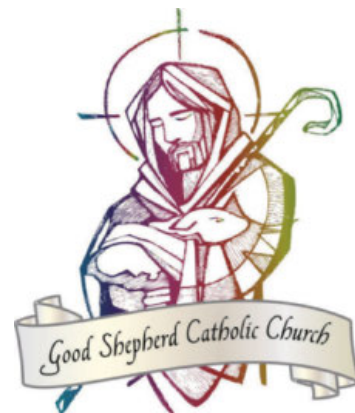
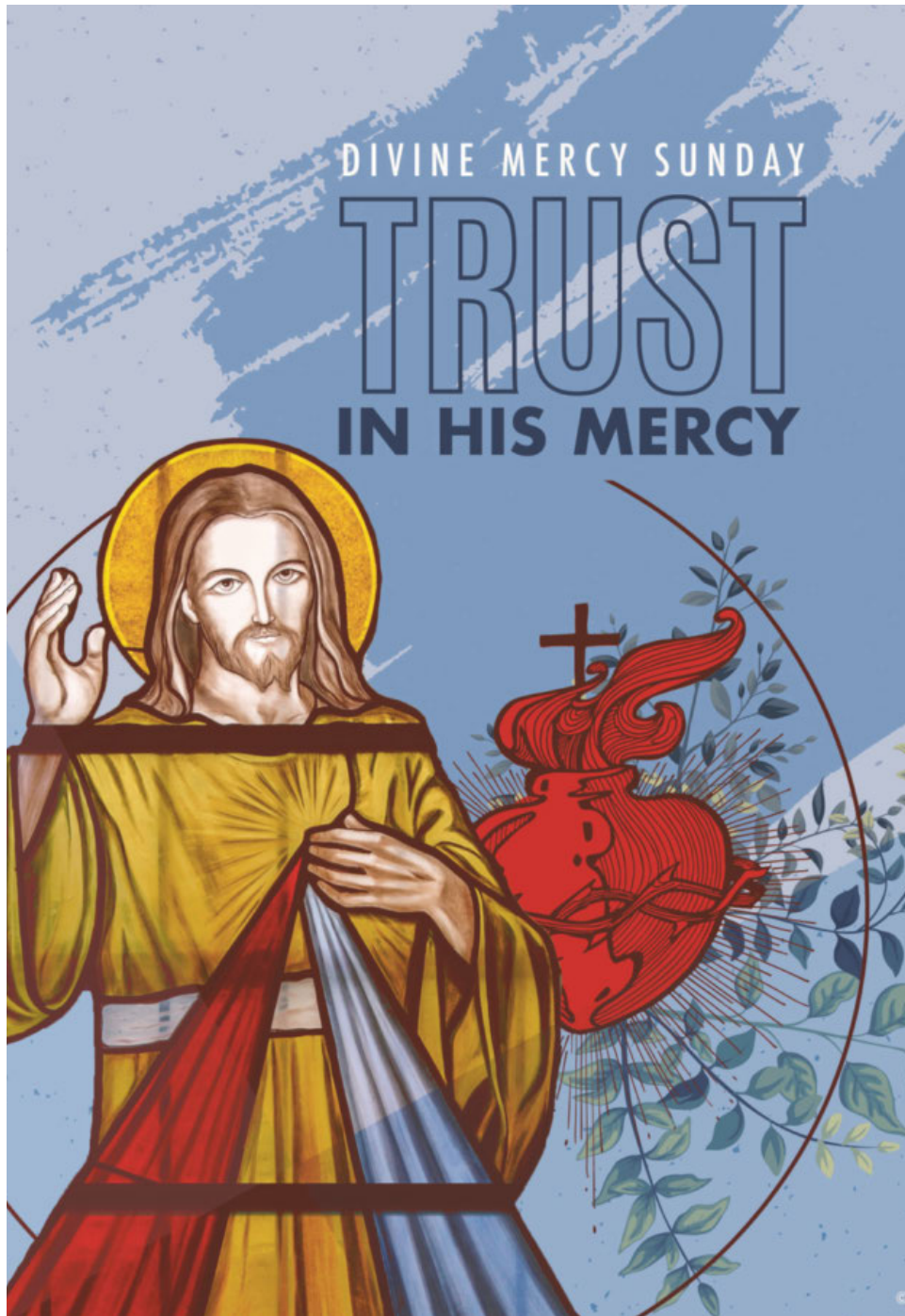


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MISSION STATEMENT:

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.

