

March 12, 2017

Second 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

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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

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.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.

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: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42
[5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



THE JOURNEY OF TRANSFIGURATION

"We used to be such good friends. How is it that you've moved so far away?" one man asked another. "Perhaps," the other replied, "you have moved away. By standing still." This exchange very well could have happened between Peter and Jesus, had Peter been allowed to erect tents to stay on the mount of the Transfiguration. He nearly succumbed to the temptation to stay in a place of wonder and light. But Jesus knew the hard truth: we are on a continual journey when we are walking the paths of God's will. It is not good for us to stay in one place on our faith journey. Equally unhealthy is staying put in times of joy and wonder to avoid life's difficulties, or to wallow in our trials and temptations and fail to be companions for our sisters and brothers who are also suffering--or celebrating! The pilgrim Church is required to do one thing on its Lenten journey: to walk continually with Christ as his Body born of water and the Spirit, seeking God's will, helping the reign of God to be known on earth, being led to the end of our journey, transfigured for all time into the company of heaven.

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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.

Lenten Dispensation

The feast of Saint Patrick, March 17, falls on a Friday during Lent this year. Since Saint Patrick is a co-patron of the diocese, Bishop Soto has granted a dispensation from the ordinary Lenten obligation to abstain from meat on Fridays this one day. It would be appropriate to substitute another form of penance (a work of charity or exercise of piety) on that day in lieu of abstinence from meat, in order to maintain the penitential character of the day.

Mailing Volunteers

Good Shepherd's mailing crew meets 4 times a year for Parish mailings and we are in need of additional volunteers. Our next gathering will be on Wed., March 22nd at 9:00a.m. Join us in fellowship along with coffee and homemade goodies. All are welcome. For more information call Barbara at 916-685-5200 or call the Parish office at 684-5722.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving
Time begins; Girl Scouting Sunday
Friday: St. Patrick; Abstinence
Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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 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.

Communal Penance Service:

April 5th at 7:00 p.m.

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.

Immaculate Heart Radio

Want to invigorate your Lenten journey and your spiritual life? Tune into 1620 AM Immaculate Heart Radio! If your Ministry having a special event at Good Shepherd have it announced on Immaculate Heart Radio. This Lent, tune in and learn more about our rich Catholic tradition and faith. Our own Fr. Leon was a speaker on Immaculate Heart Radio last Sunday, March 5th. You can contact Julie at 916-236-3091 for info or if you have an event that you would like to publicize.



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!

St. Vincent de Paul News

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

This week we served 44 families consisting of 159 people and gave out 161 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

13th of the Month Prayer

Please join us on Monday, March 13 for the 13th of the Month Fatima Rosary Prayer. It will start right after the 8:30 a.m. mass. Our Lady of Fatima asked us to pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace. For more information please contact Fely at 916-284-1214.

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. Tickets are \$20 and will be on sale, in the Narthex, after all Masses. For more information or tickets please contact Terry Rees, (916) 687-1266.

St. Christopher's Lenten Grief Support

Supporting parishioner and neighbor through reflection, faith sharing, and prayer. St. Christopher's Church in Galt, Tuesdays through April 11th at 9:30 a.m. Contact Maria for more information at 209-745-6461.

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. The cost is \$3.00. Our last trip was enjoyed by all of those who participated! Helen will be in the narthex after the 1:00pm mass for the next two Sundays to collect the money for the bus trip. We are also having a membership drive for new members. Our ministry is open to all Christians, not just Catholics. 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 11, 2017

5:00 pm

Makai Magtoto (BD)
Larry Covarrubia (SI-H)
Manuel Caceres (+)

Sunday, March 12, 2017

7:00 am

George Barroga (+)
Concepcion Barroga (+)
Silverio Macabenta (DA)

9:00am

Baclig and Santos Family (TG)
Wendy Howard (SI-H)
Mary Jane Pimentel Floretes
(DA)
Kay O'Donnell (+)

11:00 am

Festus Ezeli (SI)
Pepita Fontanilla (+)
Rodrigo & Julieta Laurente (+)
Mercidita Omictin (+)
Rosalina Velasco (DA)
Frankie Bautista Villaruz Jr.
(DA)

1:00 pm

Rolando Santiago (BD)
Antonio Alontave (+)
Petra Alontave (+)
Hermogenes De Peralta (+)

5:00pm

All Souls in Purgatory (+)

Monday, March 13, 2017

8:30am

Joe Avis (+)
Eileen Schneider (+)
Ludevina Sousa (+)

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

8:30am

Cesar Soriano (+)

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

8:30am

Guilherme Fernandes (+)
Francisco Martins (+)

Thursday, March 16, 2017

8:30am

Micaiah Magtoto (BD)
Omar Magtoto (BD)
Antonio Alontave (DA)
Narciso Antolin Burgos (3yrDA)

Friday, March 17, 2017

8:30am

Antonio Albarillo (BD)
Dominga Gomez (BD)

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 March 4/5 = \$25,281.11

(Includes Faith Direct)

2nd Collection/Building Fund = \$8,019.95

Ash Wednesday = \$8,883.17

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!