

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

New Year's Day

January 1, 2017

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Church, Office & School
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Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8am - 5pm
Closed for lunch 12-1pm
Closed Wednesdays

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Sacraments

Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. at the church,
or by appointment.

Baptism: Parents and godparents please see our
baptism information at www.gsceeg.org regarding
scheduling for the baptism class.

Marriage: Engaged couples begin preparation a
minimum of six months prior to the date of the
wedding. Please schedule with the parish office.

Schedule

Mass Times:

Saturday at 5p.m. Vigil

Sunday at 7, 9, 11 a.m. and 1, 5p.m.

Weekdays at 8:30 a.m.

First Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

Holy Days of Obligation - 7p.m. Vigil, and

8:30 a.m. and 7p.m.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: 9, 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Masses on Sunday.

Kinderchurch: 9 a.m. Mass only

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

First Thursday, silent adoration, and with prayers of

devotion - 6 to 9 p.m. First Friday, Exposition at 10 a.m.

until 3 p.m. with Divine Mercy chaplet and

solemn benediction.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.
-- Luke 2:19



THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

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Parish News and Announcements

Holiday Office Closures

In observance of the New Year's holiday, the parish office will be closed on Monday, January 2nd.

Thank You

A special thank you goes out to Ted with Laguna Party Rentals for his help with donating the lights for our five school and church events during the weekend of Dec. 10th and 11th.

Monthly Fellowship Breakfast

Our next monthly Fellowship will be Sun., Jan. 8th, following the 7:00 a.m. Mass with continuous serving until shortly before the 11:00 Mass begins. We would like to encourage those who attend 11:00 Mass to join us before to enjoy breakfast. Sponsored by the KofC and hosted by the Hospitality Ministry. Breakfast will be blueberry pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee, milk, juice, and hot cocoa. We ask for a free will offering to cover expenses. Please join in Fellowship!

Environment Change

The Art and Environment Ministry will be taking down the Christmas environment on Jan. 9th at 10:00 a.m. If you are available, please meet us in the Narthex. Your help will be much appreciated!

HOLY INFANT JESUS (STO. NINO) NOVENA

"The more you honor me, the more I will bless you."

This was the promise of the Divine Infant Jesus himself. Princess Polyxena said, "honor this statue and you shall never be in want." Let us join and come to the Novena as scheduled below.

Novena Schedule

(Will be led by the Sto. Nino Prayer Group)

1st Day	Thu, Dec. 29, 2016 at 9:15 a.m.
2nd Day	Fri., Dec. 30, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.
3rd Day	Sat., Dec. 31, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
4th Day	Sun., Jan. 1, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.
5th Day	Mon., Jan. 2, 2017 at 9:15 a.m.
6th Day	Tue., Jan. 3, 2017 at 9:15 a.m.
7th Day	Wed., Jan. 4, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
8th Day	Thu., Jan. 5, 2017 at 9:15 a.m.
9th Day	Fri., Jan. 6, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.
FIESTA Day	Sat., Jan. 7, 2017 Mass at 9:30 a.m.

Mass will be followed by a procession around the Church building, and fellowship in the Narthex. Bring your Sto. Nino statues for blessing. For more info call Agri and Tess at 916-799-0750 or 916-346-6554.

Please note that the Sto. Nino Fiesta day mass will be celebrated as part of our First Saturday mass.

Parish News

Living Your Faith

The Evangelization Outreach Ministry invites you to join us for "Living Your Faith" with Sister Anne Shields as she inspires us in practical ways to live our Catholic faith in our daily lives. **Jan. 13th at 7:00 p.m. and Jan. 14th at 11:00 a.m.** For more info, call the church office or go to www.gsccceg.org.

Walk for Life West Coast 2017!

A Blessed Christmas to the Good Shepherd Community! The 11th Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco is Sat., Jan. 21st, 2017. For the 10th year, our Parish is chartering buses to attend and seats are still available. Please JOIN us and show the world the joy that comes from living out God's plan for love and life. Help us in the struggle to end abortion and spread God's healing message of living life after it. Contact the parish office to reserve your seat on the bus. For more info visit www.walkforlifewc.com or email Gary Hickman at greenhope28@yahoo.com. Please join us to make a public stand for families and for LIFE.

Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat

Feb. 17-19

The impact and pain of abortion hurts—even years after the experience. If you, or a loved one have been hurt by abortion, this weekend is for you! Come and experience God's healing love and forgiveness in a safe, nonjudgmental environment. Open to men and women. Call Paula at 916-733-0161 or email projectrachel@scd.org. All inquiries are confidential.

