

# Good Shepherd Catholic Church

November 6, 2016 Thirty-second 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](http://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](mailto: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

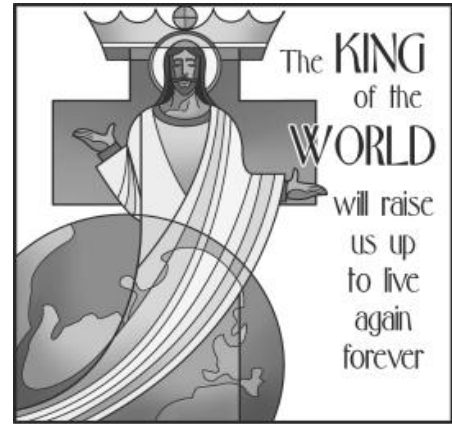
### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Thursday:	Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday:	Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19



## Parish News and Announcements

### Jubilee Year of Mercy

#### Jubilee for Prisoners

One of the most moving images of Pope Francis' ministry comes from Holy Thursday. Slowly, deliberately, Francis kneels down before prisoners--men, women, young, old, Christian, Muslim--and washes their feet, recalling Jesus admonition to Peter: "If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet" (John 13:14). On today's Jubilee for Prisoners, whose rights the Church bids us advocate, Jesus declares in the Gospel, "to [God] all are alive" (Luke 20:38). Have we "imprisoned" anyone figuratively, but no less painfully, passing harsh judgment, then refusing our respect, acceptance, even affection? This month of All Saints and All Souls bids us reflect on our eternal destiny and prepare for it. Respect for ourselves and others, souls and bodies, practical care for neighbors and strangers: such witness affirms that we view our present in light of our future, and believe that, even now, in our midst, stands the Lord of life, the living Jesus. --Peter Scagnelli, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

### Second Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services

Next week our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS). The AMS provides the sacraments-- and the re-affirming Word of Christ-- to the men and women serving in our armed forces and their families. To provide these services, they need your help--the AMS receives no federal funding.

### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan

Join Father Leon for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan from April 17<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017. For details, please call Travel Travel at 510-724-4200 or 707-315-4686. Participation is limited to 32 passengers.

### A Prayer for World Peace

Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle; the strength to be forgiving; the patience to be understanding; and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding to what we believe to be right. May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred. We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence, a new world where fear shall no longer lead men to commit injustice, nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others. Help us to devote our whole life and thought and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we and all men were created. Amen.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week Daylight Saving Time ends
Tuesday:	Election Day
Wednesday:	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Thursday:	St. Leo the Great
Friday:	St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day; Remembrance Day (Canada)
Saturday:	St. Josaphat

### 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 after the 9am Mass. The Program consists of 15 sessions and a one day retreat! Please contact the Faith Formation Office at [goodshepherddre@frontier.com](mailto:goodshepherddre@frontier.com). It is a great opportunity to renew and grow in faith!

## 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 this weekend. Buy your tickets and support our Religious Education Ministry!

# Parish News

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP OPENINGS

The **Parish Pastoral Council** is a consultative body, pastoral in nature, because it strives to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit among God's people in the parish. Specifically, the purpose is to enhance the process of:

- pastoral planning
- developing pastoral programs
- improving pastoral services
- evaluating the pastoral effectiveness of various programs and services.

The Pastoral Council has a rotating membership and will soon have openings for new members. If this is an area where you feel a calling to serve, please contact Juanita Baier at [parishcouncil@gscceg.org](mailto:parishcouncil@gscceg.org).

## Parish Finance Council Vacancy

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 Finance 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.

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](mailto:goodshepherdchurch@frontiernet.net) before December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

## Evangelization Outreach Ministry

Join us for our fourth annual Advent by Candlelight, on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 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!

Signup after all Masses this weekend or in the church office until November 10. For more info, contact Donna at 684-1038, Ruth at 947-0958 or email [outreach@gscceg.org](mailto:outreach@gscceg.org).

## Elizabeth Ministry News

Please join us as we welcome baby Mackenna Trinity, born on September 21, 2016, to our parish community! Mackenna joins parents Marvin and Melody and big sisters Mackenzie and Mackayla. Please pray for baby Mackenna and her family as they transition with their growing family.

# St. Vincent de Paul News

On Oct. 24th we were able to help 58 families consisting of 237 people. This week we helped 52 families consisting of 190 people. 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

### Thanksgiving Mass for Deacon Ed Smith—Postponed

Please note that the Mass of Thanksgiving and reception for Deacon Ed Smith will be postponed. We will let you know when we have a new date. Please pray for Deacon Ed and Doloris as they deal with some very serious medical issues.

### Knights of Columbus Pie Sales

The Knights of Columbus will be selling pies after all masses beginning this weekend 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.

### Veteran's Day Mass

Good Shepherd Armed Forces Veterans Ministry and Knights of Columbus St. John Paul Assembly will jointly celebrate Veterans Day on Friday, Nov. 11, 2016. Mass will be celebrated at the church at 8:30 a.m. A reception will follow in the parish hall. Parishioners are welcome, especially all members of the Armed Forces, Policemen, and Firemen and you are encouraged to wear your military dress uniforms respectively.

### All are welcome to the Good Shepherd Parish Fellowship!

Our next monthly Fellowship will be Sunday, Nov. 13th following the 7:00 a.m. mass with continuous serving until shortly before 11:00 mass begins. We invite and encourage those who regularly attend 11:00 mass to join us beforehand for breakfast. The meal is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and hosted by the Hospitality Ministry. It will consist of 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!

### Arts & Crafts Faire

The Knights of Columbus will hold its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts & Crafts Faire on Saturday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am-4pm & Sunday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> from 8am-3pm inside the Fr. Philip Wells Hall. The Faire will feature 30+ vendors & small businesses. Start your holiday shopping early and support, mingle, and be part of our church community!

# *Mass Intentions*

**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.**

## ***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.

## **Apparition Hill Movie Showing**

Join a screening of the Oscar nominated film, Apparition Hill, an emotionally charged "cinematic pilgrimage" to the little-known village of Medjugorje. The feature-length documentary is being shown in Elk Grove at the Century 16 Theater, Nov. 15th at 6pm. Limited Tickets available for \$14. Contact Malissa Benade for tickets at 916.627.0341. Watch the trailer at Apparitionhill.tv. Get ready for a movie that will move your heart!

## *Stewardship at Good Shepherd*

Collection total for Oct. 22/23 = **\$18,202.35**

2nd Collection/World Mission Sunday = **\$5,291.93**

*Weekly collection totals include Faith Direct.*

Total for Oct. 29/30 will be published 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.*

### **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!***



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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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