

# 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.

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022



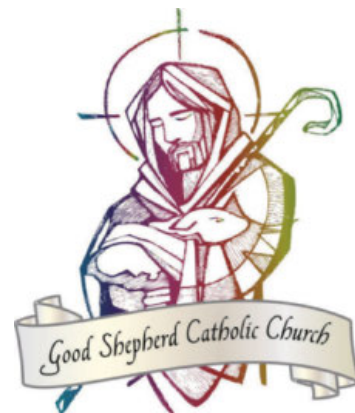
## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?  
... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:28, 33

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*Menchie Cabrera*

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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

Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 pm

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## LIVING IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Come, listen and be filled with the Holy Spirit! All are welcome to hear speaker Robert Canton on September 17 8:30 am to 5:00 pm in the Fr. Philip Wells Hall. This seminar aims to help

people find a new and fuller life as Christians by laying or strengthening the foundation of a truly Christian life and establishing a person in Christ. For more information visit <https://gsccceg.org/blog/living-spirit-seminar>.

## FEAST OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ

Come and celebrate the 11th Annual Diocesan Feast Day Celebration of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila on Friday, Sept. 23 with Mass at 6:00 pm with Bishop Soto. Fellowship will follow in the Fr. Philip Wells Hall immediately after Mass. For more information on the novena schedule, visit <https://gsccceg.org/blog/san-lorenzo-ruiz-de-manila>. Everyone is welcome!



For many years we have been blessed to have the opportunity to serve our parish as **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) and Homebound Ministers (HB)**. These ministries are a very special way to become more active in, and to help nourish our parish community. We are meant to serve one another.

Training sessions for new AND existing EMHC and HB will be Sept. 15 at 6:30 pm, Sept. 17 at 10:30 am (both in the church) and Sept. 28 at 6:30 pm (in the St. Maria Goretti classroom). It is only necessary to attend ONE session. **Anyone wishing to become a new EMHC/HB minister must fill out the application found at [gsccceg.org/blog/extraordinary-minister-training](https://gsccceg.org/blog/extraordinary-minister-training).** For more info contact Carlos Llerena, EMHC Coordinator, by email at [emhc@gsccceg.org](mailto:emhc@gsccceg.org) or contact the church office.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sept. 4:** Swahili Mass @ 2:30 pm  
**Sept. 8:** St. John Caregiver Support Meeting @ 10:00 am  
**Sept. 11:** Pancake Breakfast in Fr. Philip Wells Hall  
**Sept. 13:** Knights of Columbus Rosary @ 7:00 pm in church

Happy Labor Day! The office will be closed on Sept. 5. Take this opportunity to come to Mass at 8:30 am to give thanks to God before celebrating with family and friends. We are truly blessed in our community and country. God is good!!



## 9/11 MASS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

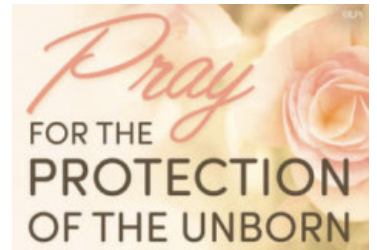
Join us at the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, September 11, to commemorate and thank First Responders, Health Care workers and Military for their service. These individuals serve our communities to keep us safe, healthy and free. Please come in your uniform to this Mass so that we can thank you and bless you.

## KINDERCHURCH REGISTRATION

Kinderchurch registrations are now being accepted and forms are available at <https://gsccceg.org/blog/kinderchurch-back>. We are currently in need of volunteers to make this program a success. If interested in volunteering and/or registering your child for Kinderchurch please contact us at [kinderchurch@gsccceg.org](mailto:kinderchurch@gsccceg.org).

## HELPING WOMEN IN NEED

Please Support Options United, Helping Women in Need - Catholics are called to support unborn children and their mothers so that no woman feels she has no choice but abortion. Do you know someone facing an unexpected or difficult pregnancy, in need of prenatal care, or support with young children? Share the Options for Pregnancy helpline: 877-398-7734, staffed by Options United trained call responders, or visit [www.optionsforpregnancy.com](http://www.optionsforpregnancy.com). The bishops in all twelve of our California dioceses have endorsed this pioneering service and are united in asking you to prayerfully consider making a monthly donation of any size at [www.optionsunited.com/one](http://www.optionsunited.com/one).



## VOTE "NO" ON PROPOSITION 1

Sadly, California is presently one of the most permissive states in the nation for abortion. Proposition 1 promotes an unlimited expansion of abortion here, while its defeat would keep all abortion laws as they are, including our common-sense limits on late-term abortions. Our bishops are calling us to unite in prayer and action to defeat Prop 1. Please visit [www.Catholic.org/Prop1](http://www.Catholic.org/Prop1) to find answers to common questions and resources to help defeat this misleading, expensive, and unnecessary ballot initiative.



