

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

SECOND

Sunday of Advent

On that day,
a shoot shall sprout from
the stump of Jesse,
and from his roots
a bud shall blossom.

Isaiah 11:1



December 8, 2019

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm.
Please note: Rectory Closed 12:30-1:30 pm
Email address Good.Shepherd.Pac@sbcglobal.net

Pastoral Staff

Fr. Luella Palacpac, Pastor
Suzanne Chinn, Lay Pastoral Associate
Rev. Mr. Joseph LeBlanc, Permanent Deacon
Rev. Mr. Benjamin Salvan, Permanent Deacon (ret.)
Mr. Leo Alvarez, School Principal
Juliet Kalotkin, Office Assistant
Colleen Durkin, Bookkeeper
Sr. Emelita Cinco, OP Office Volunteer (Mon).
Colette Grady, Office Volunteer (Tues, Wed)
Ger Farrell, Office Volunteer (Tues., Wed.)
Jenise Dormann, Office Volunteer (Thurs)
Lorna Poespowidjojo, Office Volunteer (Fri)

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 LONG-AWAITED ONE

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets.

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Liturgical Ministers— Dec 14 & 15

Readers

Extra-ordinary Ministers

Saturday, 5:00 pm

Nancy Ann Dooley(R1) Frances Danner(1C)
Michael Gabriel (R2) Joseph Thompson(3H)
Rosemarie Thompson (6H)
Richenda Briones(8C)

Sunday, 8:00 am

Dottie Borba (R1) Angelina Casey (1C)
Pat Loew (R2) Carole Kanne (3H)
Kathy Spinetti (6H)
Pam Harris (8C)

Sunday, 10:00 am

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FFFOGS (R2) FFFOGS (3H)
FFFOGS (6H)
FFFOGS (8C)

Sunday, 12:00 pm

Dennis Miralda (R1) Josie Robles(1C)
Evie Williams (R2) Villa Linney(3H)
Dolly Corpus (6H)
Tess Solleza (8C)

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
eliales.gil@outlook.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat	7-Dec	5:00 PM	†	Peter Regan
Sun	8-Dec	8:00 AM		Michael Joseph
		10:00 AM		People of the Parish
		12:00 PM		Virginia Tan
Mon	9-Dec	7:00 AM	†	Ferdie Collado
Tue	10-Dec	8:00 AM	†	Helen Arata
Wed	11-Dec	7:00 AM		Virginia deGuzman
Thu	12-Dec	7:00 AM		Guadalupe Parayo/Maria dela Paz Avila
Fri	13-Dec	7:00 AM	†	PR Banffre
Sat	14-Dec	8:00 AM		Harold Brecht, Jr
		5:00 PM	†	Carlo Manahan
Sun	15-Dec	8:00 AM		Sajidiman Poespowidjojo
		10:00 AM		People of the Parish
		12:00 PM		Agnes Balleler

Message from Fr. Lu

As I celebrate my birthday, I cannot help but be overwhelmed by the thought that God loves me immensely, unconditionally and unfailingly. He has never failed in sustaining me with his love and mercy which he manifests through countless people and events. Thank you for being the expression of God's "I love you" to me. More than half of my 60 years in this world is my life as a priest. I cannot thank God enough for the gift of priesthood. In spite of my limitations and unworthiness God has given me the privilege of serving Him. His grace has sustained me, helped me go through not only the challenges and crosses but more importantly allowed me to experience the joys of redemption. He has continually provided me with people, truly I have gained more parents and siblings, friends and mentors. He has sent you all to me to accompany me, strengthen and inspire me with your prayers, support and active participation in our journey to become a community of Christ's disciples. In gratitude, I want to let you know that my passion to serve the Lord is purified with the passing of time. As I grow older, yes, the struggle to remain a good and holy priest is a constant challenge. Please continue praying for me that I continue to be the priest of Christ. I thank you all.. I thank you!

