

July 23, 2017

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Church, Office & School

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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.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:

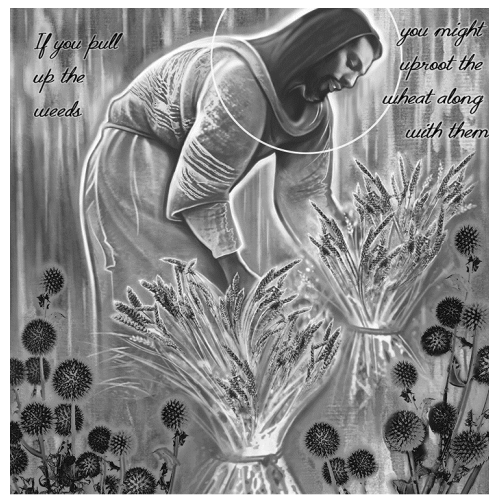
First Thursday, silent adoration, and with prayers of devotion - 6 to 9 p.m. First Friday, Exposition at 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. with Divine Mercy chaplet and solemn benediction.

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THE MERCY, POWER, AND LOVE OF GOD

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God's power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God's people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God's might, but is a direct result of God's primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God's mercy, power, and love. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28;
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56;
Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or
Lk 10:38-42
Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130;
Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Sharbel Makhluf
Tuesday: St. James
Wednesday: Ss. Joachim and Anne
Saturday: St. Martha

Parish News and Announcements

Office Wish List

The parish office is in need of AA batteries for the wireless mics that are used during Mass and lighters for the votive candles. Thank you in advance for all your generous support of our Good Shepherd Faith Community.

Welcome Reverend Edgardo Garcia

We are pleased to welcome Father Edgardo, or Father Ed, to our Good Shepherd family. Fr. Ed is originally from Puebla, Mexico. He graduated from Mount Saint Angel Seminary in 2016 and was ordained in the Diocese of Sacramento on June 3, 2017. His goal as a priest is to share the Gospel and the mercy, kindness, love and compassion that Jesus has shown him. Fr. Ed believes that being a priest means to be called to be the merciful face of Jesus. Make sure to introduce yourself and your family after mass and welcome Fr. Ed to our flock!

(Excerpted from The Catholic Herald, July/Aug Issue)

Kinderchurch News

Do you enjoy working with children?! The Kinderchurch Ministry would love to have you serve our youngest parishioners as a volunteer teacher or assistant teacher during our next program year that runs September through June. To sign up as a volunteer or request additional information please send an email to kinderchurch@gmail.com.

CFF News

We are currently accepting registrations for our Faith Formation program for all students for the 2017-2018 year. Registration packets are available in the church narthex or at the parish office during regular office hours and on our website, www.gscceg.org. Registration CLOSES on Sept. 1, 2017. No registration will be accepted after this day.

Parish News

Sharing & Caring Senior Singles

We will be having our 3rd bus trip to Red Hawk Casino on Tuesday Aug. 15, 2017. The bus will leave at exactly 9:30am and return at 4:30pm. We will meet in the courtyard. The cost is \$3.00 and must be paid by Sat. Aug. 12 after 5:00pm mass. Please call Helen 916-683-1943 to make a reservation. This bus trip is open to all parishioners.

2017-2018 RCIA Inquiry Phase

Our Inquiry Phase continues on July 30th from 10:30 am - 11:30 am. For those seriously considering becoming a Catholic, the RCIA Team will begin conducting PreCatechumenate Orientation Sessions on the following Sundays, August 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th from 10:30 am - 11:30 am. RCIA materials will be distributed on August 27th. All sessions will be held at the John Paul II Conference Room adjacent to the parish office. For more information, email Verne Bowers at verne.bowers@advent-ca.com or call (916) 479-3930.

Support Catholic Charities of California

Take a Walk on the Spiritual Side Join us for a walking pilgrimage that will be one of the most spiritual experiences of your life and give you the chance to support programs that serve Californians in need! We have limited spaces on our last three trips organized for 2017 on the Camino de Santiago in Spain and the Via Francigena in Italy. Join one or both of these pilgrimages at a significantly reduced rate. For more info, contact us at Pilgrim@CatholicCharitiesCA.org, or (916) 706-1539.

Diocesan Job Openings

The Diocese of Sacramento currently has job openings for a Payroll Staff Accountant, Director of Community Outreach, and a Donor Relations and Parish Services Manager. For details, visit www.scd.org.

Law Enforcement Chaplaincy Sacramento is a volunteer program in partnership with public safety agencies around the Sacramento Area. If you or someone you know might be called to this uniquely fulfilling ministry, learn more at an informational meeting on August 1st. To RSVP, email us at admin@sacchaplains.com or call 916-978-0296.

Fall Festival News

Giving Tree: Please look for the Fall Festival Giving Tree in the Narthex beginning the weekend of July 22nd/23rd. All donations received will be used for the Fall Raffle, Silent/Live Auction, and other festival activities. If you have a local business, a time-share, hotel points, or other items that you would like to donate, please contact either the parish office or Kim Anderson, Gift Gathering Chair, at 916-216-5695. Your generosity will ensure that this is our most successful Fall Festival ever! Thank you in advance for your consideration.

