

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.

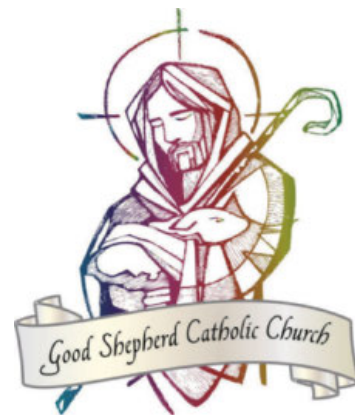
JULY 24, 2022



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“He will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.” - Lk 11:8

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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

Tagalog Mass: Second Sunday at 3:00 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: After Morning Mass - 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

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WWW.GSCCEG.ORG



SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for our next parish Bingo night on Saturday, August 20 at 6:30 pm in the Fr. Philip Wells Hall. First Bingo card for each player is free. Additional cards can be purchased for \$1. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase and prizes will be awarded for Bingo winners! Bring the family and enjoy a fun game night with us.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD EXHIBIT

We're excited to have the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit coming to Good Shepherd Aug. 24-28. This will include a special Mass and opportunity for veneration of first class relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis. More information to come soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 24: Spanish Mass @ 7:00 pm
- July 27: FIAT Young Adult group meets @ 7:00 pm
- Aug. 5: First Friday Adoration
- Aug. 6: First Saturday Mass @ 9:30 am
- Aug. 7: Swahili Mass @ 2:30 pm

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

The Altar Server Ministry is looking for new Altar Servers. 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 the religious education program. **This invitation is also open to adults, particularly any with an interest in 7am and 1pm**



Mass. It's a great way for a family to share in the experience of serving God. If you are a current Altar Server but need a refresher, feel free to register. Training will be held Sunday, August 21st from 2:30 to 4:30pm. Please use the QR code to sign up.

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.

Classes are held weekly after the 9:00 am Sunday Mass and begin in August. Register online at <https://gscceg.org/formation/rcia-sacrament-preparation-adults> or contact Carlos or Valerie Ramos at rcia@gscceg.org.

REAL LIFE CATHOLIC

Think back to last spring when we had our amazing parish mission with Chris Stefanick and he spoke about how to live the joyful life that Christ wants for us. It really wasn't that long ago! Do you need some help remembering his 9 rules to live by? Or just enjoy Chris's message? If you would like to receive weekly inspirational content from Chris and Real Life Catholic, we encourage you to do so by signing up at reallifecatholic.com.

READINGS & OBSERVANCES

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest
Monday: St. James, Apostle
Tuesday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: St. Martha
Saturday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 23

5:00pm Roberto Arellano (BD)

SUNDAY, JULY 24

7:00 am Conrado and Estela Gunabe (+)
9:00 am Candido Salvador (+)
11:00 am Rosalind Marie Schenck (+)
1:00 pm Michael David Ramirez (DA)
5:00 pm Isidro Flaviano Chaves (+)
7:00 pm Thelma Balladares (2yrDA)

MONDAY, JULY 25

Justin and Leela Mattathil (31st yr WA)

TUESDAY, JULY 26

Medardo Bejarin (+)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

Jevin Mattathil (BD)

THURSDAY, JULY 28

Antonio Fernandez (BD)

FRIDAY, JULY 29

Janice Lenti (+)

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: 7am 7/24: Malia Abria, Aileen Mueller, Elijah Mueller; 7/25: Jeremiah Pulanco, Aileen Ortenzi; 7/27: Ricardo Cruz, Cathy C. Jones; 7/28: Peter Vicio; 7/29: Clare dela Cruz, Leana Vicio

Special Intention for Healing: 5pm 7/23: Jesse and Rosita Vasquez; 7/27: Teody Marucut

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Anniversary: 7/25: Chuck and Barbara De Paoli; 7/27: Stefan and Josephine Manaois (27yrWA)

