

# Church of the Good Shepherd

January 5, 2014

Feast of the Epiphany

*We*, the members of Good Shepherd Catholic Church, are a sacramental community of faith, guided by the Holy Spirit, inspired by the Word, and centered in the Eucharist.

We are diverse in culture and talent, but one in purpose – to make known the presence of God’s saving love as revealed to us by Jesus Christ.

In partnership with other Christians in our deanery and diocese, and with the larger community, we share responsibility to foster spiritual growth and conversion, and to reach out to all people in their spiritual and temporal needs.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL-St. Peter Martyr 439-1014  
PARISH MINISTRY  
Altar Guild – 432-6404  
Altar Servers – Dina Russell 439-1092  
Bingo Office (Tuesdays only) 439-3100  
Buildings & Grounds 432-6404  
Music Ministry  
Parish Music Dir.–Rocco Enea 432-6404  
Instrumental Music Dir. – Damian Ting 432-6404  
8:00 a.m. Choir – Evelyn Arms 439-5351  
10:00 a.m. Choir – Sal Bruno 432-0736  
Couples for Christ – FFL  
Napoleon & Theresa Umadhay 427-5457  
CYO – Diane George 432-3043  
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion  
Ann & Bill Abitz 432-3995  
Extra Ordinary Ministers to the Sick – Rose Riso 432-4362  
Finance – Sergio Palaganas 206-7416  
Grief Ministry – Judy Dudziak  
Italian Catholic Federation – Patty Jarrett 228-0810  
Knights of Columbus – Ted Franger 252-0421  
Lectors – Ina Kinadeter 432-7726  
Liturgy Committee - Staff 432-6404  
Pastoral Council –  
Religious Education/Sacramental Preparation  
Faith Formation – Dina Russell 439-1092  
Youth Ministry – Debbie Lawson 439-1091  
RCIA –Deacon Ken Wedge 432-6404  
Baptismal Prep – Robert & Sheena Beck 427-5926  
Returning Catholics 432-6404  
Santo Nino Family Prayer Ministry  
Romeo & Sery Razo 439-7706  
Social Justice – Deacon Ken Wedge 432-6404  
St. Vincent DePaul 432-6404, ext 17  
Stewardship – Darla Kilgannon 432-0243  
Ushers – Frank DiMaggio 776-5107  
Vocations-Parish Office 432-6404  
Wedding Liturgy Coordinators-  
Danette Shipe 427-9561  
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## Parish Staff

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## Schedule of Masses

Sundays 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. &  
12 noon

Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m.  
1st Tuesdays & Fridays 7:00 p.m.  
Liturgy of the Hours/Morning Prayer  
6:45 a.m.

Saturdays 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.  
(Vigil)

Holy Days 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Confessions: Saturday, 4:00 p.m., Tuesdays  
at 7 p.m., or by appointment.

Baptisms: In order to make baptismal arrangements, parents are required to call the parish office to make an appointment to fill out paperwork and schedule a baptismal class (required of parents and godparents) and a baptismal date.

Marriages: Couples are required to make arrangements with the priest at least six months prior to the date of marriage and attend a marriage preparation program. Contact the parish office to begin this process.

Funeral Arrangements: Should be arranged by family, church and mortuary. Normal Christian burial consists of Vigil Service, Holy Mass and Burial in a Catholic Cemetery. Any other arrangements should first be discussed with parish priest.

## FR. CARL'S CORNER: New Year... New Direction... New Priorities

I observed that after 3 months of serving Good Shepherd Parish, this parish has a lot of potential to become a vibrant and a holy parish. I would like to recognize and acknowledge the generous response and sincere effort of many parishioners and of our different ministries to set a direction for our parish.

Pastorally, we need to focus on building a hospitable culture. This year we shall talk and plan more about how we could grow and improve in this area. Your ideas and suggestions are most welcome. I am praying this year that parishioners will commit to serve our parish especially in the ministry of serving the sick and the homeless.

