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March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent



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Elizabeth Pott & Scotia Burrell

LifeTeen Coordinator: Joshua Hollcraft

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.

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: Marci Greene (916) 684-7903
mgreene@stelizabetheg.org

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.

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

SAVED BY GOD'S LOVE

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny
Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday: Spring begins
Friday: Abstinence; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 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
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession)
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11;
Mk 14:1 -- 15:47 [15:1-39]

Sharing and Caring Senior Singles

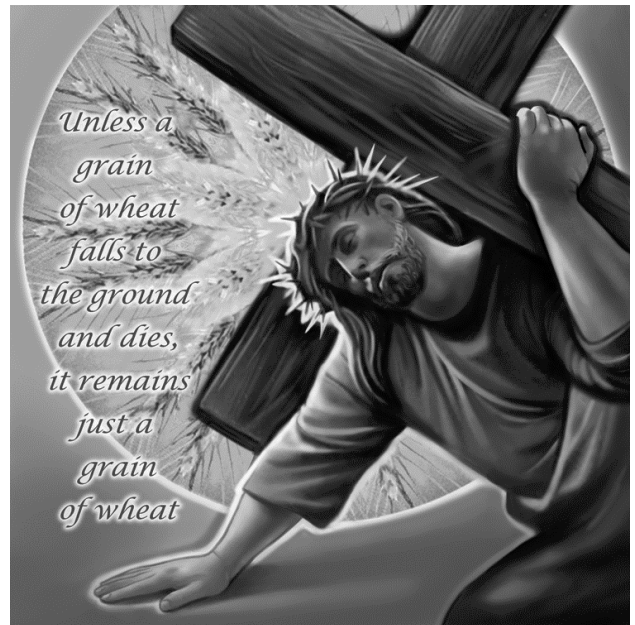
Our next meeting will be March 24th at 1:00 p.m. in the John Paul II Room. As we start a new year, we will discuss upcoming events and take all suggestions from the group. If you have any questions, please call Teresa at 916-647-3366.

Collar Cup– 2018 Essay Contest

The Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations invites all students K-12 to participate in the 2018 Vocations Essay Contest (500 word limit). Essay prompt: "Tell us how your relationship with a priest, sister, seminarian or deacon has enriched your life as a Catholic." We will have two grand prize winners! All entries are due by April 15. For more info, call 916-733-0258 or email msmith@scd.org.

Christ the King Retreat Center

Retreats are held throughout the year and parishioners can call the retreat center to find a retreat that best suits them. Our parish has scheduled retreat times each year. Upcoming retreats for men and women will be held in April. Retreats are a valuable way to become closer to Christ. For more info, contact Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center at 916-725-4720, or visit <http://christthekingretreatcenter.org/>.



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Ministry Highlight

The Divine Mercy Charismatic Group

The Divine Mercy Family Prayer Group - Catholic Christian families dedicated to 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. The group meets every second Saturday of the month at 3:30 p.m. in the St. John Paul II room next to the parish office. For more information about the group, please call (916) 203-8765 or email us at sugonzales@msn.com. "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." (Romans 15:7)

The Divine Mercy 2018 Novena

Schedule as follows:

Fri. March 30th and Sat. March 31st @ 3:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 1st @ 2:30 p.m.

Mon. April 2nd and Tues. April 3rd @ 9:15 a.m.

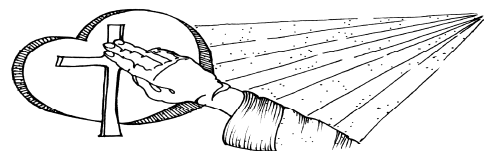
Wednesday, April 4th @ 9:45 a.m.

Thursday, April 5th @ 9:15 a.m.

Friday, April 6th @ 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 7th @ 8:30 a.m.

The Celebration of the Feast of the Divine Mercy will conclude on Sunday, April 8 at the 1:00 p.m. Mass. Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held right after Mass followed by fellowship in the Fr. Philip Wells Hall. For more information, please call: (916) 203-8765.