APRIL 24, 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

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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Let's Gather

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THANK YOU

Many thanks to Ted at **Laguna Party Rentals** for the donation of the backdrop that was used in the parish hall for the Altar of Repose during the Triduum. Be sure to support this local business that is always willing to help us out!



Altar flowers are a wonderful way to bring beauty to the Mass in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one. If you would like to donate flowers for the altar or help arrange flowers on Friday afternoons, please contact the church office for more information.

This weekend's flowers are donated by the Young Family for their thanksgiving intentions.

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.

FAMILY DINNER

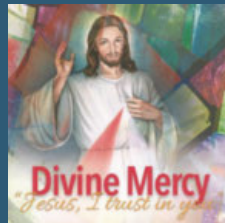
Our final Let's Gather event will be a special BBQ family dinner on May 21st inside the Fr. Philip Wells Hall. The event will be free to all but due to limited seating, advance RSVP will be required. Please check our website for details.

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 today Sunday, April 24. All masses will recognize Divine Mercy Sunday and we will have first class relics of St. Faustina available for veneration after all Masses. Bring your images or statues of Divine Mercy for blessing at the 1:00 pm Mass. Procession and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet will take place after the 1:00 pm Mass. Brown Bag snack will be distributed after the procession. Everyone is invited.



SHARING AND CARING SENIORS

The Sharing & Caring Seniors have scheduled a bus trip to Red Hawk Casino on Wednesday, May 18. The bus will depart from the church parking lot promptly at 9:30 am and will return around 3:30 pm. The cost is \$3.00. This event is open to all parishioners and their family and friends. To make a reservation and for more information please call Helen Bayha 916-683-1943. The deadline to make a reservation is Wednesday May 11, 2022.

READINGS & OBSERVANCES

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/ Jn 20:19-31
Monday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	2 nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy); St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
Monday:	St. Mark, Evangelist
Wednesday:	Administrative Professionals' Day
Thursday:	St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
Friday:	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church; Arbor Day
Saturday:	St. Pius V, Pope

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

5:00pm Maria Cordero Arrieta (+)

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

7:00 am Cathy Carillo (+)

9:00 am Jose Sandoval (+)

11:00 am Christopher Beck (+)

1:00 pm Celino & Nena Marquez (57yrWA)

5:00 pm Luz Orallo Perez (DA)

MONDAY, APRIL 25

Ramon Fernandez (BD)

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

George and Shybi (WA)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

Ernie Bilstad (+)

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

Scarlet Domingo (SU)

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

Santiago and Rosario Kabiting (50yrWA)

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

THIS WEEK WE WILL REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Birthday: 4/26: Manuel Curso; 4/27: Cita Lumbang; 4/29: Robert Kawada

Thanksgiving: 4/26: Ellen Cariaga, Judith Marshall; 11:00 am 4/24: Gloria Alejo; 1:00 pm 4/24: Divine Mercy Group and Devotees; 4/28: Robert Kawada family

Special Intention for Healing: 7am 4/24: Isaiah David Monteiro; 1pm 4/24: Rafeeka Begum, Luz Sauer, Peter Sareth Say; 5pm 4/24: Elizabeth Sophy Chath, Michael Rodriguez Taaca; 4/26: Claire Gonzales, Debbie Radoc

Death Anniversary: 5pm 4/24: Augustina Fontela (1yrDA); 4/25: Esperanza Lardizabal

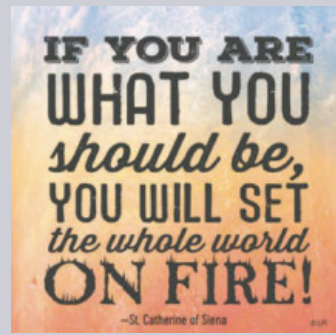
Rest of the Soul: All Masses: Catalino Merlo Estrada, Maxine Fender, James Francis Pivec, Evelyn Walker, Nicolas Warque; 5pm 4/23: JB Phan Ngoc Can, Isabel Pawid Codomon, Lawrence Cruz, Francisca Arciaga Orallo, Isaac Arciaga Orallo, Lily Quiambao; 7am 4/24: Joseph Persekian, Benjamin Sandoval; 9am 4/24: Isagani Aguilar, Ramon Corpus, Rodolfo Corpus, Jesus O. Ibay; 11am 4/24: Lawrence Case, Lucas Datoy, Lourdes Dollesin; 1pm 4/24: Isabel Pawid Codomon, Huan Le, Houli Khouth; 5pm 4/24: Ana Amnar, Prince Kath; 4/25: Josefina Acevedo, Isabel Pawid Codomon, Virginia Almazan Estioco; 4/26: Adrian Bonilla; 4/27: Rogelio G. Radoc Sr.; 4/28: Justa Damasén, Leon Damasén, 4/29: Benjamin Sandoval, Patricia Velasco



