

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

October 30, 2016 Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*Designated Holy Door
Pilgrimage Site*

Church, Office & School

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



2016

H O L Y Y E A R O F M E R C Y

December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016

Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry
Give drink to the thirsty
Clothe the naked
Shelter the homeless
Visit the sick
Visit the imprisoned
Bury the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

Admonish the sinner
Instruct the ignorant
Counsel the doubtful
Comfort the sorrowful
Bear wrongs patiently
Forgive all injuries

Pray for the living & the dead

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Leon Juchniewicz

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Lester Menor

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. Sibele Gaya Moreira, VDMF

Coordinator, Religious Education: Menchie Cabrera

ONE EIGHT/EDGE Confirmation Preparation Coordinators:

Elizabeth Pott & Scotia Burrell

Life Teen Coordinator: Brennen Cull

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.gscccg.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.

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

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School

K-8 Principal: Trina Koontz (916) 684-7903

tkoontz@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

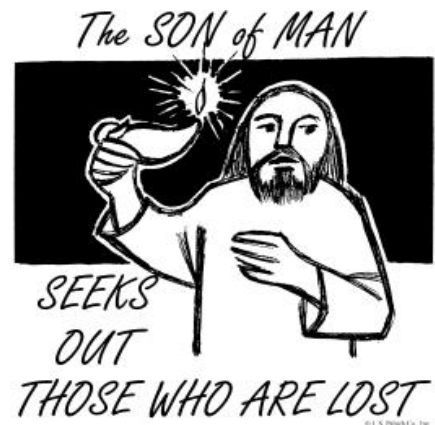
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

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.

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Wednesday:	Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
Thursday:	Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Phil 3:17 -- 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday:	2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 -- 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]



Parish News and Announcements

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Last Sunday's Gospel gave us a tax collector's beautiful prayer to take with us from this Jubilee Year of Mercy. Today, another tax collector's encounter with Jesus offers a comforting memory to cherish, but also a challenging mission to embrace. Zacchaeus' short stature (see Luke 19:3) matched how contemptible, socially and spiritually, Zacchaeus' religious acquaintances considered tax collectors to be. Jesus counters that judgment with mercy. Radical sin meets unmerited grace. God seeks and finds the lost; a sinner's home becomes salvation's house. The sinner "quickly" welcomes salvation "with joy" (19:6), while the righteous grumble judgmentally at God's mercy. Mercy challenges us, too. Like Zacchaeus, we have been sought and found by Jesus, called by name to welcome Jesus into our heart's home. Therefore, we must go forth from this Jubilee Year of Mercy as "missionaries of mercy," seeking our fellow sinners with Jesus, receiving them with joy (see 19:6) as cherished brothers and sisters, and joyfully offering our judgment-free hospitality as Jesus' own "Welcome home!"
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Adult Confirmation

We invite all parishioners (18 and up), who have not received their Sacrament of Confirmation, to join our Adult Confirmation Program. Registration is open and the first class will start on February 5th, 2017 after the 9am Mass. The Program consists of 15 sessions and a one day retreat! Please contact the Faith Formation Office at goodshepherd@frontier.com. It is a great opportunity to renew and grow in faith!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
Monday:	Halloween
Tuesday:	All Saints
Wednesday:	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
Thursday:	St. Martin de Porres
Friday:	St. Charles Borromeo; First Friday
Saturday:	First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Nov. 1st, All Saint's Day

Tuesday, Nov. 1st, All Saint's Day, is a Holy day of obligation in the Diocese of Sacramento. The Mass schedule will be as follows: 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. There will not be a Vigil Mass on Oct. 31st.

Kinderchurch News

Kinderchurch and CFF families: We are looking for a photographer and videographer for the St. Nicholas Pageant on Sunday, Dec. 11th. Thank you for your willingness to donate your time and talent to support our program and children. Please email kinderchurch@gmail.com for more info.

CFF News

Please support our one and only CFF Fundraiser for 2016-2017 with 12 raffle baskets themed to capture the essence of our favorite Christmas carol or song. Tickets will be available for purchase starting next weekend. Buy your tickets and support our Religious Education Ministry!