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Upcoming Events

Please join us for the following events during Lent:

Soup For The Soul—Come and draw closer to Jesus through a simple meal of bread and hot soup on Fri. 3/23 at 5:45 p.m. in the Fr. Philip Wells Hall. Soup will be served at 6:00 p.m., followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction in the church.

Stations of the Cross— Wed. 3/21 at 1:25 p.m. with the students of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton school. **There will be no stations of the cross on Wed. 3/28. However, we will have live stations of the cross on Holy Thursday at 1:00 p.m.** Stations of the Cross will also be held every Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Communal Penance Service —March 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Chrism Mass —March 22nd 6:00 p.m. at the Cathedral. Bishop Soto will bless the Holy Oils that are used in sacramental celebrations throughout the coming year.

Holy Saturday Pilgrimage—Radio Santissimo Sacramento invites you to join them on a journey of almost 8 miles of sacrifice and prayer on March 31st beginning at 7:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Parish and concluding at the Shrine of Guadalupe in Sacramento around 2:00 p.m. For more info, visit www.radiosantisimosacramento.com or call 916-442-7389.

Knights of Columbus Rosary Night of Prayer

All are welcome on Mon., March 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church as we offer this Rosary to our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph honoring him on his feast day. What a great opportunity to give thanks for blessings received, to pray for the sick in our parish family, or to pray for a special intention that you may have. Best of all, it gives us all an opportunity to pray the rosary together as a parish community. For more information, contact SK Iggy Lopez-Alvarez at 916-689-2428.

St. Maria Goretti Vacation Bible School

July 9 – 13, for children 5 to 12 years old. Cost is \$30. To register go to www.smgcc.net or contact St. Maria Goretti at 916-647-4538, ext. 203 or cff@smgcc.net.

40 Days for Life

Please help build a Culture of Life by participating in 40 Days for Life. Parishioners will be praying the rosary at Planned Parenthood, 5385 Franklin Blvd. Sacramento from 10:00-11:00 a.m. on 3/20. We will meet in the narthex after morning mass to carpool. Pro-Lifers will be at the clinic Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. till 5 p.m., please stop by at your convenience. 40daysforlife.com/sacramento or contact Diane Lloyd at 916-582-4312 with questions.

Camp Pendola Registration

Registration is now open for summer 2018 youth camp at Camp Pendola. For more info, go to www.pendola.org or call 916-733-0123. Early bird discount ends on April 15th.

St. Vincent de Paul News

St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank you again for all you do to help us provide for those in our community who are in need. **Please do not leave perishable food in the cart in the Narthex. It will spoil and be thrown out.**



On March 12, we served 36 families consisting of 163 people and gave out 142 boxes of food.

Please note that the locker will be closed on Monday, April 2nd. From October-April our hours will be Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. For assistance, contact us at (916) 647-1243.

Life Teen News

If you are a high school teenager, come be a part of Good Shepherd Youth's Life Teen group! Every Sunday, 5pm Youth Mass followed by "Life Night," 6:30-8:30. This Sunday (Mar 18) get ready to have your mind blown as we talk about the miracles of Jesus. Contact Joshua Hollcraft for Life Teen questions at lifeteen@gscceg.org

Kinderchurch News

The 7th Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 25th after the 9:00 am mass at the SEAS track/field. \$5 per child or \$10 family (fundraiser event for the Kinderchurch Ministry). Activities include an egg hunt, bubble station, face painting, chalk art contest, raffles and more! If you'd like to volunteer to help with this event go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d49ada828a02-event1>. Email Kinderchurch@gmail.com for more info.

Good Shepherd Silver Jubilee 25th Anniversary

We are celebrating our 25th Anniversary with events planned throughout this year. All are welcome to join us to plan these memorable events. Contact: Betty or Steve at 916- 683-3088 email 25thanniversary@gscceg.org. **Save these Dates:**

•**Now** - You can purchase leaves for the Tree of Life for \$300. Thank you to all who've already purchased them and for those generous larger donations to this project.

