

January 15, 2017

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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www.gscceg.org

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Mercy gives rise to **JOY**
because our hearts are opened
to the hope of a new life.
Pope Francis

Church, Office & School

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

Closed for lunch 12-1pm

Closed Wednesdays

Parish Staff

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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.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.

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: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25 -- 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Is 8:23 -- 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17;
Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation
may reach to the ends of the earth.

-- Isaiah 49:6b



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THREE MISSIONS

Today we begin with one of the "servant songs" from the book of Isaiah, a song prophetic of Jesus' ministry of service. Isaiah's mission is not only to bring back the children of Jacob to gather in Israel; it is also to be "a light to the nations" (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus Christ, as servant, will be the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy and the basis of the new.

This Sunday we begin a series of readings from Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Here Paul is identified by his mission: he is an apostle of Jesus Christ. The church at Corinth to whom he addresses this letter is also identified: it is part of the universal church of God. The Corinthians are called to holiness, as are all Christians.

Though the feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated last Monday, today's Gospel also alludes to the importance of that event. The reading emphasizes that Jesus "outranks" John: his baptism in the Spirit will eradicate sin. Jesus accepts John's baptism, even though it is he himself who is the Lamb of God.

Parish News and Announcements

Office Closure

In observance of the Martin Luther King holiday, the Church office will be closed on Monday, January 16th, 2017.

From the Pastor's Desk

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our Good Shepherd Parish families, for your continuous and ongoing support this past year. Not only in spirit and action, but also financially. It is through the generous spirit of giving by you, our parishioners, that we are able to support our pastoral programs, continue to pay our debt for our new church, and be able to serve those in our community who are less fortunate than we are.

On a personal note, I want to express my deepest appreciation for all the generous gifts I received along with Christmas cards and kind words, which overwhelmed me. I cherish each one of you and offer my prayers and special celebration of the Holy Mass of Thanksgiving. May God reward your generosity, love, and support that Father Lester and I so graciously and humbly feel.

**Yours in Christ,
Father Leon**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday: St. Anthony
Wednesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Thursday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
Friday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
Saturday: St. Agnes

Adult Confirmation

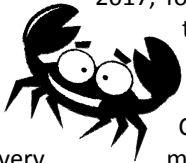
We invite all parishioners (18 and up), who have not received their Sacrament of Confirmation, to join our Adult Confirmation Program. Registration is open and the first class will start on February 5th, 2017 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The Program consists of 15 sessions and a one day retreat. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 916-683-2963. It is a great opportunity to renew and grow in faith!

2016 Tax Statements

Please remember, if you are requiring a tax statement for your church donations, you must contact the office via phone call or email. **If you requested a tax statement last year, you will automatically receive one this year.**

Parish News

Save the Date! Mark your calendars for Saturday, Feb. 11th, 2017, for our 22nd Annual Crab Feed! Raffle, auction, DJ, and of course, crab, clam chowder and all the traditional fixings prepared by our wonderful chef and parishioner Mark Casale! Tickets are \$50 and are on sale after mass or in the church office during regular business hours. Please email us your pictures from previous crab feeds to be displayed this year.



We are in need of donations for the raffle basket and auction items. Vacation rentals, tickets to events and restaurants are all great donations. Please see the table for donation suggestions or call Monica Goodale at 916-684-5722 in the church office or by email at: gscoffice@frontier.com

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 and seats are still available. Contact the parish office to reserve your seat on the bus. For more info visit www.walkforlifewc.com or email Gary Hickman at greenhope28@yahoo.com. Please join us to make a public stand for families and for LIFE.

Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat

Feb. 17-19

The impact and pain of abortion hurts—even years after the experience. If you or a loved one have been hurt by abortion, this weekend is for you. Come and experience God's healing love and forgiveness in a safe, nonjudgmental environment. Open to men and women. Call Paula at 916-733-0161 or email projectrachel@scd.org. All inquiries are confidential.

Christian Brothers High School Placement Exam for Incoming Freshmen – Saturday, January 21, 2017

Eighth graders interested in attending CB in the 2017-18 school year must take the placement exam. Online applications are due Jan. 19, 2017. Please contact the Admissions Office for more information at (916) 733-3690 or visit www.cbhs-sacramento.org.

E-Giving with Faith Direct

The twelve days of Christmas culminated with the celebration of the wonderful feast of Epiphany. We are thankful for all the generous gifts that you provide to our parish, but we realize that you cannot be with us every Sunday of the year. Please consider using our secure electronic giving program, *Faith Direct*. *Faith Direct* will automatically process any offertory or second collections donations of your choosing. 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

This week we were able to assist 52 families consisting of 199 people and gave out 196 boxes of food. We are in need of paper or reusable grocery bags. Thank you for your continued generosity.



