will be held at the 1:00 pm Mass. Bring your images or statues of Divine Mercy for blessing at the end of the 1:00 pm Mass. Procession and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet will follow. Brown Bag snack will be distributed after the procession outside Philip Wells Hall. Everyone is invited. For more information, call Rolly and Susan at (916) 203-8765 or Maria Tang (916) 230-9605.



Remaining Novena Schedule:

- Easter Sunday: after 1:00 pm Mass
- Mon April 18th - Fri April 22nd: after daily Mass
- Saturday, April 23rd: 3:00 pm

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 is meeting on Thursdays at 7pm. For more information email Carlos at ifourc@hotmail.com.

Dear Good Shepherd parishioners,

The season of Lent marked a uniquely special time for Catholics as we moved through our days engaged in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Our penitential focus balanced spirituality, discipline and generosity to transform us to less so that Christ could become more.

On Easter Sunday, the Gospel of John evokes a sense of this transformation as the disciples, Peter and John, run to the tomb. Fear, anxiety, and uncertainty pave their path but in their discovery of the empty tomb, John "saw and believed."

As modern missionary disciples, we can relate to those uneasy minutes shared by Peter and John on that first Easter. All through Lent, we found ourselves running to discover the empty tomb, too. Today we arrive awakened and restored! We are unable to contain our joy and "Alleluia" is our song!

Therefore, the transforming effects of Lent have served as leaven to the world. Missionary disciples rise up and share the message of Jesus Christ. I hope you have experienced the fullness of Lent and were able to join us for the various liturgies and programs here at Good Shepherd.

On behalf of our parochial vicar, Father Julius Kiogora Kaburu, our deacons, parish staff and myself, may you see anew upon your arrival at the empty tomb today and believe in the promises of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, of life everlasting.

In love of Christ our Savior,

Reverend Michael Vaughan

Welcome

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US

If this is your first time joining Good Shepherd, or if you're just returning after a long absence, we want to WELCOME YOU to our parish family. We are so glad you're here! There are several ways you can keep up with all that's happening here and STAY CONNECTED!

- Check **our website**, www.gscccg.org. There you'll find the most up-to-date information.
- Download **our app, My Parish**. The app includes links to daily Mass, scripture readings, etc. Text "App" to 88202 for the link. We also use this tool to send out important messages.
- Our Facebook page**. Like and follow [@goodshepherdelkgrove](https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdelkgrove).
- Evangelus** Allows us to send email and/or text messages to parishioners. Please email gscdevelopment@frontier.com to be added to our email list.
- Our YouTube channel**. Search for "Good Shepherd Catholic Church Elk Grove" and subscribe to our channel.

READINGS & OBSERVANCES

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Easter Sunday
Monday:	Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday:	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday:	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday:	Thursday within the Octave of Easter; St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	Friday within the Octave of Easter; Earth Day
Saturday:	Saturday within the Octave of Easter; St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

8:50pm Easter Vigil Mass—no intentions
He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

7:00 am Godofredo Gunabe (DA)
9:00 am Felicidad Asato (DA)
11:00 am Feleti Frederick Fotu (+)
1:00 pm Lourdes Visitacion (BD)

MONDAY, APRIL 18

Alexander & Maria Carla Keh (WA)

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

Daniel Martínez Casas (+)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

Emitera Canio (+)

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

Tony and Antoinette Duarte (50yrWA)

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

Pauline Erhard (DA)

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

THIS WEEK WE WILL REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Birthdays: 7am 4/17: Leo Ricardo Tomeros; 9am 4/17: Marie Ticsay; 1pm 4/17: Carmen Cua; 4/18: Khayla Silverio, Kharylle Silverio; 4/19: Evangeline Kleinfeld; 4/20: May Caasi Untalan; 4/21: Tony Duarte; 4/22: Beena Monsy, Eric Silverio, Zairus Silverio