Spiritually, we need to focus on promoting the culture of prayer and silence. I am very excited to see the establishment of our Blessed Sacrament Chapel. May this holy endeavor give us more opportunities to pray more and also develop a habit of prayer and love for silence. I am eager to plan our Parish Reflections during Lent and Advent Season with our Parish Pastoral Council.

As a community, I would like to solicit the help of parishioners by writing down ideas and solutions that would help our parish achieve unity and collaboration. If you see a problem, or if you wish to respond to any need that we have, please do not hesitate to call our office or email your comments and suggestions with your telephone number and email. I would love to respond to you personally or talk to you more about issues in the parish and also resolving issues and problems that could hurt our parish.

Personally, I would like to let you know that I am doing my best and always praying for the good of the parish. I am learning a lot as a Parish Administrator and I hope I will learn more through your honest, sincere and objective suggestions and evaluations. My heart and my desire is to help build a loving and pro-active catholic community in responding to the needs of the Church, the poor, the needy, homeless and the sick. My number one priority this year is to create a culture that welcomes one another in the midst of our diversity and also a culture that embraces dialogue. If you have issues and other concerns please do not be afraid to air them out to me. I would love to sit down with you and talk. I believe that constructive criticism helps build a better and stronger community. A nice community is nice. But, we are not building a "nice community." We are called by God to be a holy and faith-filled community that has the courage to face and resolve issues and immediate concerns.

Financially, I will be presenting to the community on January 11-12 our financial status and concerns. At present, we are doing good financially but we are living paycheck to paycheck every month. We still have on our back and shoulders our Diocesan Debt (\$100,006.00 as of December 29, 2013). We do not have a substantial contingency fund in case of unexpected expenses. With the parish financial council, we tried our best to be frugal and avoid unnecessary expenditures. I have been very particular and have been closely supervising our building and ground maintenance efforts so that we could save money due to repairs. I would like to make an appeal to you to be more generous in giving financially to our parish especially for those who have more. I know that many are financially hurting these days but I would like each family to pledge an amount each year that is affordable yet not burdensome to the family budget. Any amount as an annual pledge would be a big help. This year I will personally donate a \$1000 check to our parish as my parish yearly pledge on top of my weekly EFT.

With the selection and formation of our Parish Pastoral Council this year, I hope and pray that we may be able to come up with a pastoral plan that will help achieve our needs and priorities each year. On February 8, 9AM-3PM, all ministry heads and leaders will gather at the San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville, CA to pray, to know the needs of our parish and to find solutions on how to address these needs.

Please pray for me as your priest and as your shepherd. May my decisions, my words and my efforts be always for God's greater glory and for the good of our parish community.

Happy New Year!

Father Carl

## PARISH EVENTS:

### **PASSION PLAY TRYOUTS**

**All Youth Ministry students are invited and encouraged to come to the tryouts for the 2014 Passion Play on Sunday, January 5 at 6:30 pm in the Church**

#### **LECTOR TRAINING**

**Saturday, January 11th at 10 am in the church for current Lectors and those who wish to become a Lector.**

**We will review some old items and introduce some new ones.**

**Contact Ina for any questions at 432-7726**

**STEWARDSHIP HOUSEKEEPING MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!:** The Housekeeping Ministry is in need of more volunteers to help clean the church on Mondays after the 7:00 a.m. mass. Volunteers water plants, sweep and mop the restroom floors, empty the trash in the church, and dust and vacuum the lobby and main areas of the church as needed. To help with this important ministry, just show up any Monday, except holidays, around 8:00 a.m. and ask for Sonja or Namie.

#### **MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS!**

**HELP WANTED:** Our Music Ministry is looking for a part-time piano accompanist who would accompany at our Sunday liturgies. If you are interested, please contact the parish office at 925-432-6404.

#### **STEWARDSHIP NEWS!**

Have you turned in your commitment form? There is still time to commit to God. Bring back your form and place it in any collection basket or drop it off to the parish office. Thanks for your help and cooperation!