## READINGS & OBSERVANCES

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33  
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23  
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42  
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: Labor Day  
Thursday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Friday: St. Peter Claver, Priest

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

5:00 pm Romeo Torralba (DA)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

7:00 am Guerrero & Macawile family (TG)  
9:00 am Long Giroux (SI-H)  
11:00 am Domingos Fagundes (+)  
1:00 pm Mendoza family (SI)  
5:00 pm Edita Chua (+)

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Purita Gipanago (BD)

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Rodulfo Belleza (DA)

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Suzy Fernandez (BD)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Paul Erhard (DA)

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Claudio Lumban (DA)

**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:** 5pm Sat 9/3: Dennis Perez; 9/5: Dory Serilla, Mercy Savella; 9/8: Vincent Ortenzi, Sofia Ote

**Thanksgiving:** 11am 9/4: Dela Cruz family; 1pm 9/4: Bernadas family

**Special Intention for Healing:** 11am 9/4: Boy Cate; 1pm 9/4: Aurea Ingusan

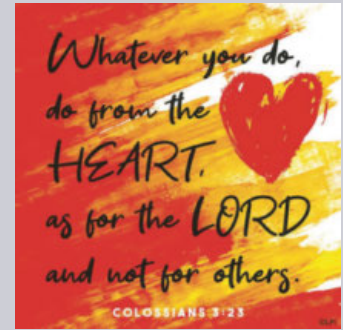
**Special Intention:** 9am 9/4: Bob Knapik and Lanie Kirby

**Death Anniversary:** 5pm 9/3: Marina Orallo Millapre (1yrDA); 9/5: Flora Mendoza; 9/9: Fe A. Santos

**Repose of the Soul:** 5pm Sat 9/3: Edita Chua, Roger Geach; 7am 9/4: Conrado and Estela Gunabe, Alfred and Helen Lial, Ellis Miles; 9am 9/4: Gylherme and Liliana Fernandes; 11am 9/4: Abel Hernandez; 1pm 9/4: Jose Mier Sr., Jose Mier III, Manuel Valdehuesa; 5pm 9/4: Lydia Lapena; 9/7: Nenita Dasalla, Esperanza Lardizabal, Tina and Manuel Marquez; 9/9: Maria Fagundes

### 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 parish office first, we can not guarantee that your intention will be added to the Mass you have requested.



### WHERE'S THE SACRIFICE?

"It's not that I want you to do it. It's that I want you to *want* to do it."

If you're married or in a relationship, your partner has probably either said something like this to you or you have said it to them. If one of you hasn't said it, you have probably wanted to, and it's likely that a big argument or two was had where you dance around the sentiment, these exact words flashing in your mind like an old-time movie marquee.

The "it" never really matters much. Taking out the trash, painting the bedroom, traveling to your in-laws' for Christmas — whatever the subject matter of the disagreement is, it's all just so much set dressing. The heart of the matter is the sacrifice and desire. That's what it all hangs on. *Am I with a person who will sacrifice for me?*

When Paul writes to Philemon that he is sending Onesimus to him, he says exactly this. He tells Philemon that he would prefer to keep Onesimus with him, but that he does not want to deprive Philemon both of Onesimus and the opportunity to make a sacrifice worthy in the sight of the Lord.

The point is not who gets to hang out with Onesimus. The point is, as it says in the Gospel, who is willing to carry his cross? Who is willing to renounce his possessions? Who is willing to do the good deed for the sake of the other?

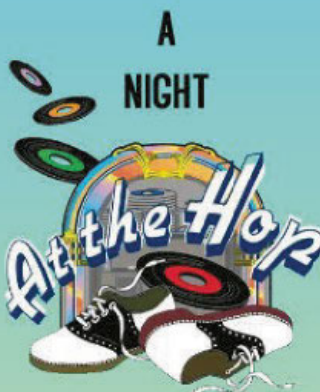
God doesn't care that much about what we have to offer. He cares much more that we have the strength to offer whatever we have.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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# Good Shepherd Presents

September 24 @ 6:30 pm  
Fr. Philip Wells Hall



## Dance the Night Away!

Wear your favorite 50s-era costume!

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## HEARTS OF COMPASSION

Our grief and bereavement ministry, "Hearts of Compassion," will offer seven Monday evening group sessions beginning Sept. 12 thru Oct. 24 from 6:30-8:00 pm. This outreach ministry of Good Shepherd 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 St. John Paul II room. To register please email [hoc@gscceg.org](mailto:hoc@gscceg.org) or call Suzanne Dodd, 916- 801-0561. All are welcome!

