

August 20, 2017

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Good Shepherd Catholic Church

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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

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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.

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.

CALLED TO ACT IN GOD'S NAME

"Let all the nations praise you!" (Psalm 67:4) today's psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone—not just the Chosen People—to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a "put up or shut up" challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make.

The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with "Behold!" (Matthew 15:22) "Behold!" is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus' followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday:	Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Pius X
Tuesday:	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday:	St. Rose of Lima
Thursday:	St. Bartholomew
Friday:	St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

Fall Festival News

Looking for some gains? We need the parishioners of Good Shepherd to flex their spiritual muscles with their physical ones by helping out with the annual parish festival—**especially the set-up and take-down of our giant tent.** Volunteers will not only be doing a great service to the church but to their bellies as well since all set-up and clean-up volunteers will be fed. For more information, email brandonbanicki731@gmail.com.

Festival Dinner: An Evening in Nantucket, September 23rd

Tickets will be on sale after all masses and in the church office. \$40/person or \$375/table of 10. Be sure to purchase your tickets—this event sells out every year!

Giving Tree: Please look for the Fall Festival Giving Tree in the Narthex. All donations received will be used for the festival raffle, silent/live auction, and other festival activities. Please contact either the parish office or Kim Anderson, Gift Gathering Chair, at 916-216-5695 if you would like to donate. Your generosity will ensure that this is our most successful Fall Festival ever! Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Kinderchurch News

Kinderchurch's first day of class will be Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017 (9:00 am mass). Registered Kinderchurch families please join us after class for our annual Welcome Social. We will have a professional magic show and balloon twisting for the kids! Not yet registered? Registrations are still being accepted and we are also looking for additional Teachers and Assistant Teachers. Training for new and returning teachers and assistant teachers will be August 20 at 4:00 pm. Please email Kinderchurch@gmail.com with questions or for additional information.

CFE 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.gsccg.org. Registration CLOSES on Sept. 1, 2017. No registrations will be accepted after this day.

Parish News

Thank You

The tables in the Narthex received a much needed facelift earlier this summer. Refinishing wooden furniture is a multi-step process including many, many hours of handwork to remove the finish, stain the wood, and apply 2 - 3 coats of finish, sanding between each step. The three tables now beautifully match the pews in the sanctuary. The Arturo Munoz family was looking for a way to give back to our Parish community, so they volunteered to complete this project as a family - Arturo, Liane and Nicholas. The next time you see them, please be sure to thank them for generously sharing their talent with our Parish community.

Marriage/Annulment Help

If you are in an irregular marriage situation such as cohabitation, civil marriage, or divorced and remarried without Church annulment, please contact the parish office. We have three parish advocates trained by the Tribunal to assist you. For more information, please call Denise Wesleder in the parish office at 684-5722.

Usher Ministry

Have you heard God calling you to assist at our church? Don't know where you can help? You can start by helping any Saturday or Sunday you attend mass by Ushering and helping take up the collection. Visit any mass coordinator in the church conference room at least 15 minutes before mass to get information on how you can help, or for detailed information contact Edwin Camerino at edcamerino@gmail.com or 415-370-1214. Come be part of our Parish Community!

Knight of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is now accepting applications for their 8th Annual Arts & Crafts Faire to be held on November 18 & 19th inside the Father Phillip Wells Hall. It's a great venue to give your small business exposure and sell your hand-made items. For further information visit the Knights' website at www.laguna-knights.org or email Edwin Camerino at edcamerino@gmail.com. All proceeds from the event go towards the Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund.

2017-2018 RCIA Inquiry Phase

For those seriously considering becoming a Catholic, the RCIA Team will be conducting PreCatechumenate Orientation Sessions on August 20th and 27th from 10:30 – 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.

St. Vincent de Paul News

It's that time again for the Parish Festival and SVdP is in need of any glassware for our "Chip Toss" game. Glasses, bowls, vases—all are welcome. Please leave donations in the SVdP wagon in the narthex. We are also in need of household items and small appliances for the Marketplace. This is the perfect opportunity to clean out your closets and cupboards. Donations will be accepted until 9/22/17. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

On August 14th we served 46 families consisting of 204 people and gave out 180 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

Grief Support Sessions

St. Joseph's Ministry of Consolation will be offering weekly grief support sessions on Wednesdays through Aug. 23rd from 6:30—8:00 pm. 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.

