

The people of Good Shepherd Catholic Church
joyfully commemorate 25 years as a parish family
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February 4, 2018

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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.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: Marci Greene (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 8:30 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

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

TIRELESS DISCIPLESHIP

The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in his infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scouting Sunday
Monday:	St. Agatha
Tuesday:	St. Paul Miki and Companions
Thursday:	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking
Saturday:	St. Scholastica

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 -- 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

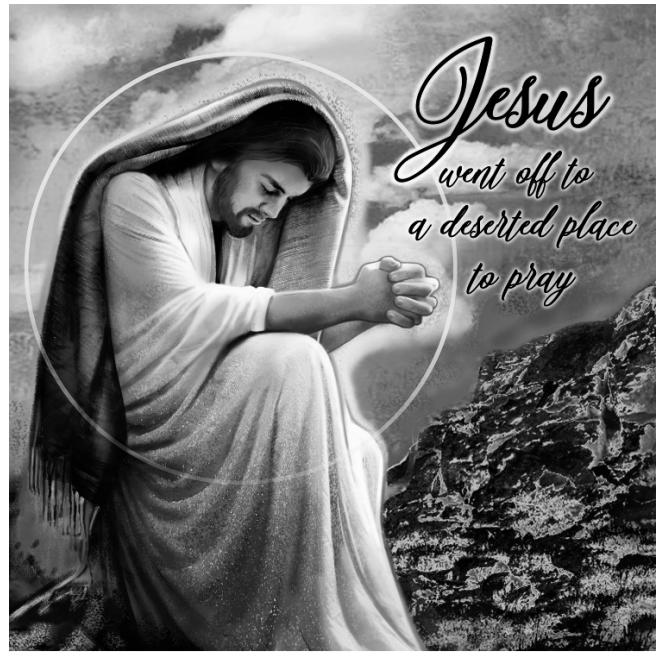
Ash Wednesday (February 14th)

The schedule of Masses for Ash Wednesday is as follows:

7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Blessed Palms

As is our tradition, please bring back your blessed palms from last year so that they can be burned and used for ashes on Ash Wednesday. There is a basket for the palms in the narthex.



Important Message

It has been brought to our attention that there was a family begging for money after Masses this past Sunday. They are telling parishioners that they have permission from Father. Please follow these guidelines ALWAYS: The first thing we never want to do is give ANY cash out. Please refer them to SVDP and if they refuse to leave, call Elk Grove PD. We have had to do this before. Father has never given anyone permission to beg for money and never would. Sometimes our parishioners, out of the kindness of their hearts, give money to strangers especially if they have children with them...they know this and that's why they continue to return...referring them to SVDP is the best option we have. SVDP's phone number is 647-1243. Under NO circumstances should any parishioners give cash to anyone.

Flu Season

Flu season is here. Bishop Soto has issued the following directives in order to protect the health and well-being of everyone: the use of the Communion Cup is temporarily suspended; please receive the Body of Christ in the hand; do not shake hands or hold hands during the Our Father. The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days does not apply to those who are sick. If you are sick, out of consideration for others, please stay home. Pray for those who are sick. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

Schedule Change

Please note that First Thursday adoration will now begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m.

Annual Catholic Appeal

During the weekend of Feb 10-11, we will once again be given the opportunity to be Christ to others. As Catholics in the Diocese of Sacramento, we have a way to help those truly in need. Last year 758 of our parishioners contributed \$85,779. Our parish received 25% to serve our local ministry to others. The charitable works of the Church, whether in Catholic social service programs or parish-based outreach ministries, depend on all of us. Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, really does make a difference in someone's life. Please prayerfully consider what you can give. Our gift is the Heart of Mercy in Northern California.

Upcoming Events

40 Ways to Grow Spiritually—February 9, 2018

Evangelization Outreach Ministry will host Guest Speaker Dr. Marcellino D' Ambrosio - known as "Dr. Italy" -40 DAY'S 40 WAY'S to grow spiritually during Lent and after. In this talk, Dr. Italy will introduce the audience to a brand new Lenten experience. After giving deeper insight into where Lent came from and what it means, the talk presents positive, proactive ways to approach the season instead of the same old "giving something up." The result will be a SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION and a closer walk with Christ — not only during Lent but throughout the year. February 9, 2018 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. in the church.

All are welcome to the Good Shepherd Parish Fellowship!

