

February 12, 2017  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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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

## Parish Staff

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Deacon: William Sousa  
Deacon: Edward Smith  
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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  
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**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.

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13  
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14 -21  
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26  
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33  
Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 -- 9:1  
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13  
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48



What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,  
and what has not entered the human heart, what God has  
prepared for those who love [God], this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.  
-- 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

### CHOICE

"If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries. In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior. Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

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## Parish News and Announcements

**OFFICE CLOSURE** In observance of President's Day, the parish office will be closed on February 20th.

### Homebound Ministry Training

There will be training for Extraordinary Ministers wishing to join the Homebound Ministry on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the John Paul Room next to the parish office. Current Homebound Ministers wishing to review are welcome. For more information, please contact Pat Viduya at patviduya@surewest.net or 916-525-1595.

### Annual Catholic Appeal

In two weeks on Feb. 25-26, we will once again be given the opportunity to be Christ to others through works of mercy. How do we help a family in need? How do we best help the man or woman along the roadside with a request for money? Do we pass them by? Do we feel guilty? Do we wonder how the money we give might be spent? As Catholics in the Diocese of Sacramento, we have a way to help those truly in need. By making a generous donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal, you can live the Gospel message and provide real assistance. Last year our parishioners contributed over \$70,000 to the Appeal. This parish received 25% (\$17,000) to serve our local needs via St. Vincent De Paul Society or to the Good Samaritan Fund for people who came to our doors looking for a bit of help or a hand up. 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 gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal are Mercy in motion.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day
Tuesday:	Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day
Friday:	The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

## Parish News

### DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

Announcing the Good Shepherd's **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** Process for Catechetical Year 2017-2018.

The RCIA Team will begin facilitating Q&A sessions after the showing of an excellent documentary film called *Convinced*. This 85 minute film features famous radio/TV talk show hosts, apologetics, theologians, university professors, evangelical and protestant ministers as they relate their journey towards full communion with the Catholic Church. As noted in the website, "Why would intelligent, successful people give up careers, alienate friends, and cause havoc in their families...to become Catholic?" You can view the trailer at <http://donjohnsonministries.org/convinced/>.

Join us in the John Paul II Conference Room (adjacent to the parish office) in one or more of these sessions from 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm on the following Sundays: February 26, March 26, April 30, May 21, June 25 and July 30, August 6 and August 13. A mandatory session will be held on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 2:30 pm for all Inquirers who will be ready to participate in the RCIA Process.

For more information, you can contact Verne Bowers at [verne.bowers@advent-ca.com](mailto:verne.bowers@advent-ca.com) or by phone at (916)479-3930.

## Upcoming Events

### 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.

### 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.

## St. Vincent de Paul News

Please do not leave clothing outside the SVdP shed or in the blue bin next to the shed—especially during this rainy season.

Our St. Vincent de Paul ministry would like to thank our parishioners for their continued contributions which help make the food locker a success.



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.

## More Upcoming Events

### All are welcome at the Good Shepherd Parish Fellowship!

Our next monthly Fellowship will be Sun., Feb. 12th following the 7:00 a.m. Mass with continuous serving until shortly before 11:00 Mass begins. We invite those who regularly attend 11:00 Mass to join us before to enjoy a continental breakfast consisting of various pastries, oatmeal, fruit, coffee, milk, juice, and a hot cocoa bar. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and hosted by Hospitality Ministry. We ask for a free will offering to cover expenses. Please join in Fellowship!

### 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 asked us to pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world.

### Sharing And Caring Senior Singles

The Sharing and Caring Senior Singles is celebrating their first anniversary with a luncheon for its members on Sat. Feb 18, 2017 from noon to two in the Saint John Paul room. Please call Helen Bayha for more information and to RSVP at 916-683-1943 by Thursday Feb. 16, 2017

### Knights of Columbus Rosary Night of Prayer

There will be a Rosary Night of Prayer in honor of our Blessed Mother on Wed., Feb. 22, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the Church. This evening marks the third of four KofC sponsored Rosary services for the 2016-2017 Columbian year. We invite all Good Shepherd parishioners and all Brother Knights to attend. For more information contact SK Iggy Lopez-Alvarez at (916) 689-2428.

### Grief Support Sessions

St. Joseph's Church Ministry of Consolation will be offering seven weekly grief support sessions on Mondays through Feb. 20th 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.

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017**

**5:00 pm**

Denise Wesleder (SI-H)  
Miguel Cruz (DA)  
Adam Wright (+)

**Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017**

**7:00 am**

Luvimin Lucas (DA)  
Cory & Remy Jones Family  
(TG)

**9:00am**

Modesto Chavarria (80yrBD)  
Angela Maytorena (+)  
Vito Arandela(+)  
Ester Ledesma (+)  
Julieta Mediodia (+)

**11:00 am**

Festus Ezeli (SI)  
Chima Aliriagwu (TG)  
Don Aliriagwu (TG)  
Diala's Family (TG)  
Mbaliri's Family

**1:00 pm**

Ndulue Family (SI)  
Raymond Santiago (BD)

**5:00pm**

C.V. & Mary Joseph (DA)

**Monday, Feb. 13, 2017**

**8:30am**

Eileen Schneider (+)  
Joe Avis (+)  
Jeanaline Nicoles (BD)

**Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017**

**8:30am**

Luis Avis (+)  
Rogelio Aucheta (+)  
Matthew Kudilil (BD)  
Leo Licastro (+)

**Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017**

**8:30am**

Diana Velasquez Novoa (+)  
Persides Riascos (DA)

**Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017**

**8:30am**

Jed Pulanco (BD)

**Friday, Feb. 17, 2017**

**8:30am**

Evelyn Keaton (BD)  
Sebastian Keaton (BD)  
Margaret Maestretti (+)

## 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 Feb. 4/5 = \$21,803.21**

*(Includes Faith Direct)*

**2nd Collection/Building Fund = \$6,754.09**

Thank you for your generous support.

Your ongoing donations are essential in helping us meet the many needs of the parish and community.



## Lent begins March 1 for Catholics

In a particular way during Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to the spiritual and corporal works of mercy that "remind us that faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbors in body and spirit."



During Lent, the Church asks us to surrender ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. The fasting that all do together on Fridays is but a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and households: fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities. Likewise, the giving of alms is some effort to share this world equally—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection.

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/index.cfm>



### 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!***