

ADVENT

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www.gscccg.org

Church, Office & School

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

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

A photograph of four lit Advent candles in purple and white, set on a decorative base with greenery and a gold star. A blue banner with the church's name is overlaid on the top right of the image. A white cross is visible in the upper right corner of the image area.

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Leon Juchniewicz

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Director, Faith Formation: Sr. Sibebe 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.

Second Sunday of Advent

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11



*The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea.
-- Isaiah 11:9*

Saint John the Baptist appears on the scene today as Advent enters its second week. The mysterious consumer of locusts and wild honey, John echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah as he calls for repentance in the face of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven. The rhythms of the Christian life are often confounding. Each year we meet the Baptist and hear his calls for repentance. Each year we see him pointing to the one who is coming after him, the Lord Jesus. Yet each year the words and actions of John the Baptist echo anew in our hearts, because we have fallen into old sinful traps again and again. Advent gives us the opportunity once again to turn away from our sinful ways and embrace the gospel way of life. John the Baptist invites us to prepare the way for the Lord, in whom we place our hope. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Parish News and Announcements

Holy Day of Obligation—Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, December 7th (Vigil) mass at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 8th mass at 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Our **Advent Communal Reconciliation Service** will be held on Wed., Dec. 14th, at 7:00 p.m.

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 TODAY, Sun., Dec. 4th from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Please contact Bryant at altarservers@gscceg.org for more info.

Second Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious

Next weekend, Dec. 10/11, we will take up a 2nd collection for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. Your donation works for aging religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection and give generously to those who have given a lifetime.

Walk for Life West Coast 2017!

The 11th Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco is Sat., Jan. 21st, 2017. Contact the parish office to reserve your seat on our chartered bus. For more information, please visit www.walkforlifewc.com or email Gary at greenhope28@yahoo.com. Please join us to make a public stand for Families and for LIFE.

Parish Council Membership Openings

The **Parish Pastoral Council** has openings for new members. If this is an area where you feel a calling to serve, please contact Juanita Baier at parishcouncil@gscceg.org. For more information, go to www.gscceg.org.

2017 Women's Retreat

The women of Good Shepherd are cordially invited to make their annual retreat to Christ the King Passionist of Holy Cross Province Retreat Center on the weekend of Jan. 13-15, 2017. The rich tradition of a retreat is a special occasion to Renew Faith, Share Christ and Find Peace. The theme for this year is "Gathered in the Name of Jesus." Please prayerfully consider spending time with our Lord to pray and learn more of Him. For more information please contact Carol at 916-725-4720 ext. #314; or email cforrest@passionist.org.

Devotional Masses (Simbang Gabi)

Devotional Masses (Simbang Gabi) will be celebrated Dec. 15 through Dec. 23, at 7:00 p.m. Simbang Gabi (Filipino for "Night Mass") is a devotional nine-day series of masses in anticipation of Christmas and to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. The theme for this year is "Beatitudes." A reception will be held after each mass. All masses will be in English and everyone is welcome to attend. Volunteers are welcome to assist during the Simbang Gabi. Please contact Bobby Aglubat at 916 525 5180 or at BobbyNavRet@aol.com for more information.

CFE News

Our Religious Education program is still 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 in the Narthex after all masses through Dec. 11th. 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.



Shredding Event

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School and Good Shepherd will have a shredding event on Dec. 9, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 for a Bankers box (all donations gladly accepted). For more information contact Monica Swain at 916-684-7903.

St. Mary's High School Workshop

St. Mary's High School will be hosting a scholarship and financial assistance information night on Wed., Dec. 7th from 5:00 - 6:30pm. Incoming families and current families that need assistance with FACTS and FAFSA should attend. Please call Jennifer at (209) 957-3340, ext 121 with any questions.

Adult Confirmation

We invite all parishioners (18 and older), 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. For more info, please contact the Faith Formation Office at goodshepherddre@frontier.com.

Best Advent Ever- Wrap Presents and Be Present

Advent is about getting ready to encounter Jesus. This advent, sign up for Best Advent Ever: Rediscover Christmas, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic. Each day you'll receive an email with practical tips, Christmas music, or an inspirational video. Sign up at BestAdventEver.com

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

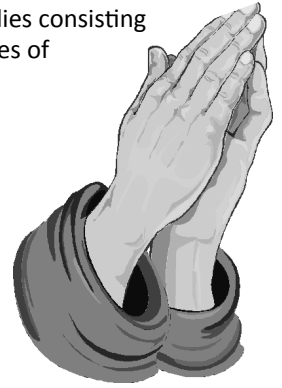
Sunday:	Second Sunday of Advent
Tuesday:	St. Nicholas
Wednesday:	St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Thursday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday:	St. Juan Diego
Saturday:	International Human Rights Day

St. Vincent de Paul News

On Nov. 21st, SVdP assisted 70 families consisting of 268 people and gave out 210 boxes of food.

