

# 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.

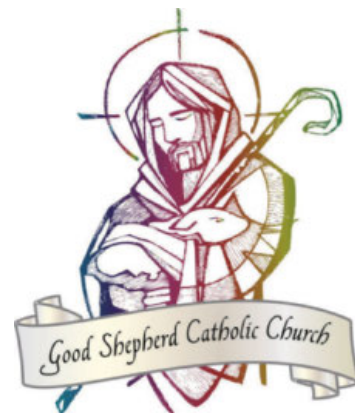
MAY 1, 2022



## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b

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## PARISH STAFF

**Pastor:** *Rev. Michael Vaughan*

Parochial Vicar: *Rev. Julius Kiogora Kaburu*

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Coordinator: *Diane Marcotte*

## OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

916-683-2963

Coordinator, Religious Education:

*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

Weekdays: 8:30 am

First Saturday: 9:30 am

Swahili Mass: First Sunday at 2:30 pm

Spanish Mass: Fourth Sunday at 7:00 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

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Closed Wednesdays

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Preschool Director: *Tammy Babich*

(916) 691-4825

# Let's Gather

AND AWAKEN THE JOY!



## 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 is required. Please check our website for details and to see how you can volunteer and help make this a great event!

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](mailto:nickjr@us-suarez.com).

## 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.

## SPANISH MASS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Join us for the first monthly Spanish Mass on Sunday, May 22nd at 7 pm. There will be a planning meeting with our Committee Guadalupano on Monday, May 16th at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room in the church narthex. All are welcome to join in the planning for this new monthly Mass.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 6:** First Friday Adoration 10:00 am—3:00 pm  
**May 7:** First Saturday Mass @ 9:30 am  
**May 10:** Knights of Columbus Rosary @ 7:00 pm  
**May 12:** St. John Caregiver Support Group @ 10:00 am

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Sunday, May 8th, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to "Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38, Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. Many resources for vocations can be found at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).



**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.

# 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](http://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](mailto: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 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/  
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14  
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14  
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40  
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51  
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59  
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter; St. Joseph the Worker  
Monday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Tuesday: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles  
Thursday: National Day of Prayer; Cinco de Mayo

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, APRIL 30

5:00 pm Jeslin and Tobin (SI)

### SUNDAY, MAY 1

7:00 am Alfred and Helen Lial (+)  
9:00 am Eden Dela Cruz (1yrDA)  
11:00 am James and Margaret Pivec (+)  
1:00 pm Nestor Noveno (BD)  
5:00 pm Alberta Corpuz (BD)

### MONDAY, MAY 2

Parishioners of Good Shepherd (SI)

### TUESDAY, MAY 3

Aida de la Vega (+)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

Florentina Curso (DA)

### THURSDAY, MAY 5

Tan Kung Bee (+)

### FRIDAY, MAY 6

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:

**Birthday:** 4/30: Thelma Tan; 9am 5/1: Donna Causin; 11am 5/1: Jayden Austria; 1pm 5/1: Joseph Guce;  
5/3: Alfred Harville; 5/4: Aaron Harville; 5/6: Jordan dela Cruz

**Thanksgiving:** 4/30: Manuel Curso

**Special Intention for Healing:** 11am 5/1: Shantelle Bacerra

**Death Anniversary:** 4/30: Selfa Cajandig; 1pm 5/1: Gale Nguyen (2yrDA); 5/3: Alma Francisco

**Repose of the Soul:** 5pm 4/30: Catalino Canlas; 7am 5/1: Ernie Bilstad, Conrado and Estela Gunabe, Marissa Roxas Lumbar; 9am 5/1: Marcosa Ciriaco, Irene Radoc, Marissa Roxas Lumbar; 11am 5/1: Ken-ny Lucy Gemora, Theofila Radoc, Zoraida Radoc; 1pm 5/1: Huan Le, Monette Verzosa; 5/4: Domingos Fagundes; Anthony Satumo Somera

### 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:

Artemio Candalla May 5 at 11:00 am



### GIFTS IN DISGUISE

Have you ever opened a gift and wondered what the giver was thinking?

I won't call out any of my family or friends here, but suffice to say, I think we have all been the confused recipient of a sweater that wasn't our size or a gift card to a store where we don't shop. But we smiled all the same and said how much it meant to us, because we know that when it comes to gifts, it's all about the gesture.

Suffering is a lot like that — the gift you never asked for, and don't really want to receive. Sometimes we look at suffering and, like the apostles who see Jesus as a stranger on the shore, we don't recognize it for what it can be. We don't appreciate the catalyst suffering can be for change, for growth, for grace.

What was the gift that you received in disguise? Was it a relationship that confounded and frustrated you? Was it a job that tested your spirit? An obstacle that stopped you dead in your tracks? A rejection that threatened to break your spirit?

If I go back and look at the worst gifts I've ever gotten, chances are that I didn't like them because I didn't know what to do with them — they were more fitted for someone else's interests, someone else's life. It's the same with suffering. We're tempted to cast suffering aside when it comes our way because it doesn't fit the person we are. Suffering is made to fit the person God knows we have the ability, with His grace, to become.

Hang onto that suffering. Unlike the misshapen sweater, it really will come in handy.

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](mailto:rcia@gsccg.org) for more information.



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. Beginning May 1st food distributions hours are Monday mornings from 9:00 –10:00 am.

**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!

**HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA MINISTRY** is having a special prayer for our spiritual gifts and holy works on May 7 at 8:40 am preceding the 1st Saturday Mass.

Pentecost is on June 5 and Holy Spirit Novena prayers will start on May 27.

All are welcome to join the Holy Spirit Novena Ministry. Our next meeting is on May 12 at 11:30 am in the youth room. For more information email [holyspiritnovenaministry@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritnovenaministry@gmail.com).



## 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](http://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](http://thegroveyouthministry.com)



### PARISH REGISTRATION AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS

New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community? ☐

Recently moved or changed phone number? ☐

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Please provide weekly offering envelopes ☐Yes ☐No

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## STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTAL FOR EASTER: \$38,601.74

WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTAL FOR APRIL 23/24: \$25,398.37

## 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](https://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.



**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!

## 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.



## MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE

Next weekend the Knights of Columbus will be selling beautiful red roses for that special someone—MOM—in your life. Each rose will be \$7 and all proceeds benefit the Sacramento Life Center. Cash or credit cards accepted. Thank you for your support.

## JOB OPENING

Christian Brothers High School currently has two positions open in their student life department. For more information on these and other job openings within our diocese, visit [scd.org/employment](https://scd.org/employment).

## DIOCESAN WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

**Religious Liberty and Parental Responsibility in K-12 Education & Curriculum** — Invitation to those with children in K-12 public education: This gathering will equip families, especially parents, with the tools to navigate the legalities surrounding religious liberty and parental responsibility in K-12 education regarding curriculum. This workshop will also cover strategies for families to share their religious faith with care and compassion and how to respectfully engage in the public square. Tuesday, May 17 at 7:00 pm. For more information, contact Moises De Leon at 916-733-0133 or [mdeleon@scd.org](mailto:mdeleon@scd.org).





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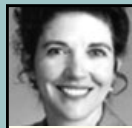
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