

THIRD SUNDAY OF

Lent

MARCH 15, 2020

Jesus said,
"Whoever drinks the
water I shall give
will never thirst;
the water I shall give
will become in them a
spring of water welling
up to eternal life."

John 4:14

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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.
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Evangelization | Community Service | Social Justice

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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.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School

K-8 Principal: Marci Greene (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 8:30 p.m. First Friday, Exposition at 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. with Divine Mercy chaplet and solemn benediction.

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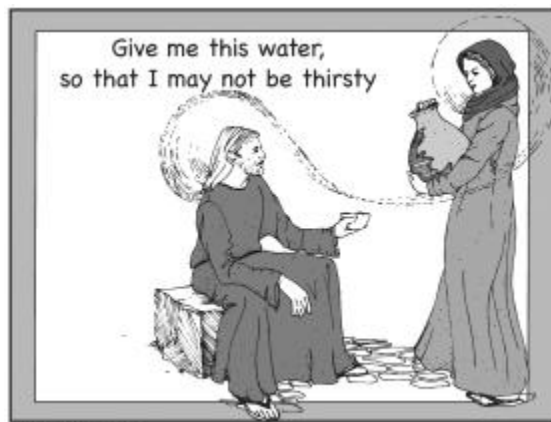
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THIRST

Each time today's Gospel story is read, I can't help but think of the many television commercials I've seen depicting perspiring athletes lifting a beverage to their lips while the scorching sun beats down on them. Our culture has definite ideas about how to quench thirst. Today, those ideas are turned upside down. The Samaritan woman operates, initially, on the TV commercial level. She asks Jesus for the flowing water so that she will not have to keep coming to the well. Jesus then talks about what real thirst is, and how he, and he alone, can quench that thirst. Lent calls us to find those places deep within ourselves where we thirst. In our thirst, as did the Israelites, we cry out to God asking for springs of living water. Deep down we know that only the Lord can satisfy these thirsts.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-51b, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Lent
Tuesday:	St. Patrick
Wednesday:	St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Thursday:	St. Joseph; Spring begins
Friday:	Abstinence

Schedule Change for Confessions

Our Confirmation Masses this year will be on Saturday, March 28th. Our regular confession time at 3:30 p.m. is CANCELLED for that day only. There will be no confessions on March 28th. Please call the office to schedule a confession time or attend our Communal Reconciliation Service on April 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Church Environment During Lent

Lent is a more solemn season in preparation for the Easter Triduum. Any decoration for the church should be more subdued than normal. Flowers are specifically banned as decorations. Please do not leave plants or flowers in the church during Lent.

The Divine Mercy Charismatic Group

The Divine Mercy Family Prayer Group - Catholic Christian families dedicated in bringing CHRIST to the families and families to CHRIST. Our goals are to create a loving-family type of environment for men and women (young and old), where everyone is encouraged to grow as a servant of God; to follow JESUS, as model, in living and sharing our gift (talent and time) to our family, church (Good Shepherd), friends and neighbors.

Please join us in our prayer meeting and bible study with Deacon Al Llenos every second Saturday of the month at 2:00 p.m., at the St. Paul John II room next to the parish office. For more information about our group, please call (916) 203-8765 or email at sugonzales@msn.com. "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." (Romans 15:7)

Soup for the Soul and Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 5:45 p.m. in the Fr. Philip Wells Hall, come and draw closer to Jesus through a simple meal of bread and hot soup and enrich your Catholic faith. This year's presentation will be the "WILD GOOSE" series with Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, focusing on discovering a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. Following the video series, there will be Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7:00 p.m.

Daytime Stations of the Cross

Everyone is welcome to attend Stations of the Cross on Wednesday afternoons at 1:15 p.m. with the children of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton school. Perfect for anyone who doesn't like to drive in the evenings!

Penance Services

Here's a list of upcoming Lenten Penance Services in the South Sacramento/Elk Grove area. The Communal Reconciliation service at Good Shepherd will be on April 1st. All services begin at 7:00 p.m.

- St. Maria Goretti: March 10
- St. Charles: March 17
- St. Joseph: March 19
- Vietnamese Martyrs Church: March 23
- St. Peter All Hallows: March 25
- St. Paul: March 26
- St. Rose: March 31

Parish News

Kinderchurch Easter Egg Hunt

Our 9th Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday, April 5. We would appreciate donations to fill eggs such as wrapped candies, small toys and treats to the buckets in the Narthex labeled "Kinderchurch Easter Egg Hunt." We also need large and medium sized plastic eggs. Donations qualify towards volunteer hours. Email kinderchurch@gmail.com for additional info.

SEAS Preschool/Summer School Registration

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Preschool Registration for Fall 2020 is now open. Please call for a tour and more info: Tammy Babich, Preschool Director, 916-691-4825 or email tbabich@stelizabethg.org. Summer School Registration is open now, too.

Download Our Parish App!

Be sure to check the Inspire Daily Reflections button on the MyParish app for special Lenten-themed daily reflections! You can get the app by downloading it at myparishapp.com, searching your phone's app store for **myparish**, or clicking on the **MYPARISH** icon on our church website.

Stay inFORMED

As we go further into the season of Lent, be sure to make use of the online resources provided to you on formed.org. You can find videos and sign up to receive daily emails with scripture and reflections for Lent.

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St. Vincent de Paul News

Thank you for all you do to support SVdP. We must follow strict guidelines on what can be safely distributed to those who come for food on Mondays. Therefore, we request that the following items NOT be placed in the wagon in the narthex: fresh food, expired canned goods, partially consumed foods, or medications of any kind.

On March 9, we served 38 families consisting of 169 people and gave out 155 boxes of food. For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.