Father Lu

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Quarterly 50/50 Raffle Proceeds to benefit ONGOING FAITH FORMATION

Drawing to be held at the Kiosk
After 12 pm Mass
on December 29

Tickets \$20 donation

You need not be present to win



SAINT JUAN DIEGO (1474-1548) December 9

How well Mary's own words describe Juan Diego: "God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly" (Luke 1:52). Through him, for the diverse peoples of the Americas, indigenous and immigrant, the Mother of God became known as their Mother, too. Cuauhtlatzin, his given name, means "One Who Speaks Like an Eagle," and Juan Diego faithfully delivered the Virgin's request that a church be built at Tepeyac where she had appeared to him. To the skeptical bishop's request for a sign, Our Lady showed Juan Diego roses blooming through stony ground, despite winter's cold. When he unfolded his *tilma* to present them to the bishop, imprinted there was Mary's image! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a *mestiza*, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus to peoples too easily prone to a "clash of cultures," Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.

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LEGION OF MARY CORNER

December 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

The feast of the Immaculate Conception has been celebrated from the earliest times and in all parts of the Church. In 1477, Pope Sixtus IV erected the Sistine Chapel in honor of the Immaculate Conception. God had thought of Mary from all eternity. Since He has chosen her to be the mother of the Word Incarnate. He will her to be immaculate from the first instant of her conception. Rejoicing with Mary, the all-beautiful, glory and honor of all Christian people, let us ask for purity of heart, to be freed from all stain of sin, and to be healed from all the wounds of sin. To Jesus through Mary. Let us honor Mary Immaculate, Queen of the Apostles, and ask her to give Jesus Master, Way, Truth, and Life to all of us and to all men on earth. -for happy, holy and apostolic progress, Mary, the Queen of angels, of prophets, of patriarchs, of apostles, of martyrs, of confessors, of virgins, was crowned queen of the Church, of the world of all creation. Having been browened by he Most Holy Trinity, from Heaven, Mary fulfilled for us Christians the role of Mother, Teacher and Queen. On our part, we want to be good children, diligent and docile subjects.

Second Sunday of Advent Gifts of the Spirit

Part of Isaiah's hopeful description of the Messiah contains the traditional seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Messiah, and looking forward to his coming in glory, let us take a look at those gifts and see how we can use them.

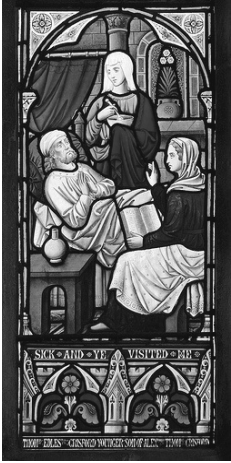
Wisdom is the gift of seeing God in creation. It means that we value the things of this world only as they help us to know and love God more. The second gift, understanding, follows from wisdom. We understand what God expects of us in dealing with creation and other people. This gift helps us know how to act in a world that seems to ignore God. Counsel follows from understanding as the gift of making correct judgments on how to act. For example, understanding can lead us to love others; counsel guides us to love them in appropriate ways. Strength, or fortitude, is the gift that enables us to do those things inspired by understanding and counsel, even if they are difficult. John the Baptist displays that gift in the Gospel. Fortitude gave him the courage to die for his faith.

Knowledge is similar to counsel in that we begin to see what God wants for us in this world. Knowledge leads us to deeper revelations of the truths of our faith. This can lead to the sixth gift, piety (seventh in Isaiah's text—"delight in the Lord"), a willingness to worship and love God, a desire to be close to God in prayer.

The final gift, fear of the Lord, is the awe and wonder of recognizing how great God is, how much God loves us, and how much we want to stay close to God. And the desire to be close to God circles back to the wisdom with which we see God in creation.

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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 top 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 re-
call 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.**

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

Our Second annual Innkeeper's Feast

is scheduled for
December 7, 2019 at 6 pm. Don't miss out on this fun evening of food, dancing and fellowship. Buy your ticket today at the Kiosk. If you are unable to go, please purchase a ticket for a senior.

Good Shepherd Catholic Church The Innkeeper's Feast

DATE: December 7, 2019

TIME: 6:00 pm in the Gym

Adults: \$30, Children: \$5

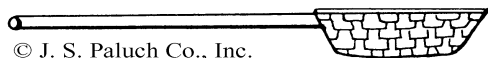
Children come as shepherds and angels

Adults come as citizens of the Holy Land

attire. Costume rental available (donation)



Christian Giving



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so generously given to you!*

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