Our next monthly Fellowship breakfast will be Sunday, February 11th following the 7:00 a.m. Mass with continuous serving until shortly before 11:00 Mass begins. We would like to invite and encourage those individuals and families 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. It will be a continental style breakfast consisting of hot oatmeal, blueberry french toast casserole, pastries, fruit, coffee, milk, juice, and hot cocoa bar. We ask for a free will offering to cover expenses. Please join in Fellowship.

Soup For The Soul

Come and draw closer to Jesus through a simple meal of bread and hot soup and enrich your Catholic faith through a series of DVD's. Begins Friday, Feb. 16th, at 5:45 p.m. in the church Narthex. Soup will be served at 6:00 p.m., followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction.

Good Shepherd's 23rd Annual Crab Feed - Volunteers Needed

Our annual crab feed is sold out. However, we are still in need of volunteers. If you are able to help, please contact the church office at 916-684-5722 or by email at: gscoffice@frontier.com.

24 Hours for the Lord

We invite everyone to celebrate **24 Hours for the Lord** to experience the Lord's loving mercy in the sacrament of reconciliation. There will be priests available for 24 hours of continuous confessions from noon on March 9th to noon on March 10th here at Good Shepherd. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at noon on the 9th and will continue until Benediction begins at 9:00 a.m. on the 10th. Confessions will continue until noon on the 10th.

Parish Office Needs

The parish office is in need of white copy paper, AA batteries and lighters (strickers). Your donations would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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. **Please do not leave perishable food in the cart in the Narthex. It will spoil and be thrown out.**



On January 29, we served 34 families consisting of 151 people and gave out 135 boxes of food.

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.

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. 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 is **February 5** in the St. Lucia (5th grade) classroom at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!
- **February 21st at 6:00 p.m.** Good Shepherd Catholic Church's 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** followed by formal gala/dinner.
- **April 22nd** - Receptions following each of the Masses will be open to all parishioners to attend (no tickets needed).

LifeTeen News

High School Teens! There will be NO Life night this Sunday evening (Feb. 4), but be sure to join us again next Sunday at the 5:00 p.m. youth mass followed by our Life Night at 6:30 p.m. in the youth room. For more information, visit our website or contact Joshua at lifeteen@gscceg.org.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School News

You're invited to the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School (SEAS) Family Dinner Night Out Fundraiser at Jack's Urban Eats, 7701 Laguna Blvd, on Tuesday, **February 13th**, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Download or print the flyer from the SEAS or Good Shepherd websites and bring it with you. Please share the flyer and information with family and friends. Thank you for your support!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 3, 2018

5:00 pm

Cristina Bulatao (TG & SI-H)
Simon & Rosemary
Mbongo family (SI)
Florentina Curso (+)
Alfred & Helen Lial (+)
Edward Maak (1yrDA)

Sunday, February 4, 2018

7:00 am

Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)
Bonifacio Micalat (+)

9:00 am

Simon & Rosemary Mbongo
Family (SI)
Melissa Costes (SI-H)
Florentina Curso (+)
Jess Fernandez (DA)
Romanus Kwaye (+)

11:00 am

Dr. Fidelis Eke &
Dr. Mrs Estelle Eke (SI-H)
Dr. Sylvester Okonkwo (SI-H)
Kaelyn Maxin Polivka (BD)
Scott Avis (+)
Domingos Fagundes (+)

1:00 pm

Maria Mendoza (+)
Paulino Ong Jr. (+)
Anecito Pepito (+)
Hospicia Pepito (+)
Tirso Pepito (+)

5:00 pm

Valerie Manuel (SI-H)
Theresa Schaub (+)

Monday, February 5, 2018

8:30 am

Simon & Rosemary Mbongo
Family (SI)
Rowena Valmores (TG)
Isabel F. Alejo (+)
Emma Nesperos (+)

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

8:30 am

Ninfa Campomanes (BD)
Lyle Roberts-Kaemmer (SI-H)
Mary Lemos (SI-H)
Nicolas Pawid (BD)

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

8:30 am

Carl P. Dela Cruz (BD)
Calvin Lee (SI-H)
Lori Morris (SI-H)
Joachim Huynh (+)
Anthony Viduya (+)

Thursday, February 8, 2018

8:30 am

Antonia Hall (SI-H)
Stephanie Michaels (SI-H)
Munachiso Ozioko (BD)

Friday, February 9, 2018

8:30 am

Ruth J. Kahle (7yrDA)

Key:

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

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

Stewardship at Good Shepherd

Collection for Jan. 27/28 = \$18,752.61

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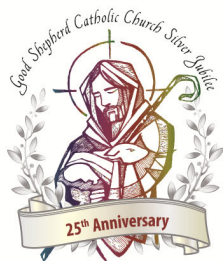
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