## EGUSD PARENTS

To parents of children attending Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD): If you have concerns about public school curriculum and would like to discuss

positive ways to influence curricular decisions, please join an interfaith EGUSD parent group on Tues., Sept. 6 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Questions or concerns? Please contact Lesley Gale, Elk Grove Stake Communication Director, LDS Church at [lesleyeidegale@gmail.com](mailto:lesleyeidegale@gmail.com) or Deacon Rommel at [dcn.rommeldelines@gmail.com](mailto:dcn.rommeldelines@gmail.com). Meeting ID: 890 6100 2598 Passcode: 731290

## HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA MINISTRY

The Holy Spirit Novena Ministry is having a special prayer for holy works of the Holy Spirit on Sat., Sept. 3 at 8:40am preceding the 1st Saturday Mass. This special prayer is for the works of the Holy Spirit in us (Romans 8:1-17). All are welcome to join the Holy Spirit Novena Ministry. Our next meeting will be Thurs., Oct. 13 at 11:30 am in the Youth Room. There will not be a meeting in September. For more

information contact  
[sisonmyrna@gmail.com](mailto:sisonmyrna@gmail.com) or  
[HolySpiritNovenaMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:HolySpiritNovenaMinistry@gmail.com).

## SHALOM RETREAT

All are welcome to join the Shalom Retreat at St. John the Baptist parish in Folsom on Oct. 7-9. For more information visit [shalommedia.org/retreat](http://shalommedia.org/retreat).



## MOTHER THERESA: NO GREATER LOVE

Tickets are now on sale to see the upcoming film in theaters, "Mother Teresa: No Greater Love." Show times are Oct 3 & 4. More information at [fathomevents.com/events/Mother-Teresa-No-Greater-Love](http://fathomevents.com/events/Mother-Teresa-No-Greater-Love).

### PARISH REGISTRATION AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS

New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community? ☐

Recently moved or changed phone number? ☐

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## STEWARDSHIP

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### COLLECTION TOTALS

Weekly collection total for Aug. 27/28: \$22,862.56  
(weekly total includes contributions made through Faith Direct)

### SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, there will be a second collection—the Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement. This is an opportunity for parishioners to thank our faithful and dedicated priests for their long and loving service to the Diocese. Please consider making a donation. To donate online, visit [www.scd.org/dpr](http://www.scd.org/dpr).

### ARE YOU READY TO "FALL INTO EGIVING?"

After the joyful summer months, the Fall season is a great time to streamline your stewardship. eGiving is a way to simplify your giving and provide steady, consistent support that helps us be ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in our community. Your recurring gifts will help strengthen our parish and sustain our ministries throughout the year, even if you need to miss a Sunday Mass. It's easy to get started. Here are the ways to sign up:

- Visit [faith.direct/CA688](http://faith.direct/CA688)
- Call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866-507-8757
- Text "Enroll" to 916-439-8801

Thank you and may God bless your generosity.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you for your support of our St. Vincent de Paul Society! On August 29 we served 56 families consisting of 266 people and gave out 239 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. Food distribution is on Monday mornings from 9:00 – 10:00 am.

### USHERS/GREETERS REQUIRED MEETING

If you have been a Mass usher or greeter or are interested in becoming one, please join us in the Narthex Conference Room on Wed. 9/7 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. We will be reviewing new processes and upcoming changes. For more information email James Cortes at [jamescortes67@gmail.com](mailto:jamescortes67@gmail.com).



## YOUTH MINISTRY

All high school teens are invited to OnFire NorCal ([onfirenorcal.com](http://onfirenorcal.com)) at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom on Sept. 17th.

To register to attend OnFire and for more information on this and other youth events such as Boba & Sisters and Faith Olympics, visit [thegroveyouthministry.com](http://thegroveyouthministry.com).

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## CARE FOR CREATION

*"We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is . . . a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation."* (usccb.org) Please join our Stewardship Committee as we attend the kickoff to celebrate **Laudato Si' "The Season of Creation"** with Bishop Jaime Soto at St. Anthony Parish in Winters on Friday, Sept. 9 from 6pm to 8pm. Please contact Ann Burke at 916-513-6281 if you would like to join our parish delegation and to set up carpooling. Sign up at [scd.formstack.com/forms/care\\_for\\_creation](http://scd.formstack.com/forms/care_for_creation).



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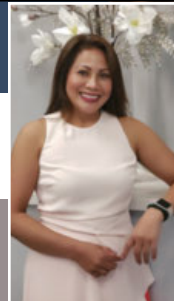
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