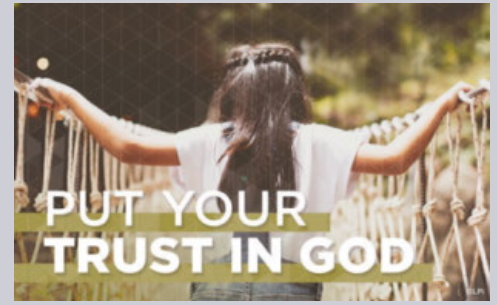
Death Anniversary: 5pm 7/23: Feleti Frederick Fotu (2yrDA); 7/25: Gliceria Corso; 7/26: Oscar Moreno, Leon and Biabina Reyes; 7/27: Laureano Baclig; 7/29: Andres Del Rosario Jr.

Rest of the Soul: All Masses 7/23 and 7/24: Mary Baitnott; 5pm Sat 7/23: Manuel Isturis, Jr., Patricia Gomez, Antonio and Esther Susana; 7am 7/24: Medardo Bejarin; 9am 7/24: Leo Licastro, Alberto Lomat, Katherine Marie Smith; 11am 7/24: Ann Eder, Roger Herrera, Ernesto Macabenta, William Kawada; 1pm 7/24: Crispina Felicitas, 5pm 7/24: Manuel Isturis, Jr.; 7pm 7/24: Enrique Balladares; 7/25: Manuel Isturis, Jr., William Santos Sr.; 7/26: Manuel Isturis, Jr.; 7/27: Agustina Saez; 7/28: Jose and Ilda Martins, Inocencia Ong



UPCOMING FUNERALS

Ursula Espinosa—July 29 at 11:00 am



WHEN I CALLED, YOU ANSWERED

Some of us have that friend about whom we are constantly discovering new things. Maybe we've known this person for ten or even twenty years, and one day at lunch we'll find out they're a direct descendant of a dead president or they once met a major celebrity.

"You never asked," they'll say with a shrug.

As annoying as this can be, it makes perfect sense, doesn't it? We never asked. There is something strangely sacred about the act of asking for something. It requires humility. It requires grace. It requires us to be awake, to be aware, to be vulnerable.

Too often we fall into a pattern of entitlement, even when it comes to information. We go through life thinking that a great cosmic conveyor belt of what we want is going to roll on past us, and we'll barely even have to extend our arms. We read our Bible and we hear all these amazing promises from the Father who loves us, and we get sort of complacent. *He's got this*, we think, and we shut our eyes to take a snooze on the road trip of life, confident that someone else is going to look out for stop signs and wrong turns.

It's true: God's got this. He *is* going to take care of us. But He wants us to be in relationship with Him. He wants us to be an active, receptive participant in our own salvation. See his patience with Abraham's entreaties on behalf of the righteous of Sodom: He wants to answer, not simply to tell.

He wants us to stay awake for the drive.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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YOUTH MINISTRY

All middle school and high school teens are welcome to attend weekly events at The Grove Youth Ministry! This joint effort of Good Shepherd, St. Joseph and St. Maria Goretti is aimed to bring Elk Grove teens together to have fun while learning how to be missionary disciples.

Events rotate among the three parishes. Upcoming events include:

- Sisterhood Nights—Monday evenings at Good Shepherd
- Community Service—Monday mornings at Good Shepherd
- Kickball & Dodgeball at St. Joseph/Elk Grove Park

Encourage your teen to attend and bring a friend! Keep up with The Grove at thegroveyouthministry.com or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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. Food distribution is on Monday mornings from 9:00 –10:00 am.

INTO THE BREACH

Catholic men are called to be fathers, role models, leaders, Deacons and Priests. The **Knights of Columbus** and **Soldiers of Saint Michael the Archangel** are hosting a series of gatherings on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm, open to

all Catholic men (18+). Come join your Catholic brothers and step **Into the Breach!** Email Michael or Joe for more info at intothebreach2022@gmail.com.