Religious Education News

CFF classes will resume on Jan 3, 2017. Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed your Christmas break.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Mary, the Holy Mother of God; The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day
Monday:	Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Tuesday:	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Wednesday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Thursday:	St. John Neumann
Friday:	St. André Bessette; First Friday
Saturday:	St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Saturday; Julian Calendar Christmas



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St. Vincent de Paul News

On December 19th we assisted 64 families consisting of 243 people, and gave out 234 boxes of food. We are in need of paper or reusable grocery bags. Thank you for your continued generosity.



Current SVdP locker hours are Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **The locker will be closed on Jan. 2.** Volunteers are always welcome. To volunteer, contact us at (916) 647-1243.

Upcoming Events

2017 Women's Retreat

The women of Good Shepherd are invited to make their annual retreat to Christ the King Retreat Center on Jan. 13-15, 2017. The theme for this year is "Gathered in the Name of Jesus." Please prayerfully consider spending time with our Lord to pray and learn more of Him. For more information please contact Carol at 916-725-4720 ext. #314 or email cforrest@passionist.org.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Do you feel the call for more Christian Unity? Be part of Good Shepherd's new team to increase Ecumenical dialogue and Christian Unity. Join us on January 18th, 2017 during Christian Unity week for rich workshops and dinner. Contact Rommel Declines 916-479-3459 or at declines.family@gmail.com to sign up and be included on the registration.

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 as of January 1st are invited to participate in the 2017 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship on **Sun., Jan. 22, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Father Wells Hall.** For more information, please contact Tim at 916-539-4811 or Camilo at 916-206-3835.

Fatima Pilgrimage

Please join Fr. Lester Menor on a pilgrimage celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Fatima— the first apparition of our Blessed Mother to the three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. We will also visit other Marian Shrines in Europe. Pilgrimage will be May, 2017. Flyers are available in the office and the Narthex. Questions? Call 916-284-1214.

Stewardship at Good Shepherd

Collection total for Dec. 24/25 will be in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your generous support. Your ongoing donations are essential in helping us meet the many needs of the parish and community.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 31, 2016

5:00 pm

Steve Bocade (BD)
Tan Kung Bee (DA)
Deacon Dave Leatherby
and Family (SI)

Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017

7:00 am

9:00am
Baclig-Guanco family (TG)
Luz and family (TG)
Roberto Bisquera (+)
Enrique Gaerlan Sr. (+)

11:00 am

Bencrosby Banayat (+)
Eduardo and Josefa
Riascos (+)

1:00 pm

5:00pm

Monday, Jan. 2, 2017

8:30 am

Isidoro & Lucia Young (+)

Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017

8:30 am

Denise Wesleder (SI)

Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2017

8:30 am

Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017

8:30 am

Friday, Jan. 6, 2017

8:30 am

Alfred and Helen Lial (+)
Angeline L. Pawid (DA)

Key:

*Deceased (+) Thanksgiving (TG) Death Anniversary (DA)
Birthday (BD) Special Intention (SI) Wedding Anniversary (WA)
(SI-H) Special Intention for healing*



Parish Registration and Change of Address

■ New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community?

■ Recently moved or changed phone number?

■ Name _____

■ Phone _____

■ E-mail _____

■ Address _____

■ City, Zip _____

■ Please provide weekly offering envelopes Yes No

■ **Please fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!**



Christmas 2016

Dear Parish Family,

Memories of Christmas past flood our minds at this time of year – scenes of family around the Christmas tree, happy voices, and tearful reunions, Midnight mass or Christmas dinner – truly a special day of hope and love. And it should be, for we have Christ as our Saviour. No one has greater love for us!

Our thoughts need to turn from self-centeredness and commercialism toward a focus on the true meaning of Christmas, a view that can give us visions of how God-Man-Christ came as a lowly servant, bringing love and peace to all He touched, ultimately giving even His own life. Let us not seek anything for ourselves, but seek this season to bring happiness to others. Give totally of yourself, and the love and peace it returns will be beyond measure.

Fr. Lester and I, with Deacon Bill, Deacon Ed, and the parish staff of Good Shepherd, pray that Christ blesses each of you with unsurpassed happiness at Christmas, and a New Year full of hope and joy.

Thank you again for your many sacrifices made for the Parish Family, your kind words, your patience, and the many things you did this year. You are indeed a great and loving family whom we love to serve.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Leon Juchniewicz