## PARISH GENERAL CALENDAR

**Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday  
9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon & 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
Fridays CLOSED**

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| <b>Mondays</b>    | <b>Prayer Group for the Sick</b> -11 am to 12 noon in the Ministry Building<br><b>RCIA</b> -7 pm- Ministry Building-1st & 3rd Mondays of the month<br><b>Confirmation Class</b> -7 pm-Ministry Building-2nd & 4th Mondays (Sept-May)           |
| <b>Tuesdays</b>   | <b>Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help (Mass on each first Tuesday)</b> ~Church~7 pm<br><b>Bad Girls of the Bible</b> ~Office~7 pm  |
| <b>Wednesdays</b> | <b>8 &amp; 10 Choir Rehearsals</b> ~7 pm<br><b>Stewardship</b> ~Office~7 pm<br><b>Youth Formation</b> ~Parish Hall<br>4-5,6-7,7:30-8:30 Sept-May   |
| <b>Thursdays</b>  | <b>Bible Study</b> ~Office~7pm<br><b>Senior Brown Bag Program</b> ~Hall<br>2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month<br>10 am~12 noon   |
| <b>Fridays</b>    | <b>Adoration</b> begins after 7 am mass until 4 pm<br><b>Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b> -3 pm<br><b>Teresita #123, YLI Pray &amp; Chat with Divine Mercy Group</b><br>All above events take place on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month in church |
| <b>Saturdays</b>  | <b>La Pieta International Prayer Group</b><br>Every Saturday after the 8 am mass   |
| <b>Sundays</b>    | <b>Life Teen</b> -Parish Hall-1-3 pm<br>September-May  |

## **ANNOUNCING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CRAB FEED!!!!**

**Tickets are on sale now in the parish office for the Knights of Columbus Crab feed on Saturday, February 8, 2014. Dinner is \$45 per person. Limited space available so buy your tickets early. No tickets sold at the door! We hope you join us!**

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

### **PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Queen of the Americas Guild 2014 Pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City February 27-March 4.  
Call 630-584-1822**

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje  
March 16-26, 2014  
Call 1-800-206-2014  
Lynn Hoffman**

### ***FAUSTINA-MESSENGER OF DI VINE MERCY* A Live Multimedia Drama Play**

**Friday, January 10, 2014 at 7:30 pm  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church  
500 Fairview St., Brentwood, CA  
Contact Nona Cornjeo at 925-339-4469 or  
Marie Rojo at 925-639-9901**

**Saturday, January 11, 2014 at 8:00 pm  
St. Anne's Church, 32223 Cabello St., Union City  
Contact 510-695-9110**

[www.divinemericyoakland.org](http://www.divinemericyoakland.org)

**Tickets are \$20 each  
(Group/Youth Discounts Available)**

**Proceeds benefit victims of Typhoon Haiyan  
In the Philippines**

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS continued.... (Dedications in Bold)**

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Castiglioni, Barbara Jones Family  
Dixie Grossi, Vince Ferrante

#### **Parents**

Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Pabalte  
**Steven Rosalez**  
Steve Confetti

#### **Eugenio & Porferia Natividad**

**Salvador & Crispin Tolosa**  
Almarinez Family

**The Aceves Family : Genoveva, Refugio, Ann  
& Lupe**

Alice Aceves

#### **Bob Pardi, Mom, Dad and Sis**

Claire Pardi

#### **Nora Figueroa**

Chella Figueroa-Cuison

#### **Family & Friends**

Jeanette Bergholtz

#### **Leif Holmen 6/14/13**

Madeline Holmen

#### **Antonio A. Ordonez**

Marie Angeli O. Ngo

#### **Deceased Family**

Nolan & Joan Evola

#### **Ellie Marchoke**

Evelyn Arms

#### **The Jack Garcia & Hunter Families**

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Garcia

#### **James P. Riso Sr.**

Rose Riso

#### **Victor Cattolico & Family**

Carmen Cattolico

#### **The John Favaloro Family**

Frances Ann Favaloro

#### **Liberati Family**

Carmen Cattolico

## **DIOCESAN EVENTS:**

### **HOPE & HEALING AFTER ABORTION**

This 8 week post-abortion healing and scripture study group will begin January 29, 2014 in San Mateo.

