

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

November 20, 2016 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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

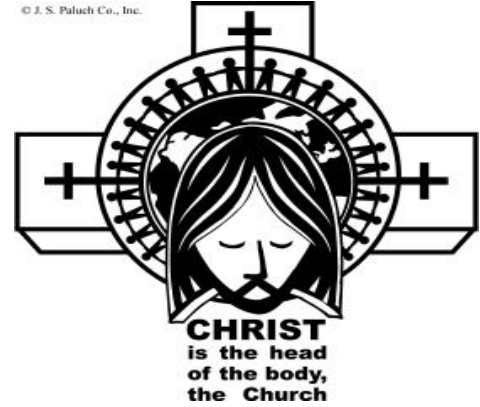
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

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 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day (suggested): Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 -- 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44



Parish News and Announcements

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Jubilee Year Ends

Today Luke, evangelist and by tradition artist, sends us forth from this Jubilee Year of Mercy with an unforgettable portrait of Christ the King. The setting for Jesus' "royal portrait" is the cross. From this "throne," the crucified "crown prince" welcomes by "executive pardon" the kingdom of mercy's first citizen, a fellow criminal. The "Good Thief" requests neither deliverance nor salvation, or even forgiveness: "Remember me when . . ." (Luke 23:42). "Today you will be with me," King Jesus promises, "in paradise." (23:43). Paradise, even for non-believers, is an image of creation contentedly in harmony with self, fellow creatures, and Creator. Today, we "good thieves" beg Jesus to remember us. We promise to remember that, although Jesus' kingdom will be fulfilled only when Jesus' returns, that kingdom begins today in the paradise that will flower from this Jubilee Year of Mercy. We disciples, having been embraced unconditionally and undeservedly by Jesus' mercy, must now go forth to embrace all others, unconditionally, with that same unflinching mercy.

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Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins. Please give generously to the CCHD collection.

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.

Please note that the Church office will be closed on 11/25/16.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. Cecilia
Wednesday: St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro
Thursday: St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions; Thanksgiving Day
Friday: St. Catherine of Alexandria
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Calling all Lectors

Interested in serving at Mass as a Lector? Our next training session is TODAY, 11/20/16, at 2:30 p.m. **All new and current lectors must attend a training session.** Contact Chris at lectors@gscceg.org for more information.

CFE News

This weekend 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 \$500 and \$1600 each, will be on display. These baskets are just in time for the holidays! Raffle tickets are \$20 each or get 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. All proceeds will support our Religious Education Ministries. For a description of each basket, visit www.gscceg.org.

Kinderchurch News

Please remember there will not be any classes on November 27th due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Also, remember to sign up for the Remind app at <https://www.remind.com/join/kinderchu> to receive up-to-date reminders from Kinderchurch!

Parish News

Parish Council Membership Openings

The **Parish Pastoral Council** 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. The **Parish Finance Council** has current openings as well. 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. For a description of duties for both of these councils, please check our website, www.gscceg.org.

RCIA News

Three additional Catechumens - Yvonne Dennings, Courtney Long and MacKayla Olidan - joined the RCIA process after the Sept. 11th celebration of the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming for 16 RCIA Participants. These three Catechumens will ask our faith community at Good Shepherd for support and prayer at the Rite of Acceptance on Sunday December 4th, at the 9:00 am Mass.

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!

Walk for Life West Coast 2017!

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 the Walk. Please contact the parish office to reserve your seat. For more information about the Walk, please visit www.walkforlifewc.com or email Gary Hickman at green-hope28@yahoo.com. Please join us to make a public stand for Families and for LIFE.

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.

Altar Server Training

We are looking for new Altar Servers!! This is an excellent way for young people to become actively involved in the Mass. Altar servers must be at least 10 years old or in the 4th grade. Training will be on Wed., Nov. 30th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm and Sun., Dec. 4th from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. Please contact Bryant at altarservers@gscceg.org for more info and to confirm the day you plan to attend.

St. Vincent de Paul News

On November 6th, we served 65 families consisting of 246 people and gave out 214 boxes. On November 14th, we served 58 families consisting of 220 people and gave out 206 boxes. During the month of October, our St. Vincent de Paul ministry fed 251 families and 1022 people!

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

Arts & Crafts Faire

The Knights of Columbus is having its 7th Annual Arts & Crafts Faire on Sunday, Nov. 20th from 8am-3pm inside the Fr. Philip Wells Hall. The Faire will feature some of our own parishioners: Terry DeFrates—oil paintings; Irene Camerino—upcycled Japanese textiles; Victoria Garcia—31 Gifts; Perez Family—The Catholic Store. 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.

Sharing and Caring Senior Singles

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.

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.

Hearts of Compassion Holiday sessions

St. Christopher's Catholic Church Grief Ministry is offering sessions to help those who have lost a loved one survive the stress and loneliness of the holiday season. These sessions will be held on the following Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.: Nov. 23, 30, and Dec. 4 at St. Christopher's in Galt. Please contact Maria at (209) 745-6461 for more information.

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.

Stewardship at Good Shepherd

Collection total for Nov 5/6 = \$21,647.40
2nd Collection/Building Fund = \$7,466.05
All Saints Day = \$3,823.90

Collection total for Nov 12/13 = \$21,601.00
2nd Collection/Military Services = \$4,962.07
Weekly collection totals include Faith Direct.

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

Bookmark SacCatholic.com this Advent

SacCatholic.com is your one-stop destination to find and share Catholic events in the Diocese of Sacramento. Be sure to bookmark SacCatholic.com this Advent as new events, workshops and retreats will be posted regularly as we prepare for the birth of our Lord.

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
Pastor

Fr. Lester Menor
Parochial Vicar