

September 10, 2017

Twenty-third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

#### Church, Office & School

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Closed Wednesdays

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

Love one another as  
I have loved you.  
John 13:34

### *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

### Parish Staff

#### **Pastor: Rev. Leon Juchniewicz**

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Edgardo J. Garcia-Velazquez  
Deacon: William Sousa  
Deacon: Edward Smith  
Office Manager: Denise Wesleder  
Parish Office Receptionist: Monica Goodale

#### **Catholic Faith Formation: (916) 683-2963**

Director, Faith Formation: Sr. Sibebe Gaya Moreira, VDMF  
Coordinator, Religious Education: Menchie Cabrera  
ONE EIGHT/EDGE Confirmation Preparation Coordinators:  
Elizabeth Pott & Scotia Burrell

### 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](http://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 contact the parish office to schedule.

### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School

**K-8 Principal: Marci Greene (916) 684-7903**  
[mgreene@stelizabetheg.org](mailto:mgreene@stelizabetheg.org)

**Preschool Director: Tammy Babich (916) 691-4825**

### 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.

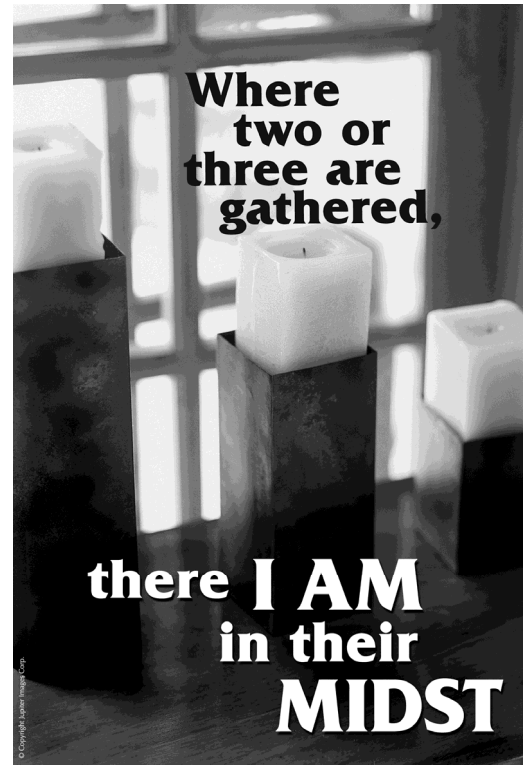
**Kinderchurch:** 9 a.m. Mass only

#### **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.

## GOD'S WATCHERS

In the ancient world watchmen were extremely important people. They kept communities safe, and were there to alert them to any impending danger or attack. Before locks, alarms, and security systems, watchmen were the protectors, the safety measure. So when the Lord charges Ezekiel as a watchman today, it is a weighty charge. So weighty, we learn, that if Ezekiel fails to sound the alarm for those around him and they perish in a state of wickedness, Ezekiel will be held responsible! This profound connection between God's will on earth and in heaven is repeated in today's Gospel, where Jesus instructs us that we are to be the security force, the watchers placed on alert that nowhere in the Body of Christ, the church, will there be any two members of the one Body who are not reconciled. Scripture tells us that Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth through the blood of his cross. But we are given the mission to continue that reconciliation on earth as in heaven through our ceaseless efforts to be, as Paul would write, ambassadors of reconciliation. Let us not get too comfortable thinking that we are responsible only for keeping our own lives from the path of wickedness and disagreement. We are also held accountable for the lives of the members of Christ's body around us. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 -- 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11  
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19  
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38;  
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11;  
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49  
Sunday: Sir 27:30 -- 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;  
Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Grandparents Day  
Monday: Patriot Day  
Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary  
Wednesday: St. John Chrysostom  
Thursday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Friday: Our Lady of Sorrows  
Saturday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

## *Fall Festival News*

The next festival planning meeting will be Monday, Sept. 11th at 6:30 pm in the 5th Grade Classroom/St. Lucia.

We are still looking for volunteers -**especially for the set-up and take-down of our giant tent.** For more information, email brandonbanicki731@gmail.com.

### **Festival Dinner: An Evening in Nantucket, September 23rd**

Tickets will be on sale after all masses and in the church office. \$40/person or \$375/table of 10. Be sure to purchase your tickets—this event sells out every year!

### **Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge**

All kids 9 to 14 years old as of Sept. 1 are invited to join the 2017 KofC Soccer Challenge on Sun., Sept. 24th from 10 am to 2:00 pm at the Parish Festival. The player's proof-of-age document is required (i.e. copy of birth certificate). Participation is free. Register in advance or come to our table to register. Parent/guardian's consent is required. For registration forms or more info, contact Camilo at airman\_95758@yahoo.com or 916-206-3835.