We will be closed on Monday, January 16th.

However, regular 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

Free Throw Championship

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 as of January 1st are invited to participate in the 2017 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship on **Sun., Jan. 22, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Father Wells Hall**. For more information, please contact Tim at 916-539-4811 or Camilo at 916-206-3835.

Fatima Pilgrimage

Please join Fr. Lester Menor on a pilgrimage celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Fatima— the first apparition of our Blessed Mother to the three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. We will also visit other Marian Shrines in Europe. Pilgrimage will be May, 2017. Flyers are available in the office and the Narthex. Questions? Call 916-284-1214.

Grief Support Sessions

St. Joseph's Church Ministry of Consolation will be offering seven weekly grief support sessions on Mondays beginning Jan. 9th at 6:30 p.m. We are present for those grieving the loss of a loved one or other significant loss in one's life. For more information, please contact Marilyn at 685-3207 or Mary Ellen at 893-8863.

Win a Week at Camp Pendola—Celebrating God's Creation

Enter to win a free week at Camp Pendola! All 4th-8th graders are invited to enter our essay contest. Using the quote from Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, 228, write a 500-word essay about where you have experienced God in nature. All entries due by February 8th. Go to www.pendola.org or call 530-389-2780 for more information.

World Marriage Day—Renewal of Marital Commitments

On Saturday, Feb. 11th, Bishop Soto will preside at a special mass at 11:00 a.m. at Divine Savior Parish in Orangevale in which married couples will receive a special blessing and have an opportunity to renew their marital commitments. Reception to follow. If you are interested in attending this free event, register at www.SacWMD.com. For more information, call 916-733-0123.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017

5:00 pm

Mary L. Boyer (+)
Celine Marie R. Ico (+)
Manny Gonzalez (+)
Lydia Salinda (+)

Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017

7:00 am

Vilma Rovillos (+)
Eileen Hichcock (+)

9:00am

Benito DeGuzman (BD)
Adelaida Pantig (BD)
Efrenio Baradi (+)
Leo Licastro (+)
St. Rocco (+)

11:00 am

Festus Ezeli (SI)
Loraine Barbee (DA)
Adrian Bonilla (+)
Carlos Francisco Sr. (DA)
Vicente Teves Sr. (+)

1:00 pm

Derek Uzoh (SI)
Jossy Mathew (+)
C.J. Mathew (+)
Debby Williamson (+)

5:00pm

Monday, Jan. 16, 2017

8:30am

Tyler Nguyen (BD)
Nathan Nguyen (BD)
Nick Gumas (+)
Virginia Loza (+)
Murikken (DA)

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017

8:30am

Brenda Dizon (40thday +)

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017

8:30am

Len Beltran (TG)
Maximino Marquez Sr. (BD)

Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017

8:30am

Friday, Jan. 20, 2017

8:30am

Linh Nhi Nguyen (BD)
Shaji and ivy Kudilil (WA)
Angelita Abarro (1yrDA)

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 Dec. 31/Jan. 1 = \$23,347.05

(Includes Solemnity of Mary and weekly contributions, as well as contributions made via Faith Direct.)

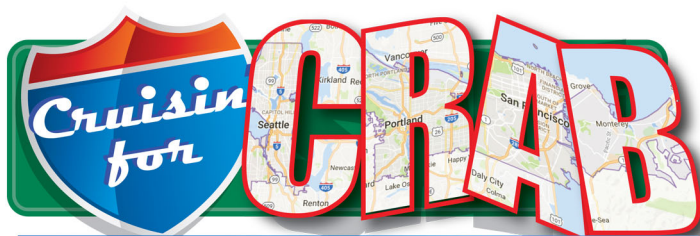
2nd Collection/Building Fund = \$7,074.60

Collection total for Jan. 7/8 = \$20,881.58

(Includes 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.



Good Shepherd's 22nd Annual CRAB FEED

**Saturday
February 11, 2017
6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.**
6:00 p.m. - No Host Bar Begins
7:00 p.m. Dinner Served

CRUISIN' THE COAST...
...the scenic byways of the
Pacific Northwest to the majestic
Pacific Coast Highway of California

**\$50 per person
Table of 10,
Just \$450**
(Must pay with
1 check to save \$50)
Adults Only/No Refunds



Just one month away!

**Purchase your tickets after Mass
or contact the Parish Office at**

(916) 684-5722



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!