UPCOMING FUNERALS:

Jose Flores April 25 at 11:00 am ~ Adalber Lozano April 26 at 11:00 am

Evelyn Walker April 27 at 11:00 am ~ Artemio Candalla May 5 at 11:00 am



THE WORLD IS WATCHING

If you're a parent, you know this to be true: the world is watching. All it takes is one slip-up — one bad word, one selfish action, one uncharitable commentary, and that's the thing your child seems to notice.

When he or she calls you on it, the only thing you can do is come clean. "Yep, I did that," you have to say. "I'm a work in progress, but luckily, God never stops working."

I think it's fair to say that we don't think enough about the wounds of Christ. It's a little understandable, of course. Our human bodies flinch at the sight of such pain and mortification. It's a lot to handle, the physical trauma of a crucifixion. It carries an R rating in a PG world.

But the wounds of Christ are the only thing that could make Thomas believe. Literally nothing else was so powerful, not even the testimony of his most trusted friends. Only by looking at and feeling the torn flesh — by beholding that messy reality — did this Apostle, this actual companion of Christ, come to believe in the Resurrection.

"Christ has no body now but yours," goes the famous quote attributed to St. Teresa of Avila. What she's saying is that we have become the means through which God chooses to accomplish His will in the world. Us, the broken. Us, the weary. Us, the imperfect. Yes, miraculous events and apparitions still occur from time to time, but by and large, if a person is going to come to believe in Jesus Christ in this day and age, it will be because of something we Christians do or say.

Christ has no wounds now but ours. Our brokenness, our weariness, our imperfection — our reality. It all belongs to him, and the world is watching. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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. A team of Good Shepherd parishioners present lessons on such topics as: God and his relationship to Man, the Bible, the Ten Commandments, the Church, Catholic Doctrines and a variety of other faith matters. 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://gsccg.org/formation/rcia-sacrament-preparation-adults>

Contact Carlos or Valerie Ramos at rcia@gsccg.org for more information.



Thank you for your support of our St. Vincent de Paul Society! On April 11 we served 43 families consisting of 194 people and gave out 174 boxes of food. On April 18 we served 36 families consisting of 167 people and gave out 148 boxes of food. **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.

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!

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@stelizabethg.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:

- **May 1**—"Drift" (high school at Good Shepherd)
- **May 6**—How Do I Know What is Right? (middle school at Good Shepherd)
- **May 15**—Grove at the Movies (movie night at Century Laguna theater for all teens). Register at thegroveyouthministry.com



PARISH REGISTRATION AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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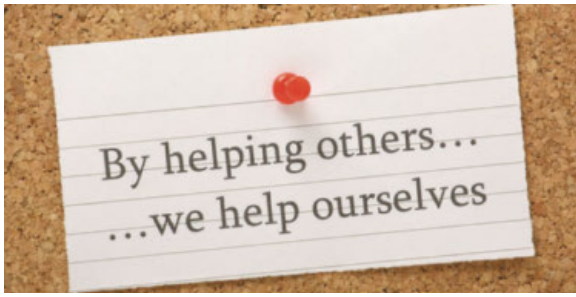
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CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

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.**



Terry DeFrates, our Art and Environment Ministry Chair, is retiring after many years of leadership and dedication to Good Shepherd Catholic Church. Terry, his wife Ruth, and their team are well known for their wonderful environments for Lent, Easter, Advent and Christmas. Most recently, our church environment changed 8 times over the 7 weeks of Lent to emphasize the liturgical character. This is the busiest time of year for the Art and Environment Team. Fr. Michael, clergy, Liturgy Board and office staff all thank Terry for his service to our parish community!

CATECHETICAL FOUNDATIONS

This course is for anyone in the Diocese who wishes to gain an understanding of the fundamentals of the Christian faith and how to pass it on to others. Upcoming session May 2, 2022. For more information visit <https://www.scd.org/catecheticalfoundations> or contact Lauralyn Solano lsolano@scd.org (916) 733-0153.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

If you're interested in being an altar server, please attend our training on Sunday, May 15th at 2:30 pm. Altar servers must have received the Sacrament of First Eucharist, 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.



APRIL 25 6:30 PM GSSC "I'M STRESSED OUT, BURNT OUT, AND OVERWHELMED, Where is My Good Shepherd?"

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