This event is offered by First Resort in collaboration with the Diocese of Oakland.

All inquiries are confidential. For more information, or to sign up contact Christine Watkins at 415-260-4406 or [christinew@firstresort.net](mailto:christinew@firstresort.net).

### **RACHEL'S VINEYARD**

A weekend retreat for healing after abortion

February 7-9, 2014

At the Angela Center in Santa Rosa, CA

This retreat is offered in collaboration with the Diocese of Oakland and the Diocese of Santa Rosa.

All inquiries are confidential. For more information, or to sign up contact Christine Watkins at 415-260-4406 or [christinew@firstresort.net](mailto:christinew@firstresort.net).

## Mass Intentions

Jan 6-12

Mon	7 am	Theodoro Billedo † #
Tue	7 am	Demetria Gundayao Birthday † *
	7 pm	Our Lady of Perpetual Help *
Wed	7 am	†*
Thu	7 am	Maria Oja Castro † #
Fri	7 am	Norma Troia †*
Sat	8 am	Pete Coniglio † #
	5:30	Edwina Deleon † #!
Sun	8am	Jess Reyes † #!
	10am	FOR THE PEOPLE #!
	12pm	Giovanni Aiello Family †#!

\*= Fr. Carl Arcosa  
 #=Fr. Conrad Bayor  
 !=Deacon Ken

## GIVING TREE THANK YOU!

We wish to sincerely thank all of the parishioners and community organizations that contributed to this year's Giving Tree project. With your help we assisted well over 100 families with their Christmas needs! We also wish to thank Sonja Shephard for heading up the project and Tess Freel and the Spanish Ministry for all of their hard work and support.

Good things truly happen when we all work together!

LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR  
Jan 11-12

Saturday	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>
5:30	Joyce Fox	Cynthia Greely
Sunday		
8:00	Ina Kinadeter	Darla Kilgannon
10:00	Linda Ilas	Linda Whatford
12:00	MacKinsey Russell	MacKinsey Russell

## WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE

\$9,700.00 Needed~1st Collection & EFT  
 (budgeted as income needed for 1st collections only for 2013)

\$ 4,910.05 First Collection (12/22/13)

\$ 680.00 EFT (12/22/13)

\$ 5,590.05 Total 1st Collection

Negative this week: \$4,109.95

Negative Year to Date: \$23,432.54 as of 12/23/13

Last weekend's 2nd Collection for

Debt Reduction took in: \$2,010.37

## YEAR TO DATE SACRAMENT TOTALS

Baptisms

First Holy Communions

Confirmations

Deaths

Weddings

Sick Calls

## ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE FOR JAN 11-12

## Saturday

5:30 Rafael Almarinez, Eva Jiminez, Chase Smith,  
Frederick Alesna

## Sunday

8:00 Cameron Tanyag-Mendoza, Mina Romingquet,  
Taylor Silva

10:00 Kay Dozier, Gillian & Giles Carlos, Macey Robles

12:00 Justin, Joshua & Juliana Carrillo, Michael Llaguno

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULED FOR  
Jan 11-12

## Saturday

5:30: Bill & Ann Abitz, Loreta Cellan, Nora Gavino, Virgil  
Gulingan, Josephine Saca

## Sunday

8:00 Lynn Hoggatt, Blakeley Loyola, Patricia Dominguez,  
Danette Shipe, Georgette Shipe, Patrick Wilson

10:00 Rose Carpenello, Laura Canciamilla, Namie Fontecha,  
John Rinaudo, Dina Russell, Tammy Vo

12:00 Evelyn Labao, Lea Briones, Ronnie Lagarejos, Lydia  
Madrigal, Rose Granados, Melis Ramirez

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7, Acts 10:34-38,  
Matthew 3:13-17

## NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

Debt Reduction