St. Vincent de Paul News

To our GSCC Family,

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. Your generous cash, food and clothing donations make all the difference in what we are able to provide. As a gentle reminder, please do not put fresh, frozen or previously cooked food items in the wagon. Not only do these items present a health and safety hazard, but in temperatures of 100+ degrees, spoilage means very unpleasant odors and is an invitation to ants and other vermin. We are pleased to accept all dry and canned goods, bottled water, juices, soft drinks, snacks, cleaning supplies and paper goods. Donated clothing should be brought to the SVdP shed on Mondays between 8:00-11:00 a.m. We appreciate your cooperation and are grateful for your support. God bless you all!

This week we served 46 families consisting of 192 people and gave out 172 boxes of food.

We are now on our summer hours, Mondays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are always welcome. To volunteer, contact us at (916) 647-1243.

Upcoming Events

Summer Faith Series for Young Adults (18yrs+) Connect with other young adults this summer while learning more about the Catholic faith. Want to deepen your understanding of the parts of the Mass? We'll be watching and discussing the DVD series, *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, where Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their significance. You will come to know and understand the Mass as never before! We'll meet on Fridays: July 28th, Aug. 11th and 18th, from 7-8:30pm in the St. John Paul II room.

Homebound Ministry Training

There will be training for Extraordinary Ministers wishing to join the Homebound Ministry on Sat., July 29th at 10:00 am in the John Paul II Room. Existing Homebound Ministers wishing to review are also welcome. For more information, please contact Pat at patviduya@surewest.net or 916-525-1595.

Grief Support Sessions

St. Joseph's Ministry of Consolation will be offering seven weekly grief support sessions on Wednesdays, beginning July 12th until Aug. 23rd from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We are present for those grieving the loss of a loved one or other significant loss in one's life. This ministry takes place in the context of faith, and is caring, supportive, and compassionate. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Marilyn at 685-3207 or Mary Ellen at 893-8863.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 22, 2017

5:00 pm

Joan Boughton(+)
Florentina Curso (+)

Sunday, July 23, 2017

7:00 am

9:00am

Florentina Curso (+)
Daniel Ortiz (DA)

11:00 am

Betty & Edgar Bermudez
(53yrWA)
Arturo Munoz (BD)
Dan and Julia Osuna (+)

1:00 pm

Ortiz Family (SI)
Derek , Brianna and
Desiree Uzoh (SI)
Nimmy Thomas (BD)

5:00pm

Anne Greening (BD)
The Vicio Family (TG)
All Souls in Purgatory(+)

Monday, July 24, 2017

8:30am

Florentina Curso (+)
Ceida Ligarda (DA)
Michael David Ramirez (DA)

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

8:30am

Justin & Leela Mattathil (26yrWA)
Joan Boughton (+)
Florentina Curso (+)
Anastacio Dominguez (+)
Liwanag Dominguez (+)

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

8:30am

Florentina Curso (+)

Thursday, July 27, 2017

8:30am

Arceli Antonis (BD)
Jevin Mattathil (BD)
Florentina Curso (+)
Patty Jenkins (+)
Angeles S. Urbano (+)

Friday, July 28, 2017

8:30am

Ricardo Cruz (BD)
Florentina Curso (+)
Ilda and Jose Martins (+)
Inocencia Ong (+)
All Souls in Purgatory (+)

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

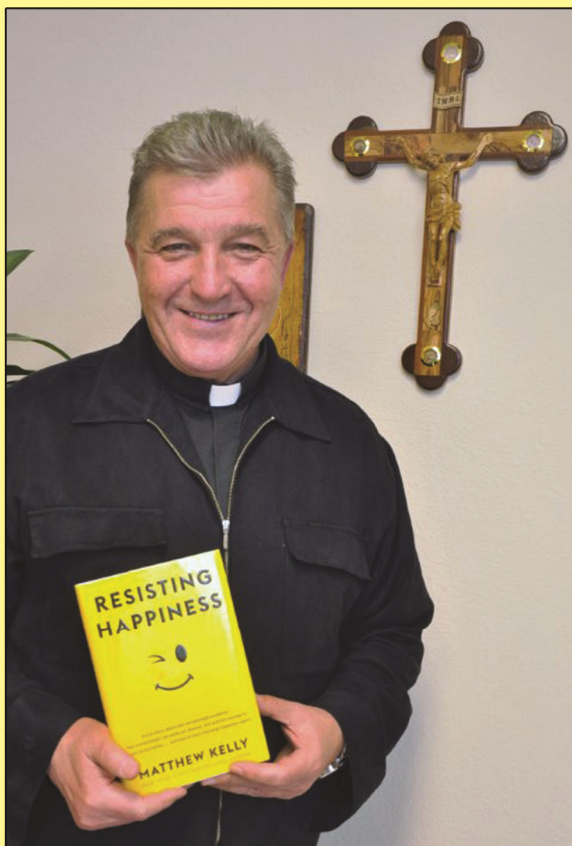
- Collection total for July 15/16 = \$\$19,952.27
(weekly totals include Faith Direct contributions)

Thank you for your generous support. Your ongoing donations are essential in helping us meet the many needs of the parish and community.

Can't find your checkbook or envelope Sunday morning? Join the parishioners who are using *Faith Direct* for automated giving to Good Shepherd Church. It is secure, convenient and *Faith Direct* will provide you an offertory card to place in the basket during the collections. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up today by visiting www.faithdirect.net, or download the Faith Direct app, available on the App Store and on Google Play. Our parish code is **CA688**.

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Phone _____

E-mail _____

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City, Zip _____

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