

October 1, 2017

Twenty-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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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

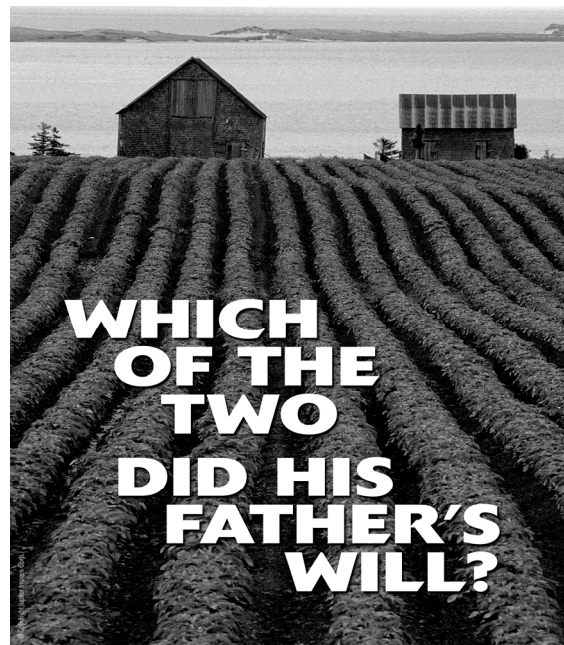
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

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.

GOD'S WAYS

In the stream of readings during this portion of Ordinary Time one week's texts can often appear to pick up exactly where the previous week's concluded. The sentiments expressed in today's first reading seem to be a direct reaction to the Gospel passage we heard last week. In that Gospel, the landowner pays the same wages to his workers whether they worked for a full day or for only a few minutes. Today Ezekiel gives us the lament, "The LORD's way is not fair!" (Ezekiel 18:25). These Sundays in Ordinary Time offer us a glimpse into the ways of the Lord. We see how God's way has the tendency to turn the accepted conventions of the day upside down. Those who always expected that their way to heaven was guaranteed are disappointed. Those who thought they never had a chance are given that chance. Today offers us another opportunity to discover the abundance of God's mercy and love.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tuesday:	Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday:	Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday:	Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
Monday:	The Holy Guardian Angels
Wednesday:	St. Francis of Assisi; Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset
Thursday:	Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
Friday:	St. Bruno; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher; First Friday
Saturday:	Our Lady of the Rosary; First Saturday

Welcome New Parishioners

Please join us in welcoming the following new parishioners to our Good Shepherd Family:

Ms. Rhina Chagas-Lunsford and family
Frank and Mary Huband

Annual Blessing of the Animals

This year there will be two opportunities to have your animals blessed. The first will be on Wednesday, Oct. 4th at 2:00 p.m. in the plaza. The second day will be Sunday, Oct. 8th at 2:30 p.m. in the Plaza outside the church. Please remember to have your animals on a leash or in a cage.

40 Days for Life Fall 2017—September 27 - November 5

Please join fellow parishioners as we participate in this national, pro-life movement of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Our vigil location will be at Planned Parenthood, 5385 Franklin Blvd. Sacramento 95820. Pro-lifers will be praying there Monday - Friday, 8-6. Our Respect for Life ministry will be carpooling after morning mass every Tuesday and will be at the clinic from 10 - 11 am. By God's grace our previous vigil site permanently closed. Contact Diane Lloyd with questions 916-582-4312. 40daysforlife.com/sacramento.

Knight of Columbus Arts and Crafts Faire

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

Lazarus Mass, Saturday, November 4, 2017 5:00 p.m.

The month of November is the time of year to offer special prayers and Masses for our deceased loved ones. At this mass, our Lazarus and Hearts of Compassion ministries will share special remembrances of all parishioners who have died since November 1, 2016 and their names will be included on a banner that will be displayed in the church narthex. Please call the office by 10/23/17 to ensure your loved one is included in the banner. You are also welcome to decorate a candle that will be blessed at the Mass. Family members may process in with the priest at the beginning of the Lazarus Mass. The church office will have a limited supply of candles beginning 10/2/17 for \$5 per candle.

Parish News

Elizabeth Ministry News

The Elizabeth Ministry would like to join our Parish Family in welcoming Baby Julia Marie, born on July 26, to parents Kyle and Veronica. The Elizabeth Ministry ministers to Parish families experiencing the joy of a new child entering into the family or the challenges of infertility, pregnancy, adoption or pregnancy/infant loss. Please call the church office for information to join or if your family is in need of a referral or you would like your child's birth announcement in the bulletin.

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day

On Sat., Oct. 14 following the 5:00 p.m. mass, the Elizabeth Ministry will present an evening to remember those babies who have passed on from situations such as miscarriage, still birth, regretted abortion, illness or other unfortunate situation. All are welcome to participate in fellowship, mass, prayer service/candlelight vigil. Reflective time together to personalize candles with supplies provided will begin at 3:30 pm in the St. John Paul II Room. If you would like more info and/or would like your baby's name added to our prayer intentions, please call or text Celeste at 916-769-8448 or email elizabethministry@gsccg.org. For more info on international events and the 24 hour wave of light, the official website is <http://www.october15th.com>.