Special Intention for Healing: 7am 4/17: Silvestre family

Special Intention: 4/19: Sophia Carreon

Anniversary: 1pm 4/17: Richard and Glory Tactacan (25yrWA)

Death Anniversary: 7am 4/17: Ricardo Bocalbos, Wilfredo C. David; 9am 4/17: Istria Lopez-Alvarez (9yrDA); 11am 4/17: Pilar Pavon, Arnel Rosanes, Marilu Sangalang; 4/19: Pablo Arellano, Paulino Ong Sr., Drexel Wessler (8yrDA); 4/20: Rosita Baysa

Repose of the Soul: 7am 4/17: Virginia Estioco, Conrado and Estela Gunabe, Margaret Pivec; 9am 4/17: Celis Naval, Erlinda Sandoval; 11am 4/17: Isabel Pawid Codomon; 1pm 4/17: Micah Geronimo, Huan Le; 4/18-4/22: Isabel Pawid Codomon; 4/18: Corazon Joves; 4/19: Tessie C. Samson; 4/20: Scott Avis; 4/21: Eusbeio Santos, Joao Silva



UPCOMING FUNERALS:

Jose Flores April 25 @ 11:00 am



LEAVE IT IN THE TOMB

Today, on the most important day of the liturgical year, the Apostle Paul is calling us out.

“I see you hiding in that tomb,” he says. “I see you baking with that old, stale yeast, thinking no one will notice.”

He says it a little more elegantly, I’ll grant you. But the message is this: If you want to be raised with Christ, you’d better be ready to step out of the shadows. Seek what is above — not what is on earth.

I can feel myself responding almost reflexively, “Great idea, Paul — but I’m pretty comfy here.” Because sometimes, it’s just easier to stay in the tomb. It’s easier to crouch in the shadows and look outward at everyone else, thinking of the changes they could make or the sins they could overcome.

Today we are called to embrace newness. New hearts, new lives, new futures, new chances. If there’s anything keeping you from that, you need to leave it in the tomb. It’s a little scary, sure — maybe Jesus thought so before he stepped into the light of that first Easter morning. But no loaf of bread worth eating was ever baked using stale yeast that wouldn’t rise. No new life worth having was ever lived through the broken sins of yesterday. No Easter morning ever dawned without the tomb sitting empty.

Step into the light. He is waiting for you.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LP

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic faith and teachings? If you are from a different faith or denomination or if you were baptized Catholic but didn't study your Catholic faith, then RCIA may be for you. Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) prepares adults that want to become Catholic or Catholics that have not received instruction in the faith for Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. Come and see and grow in your faith. We use a variety of resources to provide engaging and inspiring lessons, address questions about God and the Catholic Church, reflections on faith, and what God wants for you.

Register now – Classes begin in August after the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass.

Registration forms are available online at <https://gsccceg.org/formation/rcia-sacrament-preparation-adults>. Contact Carlos or Valerie Ramos @ rcia@gsccceg.org for more information.

Please join us in congratulating and praying for our brothers and sisters who have been fully received into the church at this weekend's Easter Vigil Mass: Kyle Alander, Robert Benton, David Mario Ceccarelli, Cheyenne Jones, Vicha Lim, Jonathan (Jon) Rogers, Jason Saetern, Dat Troung, Calista Reine Esguerra, Ella Haynes, Laura Yvette Moreno, Roslyn Dacones Nera and Carlos Moncada.



Thank you for your support of our St. Vincent de Paul Society! **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.

GOOD SHEPHERD GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

“Hearts of Compassion”, will offer seven Monday evening group sessions beginning April 25 thru June 6 from 6:30pm until 8:00pm This outreach ministry of Good Shepherd parish

provides support to parishioners and their family and friends who are experiencing the loss of a loved one. Led by grief peer counselors, the group will meet in the Church Conference Room in the Narthex of the Church. For more information, please call Suzanne Dodd, 916- 801-0561. All are welcome!

