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OF THE LORD

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Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Church, Office & School

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Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8am - 5pm

Closed for lunch 12-1pm

Closed Wednesdays

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

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Leon Juchniewicz

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Edgardo J Garcia-Velazquez

Deacon: William Sousa

Deacon: Edward Smith

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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: Joshua Hollcraft

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.gscceg.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.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School

K-8 Principal: Marci Greene (916) 684-7903

mgreene@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.

Liturgy of the Hours:

Weekdays at 7:45 a.m. in the church

GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week; Julian Calendar Christmas
Monday: The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
Saturday: St. Hilary; Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018

5:00 pm

Alfred & Helen Lial (+)

Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018

7:00 pm

Vincente Teves, Sr. (+)

Loriane Barbee (+)

Felix Lapa, Jr. (+)

Monday, Jan. 8, 2018

8:30 am

Josh Locarinas (BD)

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018

8:30 am

Venancio Del Rosario (+)

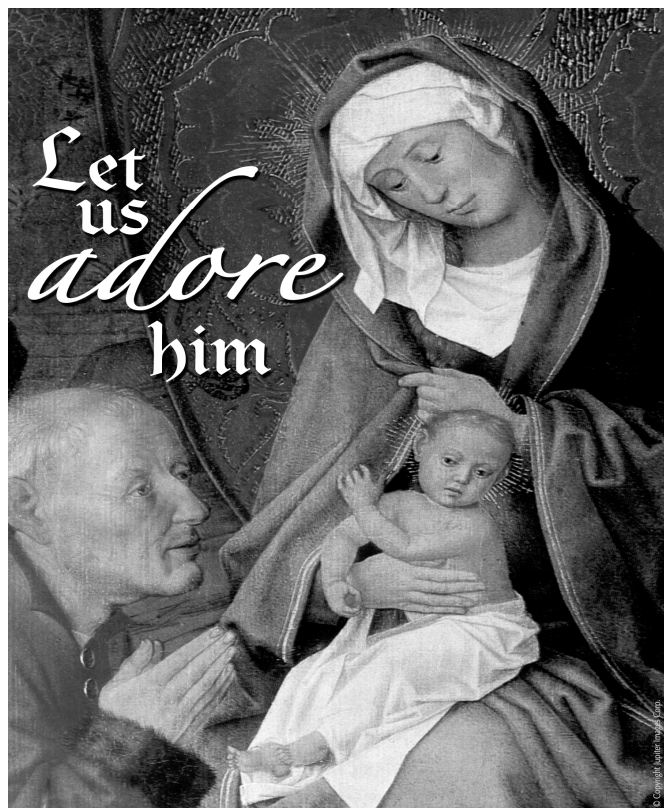
Key:

Deceased (+) Thanksgiving (TG) Death Anniversary (DA) Birthday (BD)

Special Intention (SI) Wedding Anniversary (WA) Special Intention for healing (SI-H)

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 January 28th after the 9:00 a.m. mass. The program consists of 12 sessions and one morning retreat. Please contact the Faith Formation office at goodshepherdre@frontier.com. It's a great opportunity to renew and grow in faith!



13th of the Month Rosary Prayer

Our 13th of the Month Fatima Rosary prayer will be on Sat., Jan. 13 after the 5:00 p.m. mass in the church. Please join us and let us make Our Blessed Mother smile and happy as we obediently fulfill our promise to her.....pray, pray, pray the Rosary everyday.

Fellowship Breakfast January 14th

Please join in Fellowship! What a great way to start your new year! Mark your calendars. All are welcome to the Good Shepherd Parish Fellowship Breakfast on Sunday, January 14th following the 7:00 a.m. Mass with continuous serving until shortly before 11:00 Mass begins. We encourage those who regularly attend 11:00 Mass to join us beforehand to enjoy breakfast. The meal is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and hosted by Hospitality Ministry. We will serve blueberry and plain pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee, milk, juice and hot cocoa. We encourage a free will offering to cover expenses. We now have highchairs for babies and toddlers. Volunteers ages 14 and up are needed. It's a great way to get to know others. Please call Steve or Betty May at 683-3088.

Grief Support Sessions

St. Joseph's Ministry of Consolation will be offering seven weekly grief support sessions on Wednesday mornings beginning, Jan. 17 until Feb. 28th from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. We are present for those grieving the loss of a loved one or other significant loss in one's life. This ministry takes place in the context of faith, and is caring, supportive, and compassionate. For more information, please contact Marilyn at 685-3207 or Mary Ellen at 893-8863.

Upcoming Events

Prayer and Life Workshop

The objective of the Prayer and Life Workshop is to instill the living God in people's hearts and make them happier. Learn several prayer methods, enter into a personal relationship with the Lord and practice forgiving exercises. Come to our opening meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Maria Goretti/8th Grade classroom.

Free Throw Championship

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Laguna Council 11236 All kids ages 9 to 14 as of January 1st are invited to participate in the 2018 Free Throw Championship on Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Father Wells Hall. Competition will begin upon registration. Parent/guardian's consent is required by signing the registration form. The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through council, district and state competitions. For more information and if you have any questions, please contact Tim at 916-539-4811 or Camilo at 916-206-3835.