FIAT YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Fiat is a ministry for Catholic young adults (ages 18-39) that seeks to inspire personal holiness through holistic formation, authentic friendships, intentional discipleship, vocational discernment, & a deeper encounter with Christ. Join us each Wednesday for fellowship after Adoration. To contact us, please email us at fiat.ya.eg@gmail.com. For more events & updates, follow us on Instagram @fiat_ya, or find us on Facebook by searching Fiat Catholic Young Adults.



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 help arrange flowers on Friday afternoons, please contact the church office for more information. **This weekend's beautiful flowers are donated in honor of the 63rd wedding anniversary of Charles and Barbara De Paoli. Congratulations!**



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 JULY 16/17 WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEKEND'S BULLETIN.

CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Church attendance wanes in the summer months but the services we provide for the parish and community continue year round. Your consistent financial support is vital to achieving our stewardship mission. The easiest way to be sure your gift reaches us even when you can't be here is through Faith Direct for automated giving. It's secure and convenient and there is no cost to you. This 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.**

JOB OPENINGS

Are you interested in working with children, or the possibility of teaching in a Catholic school? St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is looking for classroom aides! If you are interested please call 916.684.7903 or email Marci Greene at mgreene@stelizabetheg.org.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Father Vaughan is currently seeking parishioners to fill several vacancies on the Parish Finance Council. This council functions as a consultative body to the pastor. It consists of selected professionals to advise the pastor in these areas: preparation of the annual operating budget, long-term financial planning, annual parish financial report, (which is submitted to the Bishop) and annual and periodic financial reports to the faithful. The Council ensures that an adequate system of internal controls is in place to guide the parish in caring for and managing financial resources and temporal goods. The Parish Finance Council observes all policies and procedures outlined in the Parish Financial Management Handbook.

Our parish council meets once a month, usually on the 4th Monday. If you are a business professional or a college student of business looking for a way to serve your parish, please email a brief summary of your experience to Denise in the parish office at goodshepherdchurch@gscceg.org on or before August 30th.

FAMILIES 4 LIFE MINI FESTIVAL

Support the Sacramento Life Center on August 19 from 5-9 pm at their first ever Mini Festival. This fun event for families will include bounce houses, games, music, food trucks, art auction, wine tasting and more. Admission is free. Pre-register at sacrlife.org.



DISCERNMENT RETREATS

Is God Calling you to be a Sister? Do you wonder what being a Sister is all about? Come & See! The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul invite you to join us for a Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat in the Bay Area **Sept. 30 – Oct. 2**. Open to single Catholic women ages 18-40. Contact Sr. Lisa Laguna, D.C. at 650-949-8890 or email srllaguna@doc1633.org. www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com.

Quo Vadis boys discernment retreat takes place **Aug. 5-7** at Trinity Pines Catholic Center. Boys ages 13-17 will learn about the priesthood, diaconate and married life. There will be time for fellowship, games, Mass, adoration and more. To register go to www.scd.org/quovadis or email msmith@scd.org for more information.

BISHOP JAIME SOTO SHARES THE FOLLOWING COMMENT ON SENATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 10

"Join my brother bishops and me in opposing Senate Constitutional Amendment (SCA) 10. This measure would put an initiative on the November ballot amending the California State Constitution to include broad abortion rights.

"The state's political leadership continues to stubbornly cling to the practice of abortion and the throw-away culture. It is reprehensible to enshrine in the State Constitution the practice of abortion even until moments before delivery. The language of SCA 10 is overly vague, reckless and could further endanger children, especially among the poor and marginalized in our state.

"I call on the faithful to imagine a new vision for California, to imagine a society without abortion. Our commitment to the dignity of human life from the moment of conception remains clear. May the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary encourage the prayers and efforts of all the disciples of her Son, Jesus. Let us be the voice of reason and hope by upholding the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all."

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