

January 22, 2017

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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www.gsceeg.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

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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.gsceeg.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

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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 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
Tuesday:	Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Thursday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.
-- Psalm 27:14



LIBERATION AND REFORM

While you might have to reach for an atlas to determine that Isaiah is speaking about Galilee, today's first reading (part of which was read at Christmas) is prophetic of Jesus' future ministry in that province. The light that brings salvation and rejoicing is, ultimately, Christ. Liberation is the theme: liberation from both ignorance ("darkness") and sin (the "yoke").

As Isaiah identifies a place, so Paul describes an attitude: the attitude that develops, even among good people, of equating their own will with the common good. This always brings dissension, and so it has done in Corinth. Paul will not allow this; we are all members of "Christ's party." The gospel is not to divide us.

Matthew quotes from Isaiah in today's Gospel, presenting Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies. The theme is "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). To spread this message, Jesus begins to select disciples, four of whom we meet today: Peter, Andrew, James, and John.

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Parish News and Announcements

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**

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!



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children; St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope
Tuesday:	St. Francis de Sales
Wednesday:	The Conversion of St. Paul; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends
Thursday:	Ss. Timothy and Titus
Friday:	St. Angela Merici
Saturday:	St. Thomas Aquinas; Chinese New Year 4715

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!

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 every 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: gsccoffice@frontier.com.

All Confirmation and high school students looking for service hours, please check the Sign-Up Genius link at gsccg.org.

Treasures from Our Tradition

It's still months away, but parish ministers, especially if they are involved in the catechumenate, have their eyes on Lent and the Easter Triduum. Until fairly recent times, the last few days before Easter were shaped by an awareness of the Passion, but the faithful were left to their own devices about how to engage with these mysteries. A thousand years ago, the Easter Vigil as a solemn and central moment of initiation had vanished. By the early 1950s it was a minor moment in parish life, celebrated on Holy Saturday morning, usually with only the priests and a handful of invited guests. Most people understood it as necessary only for blessing the paschal candle and preparing the Easter water. People who were children during World War II sometimes remember that the weekly noontime test of the air-raid sirens on Holy Saturday signaled the end of Lent.

Today, of course, we see Holy Saturday as entirely within the paschal fast, and hardly the time for children to be tearing through the plastic grass looking for jelly beans and chocolate eggs. These memories point to a total collapse of the once-central liturgies of the Christian year. This impoverishment of the liturgy was mostly an accident of history. The root cause was the loss of Lent as a time focused on the final formation of catechumens for the Easter sacraments. By 1880, scholars began to piece together a vision of what once had been, and slowly, at first in a handful of monasteries in Europe, pieces of the tradition were rediscovered and celebrated.

--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

St. Vincent de Paul News

We are in need of paper or reusable grocery bags. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

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.

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.

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. 21, 2017

5:00 pm
Joao Silva (+)

Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017

7:00 am
Mary Ann Zamora (SI-H)
Romie Sampaga (SI-H)

9:00am
Eddie & Menchie Cabrera
(WA)
Fr Lester Menor (SI)
Eduardo Amor (+)

11:00 am
Rosslyn Thomas (BD)
Festus Ezeli (SI)
Kurian Ik (DA)
Pauline Erhard (DA)
Violeta Meneses (+)

1:00 pm
Brianna, Derek & Desiree
Uzoh (SI)
Guillermo Amores (2 yr DA)
Telesforo Coronel (+)

5:00pm
Memie Weitzenberg (+)

Monday, Jan. 23, 2017

8:30am
Eddie & Menchie Cabrera (WA)
Frank & Maria Macedo (+)

Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017

8:30am
Peter Nguyen Sam (+)
Josephine Quiroz (DA)

Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017

8:30am
Michael Masaoay and All Missing
Children (SI)
Maria Do Thi Huong (+)
Petronila Pennaroyo (+)

Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017

8:30am
Paciencia Legaspi (BD)
Joclyn Enriquez (BD)
Jorge Fernandez (+)
Memie Weitzenberg (+)
Felipe Enriquez (DA)

Friday, Jan. 27, 2017

8:30am
Joselito Castro (BD)
Merces & Agostinho Martinho (+)

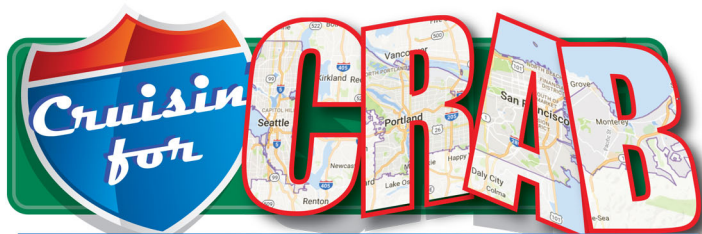
Key:

*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 Jan. 14/15 will appear 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.



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



Less than a 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!