Good Shepherd Catholic Church
BECOMING A COMMUNITY OF CHRIST’S MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

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Parish Office Hours
Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm.
Please note: Rectory Closed 12:30-1:30 pm
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Pastoral Staff
Fr. Luello Palacpac, Pastor
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Sr. Emelita Cinco, OP Office Volunteer (Mon).
Colette Grady, Office Volunteer (Tues, Wed)
Ger Farrell, Office Volunteer (Tues., Wed.)

Mass Schedule
Monday-Friday: 7:00 a.m.  (Tuesday 8:00 a.m.)
Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Sundays: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.
First Fridays Mass: 7:00 pm
Holy Days of Obligation: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 7:00 pm

Sacraments
Baptism
Baptisms are celebrated each Sunday at 1:00 pm.
Please contact the rectory by phone or email for more information.
Reconciliation
Saturdays: 3:45 pm- 4:45 pm and by appointment
Marriage
Please contact the Rectory at least six months before the desired date in order to prepare properly for the celebration of the Sacrament.
Sacrament of the Sick
If you know of anyone who is seriously ill at home or in the hospital, please call the Rectory for the anointing of the Sick. If you know of any parishioner who is unable to come to Mass, please call the Rectory so that one of the Ministers of the Eucharist may bring Communion to the home.
The Feast of the Holy Family

It seems appropriate that we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph during the Christmas season, just after families have gathered for Christmas, frequently with stress over gift-giving, travel drama, and the intricacies of meal preparation for people with their various dietary needs and preferences. Today’s readings ask us to put family and life in their sacred and holy perspective.

When we take care of aging parents we care for Christ, who is with all and in all. When we approach one another with compassion, kindness, gentleness, and patience, we communicate Christ’s love. Even when the Lord leads in ways we cannot quite appreciate or understand, we must follow God’s will, knowing that in doing so, we cooperate with God’s grace in our midst. Every family is called to be a holy family.

YOUR HOLY FAMILY

Families come in all shapes and sizes. When asked to describe your family, you might begin by telling people about a parent, sibling, or extended family members. You might even describe what you have learned from a genealogical study. You are unlikely, however, no matter how wonderful your family may be, to describe your family as “holy.” And yet, this is our primary call. Each of us as people of God, and each of our families, is called to be holy. We are called to live as God’s people in the world, to communicate God’s love and presence through the way that we live together and in relationship with others. Every family, no matter what their circumstances, is called to be a holy family. Even Mary, Joseph, and Jesus faced challenges and trials. And yet they rose to the occasion, listened to and followed God’s will, and were assured of the love of the Lord through it all.

The Knights of Columbus

If you’re interested in helping those in need, serving our Church and our community, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

Gil Eliares, Grand Knight
January 1… Solemnity—Mary, Mother of God (Octave of Christmas). The new year begins! A fitting start, "start", we offer ourselves to God in prayer and worship. We celebrate on this Octave day of Christmas the feast of the woman who had such an important role in our redemption. We honor Mary as Mother of God for she is the Mother of Jesus, the Son of God. Because, Mary is our mother too, we ask her to be with us and to help us spend each day in this new year with heaven in view. Begin the new year with a constant eye on paradise. We turn over the pages of life’s calendar until we watch the last day, the so-called day of death, but we prefer to call: a birthday, the day of entry into heaven. [Saints & Thoughts for Every Day]

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Loving Obedience

One theme common to all three readings today is obedience. Sirach commends the son who obeys his father. St. Paul tells children to obey their parents “in everything.” And the Gospel shows Joseph obedient to the warnings of the angel. Yet all three put obedience in terms of a larger relationship.

Sirach says that obedience is part of what makes a happy family. Children trust that their parents have good reason for telling them to do something. Children also learn both discipline and how to contribute to family life.

St. Paul shows how love of Christ transforms a family. When he talks about wives being subordinate and husbands loving them, he means that husbands and wives should defer to each other and love each other.

Parents might look at the gospel for support in encouraging obedience. Families can learn that stressing obedience can protect the child as well as teach. Parents can also remind children that God asks for obedience for our good, not on a whim. When we obey God’s law, we learn to trust God more deeply and to appreciate that God’s law enables us to live more freely.

LISTEN TO YOUR ANGEL

Have you ever found yourself at a crossroads? One direction may be momentarily advantageous or easy, another more challenging but right or good. It is not always easy to know which direction to choose. Discerning our path of life necessarily involves prayer, the guidance of others whom we trust, and the promptings of the Holy Spirit within us. The example of the Holy Family is that they followed the will of God, trusting in God’s abiding presence even when they knew that doing so involved risk and uncertainty. Mary trusted the voice of the angel, although the message was beyond comprehension; Joseph listened to the voice of the Lord in dreams and proceeded, assured of God’s guiding spirit in the midst of troubling circumstances. This is what our families must do as well. Being Christian people in today’s world is not always easy, even when we know it is right. This is the meaning of holiness. This is what it means to be a holy family.

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Quarterly 50/50 Raffle
Proceeds to benefit
ONGOING FAITH FORMATION
Drawing to be held at the Kiosk
After 12 pm Mass
on MARCH 29, 2020
(12/29 raffle postponed to 3/29 due to holidays)

Tickets $20 donation
You need not be present to win

LEGION OF MARY CORNER

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PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please pray for our sick and infirm, for those in the hospital or nursing homes and for those recovering at home.

*Delta Santa Teresa*
*Rev. Mickey McCormick*
*Deacon Ben Salvan*
*John Eaves*
*Nelia Canossa*

Virgin, most holy, Mother of the Word Incarnate, Treasurer of graces, and Refuge of sinners, I fly to your motherly affection with lively faith, and I beg of you the grace ever to do the will of God. Into your most holy hands I commit the keeping of my heart, asking you for health of soul and the body, in certain hope that you, my most loving Mother, will hear my prayer. Amen.

Parish Mission Statement

We are grateful disciples of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, striving to be a faith-filled community through the prayerful celebration of the liturgy and sacraments. We welcome all embracing our diversity and seeking to grow as a loving and nurturing community serving others with our God given talents and gifts.

Prayer for a Successful Parish Renewal

God of Love, our Good Shepherd, You are with us in every transition and change. As we enter into this new era of parish renewal with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.

We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.
We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.
We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.
We ask this in your Holy Name.
Amen.
Our weekly goal is $6000
Thank you for giving back to the Lord part of what He has so generously given to you!

December 15      $7837.81

Need a Helping Hand?
Saint Vincent de Paul cares about you and the loving and caring Vincentians here at Good Shepherd stand ready to help. Call us at: 650-355-2593

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS FOR THE GIVING TREE!

REMEMBER THE ANNUAL APPEAL!
WE STILL NEED $15,768 TO MEET OUR GOAL OF $61,463.

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