

March 5, 2017

First Sunday of Lent

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Lent

40 Days of Renewal

Church, Office & School

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Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8am - 5pm

Closed for lunch 12-1pm

Closed Wednesdays

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

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Leon Juchniewicz

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Lester Menor

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K-8 Principal: Trina Koontz (916) 684-7903

tkoontz@stelizabetheg.org

Preschool Director: Tammy Babich (916) 691-4825

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.

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:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

"The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."
-- Matthew 4:10



STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Parish News and Announcements

Parish Office Needs

The parish office is in need of white copy paper. Your donations would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

All are welcome to the Good Shepherd Parish Fellowship!

Our next monthly Fellowship will be Sun., March 12th following the 7:00 a.m. Mass with continuous serving until shortly before the 11:00 Mass begins. We invite those who regularly attend the 11:00 Mass to join us before Mass to enjoy breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and hosted by the Hospitality Ministry. The meal will consist of blueberry pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee, milk, and juice. We ask for a free will offering to cover expenses. Please join in Fellowship!

Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you to those who have already made a one-time or an ongoing donation to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet made a donation, it's not too late! You can visit our website and click on the link to make an electronic payment. Prayerfully consider a gift. No contribution, no act of charity is ever too small or insignificant. Thank you to those who have already made a gift to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal. Your gift is Mercy in Motion and will make a difference in someone's life.

24 Hours for the Lord

Continuing Pope Francis' call during the Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Diocese of Sacramento invites all Catholics to celebrate **24 Hours for the Lord** to experience the Lord's loving mercy in the sacrament of reconciliation. This year's Lenten celebration will be marked with 24 hours of continuous confession from noon on March 10, 2017, to noon on March 11, 2017 at Good Shepherd. For more information, visit our website.

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 are \$20 and 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.

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 – 2:30 p.m. on the following Sundays: 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 p.m. 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.

40 Days For Life

March 1 - April 9

40 Days For Life is a focused Pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion. The campaign tracks biblical history where God used 40-day periods to transform individuals, communities and the entire world. Please join us anytime from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Monday - Friday at 1442 Ethan Way in Sacramento, where we will be holding a constant vigil. You are also invited to join the Respect for Life ministry each Tuesday from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the vigil site. We will meet in the narthex after morning mass to carpool. Questions—call Diane Lloyd (916)582-4312 or visit 40daysforlife.com/sacramento.



You're invited to the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School (SEAS) Family Dinner Night Out Fundraiser at Dickey's Barbecue Pit on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. **50% of your meal purchase will be donated to SEAS!** Download or print the flyer from the SEAS or Good Shepherd website and bring it with you. Please share the flyer with family and friends. Thank you for your support!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	First Sunday of Lent
Tuesday:	Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
Wednesday:	St. John of God
Thursday:	St. Frances of Rome
Friday:	Abstinence
Saturday:	Purim (Jewish festival of the story of Esther) begins at sunset

St. Vincent de Paul News

Due to the rainy weather, through the month of April, **please make all clothing donations on Mondays at the SVdP locker between 8:00—11:00 a.m. while our volunteers are present.**

This week we were able to assist 226 people consisting of 63 families and we gave out 223 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.



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

Please join us for the following events during Lent:

Soup for the Soul with a Lenten Meditation: Every Friday during Lent at 5:45 p.m. (except Good Friday). Come and be nourished with a hot bowl of soup, bread and a short reflection to enhance your faith journey. March 3, 10 & 17 will be in the Narthex and March 24, 31 & April 7 will be in the Fr. Philip Wells Hall.

Stations of the Cross:

Join us for clergy-led Stations of the Cross, each Friday evening starting at 7:00 p.m., or Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. with students from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School. (This special time is perfect for older parishioners who do not wish to drive at night.)

According to the tradition of our Catholic Faith, Stations will end with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Please be a part of this beautiful traditional devotion of our Church during this season of Lent.

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.

Sharing & Caring Senior Singles

We are hosting our second bus trip to Red Hawk Casino on Tues. March 21, 2017. The bus will depart Good Shepherd at about 9:30 a.m. and return at about 4:30 p.m. This trip is open to all parishioners of Good Shepherd. The cost is \$3.00. Our last trip was enjoyed by all of those who participated! We are also having a membership drive for new members. Our next meeting is Sat. April 8, 2017, in the St. John Paul Room, from noon to 2:00 p.m. Please call Helen at 916-683-1943 to make a reservation for the bus trip or for more information.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 4, 2017

5:00 pm

Giovanni Bocade (BD)
Cely Cayabyab (BD)
Frederick Ellis (+)
Alfred & Helen Lial (+)
Leonor L. Roxas (+)

Sunday, March 5, 2017

7:00 am

Eduardo Quiambao (+)
Jose Ortiz (+)

9:00am

Anna John (BD)
Anna Tam Dang (BD)
Norma & Larry Fernandez (SI)
Desiree Williams (SI)
Nana Silang Cruz (+)

11:00 am

Festus Ezeli (SI)
Hanna Vu & family (SI)
Rose Langamom (BD)
Tony Sarmiento (BD)
Nora Balneg (TG)
Nelita Dumawal (+)
Ava Rose Estrada (+)

1:00 pm

Lucas F. Chellew (+)
Mibeth Limpo Igar (+)
Mia Mascarinas-Green (+)
Charlotte Ortega (+)
Leticia Reyes (+)

5:00pm

Benjamin Gomez (+)
Olegaria Jorrin (+)
Esther Maciel Lopez (+)
Arturo & Lilia Ramierez (+)
All Souls in Purgatory (+)

Monday, March 6, 2017

8:30am

Leoncia Delmundo (+)
Maria Macedo (+)
Isabel Aguinaldo Menor (+)
Diana Velasquez Novoa (+)
Bonifacio Urbano Sr. (+)

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

8:30am

Adonis Semilla (+)

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

8:30am

Edilberta Cecilio (+)
Bonifacio Urbano Jr. (+)

Thursday, March 9, 2017

8:30am

Alejandro Ancheta (+)
Martinha Avis (+)
Petra Alontave (DA)

Friday, March 10, 2017

8:30am

Hanna Vu (SI-H)
Fred Luchico (+)
Gloria Luchico (+)
Eduardo Luchico (+)
Victor Luchico (+)

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. 25/26 = \$19,831.59

(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.

E-Giving with FaithDirect

Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help our parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide Good Shepherd with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: CA688.

THIS LENT FOSTER A POWERFUL CONVERSION



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!