Walk for Life West Coast 2018

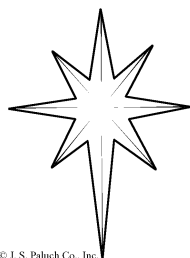
The 14th Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco is Sat., Jan, 28th, 2018. Please contact the office to reserve your seat on our chartered bus. For more info, please visit the website at www.walkforlifewc.com or email Gary at greenhope28@yahoo.com. Please join us to make a public stand for Families and for LIFE.

Christian Brothers High School Placement Exam

Eighth graders interested in attending CB in the 2018-19 school year are required to take the placement exam on Saturday, January 20 from 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Online applications are due by January 19, 2018. Please contact the Admissions Office for more information at (916) 733-3690 or visit the CB website at www.cbhs-sacramento.org.

Fourth Pastoral Initiative for the New Year

All are invited to "LIFE as first envisioned" presented by Dr. Hai Tran, DMin on Thursday, February 8th, 2018, 8:30 am-3:00 pm, at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center. Cost: \$30 (registered by January 25th). The brochure and more information available at the saccatholic.com.



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St. Vincent de Paul News

St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank you again for all you do to help us provide for those in our community who are in need. **We are in need of any size diapers and baby wipes.**

From October-April our hours will be Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Volunteers are always welcome. To volunteer, contact us at (916) 647-1243.



LifeTeen News

High School Teens! Starting on January 14th, our LifeTeen youth group will be meeting every Sunday at the 5:00 p.m. youth mass followed by our "Life Nights" at 6:30 p.m. in the youth room. Join us for our 2018 kick-off on January 14th, the first "Life Night" of the year. Bring your friends and come enjoy food, fellowship, games and more. We are still looking for gifts and donations to enhance our youth room such as board games, sports equipment, video game console/games, musical instruments, religious items, etc. Please do not leave items at the youth room doors. If you have a new/gently-used gift/donation, please email Josh at lifeteen@gscceg.org with a picture and description. Thank you for supporting our youth!

School News

You're invited to the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School (SEAS) Family Dinner Night Out Fundraiser at Rubio's, 9624 Bruceville Road, on Thursday, January 11th, 4:00pm - 9:00pm. Download or print the flyer from the SEAS or Good Shepherd website and bring it with you. Please share the flyer and information with family and friends. Thank you for your support!

Stewardship at Good Shepherd

- Collection total for Dec 23/24 = \$18,009.14
(Includes Faith Direct Contributions)
- Collection total for Christmas = \$35,248.83
(Does not include Faith Direct;
subject to change due to incoming donations)

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

E-Giving with Faith Direct

Giving opens doors to Christ—beginning with the practical reality of keeping parish doors open, funding programs and enabling ministry. But it doesn't stop there. Giving also opens hearts to greater surrender, deeper investment in parish life and in the central mission - to make Jesus known. Simply put, giving is a spiritual practice, with practical implications. Giving to Good Shepherd is easier than ever with FaithDirect. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: CA688. Thank you for your continued support!

Good Shepherd Silver Jubilee 25th Anniversary 2018

We will be celebrating our 25th Anniversary in 2018 with events planned throughout the year. Please join us to plan these memorable events. We need additional leadership and volunteers. Please call Betty or Steve May at 683-3088 if you can help. We would love to have both seasoned and newer parishioners on our planning team and a good cultural cross representation of our parish family.

Save these Dates:

- **Now-February 14th** - Purchase leaves for the Tree of Life for your favorite Valentine and receive a special Valentine signed by Father Leon. Thank you to all who've already purchased them and for those most generous donations to this project.
- Next Planning session **January 22nd 6:30 - 7:30 pm** - John Paul II Room (all are welcome!)
- **February** TBD Good Shepherd Catholic Church's historical journey brainstorming session and story board creation. Send us digital images of your fond memories of Good Shepherd Church with the date and a short description of the pictures to 25thanniversary@gscceg.org.
- Jubilee Mass **April 21st at 5:00 pm** celebrated with Bishop Soto and past and present Clergy; includes the unveiling of the new stained glass and the dedication of a very special brick St. John Paul II had installed in 2000 to seal one of the Holy Doors in Rome and opened to give way to the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in 2015. Followed by formal gala/dinner.
- **April 21 & 22** - Receptions following each of the Masses will be open to all parishioners to attend (no tickets needed)
- Many other exciting events are being planned throughout the liturgical year so keep your eyes peeled for additional announcements.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows





*'Tis Always the Season for
Enduring Love!*

**This Christmas,
memorialize or honor a loved
one by expressing your
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available in the Narthex.**

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moves the parish closer to realizing
improvements of the worship environment
with sacred art in celebration of
Good Shepherd's 25th Anniversary!
Visit the display in the narthex and imagine
stained glass panels of The Good Shepherd
in the altar sanctuary.



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 _____

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