

January 29, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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# 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

**Pastor:** Rev. Leon Juchniewicz

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Lester Menor

Deacon: William Sousa

Deacon: Edward Smith

Office Manager: Denise Wesleder

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**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.gscceg.org](http://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](mailto:tkoontz@stelizabetheg.org)

**Preschool Director:** Tammy Babich (916) 691-4825

## Schedule

### Mass Times:

Saturday at 5p.m. Vigil

Sunday at 7, 9, 11a.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 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20  
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43  
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6  
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]  
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29  
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34  
Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

-- Matthew 5:3



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### THE CHOSEN REMNANT

Zephaniah is one of the least-known of the Old Testament prophets. He speaks in today's first reading of impending judgment. But the Lord will leave a "remnant" in Israel. This image of a remnant, or remainder, was to become vital to both Judaism and Christianity.

Paul's letter to Corinth makes obvious his deep concern for the Christians there. They are too self-confident, he says, too sure of themselves. He admonishes them to remember that Christ has given them all they have.

Today's Gospel comprises the opening of Jesus' "Great Sermon." As God gave Moses the law on Sinai, so now Jesus gathers his disciples on a hillside to teach them the new law. Each of these Beatitudes contrasts the humiliation of the present with the glory of the future: poverty vs. the riches of God's kingdom, hunger for holiness vs. fulfillment in the Spirit, persecution vs. the reign of God. Jesus is here speaking to God's chosen "remnant."

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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**

### Thank You From Unbound Ministry

On behalf of Unbound, thank you very much for welcoming us to your parish. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the generosity you have shown to the children, youth and the elders in our sponsorship program. Through your willingness to partner with Unbound, your parish community has taken steps toward a closer walk with Jesus in the name of the poor. We pray that members of your parish community who answered the call to sponsorship will be richly blessed by their experience.

### 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.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Catholic Schools Week
- Tuesday: St. John Bosco
- Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord;  
Groundhog Day
- Friday: St. Blase; St. Ansgar; First Friday;  
Blessing of throats
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

### 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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

## Good Shepherd's 22nd Annual Crab Feed

Thanks to our wonderful parishioners, the Crab Feed is **SOLD OUT!** Please contact the parish office if you would like to be put on a waiting list for tickets. Also, please email us your pictures from previous crab feeds so that we can display them this year!

We are still in need of donations for the raffle basket and auction items. Vacation rentals, tickets to events and restaurants are all great donations. Please stop by the table in the narthex for donation suggestions or contact the church office at 916-684-5722 or by email at: [gsccoffee@frontier.com](mailto:gsccoffee@frontier.com).

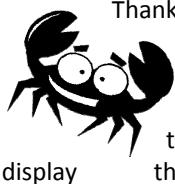
**All confirmation and high school students looking for service hours and wanting to help at the crab feed, please check the Sign-Up Genius link at [gscceg.org](http://gscceg.org).**

## Treasures From Our Tradition

Until very recent decades "Holy Thursday" and "Good Friday" were centered on personal pious devotions, not public liturgy. In urban America, at least in cities with a significant Catholic population, Holy Thursday was about veneration of the Blessed Sacrament. People were encouraged to walk to seven churches for a "visit" to each parish's repository, a kind of temporary tabernacle on a side altar, closer in proximity to the faithful than the usual tabernacle on the distant high altar. On Good Friday, the most popular form of devotion was the Stations of the Cross, or a three-hour program of word and preaching beginning at noon.

The Holy Thursday seven-church hike was a way of participating in a custom of the city of Rome. Traditionally, each day in Lent was assigned to a particular parish church or basilica in the city. Each week of Lent thus had seven churches, and pious people tried to get to each one of them. The pilgrimage was a symbol of unity and also the journey of faith. Originally, the pope would go to each place for a liturgy, but political strife removed the pope from Rome in 1305. With the papacy relocated in France, the custom ceased until Pope Leo XIII expressed interest in restoring it in 1900, and Blessed John XXIII fully restored the custom in 1959. By the time Pope Leo began to revive the custom, many American cities had enough parishes and monasteries that the faithful could vicariously participate in the revived tradition of stational liturgies by a very long walk!

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



# St. Vincent de Paul News

Our St. Vincent de Paul ministry would like to thank our parishioners for their continued contributions which helps make the food locker a success. A surprise inspection by the Sacramento Food book gave high marks for our SVDP food, the closet's organization, ease of distribution and the service we provide to the community.

This week we were able to assist 55 families, 187 people and gave out 198 boxes of food.



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

### 13<sup>th</sup> of the Month Fatima Prayer

Please join us on Monday, February 13, 2017, for the 13<sup>th</sup> of the Month Fatima Prayer. It will start right after the 8:30 am mass here at the church. Our Lady of Fatima had asked us to pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world.

### 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.

### Have you ever thought about becoming a Sister?

THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY have a Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat for women ages 18-40 on March 10-12, 2017. Contact Sr. Lisa Laguna, D.C. at 650-949-8890 or 213-210-9903 or email [srllaguna@doc1633.org](mailto:srllaguna@doc1633.org); [www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/](http://www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/).

### 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](mailto: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. Register at [www.SacWMD.com](http://www.SacWMD.com). For more information, call 916-733-0123.

# *Mass Intentions*

**Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017**

**5:00 pm**

Linda Garcia (SI)  
Serapion Cortez (+)  
Leonarda Cortez (+)  
Danilo & Maria Mendoza (+)  
Paulino Ong (+)  
Joe Praksti (+)

**Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017**

**7:00 am**

Michael Masaoy (SI)  
All Missing Children (SI)  
Jennie Jew (+)  
Richard Jew (+)  
Luz Joson (DA)  
Marcos Omas (DA)

**9:00am**

Fr. Leon (SI)  
Jeanna Smith (SI-H)  
Myrna Quero Panelo (+)

**11:00 am**

Festus Ezeli (SI)  
David Aflague (+)  
Marsial Bernadas (+)  
Epifania Bernadas (+)  
Michael Santos Duenas  
(10yrDA)  
Dick & Kathryn McGinnis (+)

**1:00 pm**

Sydney & Alexis Uzoh (SI)  
Pirso & Hospicia Pepito (+)  
Marcelino Visarra (+)

**5:00pm**

**Monday, Jan. 30, 2017**

**8:30am**

Leonardo Cortez (BD)  
Serapion Cortez (TG)  
Joseph Than Tang (DA)  
Abraham (+)

**Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017**

**8:30am**

Alani Kendrick (2yrBD)

**Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017**

**8:30am**

**Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017**

**8:30am**

Daniel Parathathu (BD)  
Pia Restar (BD)

**Friday, Feb. 3, 2017**

**8:30am**

Paulino Ong (+)  
Ruben Reyes (+)

**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 = \$21,227.03**

(Includes Faith Direct)

**Collection total for Jan. 21/22 = \$20,367.43**

(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**



**SOLD OUT!!!**

Contact the Parish Office at

**(916) 684-5722 to be put on a waiting list.**



### 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!**