•Bring in your **NON-returnable**, unframed pictures of your GSCC memories to the parish office or give to Betty or Steve by March 31st for a special collage to be on display the weekend of April 21st/22nd. Pictures should be no larger than 4"x6" and must have the date and names on the back of the picture. Remember... these **images will not be returned to you.**

•The next general meeting is Monday, **March 19 at 6:30 p.m.** in the St. John Paul II room. All are welcome.

•**April 21st**- Jubilee Mass celebrated with Bishop Soto and past and present Clergy; includes the unveiling of the new stained glass and the dedication of two very special bricks St. John Paul II had installed in 2000 to seal one of the Holy Doors in Rome.

•**April 22nd** - Receptions following each of the Masses; open to all parishioners to attend (no tickets needed).

•**June 23rd** Fundraiser - Cook-off and Micro Brew picnic

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 17, 2018

5:00 pm

Vega Family (TH)
Antonia Alontave (+)
Concepcion Barroga (+)
Florentina Curso (+)
Eufracia Tuzon (+)

Sunday, March 18, 2018

7:00 am

Len Beltran (SI)
Bob Sandgathe (SI-H)
Joy Cabangon (+)
Lucrecia Mercado
Constantino (+)
Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)
Cornelio Mendoza (+)

9:00 am

Anita G. Bell (+)
Florentina Curso (+)
Alfonso Deguia (+)
Corazon Lising (9yrDA)
Eufracia Tuzon (+)

11:00 am

Josephine Perez (BD)
Jose Carretero (+)
Maria Carretero (+)
Felix Carretero (+)
Francisco Martins (+)

1:00 pm

Jericho Aspiras (SI-H)
Lisa Ortiz (SI-H)
Brianna Uzoh (SI)
Ulysis Santos Gastilo (+)
Jess Solomon(+)

5:00 pm

All souls in purgatory (+)
Jess Solomon (+)

Monday, March 19, 2018

8:30 am

Austria Family (SI)
Joy Cabangon (+)
Eufracia Tuzon (+)

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

8:30 am

Scott Avis (+)
Joy Cabangon (+)
Carolina Gallegos Farias (+)
Deceased members of the
Gallegos Family (+)
Margaret Mastretti (+)

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

8:30 am

Rachel Corbett (SI)
Torres Family (SI)
Joy Cabangon (+)
Joao G. Silva (+)

Thursday, March 22, 2018

8:30 am

Ivy Mathew (SI)
Joy Cabangon (+)

Friday, March 23, 2018

8:30 am

Juna Baledio (SI)
Mercedes Arbas (+)
Joy Cabangon (+)
Romeo Fernandez (+)
Emma Bertha Magaña (+)
Neil Notaley Simon (+)

Key:

Deceased (+) Thanksgiving (TG) Death Anniversary (DA) Birthday (BD) Special Intention (SI) Wedding Anniversary (WA) Special Intention for healing (SI-H)

Stewardship at Good Shepherd

Collection total for March 10/11 = \$21,356.79

2nd Collection/Catholic Relief Services = \$3,870.79

(Weekly collection totals include contributions made through 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 Faith Direct

During Lent, we focus our daily activities on growing closer to Christ through an increase in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is a wonderful goal to try and extend some of the changes we make in our lives beyond the liturgical season. Signing up with *Faith Direct* is a great way to focus on almsgiving throughout the year. It is a secure and convenient way to make a conscious decision about your financial support of our many wonderful ministries. You can find paper enrollment forms in the parish office, or you can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net by using our church code, **CA688**.

Silver Jubilee

Join us as we celebrate the
25th anniversary of the parish

Saturday, April 21, 2018



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Liturgy 5:00 p.m.

Bishop Jaime Soto, Celebrant

\$75.⁰⁰
per person
Adults only

Gala Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Fr. Philip Wells Hall

Black Tie/
Cocktail
attire

*Gala dinner reservations accepted after Masses beginning
March 3/4, 2018, and in the parish office on weekdays.
Please watch for reservation forms available in the bulletin.*

All are welcome to attend 25th Anniversary receptions
following all Masses on
Good Shepherd Sunday, April 22, 2018



Parish Registration and Change of Address

New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community?

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E-mail _____

Address _____

City, Zip _____

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