

February 19, 2017
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Good Shepherd Catholic Church



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Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8am - 5pm
Closed for lunch 12-1pm
Closed Wednesdays

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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
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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: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday: Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34



Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.
-- Leviticus 19:2b

DIVINE WISDOM

The Lord's message, through Moses, was to "take no revenge and cherish no grudge . . . love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). We might think, "Great in theory, but not always realistic!"

Then Jesus in today's Gospel goes even further. Take a slap in the face and then turn the other cheek? Treat enemies the same as friends? Again, we're tempted to think that those are nice ideals, but not very practical in the "real world."

Paul echoes Jesus when he tells the Corinthians that what passes for human wisdom is absurdity to God. Divine wisdom casts sunshine on the good and the bad, showers rain on the honest and the dishonest--without distinction. We must examine our wisdom and common sense to see how they compare to the wisdom of God, and make adjustments accordingly.

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Parish News and Announcements

OFFICE CLOSURES In observance of President's Day, the parish office will be closed on February 20th. Additionally, due to staff attending the LA Congress, the parish office will close at 3:00 p.m. on February 23rd and will be closed all day on February 24th.

Homebound Ministry Training

There will be training for Extraordinary Ministers wishing to join the Homebound Ministry on Tuesday, February 21st 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.

KofC St. Patrick's Dinner, Saturday March 18th

The Knights of Columbus will host their 5th Annual St. Patrick's Dinner on Sat., March, 18, 2017 in the Father Wells Parish Hall. Besides the delicious traditional Irish meal, this year we also have traditional Irish dance featuring the Gold Country Irish Dancers. Also included in your ticket price will be three FREE games of BINGO, with prizes including a wine and hors d'oeuvre reception in the rectory with Father Leon and Father Lester, an Xbox One S bundle, and a Keurig 425 SC coffee maker. Tickets will be on sale, in the Narthex, after all Masses. Last year this was a "sold-out" event and we expect this year's event to sell-out as well. Please purchase your tickets early and join the fun! For more information or tickets please contact Terry Rees, (916) 687-1266.

Annual Catholic Appeal

Next week 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.

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. You can view the trailer at <http://donjohnsonministries.org/convinced/>.

Join us in the John Paul II Conference Room in one or more of these sessions from 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm on the following Sundays: Feb. 26, Mar. 26, Apr. 30, May 21, June 25 and July 30, Aug. 6 and Aug. 13. A mandatory session will be held on Sunday, Aug. 20th from 12:30 – 2:30 pm for all Inquirers who will be ready to participate in the RCIA Process.

For more information, contact Verne at verne.bowers@advent-ca.com or by phone at (916)479-3930.

SIMBANG GABI—THANK YOU

The Simbang Gabi Committee would like to express our profound gratitude to all of our parishioners for your unconditional and generous support of our overwhelmingly successful Simbang Gabi. We also would like to thank the following committee chairs: Fr. Lester Menor, Rose Camerino, Erlinda Escarez, Beth Velasco, Bobby Aglubat, and Jess Velasco. Thank you to the different ministries which led the daily choirs and daily masses; Veterans Ministry and Knights of Columbus for the set up and clean up, and providing color guards during the final day which add to the solemnity and significance of the occasion; friends and benefactors who donated food and others for the daily and final reception; and to all our beloved priests who shared their time and officiated for the daily mass. The committee will also consider some recommendations for improvement and we hope that Simbang Gabi will become a successful religious program for Good Shepherd Parish.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Presidents' Day
Tuesday:	St. Peter Damian
Wednesday:	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday
Thursday:	St. Polycarp

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. This week we were able to serve 51 families consisting of 164 people and gave out 182 boxes of food.

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



The SVdP locker will be closed on Monday, Feb. 20 due to the President's Day holiday. 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

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.

Attention Runners and Walkers

This Lent, sign up to walk or run a relay leg for the "A-CROSS AMERICA RELAY FOR PRO-LIFE." The commitment is to walk/run sometime during Lent wearing a "liferunners" jersey or t-shirt. Please go to www.liferunners.org to join our Life-Runners chapter and to order your shirt. For more information, please contact Juanita at juanitabaier@comcast.net.

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.

Stewardship at Good Shepherd

Collection total for Feb. 11/12 = \$21,779.87
(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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017

5:00 pm

Len Beltran (TG)
Miguel Cabrales (+)
Manuel Caceres (1 yr DA)
Felicidad De Guzman (+)
Annette Henigan (DA)
Jo Anne Henigan (DA)
Serapion Cortez (+)

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017

7:00 am

Josephine Manaos (BD)
Diane Nguyen (SI)
Carolyn Valmore (SI-H)
Augustino Dinh (+)

9:00am

Len B. Beltran (BD)
Sharon Caraccio (SI-H)
Jaime Alferez (+)
Myrna Quero Panelo (+)

11:00 am

Festus Ezeli (SI)
Gary & Kathy Silva (51 yr WA)
Crisostomo Balneg Jr. (+)
Joseph William Sweeney (+)
Georgette Tierney (+)

1:00 pm

Joseph Escarez (BD)
Dominic Padilla (SI)
Felina Lipardo Cruz (+)

5:00pm

Sharon Souza (SI-H)

Monday, Feb. 20, 2017

8:30am

Trinity Rose Divinagracia (BD)
Jex Estrada (BD)
Renee Marie Baht (+)

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017

8:30am

Cory Jones (BD)
Angeles Urbano (+)
Rebecca Urbano (+)

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2017

8:30am

Chimezuru Ozoiko (BD)
Liliana Fernandes (+)
Encarnacion Ordonas (DA)

Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017

8:30am

Fredelisa Caballes (TG)
Victor Garcia Miranda (BD)
Adrian Bonilla (1 yr DA)
Isagani A. Martin (+)
Chachy Parathathu (DA)

Friday, Feb. 24, 2017

8:30am

Robby Stoner (2nd BD)

Key:

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

Birthday (BD) Special Intention (SI) Wedding Anniversary (WA)

(SI-H) Special Intention for healing

Parish Registration and Change of Address

New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community? ☐

Recently moved or changed phone number? ☐

Name _____

Phone _____

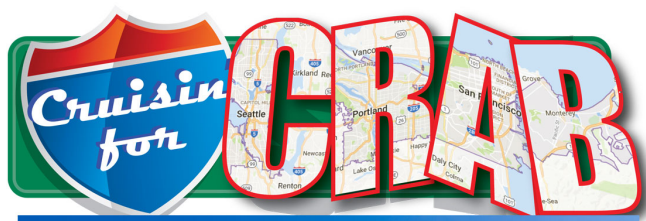
E-mail _____

Address _____

City, Zip _____

Please provide weekly offering envelopes ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!



Thank you to the following individuals and businesses
for their generous donations to our 2017 Crab Feed:

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Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success, including all of our Social Committee, Rommel Declines, Menchie Cabrera, Dean & Monica Pfirman, Matt & Diane Marcotte, the Knights of Columbus, and all of our teens and adult volunteers that helped set up, decorate, serve and clean up. Also, thank you for your generous tip donations to our servers which raised \$1564 for our teen social events.