Is Jesus Christ calling ME to become a priest?

How do you answer this question? Have you taken the time to gather information about the priesthood? The Melchizedek Project series and discussions will help you gain the spiritual tools to discern your true vocation and become a better Catholic man in whatever vocation God is calling you to; whether it's to the priesthood, religious life, married or single life in generous service to Christ. Open to all young men (18-30's), led by a priest, the sessions are confidential and free. Beginning 9/14/17 at St. Mel Parish in Fair Oaks. Call 916-733-0258 to register.

Liturgy Specialization Course

The Diocese of Sacramento presents a five-part series for liturgy committee members, liturgy coordinators, liturgical ministers, musicians, as well as teachers, catechists and those who do sacramental preparation, on Saturdays beginning August 26th. This series will give participants a comprehensive introduction to liturgical principles and practices through selected readings, lecture and discussion, and individual projects. Practical application will be emphasized. For more information, go to www.diocese-sacramento.org.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 19, 2017

5:00pm

Kaelyn Angeles (BD)
Alida Grace Magtoto (BD)
Charles Soto Jr. (BD)
Florentina Curso (+)

Sunday, August 20, 2017

7:00 am

Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)
Fred Gunabe (+)
Rebecca Urbano (+)

9:00am

Florentina Curso (+)
Ana Baro (+)
Myrna Quero Panelo (+)

11:00 am

Eleanor Machado (BD)
Joe Avis (+)
Manuel Desilva (+)
Deceased members of the
Do Family (+)

1:00 pm

Dorothy Uzoh (BD)
Onofre Albayalde (DA)
Carmen Ponce (+)

5:00pm

Wilfredo Ramos (+)

Monday, August 21, 2017

8:30am

Ryan Torres (BD)
Florentina Curso (+)

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

8:30am

Florentina Curso (+)
Peter Lozancich (+)
Mary C. Rooney (+)
Mary K. Rooney (+)

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

8:30am

Isabel F. Alejo (+)
Florentina Curso (+)
Edwin Tintiangco (4yrDA)

Thursday, August 24, 2017

8:30am

Mikayla Chavez (BD)
Robert Arieas (1yrDA)
Florentina Curso (+)
Esteban Perido (+)

Friday, August 25, 2017

8:30am

Florentina Curso ((+)

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 Aug. 12/13 = \$19,046.94
- 2nd Collection/Church in Latin America = \$4,392.67
(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.

Enrolling in Faith Direct is easier than ever! Download the Faith Direct app, available on the App Store and on Google Play. Our parish code is CA688. 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!



Save the Date!

Good Shepherd's
19th Annual Parish Festival
is **September 23-24, 2017**

Be a part of this special tradition!

Volunteer - Join us Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the John Paul II room for our planning meetings! Leadership opportunities available! OR, volunteer to help at the event! Visit www.gsccg.org and look for the volunteer sign-up link. You can make a difference!

Donate - Look for the **Giving Trees** at the East and West ends of the Narthex. Select a leaf (or two!) and identify items to donate. Help make our raffles, auction and other activities truly successful!

Sponsor - Sponsor the festival with your cash donation and enjoy exposure and publicity with a banner posted on the festival grounds! Perfect for businesses, or even individuals!

Attend - Don't miss a minute!

- **The Marketplace/Car Show** - Sept. 23 8:00 a.m. to Noon
- **Dinner/Auction "An Evening in Nantucket"** - Sept. 23 4:30 p.m. with a New England style dinner prepared by Chef Mark Casale and Louise Maestretti. Fabulous auction items! Tickets on sale after all Masses! \$40/person or \$375/table of 10.
- **Continental Breakfast** - after 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. Masses, Sept. 24
- **Carnival** - Food, games, prizes, entertainment! Fun for the entire family! Sept. 24 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Parish Registration and Change of Address

New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community? ☐

Recently moved or changed phone number? ☐

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Phone _____

E-mail _____

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City, Zip _____

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