Upcoming Events

Sharing & Caring Seniors

The first meeting of the Sharing & Caring Seniors will be promptly at noon in the St. John Paul II room on Sat., March 21st. Coffee and cake will be served. Our monthly dues for each meeting at this time is only \$1.00 per person. The Ministry is now open to all couples. So please feel free to join us. The only requirement is that you must be over 55 years of age. We will be discussing our upcoming meetings and different events that are being planned. If you have any questions please call Helen Bayha 916-683-1943

Forty Days for Life

The Respect Life Ministry promotes LIFE from conception through natural death. This Lent, join us in support of the pre-natal child. We will meet in the Narthex after the morning Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays during Lent to carpool to Planned Parenthood (located at Fruitridge Rd. and Franklin Blvd.) where we take action to end abortion. We pray, sing and share our love of LIFE with others. Any questions? Text or leave a voicemail message for Margaret at 916-512-0865.

"A Heart Renewed" Online Retreat

Participate in this online Lenten retreat offered by the Jesuit School of Theology. You will receive daily prayers and reflections on the scripture readings in your inbox during Lent. Sign up at www.scu.edu/ahearthrenewed.

Reflection Guides for Lent

Pope Francis reminds us that missionary disciples need to leave the comfort of the shore in order to have an authentic encounter at the periphery. Lent is our time to reflect on what is getting in the way of our going forth to share the Good News. Find reflection guides and more resources at: <https://www.maryknoll.us/home/resources/mission-spirituality/lent-2020>.

Are You Concerned About Global Climate Change?

"Never have we hurt and mistreated our common home as we have the last two hundred years. We must change our day to day actions to live more sustainable. Reducing greenhouse gases requires honesty, courage and responsibility."

-Pope Francis

Parishioners who are concerned about Global Climate Change are invited to join a grass-roots effort in the Sacramento City and South Suburbs Deaneries to focus on the issue of climate change. The Holy Father, through his Encyclical, *Laudato Si*, has called on the Church universal to be engaged in protecting God's creation. If you have an interest in learning more about the Church's teaching, growing in your understanding of the threats we face, and down to earth steps we can take to change the situation, please email Rich Fowler at richowman@gmail.com. Rich is a parishioner at St. Anthony Parish and is working with others to create this new task force.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 14, 2020

5:00 pm

Len Beltran (BD)
Roger Laurente (BD)
Annie Jacobs (+)
Mario Laurente (+)
Vicente V. Ticsay (DA)

Sunday, March 15, 2020

7:00 am

Rogelio & Lorhaida Barroga (TG)
Patricia Arizzi (SI)
Mario Arizzi (+)
Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)
Aurelia Reyes (+)

9:00 am

Salvador & Elizabeth Cabanayan
(50th WA)
Donnie Bender (+)
Mark Byers (+)
Diane Champion (+)
Corazon Moya Udtujan (+)

11:00 am

Edgar German Abellon (+)
Felix Carretero (+)
Jose & Maria Carretero (+)
Francisco Martins (+)
Eugene Narlock (+)

1:00 pm

Michael Jesse Cruz (BD)
Narciso A. Burgos (DA)
Manuel Caceres (+)
Hermogenes Deperalta (DA)
Achelle G. Punla (+)

5:00 pm

Antonio E. Alontave (DA)
Manuel Jorrin (DA)
Angel Luco (+)
Arturo Ramirez (+)
All Souls in Purgatory (+)

Monday, March 16, 2020

8:30 am

Micaiah & Omar Magtoto (BD)
Alvin Santos (BD)
Fe Santos (BD)
Fr. Sundar Korlakanti (SI)
Theresa Matista (SI-H)

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

8:30 am

Teody & Lyn Marucut (WA)
Thomas K. (SI-H)
Martin & Danelle (SI)
Steven P. (SI)
Mark P. (+)

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

8:30 am

Josephine Perez (BD)
Thomas K. (SI-H)
Teody Marucut (SI-H)
Corazon Joves (+)
Francisco Martins (+)

Thursday, March 19, 2020

8:30 am

Russell Goodale (SI-H)
Fr. Cyril Edward Joseph (+)

Friday, March 20, 2020

8:30 am

Russell Goodale (SI-H)
Olivia Artiga (DA)
Scott Avis (+)
Mariano Martin (+)

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

- Ash Wednesday (Feb. 26th): \$10,074.72
- Feb. 29/March 1 Weekly: \$23,625.36
- Building Fund (March 1): \$6,543.38
- March 7/8 Weekly: \$18,107.56

During Lent, we prepare ourselves through prayer and giving back to our parish. But, with busy lives and active families, it's easy to skip a weekly tithe when you are unable to attend Mass or are out of town.

This Lent, we invite you to join many others at Good Shepherd in setting up recurring eGiving through Faith Direct. Thanks to eGiving, your weekly offertory will be automatically taken care of, which saves you time and saves our parish money by eliminating all those unused offertory envelopes. Getting started is easy! Visit faith.direct/CA688.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

~ Easter Schedule ~

Communal Reconciliation Service

- **Wednesday, April 1st ~ 7:00 p.m.**

Individual Confessions

- **Saturday, April 4th ~ 3:00-5:00 pm**
- **Monday, April 6th ~ 10:00 am -12 noon**
- **Tuesday, April 7th ~ 10:00 am - 12 noon**
- **Wednesday, April 8th ~ 10:00 am - 12 noon & 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

Holy Week/Triduum

- **Holy Thursday, April 9th ~ 7:00 pm** (*no morning Mass*)
- **Good Friday, April 10th ~ 12 noon and 7:00 pm** (*no morning Mass*)
- **Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday, April 11th ~ 8:00 pm** (*no 5:00 pm Mass*)
- **Easter Sunday, April 12th ~ 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am & 1:00 pm**



Parish Registration and Change of Address

New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community?

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