SEAS PRESCHOOL/ SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Preschool Registration for Fall 2022 is now open. Summer School Registration is also open for preschool through 7th grade. Please call for more information: Tammy Babich, Preschool Director, 916-691-4825 or email tbabich@stelizabetheg.org.



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:

- **April 22**—Tik Tok Night (middle school at St. Joseph)
- **April 24**—Rockin' Jump. All teens are welcome. Sign up at thegroveyouthministry.com.



PARISH REGISTRATION AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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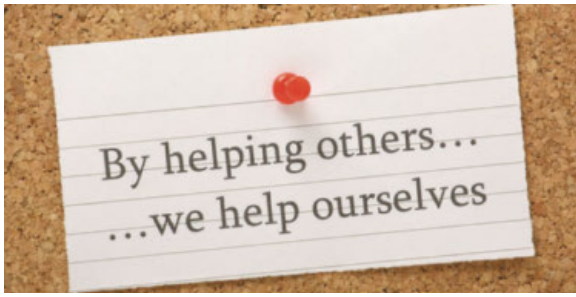
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WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTAL FOR APRIL 9/10 WILL BE IN NEXT WEEKEND'S BULLETIN.

CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Christ is risen! As His disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of Christ's Resurrection. The fruitful ministries at our parish are examples of how many of you have answered, and continue to answer, that call. To ensure such work can continue requires not only gifts of time, but also of financial help. We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct. 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://gsceeg.org/volunteer](https://gsceeg.org/volunteer) to see how you can help.

LECTIO: EUCHARIST ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

The Columbiettes invite all parishioners to join them in a ZOOM Bible Study hosted by St. John the Baptist Parish in Folsom. Enrich your faith by learning how God planned The Eucharist from the very beginning when Adam and Eve had to leave the Garden of Eden. Come dive down with us and find out how God weaved this gift of love through our Salvation History so that everyone who believed can have food for their souls as they journey through life. This eye-opening bible study will leave you feeling thoroughly loved and awed. This 10 week bible study will be on Thursdays beginning April 21st. For more information contact Angela at 916-342-3368 or email recatechists60@gmail.com. You can also visit www.folsomcatholic.org/.



CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

As we celebrate Easter and the joy of the Resurrection, let your heart continue the journey of faith! If you or someone you know has been away from the Church, longing to reconnect, there is no better time! The Catholics Returning Home ministry will begin a new 7-week series of its outreach ministry for non-practicing Catholics this Wednesday, April 20, 2022. Join us in this small group setting to re-explore your Catholic faith and reacquaint yourself with all that we believe. We will meet in the John Paul II room from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Visit the parish website for the complete schedule and registration form. We welcome you home to the Good Shepherd Parish community!



LOOKING FOR HIDDEN CURSILLISTAS

Are you are Cursillista and new to the area? We want to get to know you. Are you interested in refreshing your Cursillo involvement, join us for 4th Day Group meetings or for Cursillo events? Send us your contact information. We want to keep you informed on all activities in Elk Grove and the Sacramento Diocese. Let us know if you are not receiving our email updates. Contact Monica Small (smallusf77@yahoo.com or Maria Serpa (serpamhome@gmail.com). If you are interested in joining Cursillo, contact us so a resource can contact you to learn more.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to our Knights of Columbus and their helpers for beautifying our campus by spreading fresh bark in our flower beds last week. Also, our gratitude goes out to everyone who participated in the environment changes during Holy Week. Please contact the parish office if you would like to be involved in future projects such as these which greatly enhance our worship experience.

LOOKING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS

If you're interested in being an altar server, please attend our upcoming training on Sunday, May 15th at 2:30 pm in the church. Altar servers must have received the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Reconciliation, be 10 or older (OR in 4th grade or above) and must be enrolled in parochial school or CFF. **This invitation is also open to adults who would like to serve at Mass, particularly at SUN 7am and 1pm Masses.** It's a great way for a family to share in the experience of serving God. Current altar servers who need a refresher may also attend. Please use the QR code to sign up.



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