

March 19, 2017

Third 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

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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: 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: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 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: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
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]

While we were still sinners Christ died for us.
-- Romans 5:8



THIRSTING FOR LIFE-GIVING WATERS

Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church revel in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side. These images flow from the evangelists' portrayals of Jesus and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people's expectations about him or the ways of God. This "reversal" is at play in today's Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is also a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsting one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He--whose parched lips will say "I thirst" before he dies--is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent calls upon us to dwell on how each of us is thirsting for Christ, and it leads us, ultimately, back to the life-giving waters of our baptism into his Body.

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Parish News and Announcements

Parish Needs

The parish office is in need of white copy paper. We are also in need of new or gently used kitchen towels for the kitchen in the Fr. Philip Wells Hall. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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 9:00 a.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.

2nd Collection for Catholic Relief Services

Next weekend we will have a collection for Catholic Relief Services. This collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, those who suffer from unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through supporting next week's collection, you help Jesus in disguise. Please be generous.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Joseph; Spring begins
Thursday: St. Toribio de Mogrovejo
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: The Annunciation of the Lord

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. Soup for the Soul will be held 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 is 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.



Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., SEAS and Good Shepherd will host a screening of the film, *Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age* in the Father Philip Wells Hall. The screening is free and open to parents (please no children) of the St. Elizabeth and Good Shepherd communities. Go to gsceeg.org for more information.

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 40 families consisting of 152 people and gave out 144 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

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

The bus to Red Hawk is FULL. All monies must be paid to Helen by March 19, 2017. You can find her in the Narthex by the "Tree of Life" after the 1:00 p.m. mass this weekend. 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 for more information.

Apologetics Toolkit

The Evangelization Outreach ministry invites you to join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the church as we shine the light on some key Catholic topics which you might be questioned about such as, faith & works, the Eucharist, and Mary's role in the church. Catholic apologetics is the defense and explanation of the teachings, beliefs, and practices of the Catholic Church. Come join us and learn some great things!

Irish-Hispanic Benefit

Come and enjoy an Irish-Hispanic concert, featuring song, dance, and storytelling, with Nicole McKeever, of world acclaimed "Riverdance" and her dancers! Sunday, March 26 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Anthony Church Hall on Florin Road. You will be benefitting two worthy causes, Catholic AIDS Ministry and Moral Values Program. For info, contact Fr. John Healy, 456-7561 or Arnold Kunst, 213-7463.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 18, 2017

5:00 pm

Len Beltran (TG)
Alfonso G. De Guia (1yrDA)
Nenita Go-Fontanilla (+)
Francisco Martins (+)
Angie Sivila (+)

Sunday, March 19, 2017

7:00 am

Angeles S. Urbano (+)
Bonifacio Urbano Jr. (+)
Bonifacio M. Urbano (+)
Rebecka urbano (+)

9:00am

Augusto Saca (SI-H)
Anthony Sahagun (BD)
Maria Dolores Anguiano (+)
Evangeline K. Arevalo (+)
Laureano & Leonora Bacilig (+)
Mryna Quero Panelo (+)

11:00 am

Cortez Family (TG)
JoseCarretero (+)
Maria Carretero (+)
Felix Carretero (+)
Richard & Kathryn McGinnis (+)

1:00 pm

John Cress (+)
Brian Paul (+)

5:00pm

Del Rosario Family (TG)
Fidela Del Rosario (+)
Venancio Del Rosario (+)
Corazon Lising (DA)
All Souls in Purgatory (+)

Monday, March 20, 2017

8:30am

Olivia Artiga (DA)
Leonarda Cortez (DA)
Luis Gascon (+)
Mariano Martin (+)
Rebecca Urbano (+)

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

8:30am

Serapion Cortez Jr. (+)
Serapion Cortez Sr. (+)
Francis Vitug Narciso (BD)
Joao G. Silva (DA)

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

8:30am

Albert and Rose Langamom (WA)

Thursday, March 23, 2017

8:30am

Mercedes Arbas (+)
Mario Dalida (+)
Do family (TG)
Romeo Fernandez (DA)
Leleand Joseph Manaois (BD)

Friday, March 24, 2017

8:30am

Gwen Cao (BD)
I.K. Mathew (DA)
Primitiva Quero Panelo (BD)
Arsenio Sahagun (+)

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 11/12 = \$19,751.24

(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!