As we enter the winter season, we are 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

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.

Good Shepherd Parish Fellowship

Our next monthly Fellowship will be Sunday, Dec. 11th following the 7:00 a.m. Mass with continuous serving until shortly before the 11:00 a.m. Mass begins. We would like to invite and encourage those individuals and families who regularly attend 11:00 a.m. Mass to join us beforehand to enjoy breakfast. The meal is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and hosted by the Hospitality Ministry. Breakfast will be blueberry pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, and beverages. We ask for a free will offering to cover expenses. Please join in fellowship!

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. The last of these sessions will be held on Wed., Dec. 7 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Christopher's in Galt. Please contact Maria at (209) 745-6461 for more information.

Fatima Rosary Prayer

Please join us on Tues. Dec. 13th for the 13th of the Month Fatima Prayer. It will start right after the 8:30 a.m. mass in the Church. Our Lady of Fatima asked us to pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world. Thank you.

Knight of Columbus Rosary Night of Prayer

All parishioners and Brother Knights are invited to the KofC Rosary Night of Prayer in honor of our Blessed Mother on Dec. 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. After the rosary, please join us for refreshments and fellowship. For more info contact Iggy at (916) 689-2428.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016

5:00 pm

Teodora Bulatao (+)
Venancio Del Rosario (+)
Connie & Elena Feraren (DA)
Marge Lehan (+)
Zoraida Ruiz (+)

Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016

7:00 am

Grace Baclig (TG)
Bill Badella (+)
Fred, Gloria, Eduardo &
Victor Luchico (+)
Eduardo Quiambao (+)
Robert Henry Prince (+)

9:00 am

Evangeline Arevalo (SI)
Ofelia Wayne (SI-H)
Teodora Bulatao (+)
Petronilo Chua Sr. (+)
Teresita Ramirez (+)

11:00 am

Bobby Aglubat (BD)
Andrew Narloch (BD)
Trinidad Binoya (+)
Domingos Fagundes (+)
Jared Crisologo Smith (+)

1:00 pm

Jessica Refe (BD)
Cristita Lagamo (+)
Michael Piña (+)

5:00 pm

Michael Sarmiento (BD)
Carlo Siopongco (SI-H)
Fr. Sidney Hall (+)
Myrna Llorera (+)
All souls in Purgatory (+)

Monday, Dec. 5, 2016

8:30 am

Rolando Albarillo (BD)
Grace Baclig (BD)
Nelson Chavez (BD)
Teodora Bulatao (+)
Zoraida Ruiz (+)

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016

8:30 am

Cesar Salgado (79yrBD)
Teodora Bulatao (+)
Zoraida Ruiz (+)
Bonifacio Urbano (+)
Diana Velasquez (+)

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016

8:30 am

Lynette Enriquez Chavez (+)
Teodora Bulatao (+)
Tina Marquez (+)
Zoraida Ruiz (+)
Bonifacio Urbano Jr. (+)

Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016

8:30 am

Lynette Chavez (BD)
Conception Wakatani (BD)
Anne Rooney (SI)
Teodora Bulatao (+)
Zoraida Ruiz

7:00 pm

Visitacion Baquiran (+)
Leticia Santiago (+)
Melicia Vergel de Dios (+)

Friday, Dec. 9, 2016

8:30 am

Teodora Bulatao (+)
Luz David (DA)
Zoraida Ruiz (+)

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 Nov. 19/20 = \$18,450.12

Thanksgiving = \$1,848.75

Collection total for Nov. 26/27 = \$20,032.07

2nd Collection/Campaign for Human Dev. = \$5,121.35

Weekly collection 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.



Good Shepherd Catholic Church
Religious Education Program Presents

ANNUAL HOLIDAY Raffle Basket

November 5, 2016 thru December 11, 2017
After all Masses

Ticket Price:

1 ticket = \$20.00
6 tickets = \$100.00

Join us for Cookies & Hot Chocolate Bar
At the Raffle Drawing on
December 11, 2016 @ 6:30 PM
Fr. Philip Wells Hall

**Thank you for supporting
Good Shepherd's
Religious Education
Program!**



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!