Jacob's Ladder

The Ladder of Jacob (Genesis 28:10-15) is a ziggurat, a spiral stairway; a symbol of eternity. Unlike circles, spirals don't endlessly return to a point where they started. As reflected in the Book of Genesis, the Ladder of Jacob is a connection between life on earth and an eternal peace in the Kingdom of God. The month of November is a time to remember those who have ascended Jacob's Ladder, those who have become members of the Communion of Saints. There will be a memorial for the dead available in the narthex for photographs of deceased members of the parish family. Due to limited space, photographs should be no larger than 5 X 7 inches. It is strongly recommended that original photographs not be used.

Parish News

Lazarus Mass

The month of November is the time of year to offer special prayers and Masses for our deceased loved ones. On **Sunday, Nov 6th at our 5pm Mass** our Lazarus and Hearts of Compassion ministries will share special remembrances of all parishioners who have died since last November 1st. You are also welcome to decorate a candle that will be blessed at the Mass. Family members may process in with the priest at the beginning of the Lazarus Mass. The church office has a limited supply of candles available.

Parish Finance Council Vacancy

Father Leon is currently seeking a parishioner to fill a current vacancy on the Parish Finance Council. The **Parish Finance Council** functions as a consultative body to the pastor. It consists of selected professionals to advise the pastor in these areas:

- Preparation of the annual operating budget
- Long-term financial planning
- Annual parish financial report, which is submitted to the Diocesan Bishop
- Annual and periodic financial reports to the faithful

The Council ensures that an adequate system of internal controls is in place to guide the parish in caring for and managing financial resources and temporal goods. The Parish Finance Council observes all policies and procedures outlined in the Parish Financial Management Handbook.

If you are a business professional looking for a way to serve your parish, please forward a brief summary of your experience to Denise at goodshepherdchurch@frontiernet.net before December 1st, 2016.

Evangelization Outreach Ministry

Join us for our fourth annual Advent by Candlelight, on Saturday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Invite your family and friends to this women's only event (ages 14+) for a relaxing evening. Be inspired by the creativity of beautifully decorated tables, music of the season, and Marge Fenelon, who is an award-winning Catholic writer and speaker. She will guide us in a spirit-filled evening, encouraging us to let go and "Wait with Mary." We will meditate on spending Advent with Mary combined with a mini-pilgrimage to the Holy Land, as we begin to journey in the Advent Season!

Signups will be held after all Masses the weekends of Oct 29/30 and Nov 5/6 and in the office until November 10.

Serving as a table hostess is an incredibly gratifying experience. We encourage you to ask a friend or two to assist with décor, tableware or food to ensure that everyone can enjoy the evening. Hostesses will provide a light appetizer and dessert. For more information, please contact Donna at 684-1038, Ruth at 947-0958 or email outreach@gsccg.org.

St. Vincent de Paul News

We are in need of canned soup, baby wipes and diapers. As cooler weather approaches, we are also looking for donations of warm clothing such as sweaters, jackets, coats, and gloves. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Current SVdP locker hours are Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Volunteers are always welcome. To volunteer, contact us at (916) 647-1243.

Upcoming Events

40 Days for Life

September 28—November 6

Believers are invited to join together for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. We meet in the narthex after Tuesday morning Mass if you would like to carpool to the prayer site. For more info please contact Diane at (916)582-4312 or visit 40daysforlife.com/sacramento.

"The Harvest is plenty but the workers are few"

Stop by the Ministry Faire in the Fr. Philip Wells Parish Center after all Masses this weekend to see how you can continue the good work our ministries do for our parish community. Teens are also encouraged to attend and view opportunities for community service. Come and see how you can serve Christ by ministering to his people.

Thanksgiving Mass and Reception for Deacon Ed Smith

Please join us on Saturday, November 12th at 5:00 p.m. for a thanksgiving mass in honor of Deacon Ed Smith, who is retiring from his position as Deacon. Immediately following mass, we will have a reception in the Fr. Philip Wells Hall. All are welcome.

