

March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Lent

40 Days of Renewal



Church, Office & School

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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

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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: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
-- Psalm 23:1



CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

The future king, David, in today's first reading, is an example of a type of character present throughout the Hebrew scriptures. He is the child born out of place (not the eldest or most favored) who ends up receiving the promise of the covenant. The spirit of God's anointing rushes upon him. In this way, he is similar to the man born blind from today's Gospel. David's family and the blind man's community did not expect the miraculous grace of God's love to work through them. Perhaps they, too, were "blinded" by the expectations and assumptions of those around them. Yet, after being touched by God, they both came to "see" the presence of God's will for them. Both became messengers of God's will. That same Spirit of God's anointing rushed upon us at our baptism; we were given a candle as a sign of our membership in the Body of Christ, the Light from Light. Our vocation, then, is to fulfill that enlightenment, that anointing, as Ephesians tells us, by living as "children of the light."

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Parish News and Announcements

Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services

This week, we are taking up the The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to **Jesus in disguise**. This helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at uscbb.org/catholic-relief.

The Divine Mercy 2017 Novena schedule as follows:

Good Friday, April 14th at 3:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday, April 15th at 3:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday, April 16th at 2:30 p.m.
Monday, April 17th at 9:15 a.m.
Tuesday, April 18th at 9:15 a.m.
Wednesday, April 19th at 9:45 a.m.
Thursday, April 20th at 9:15 a.m.
Friday, April 21st at 9:15 a.m.
Saturday, April 22nd at 8:30 a.m.

Divine Mercy Ministry cordially invites you to attend The Celebration of the Feast of the Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at the 1:00 p.m. Mass.

Please note: Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held right after Mass followed by a reception at the Parish Hall. For more information, please call (916) 203-8765.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: First Saturday

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.

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Blessing of the Baskets

The Blessing of the Baskets will take place on Holy Saturday at 3:00 p.m. The three part blessing prayers specifically address the various contents of the basket with special prayers for the meats, eggs, cakes and breads. Bring wine for the Easter table as well.

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*. 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. Please join us anytime from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Mon. - Fri. 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.



Scrip—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will be selling Scrip after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. masses on April 9th. Purchase gift cards for all your shopping needs- grocery stores, gas, restaurants, and much more! Cash and checks (up to the amount of \$100) are accepted. Stop by the Scrip table after Mass on April 9th to find out more information or to purchase Scrip. A percentage of your purchase will help support our parish school.

Dinner Night Out- You're invited to the April Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School (SEAS) Family Dinner Night Out Fundraiser at **Chick-fil-A** on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Download or print the flyer from the SEAS or Good Shepherd websites 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 170 people and gave out 164 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

We are 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!

Kinderchurch News

EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS & REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!

We are asking for donations of candy (without nuts - for the safety of children with allergies), stickers and age appropriate items to fill around 6,000 two inch plastic Easter Eggs for our 6th Annual Easter Egg Hunt taking place on Sunday, April 9th after the 9 a.m. mass. Please leave donations in the giant Easter Baskets located in the Church Narthex. Easter donations are needed by Wednesday, April 5th. If you would like to volunteer please check our signup online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d49ada828a02-event> or contact us at Kinderchurch@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 25, 2017

5:00 pm

Marcus Cao (BD)
Vivian Cao (BD)
Ayden Keech Salgado (BD)
Kurt & Kristen Zanzi (16yrWA)
Nenita Go-Fontanilla (+)
Federick I. Moscoso Jr. (DA)
Encarnacion Rojas (+)
Belen Tayag (DA)

Sunday, March 26, 2017

7:00 am

Virginia Perkins (+)

9:00am

Rev. Mr. Martin Adams SSP
(TG)
Jodi Ocampo (BD)
Juanita Cabrera (+)
Erlinda Miclat (+)
Maureen Redmond (+)

11:00 am

Cortez Family (TG)
Mr. & Mrs. Luis Garcia
(60yrWA)
Sol Cecilia Martinez (+)
Christopher Mark Ortega (DA)
Rosalinda Tolentino (+)

1:00 pm

Jordan Dalida-Celis (BD)
John Cress (+)
Cora Calapine (+)
Brian Paul (+)
Mariano Perez (DA)

5:00pm

Joshua Bridges (+)
Susana Rabe Gayon (+)
Violeta Serrano (+)
Eddie Sieler (+)
All Souls in Purgatory (+)

Monday, March 27, 2017

8:30am

Eddie Cabrera (BD)
Jorge Armando Kafati (DA)
Guillermo Naval Sahagun (+)
Lourdes Stanislaus (+)
Angeles S. Urbano (+)

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

8:30am

Alba Grace Escarez (BD)
Danilo Quero (+)

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

8:30am

Elaine Magtoto (BD)
Margaret Klinger (DA)
Dinah G. Martin (DA)
Carole Raasch (+)
Leo Verzosa (DA)

Thursday, March 30, 2017

8:30am

Fely Selgado (BD)
Vicenta Albarillo (DA)
Bernadette Magdivay (+)

Friday, March 31, 2017

8:30am

Darlene Escarez (BD)
Manuel Avis (+)

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 25/26 = \$20,449.03

(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!