Grief and Bereavement Ministry/Hearts of Compassion

Led by grief peer counselors, we are offering seven Monday evening group sessions Sept. 18-Oct. 30, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, in the Conference Room. We provide support to those who are experiencing the loss of a loved one. For more info, please call Suzanne Dodd at 916-801-0561. All are welcome!

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School News

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Kindergarten Enrollment 2018-2019

Welcome prospective Kindergarten families to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School. We will be accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year between October 2nd and December 15th 2017. Applications can be found at www.stelizabethg.org or in the school office or parish offices. Please call 684-7903 to schedule a tour. Kindergarten students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2018 to apply for the 2018-2019 school year.

You're invited to the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School (SEAS) Family Dinner Night Out Fundraiser at **Chipotle**, 7440 Laguna Blvd, on Tuesday, October 17th, 4:00pm - 8:00pm. **50% of the proceeds will be donated to SEAS!** Download or print the flyer from the SEAS or Good Shepherd website and bring it with you. Please share the flyer and information with family and friends. Thank you for your support!

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. Your generous cash, food and clothing donations make all the difference in what we are able to provide. Please make all non-food donations on Mondays at the SVdP locker between 8:00—10:00 a.m. while our volunteers are present.

On September 18, we served 47 families consisting of 183 people and gave out 171 boxes. On September 25, we served 51 families consisting of 187 people and gave out 186 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

Bible Study

Our current bible study group will focus on the Gospel of Matthew. This is a great way to meet others in the parish that are also searching to learn more about our Christian faith. We meet Wednesday evenings at 6:30. Please email Kerry at kerryfusa@yahoo.com or go to www.gsccg.org for more info.

Knights of Columbus, Council 11236 Rosary Night of Prayer

All parishioners and Brother Knights are invited to join us for our Rosary Night of Prayer in honor of our Blessed Mother on Tues., Oct. 3rd at 6:30pm in the Church. What a great opportunity for you 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 at (916) 689-2428.

100th Anniversary Miracle of the Sun-Our Lady of Fatima

On October 13, 1917, Our Lady performed a miracle witnessed by 70,000 people including atheists, communists and anti-Catholics. Some of them converted. The 2017 Public Square Rosary Rallies will remind the person on the street that conversion is possible. On Sat., Oct. 14th, there will be Mass at 12:00 pm, followed by a procession and the Holy Rosary Prayer at Lichtenberger Park. We will conclude with fellowship in the St. John Paul II Room.

Our 13th of the Month Rosary Novena prayer will be on Fri., Oct. 13th immediately after the 8:30 am mass. For more info about these two events, please call Fely at (916) 284-1214. Please join us for these two events honoring our Blessed Mother's request to pray the rosary every day.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017

5:00 pm

Jerry Baquiran (BD)
Florentina Curso (+)
Juanito Dela Cruz (+)
Delores Maclig (+)
Emma Bertha Magana (+)
Antonio E. Pastor Sr. (+)

Sunday, October 1, 2017

7:00 am

Seguna Bocalbos (SI-H)
Abelardo Gorospe (SI-H)
Mary Ann Zamora (SI-H)
Erlinda Macias (+)
Eduardo Quiambao (+)

9:00 am

Leticia Del Rosario (TG))
Paz Balance (+)
Florentina Curso (+)
Venancio Del Rosario (10yrDA)
Ramon Martinez (+)
Raymond Martinez Jr. (+)

11:00 am

Estaquio Braceros (+)
Dominator Braceros (+)
Guillerma Braceros (+)
Pedro Braceros (+)
Ricardo Braceros (+)

1:00 pm

Steven Barcana (+)
Simeon Braceros (+)
Michael Lintag (+)
Agustino Seguban (+)
Marcela Urbano (+)

5:00 pm

Olga Decastro (TG)
Emma Bertha Magana (+)
Patrick Muller (+)
All souls in purgatory (+)

Monday, October 2, 2017

8:30 am

Florentina Curso (+)
Angel De Claro (+)
Emma Bertha Magana (+)

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

8:30 am

Mary Cho (1yrDA)
Florentina Curso (+)
Emma Bertha Magana (+)

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

8:30 am

Paz Balance (+)
Florentina Curso (+)
Domingo Fagundes (+)
Mea Muricken (SI)
Emma Bertha Magana (+)

Thursday, October 5, 2017

8:30 am

J.R. Basa (BD)
Carlo Campomanes (BD)
Nevin Thomas (BD)
Florentina Curso (+)
Celso C. Ingusan (1yrDA)

Friday, October 6, 2017

8:30 am

Chester Tayag (TG)
Florentina Curso (+)
Deceased members
of the Do family (+)
Diana Velasquez Novoa (+)
Bonifacio urbano Sr. (+)

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 Sept. 16/17 = \$18,415.56
 - 2nd Collection/Hurricane Relief = \$15,440.77
 - Collection total for Sept. 23/24 = \$18,442.48
- (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.

With the arrival of autumn, we would like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week—no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass. Follow the link on our website and enter parish code CA688. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

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