Knights of Columbus Pie Sales

The Knights of Columbus will be selling pies after all masses beginning November 5/6 through November 19/20. These pies are great for immediate consumption, and for the Thanksgiving holiday. Proceeds go to our Christmas Adopt-a-Family program.

School News

Family Dinner Night Out Fundraiser

You're invited to the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School Family Dinner Night Out Fundraiser at the Old Spaghetti Factory from 4:00-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2nd. Download or print the flyer from the SEAS or GSCC website and bring it with you. Please share the flyer with family and friends. Only dine-in meal purchases are eligible; reservations are recommended. Thank you for your support.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Oct. 29, 2016

5:00 pm

Beth Brosas (BD)
Denzel Miskell (+)
Irene Misnik (+)
Zoraida Ruiz (+)

Sunday, Oct. 30, 2016

7:00 am

Melanie Espiritu
and Family (TG)
Illustre Barroga Sr. (+)
Gregorio Cosente (+)
Estela Gunabe (13yrDA)

9:00am

Evangeline Arevalo (SI)
Ruben Nazareno (SI-H)
Jojo Francisco (SI-H)
Emilia Canlas (+)
Adela Caracas (+)
Ramon Martinez (+)

11:00 am

Stephen Aglubat (BD)
Susan A. Alvarez (BD)
Kenny Paul (+)
Jared Crisologo Smith (+)
Nenita Vasquez (+)

1:00 pm

Gani and Maricel Cruz (SI)
Hermogenes De Peralta (+)
Inocencia De Peralta (+)
Joan Lopez (+)
Jose Lopez (+)
Herminia Murillo (+)

5:00pm

Alfonzo Gomez (BD)
Greening family (TG)
Fr. Lester Menor (TG)
Fr. Leon Juchniewicz (TG)
All Souls in Purgatory (+)

Monday, Oct. 31, 2016

8:30am

Paul and Cecilia Bernadas (BD)
Lucita Barnes Angeles (+)
Lee Innocenti (2yrDA)
Maria Sonnette Vitug Narcisco (+)

Tuesday, Nov. 1—4, 2016

**We honor and pray for
all our loved ones that have
died over the years.**

**During the month
of November
no specific names will be read.**

**However,
all names written on the
All Souls envelopes
placed in our crystal bowl
near the Altar
will be prayed for at
every Mass
throughout the month
of November.**

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 Catholic Church

**Collection total for Oct. 22/23 will be published in next
week's bulletin.**

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



Dear Parish Family,

October 2016

We really miss them...our deceased parents, spouses, children, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends. But together, we can remember them during this special time of the year. According to an ancient practice of the Church, the month of November has been set aside as a special time to remember those who have passed from this life into the next.

November is a time of memories, of prayer, and of sacrifices for our many relatives and friends who have died. Sometimes we wonder what we can do for those who have died. Maybe we missed opportunities to do good for them when they were with us, and we would like to do something now. We can offer our prayers and sacrifices. There is no greater prayer we can offer than the Eucharist.

Many of our loved ones have been reunited with Jesus. In our thoughts for them during this month of November, we realize that they have a belonging which is far more important than belonging to us. They belong to God in Christ.

On November 6th at the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass, the Lazarus Ministry and Hearts of Compassion Ministry will share with us special remembrances of all those parishioners who have died in the past twelve months. We are grateful to the Lazarus Ministry and Hearts of Compassion Ministry for the comfort and prayerful support they offer parishioners when they have a death in their family.

The priests of Good Shepherd will offer the Masses each day of November for all our departed loved ones whose names are submitted on the enclosed envelope. Please return the envelopes to the Church prior to November 1st by dropping it in the collection basket or by mailing it to the Parish Office. These envelopes will be placed near the Altar of the church for all of November in order that we may pray for and remember our departed loved ones.

May our Lord bless you and grant eternal rest to all our beloved departed.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Leon Juchniewicz
Pastor

Fr. Lester Menor
Parochial Vicar