## *Good Shepherd's 25th Anniversary Family Directory*

Next April will mark the 25th anniversary of our parish. To commemorate this occasion, Fr. Leon is requesting that all parishioners participate and have their photo taken for our next family directory, which will be published early next year. LifeTouch will be photographing all families right here at Good Shepherd during the months of October and November. To schedule your appointment, click on the sign up link on our website or call the church office for assistance. Our directory won't be complete without you!

## *Kinderchurch News*

We are hoping to find new homes for your old friends at the Adopt-a-Bear Booth during the Parish Festival. Please leave all stuffed animal donations in the playpen found in the church narthex. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

## Parish News

### Upcoming Second Collections

This weekend there will be a second collection for Priests Retirement. This is our opportunity to take care of those who have spent their lives caring for our spiritual and sacramental needs within our Diocese.

We will be taking up a second collection for Hurricane Harvey relief on Sept. 16th/17th. Funds collected will go to Catholic Charities USA, the Church's domestic relief agency, to provide immediate emergency relief. Those who wish to make an online contribution may do so by visiting <https://catholiccharitiesusa.org> or by calling 1-800-919-9338.

*Thank you for prayerfully considering your donation to these two worthy causes.*

### Job Opening: High School Youth Minister

We are looking for a part-time High School Youth Minister. Complete job description can be found at [gscccg.org](http://gscccg.org) or [diocese-sacramento.org](http://diocese-sacramento.org). If you are interested please submit a resume to [fatherleon@frontier.com](mailto:fatherleon@frontier.com).

### Cursillo News

Interested in joining Cursillo? Cursillo is a movement which attempts from within the Church to give life to the essential Christian truths. We have a dynamic Cursillo group supporting and enriching our community. The men of our parish are invited to join the men's weekend— a life-changing orientation and retreat to join the Cursillo Movement on Sept. 21st-24th. Contact Monica at [smallusf77@yahoo.com](mailto:smallusf77@yahoo.com) or Maria at [serpamhome@gmail.com](mailto:serpamhome@gmail.com) for more information.

Save the date for our Cursillo Mini-Ultreya on Sept. 30th from 9-11 am in the Fr. Philip Wells Hall.

### Grief and Bereavement Ministry/Hearts of Compassion

Led by grief peer counselors, we will offer seven Monday evening group sessions beginning Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, in the Conference Room. This outreach ministry provides support to those who are experiencing the loss of a loved one. For more information, please call Suzanne Dodd at 916-801-0561. All are welcome!

### Fr. Leon's Summer Reading Book Club

We will gather in the church on Wed., Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm for our discussion on *Resisting Happiness*, by Matthew Kelly. It's not too late to purchase a book and if you already have it but didn't finish reading, don't let that stop you from attending. A limited amount of books will be available for purchase for \$5 after all masses this weekend until we sell out.

### Bible Study

Our next bible study will focus on the Gospel of Matthew and will begin on Sept. 27, 2017. Please email Kerry at [kerryfusa@yahoo.com](mailto:kerryfusa@yahoo.com) or go to [www.gscccg.org](http://www.gscccg.org) for more information.

## St. Vincent de Paul News

It's that time again for the Parish Festival and SVdP is in need of any glassware for our "Chip Toss" game. Glasses, bowls, vases—all are welcome. Please leave donations in the SVdP wagon in the narthex. We are also in need of household items and small appliances for the Marketplace. This is the perfect opportunity to clean out your closets and cupboards. Donations will be accepted until 9/22/17. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



We are now on our summer hours, Mondays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are always welcome. To volunteer, contact us at (916) 647-1243.

## Upcoming Events

### A Family That Prays Together Stays Together

Our Lady of Fatima invites us to pray together as a family. In honor of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, we invite you to join us on September 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Church to pray as a family in community. We will have a procession, family rosary, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, confessions, and prayer time.

We will also have our regular 13th of the month rosary prayer at 10:00 am on the 13th in the church. Join us to pray the Rosary to show our devotion and obedience to Our Blessed Mother. May Our Lady of Fatima intercede and pray for us and bring us closer and closer to Jesus.

### Sharing and Caring Senior Singles

We will have our 2nd annual picnic on Tues., Sept. 12, at 10:30 am in the park across from the church. Bring your lunch, a drink and a chair. The K9 unit from the EGD will be giving us a demonstration at about 11:30 am. Please try to attend this very important meeting where we will be deciding if we will continue this Ministry. If you have any questions or need more info please call Helen at 916-683-1943.

### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Dinner Night Out

You're invited to the (SEAS) Family Dinner Night Out Fundraiser at BJ's Restaurant, on Thursday, September 14, 2017, 5:00 – 9:00 pm. Download or print the flyer from the SEAS or Good Shepherd website and bring it with you. Please share the flyer with family and friends. Thank you for your support!

### Retrouvaille— Marriage Recovery

Is your marriage in trouble—miserable—dead? Would you like it to come alive? Retrouvaille can give you the communication skills you need to relate to one another in a more respectful and emotionally mature way. The next weekend in Sacramento will be Oct. 13-15. For more info call 800-470-2230 or visit <http://www.helpourmarriage.com>.

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017

### 5:00pm

Anthony Bezmalinovich (+)  
Florentina Curso (+)  
Mike & Jeanne Elliott (+)  
Richard Gilgenback (+)  
Simon Martinez (+)

## Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017

### 7:00 am

Claudia Tagum (DA)

### 9:00am

Wilfredo Agdon (+)  
Martha Chavarria (+)  
Florentina Curso (+)  
Leo Licastro (+)  
Mryna Quero Panelo (+)

### 11:00 am

Isagani & Maricel Cruz and  
Family (SI)  
Paul Erhard (1yrDA)  
Martha Fippen (+)  
Luisito Naval (+)  
Lucillano Oliva, Sr. (+)

### 1:00 pm

Natividad Agas (+)  
Lucille Agas (+)  
Lourdes Ballesteros (+)  
Vicente Ballesteros (+)  
Melchor Gonzales (+)  
Rosie Heramia (+)

### 5:00pm

Era Agdon (TG)  
Mark & Vanessa Fabela (WA)  
Eufemia Casaclang (+)  
Edilberto Dagot (+)  
Fernando Silva (1yrDA)  
Felisa Vergara (+)

## Monday, Sept. 11, 2017

### 8:30am

Jennifer Refe (BD)  
Teodora Bagaoisan (+)  
Florentina Curso (+)  
Frankie B. Villaruz, Jr. (+)

## Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017

### 8:30am

Danny & Carmelita Sarmiento  
(48yrWA)  
Benny Canio (+)  
Florentina Curso (+)  
Ruben Rodriguez (DA)

## Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017

### 8:30am

Mark Francis Fabela (BD)  
Joe Avis (+)  
Florentina Curso (+)  
Susana Rabe Gayon (DA)  
Eileen Schneider (+)

## Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017

### 8:30am

Parathathu Family (TG)  
Florentina Curso (+)  
Emilia Canlas (+)

## Friday, Sept. 15 2017

### 8:30am

Patsy Barrow (TG)  
Florentina Curso (+)

### Key:

Deceased (+) Thanksgiving (TG) Death Anniversary (DA)

Birthday (BD) Special Intention (SI) Wedding Anniversary (WA)

(SI-H) Special Intention for healing

## Stewardship at Good Shepherd

- Collection total for Sept. 2/3 = \$19,262.51
- 2nd Collection/Building Fund = \$6,733.60  
(weekly totals include Faith Direct contributions)

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

With the arrival of autumn, we would like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week—no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass. Follow the link on our website and enter parish code CA688. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!



Good Shepherd's  
19th Annual Parish Festival  
is **September 23-24, 2017**

***Be a part of this special tradition!***

**Volunteer** - Join us on Monday, Sept. 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Grade 5/ St. Lucia room for our next planning meeting! Volunteer to help at the event! Visit [www.gscccg.org](http://www.gscccg.org) and look for the volunteer sign-up link. You can make a difference!

**Purchase Raffle Tickets** - Stop by the tables in the Narthex on Sundays and take a look at some of our amazing raffle baskets. Raffle tickets are available for purchase after mass.

**Sponsor** - Sponsor the festival with your cash donation and enjoy exposure and publicity with a banner posted on the festival grounds! Perfect for businesses, or even individuals!

**Attend** - Don't miss a minute!

**-The Marketplace/Car Show** - Sept. 23 8:00 a.m. to Noon

**-Dinner/Auction "An Evening in Nantucket"** - Sept. 23 4:30 p.m. with a New England style dinner prepared by Chef Mark Casale and Louise Maestretti. Fabulous auction items! Tickets on sale after all Masses! \$40/person or \$375/table of 10.

**-Continental Breakfast** - Sept. 24 after 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. Masses

**-Carnival** - Sept. 24 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with food, games, prizes, entertainment! Fun for the entire family!



**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!***