

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

November 13, 2016 Thirty-third 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.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Saturday:	Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43



Parish News and Announcements

Jubilee Year of Mercy

As this Jubilee Year of Mercy comes to an end, Jesus' first disciples ask what every age seems to wonder about the end of the world: "Teacher, when will this happen? What sign will there be?" (Luke 21:7). But instead of what we'd like to know, Jesus tells us what we need to know. Don't be terrified by natural disasters, human violence, personal sufferings. Because God's mercy abounds, all is grace. "It will lead to your giving testimony" (21:13). So Malachi promises "the sun of justice with its healing rays" (Malachi 3:20a); and Jesus describes how we should welcome the end: "Stand erect and raise your heads, because your redemption is at hand" (Gospel Acclamation, Luke 21:28). Rather than worrying about ourselves and the future's perils, both Jesus' gospel and Pope Francis' Jubilee Year of Mercy bid us go forth to spend our lives proclaiming God's promise of boundless mercy, but also translating God's mercy into living deeds of unfailing compassion and enduring comfort.

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Second Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services

Today we support our family and friends who have served this nation with distinction. The Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services will provide the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to members of the US armed forces wherever they serve. Please prayerfully consider a generous contribution to the national Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services.

Calling all Lectors

Interested in serving at Mass as a Lector? Our next training sessions are scheduled for 11/15/16 and 11/17/16 at 6:00 p.m. and on 11/20/16 at 2:30 p.m. **All new and current lectors must attend ONE of these training sessions.** Contact Chris at lectors@gscccg.org for more information.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	St. Albert the Great
Wednesday:	St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
Thursday:	St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Friday:	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul in Rome; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

CFF News

Beginning this weekend and thru Dec 11th after all Masses our Religious Education program will be selling tickets for their one and only fundraising event this year. Twelve high-end raffle baskets, valued between \$300 and \$1000 each, will be on display. Tickets for these one of a kind baskets will be sold for \$20 each or 6 for \$100. Join us for the Raffle drawing at our complimentary Cookie and Hot Chocolate Bar on Dec. 11th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. These baskets will be just in time for the holidays. All proceeds will support our Religious Education Ministries.

Kinderchurch News

Please remember to join in the fun at our First Annual Harvest Fellowship Picnic today from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Keema Pumpkin Farm. This is a great opportunity for our Kinderchurch families to meet and make friends! We will have games and activities for the kids and you are welcome to bring a picnic lunch for your family.

Thanksgiving Day Mass, November 24, 2016

This year we will continue our tradition of a special Thanksgiving Day Mass beginning at 10:00 a.m. There will be no 8:30 a.m. Mass on that day. You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food or monetary donations that will then be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help feed families of our community. Also bring the food and wine that you will be preparing for your Thanksgiving Day meal and Father will bless those items.

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.

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 before December 1st, 2016.

RCIA News

Our Catechumens and Candidates have completed 7 weeks of catechetical instructions on the Creed. For the next 6 weeks, they will be learning about the Sacraments. Let us continue to journey with them, as we pray: *"Father God, bless those who are moving forward into the fullness of faith in you and full communion in the life of our Catholic Family. Protect them on their journey. Reveal to them the love of your Son Jesus. Empower them with the gifts of your Holy Spirit. I offer this sacrifice of prayer for them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen."*

Faith Direct e-Giving

With the busy times of Thanksgiving and the Season of Advent coming up, enrolling in Faith Direct today is a great way to ensure your gifts to Good Shepherd are received even while you are traveling for the holidays. Already enrolled? Don't forget to add your Christmas or end-of-year contributions. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: CA688. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

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

Knights of Columbus Pie Sales

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

Sharing and Caring Senior Singles

Our total amount raised for the building fund is \$1,015. Thank you to everyone who participated! **Upcoming dates:** Our next meeting will be on Sat., Nov. 19th from 12:00-2:00 p.m. in the St. John Paul room. Our Christmas luncheon will be on Mon., Dec. 5th at 11:30 a.m. at Lamppost Pizza. RSVP required. Call Helen at 683-1943 to RSVP.

Arts & Crafts Faire

The Knights of Columbus will hold its 7th Annual Arts & Crafts Faire on Saturday, Nov. 19th from 9am-4pm & Sunday, Nov. 20th 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!

Closing Celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee

Year of Mercy

Pope Francis decreed that the Holy Year would conclude on November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, with the closing of the Holy Door in the Basilica of St. Peter's at the Vatican. Good Shepherd's Eucharistic celebration of Thanksgiving will be held at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, November 20, 2016.

Pray Like A Monk: Monastic Prayer retreat

The monks of Our Lady of New Clairvaux Abbey invite single Catholic men ages 18-35 to immerse themselves in the monastic tradition for the weekend of Dec. 16-18. For more information visit www.newclairvaux.org or call 530-839-2161.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan

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

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.

Thank You from Shepherds Field Olive Wood Handcrafts

We send our deepest gratitude to all parishioners at your parish for their generosity and support. This giving support will positively impact our people in the Holy Land and will help them remain strong in the land of Christ. By visiting your Parish, we were able to spread our message to the parish community about the plight of the Christian community in the Holy Land. Moreover, we are also able to bring attention to the hardships that our people are now enduring in the land of our Savior.

Stewardship at Good Shepherd

Collection total for Oct. 29/30 = \$20,183.87

2nd collection/St. Vincent DePaul = \$7,638.65

Weekly collection totals include Faith Direct.

Total for Nov. 5/6 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 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
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Parochial Vicar

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