

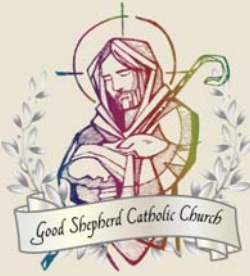
November 3, 2019

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



Remembering All Souls

throughout November

Today salvation has come to this house...

Luke 9:19

“Zacchaeus, come
down quickly,
for today I must
stay at your house.”



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Schedule

Mass Times:

Saturday: 5p.m. Vigil
Sunday: 7, 9, 11 a.m. and 1, 5 p.m.
Weekdays: 8:30 a.m.
First Saturday of the month: 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. Sunday Masses
Kinderchurch: 9 a.m. Mass only
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
First Thursday, silent adoration, and with
prayers of devotion: 6–8:30 p.m.
First Friday, Exposition: 10 a.m. until 3
p.m. with Divine Mercy chaplet and
solemn benediction.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30–4:30 p.m.
in church, or by appointment.
Baptism: Parents and godparents
refer to www.gsceeg.org baptism
information to schedule baptism class.
Marriage: Engaged couples begin
preparation at least six months before
wedding date. Schedule with parish
office.

A GREAT AND GLORIOUS GOD

Our readings today ponder two powerful truths: God is infinitely greater than we are; and God provides every kind of help so we can discover and share in God's glory. The reading from Wisdom reminds us that we are tiny compared to the LORD of the whole universe. Nevertheless, God preserves and nurtures us out of perfect love. If we feel tiny, weak, and sinful compared to God, we are blessed! God's greatness sustains and strengthens us. Saint Paul encourages the Thessalonian Christians with the same message. He reminds them that God alone makes the Church holy. He prays that everything they undertake will be for the glory of God. Luke's Gospel shows us what this looks like in real life: Zacchaeus, feeling small and excluded, looks for Jesus. Jesus finds him and gives him the strength he needs to repent of his sins and glorify God.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time ends
Monday:	St. Charles Borromeo
Tuesday:	Election Day
Saturday:	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

2nd Collection

Next week our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS). The mission of the AMS is to provide the sacraments and the Word of Christ to the men and women serving in our armed forces and civilians working for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and their families. Thank you for your support.

Pie Sales

The Knights of Columbus are having their Holiday Pie Sale this weekend. We are featuring the same high-quality (and tasty) pies that we had last year. Proceeds from the sale benefit the Adopt-a-Family Program helping families in need during the Holiday Season. Buy your pies and support this worthwhile charitable program!

All are welcome to the Good Shepherd Parish Fellowship!

Our next monthly Fellowship will be Sunday, November 10th following the 7:00 a.m. Mass with continuous serving until shortly before the 11:00 Mass begins. We would like to invite and encourage those individuals and families who regularly attend the 11:00 Mass to join us beforehand to enjoy breakfast. The meal is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and hosted by the Hospitality Ministry. It will consist of blueberry pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee, milk, and juice. We ask for a free will offering to cover expenses. Please join in our Fellowship!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Sunday:	2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 -- 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

Parish Office Closure

The parish office will be closed on November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day.

Altar Server Training

We are still looking for altar servers for ALL Masses with a commitment to serve every 3-4 weeks. Must be: at least 10 years old, have received 1st Communion, and attend SEAS/CFF. There is NO maximum age so adults please consider serving at the Sunday 7:00 am Mass. The last training date is Sat 11/16 from 9:30-11:30 am or 6:30-8:00 pm. Please RSVP on our website.

Lector Training

There will be a makeup session for the yearly mandatory Lector training on Wed., Nov 6th at 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in becoming a lector is invited to join this training session. For new lectors, we are asking for a two year commitment, which can get extended. Please RSVP to lectors@gscceg.org or call Chris Faull @916-582-2847.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

CLOW takes place every Sunday during the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. We are in need of substitute teachers. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, please email CLOW@gscceg.org.

Winter Sanctuary 2019-2020

Planning is underway for our third year hosting EG WINS, otherwise known as Winter Sanctuary, from Sunday evening Dec. 29th, to Sunday morning Jan. 5th. Homeless guests will be at Good Shepherd each night for an evening meal, a safe, warm place to stay, morning breakfast and sack lunch to go. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED from our church community!!!!** Sign ups are electronic again this year. Please visit the church website to see how you can help by either volunteering or donating specific items. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, it can be brought directly to the church office. (We are hoping to buy each guest a Y pass and laundromat pass). Our first volunteer orientation will be on Sunday, Dec. 15th at 2:00 p.m. in the Father Phillip Wells Hall. For more info see our website or contact: Veronica Schreiber at vschreiber@gmail.com or 916-801-6101; Liz Anguiano at Los_Anguianos@sbcglobal.net or 916-698-6616; or Mike Sessions at bctoo@frontier.com or 916-207-5635.

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Life Teen

Join our Life Teen group for Life Nights every week after the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass. All high school teens are welcome to join us! For updates on our events, join our texting list...**Text goodshepherd to 84576.**

Welcome Prospective Kindergarten Families

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year now through December 20th, 2019. Your child must be 5 years old as of September 1st, 2020. Applications can be found on our website, www.stelizabetheg.org, or in the school office. For more info and to schedule a tour, please call the office at 916-684-7903.

St. Vincent de Paul News

Thank you for all you do to support SVdP. We must follow strict guidelines on what can be safely distributed to those who come for food on Mondays. Therefore, we request that the following items NOT be placed in the wagon in the narthex: fresh food, expired canned goods, partially consumed foods, or medications of any kind. On October 21 we served



38 families consisting of 177 people and gave out 155 bags of food. On Oct. 28 we served 48 families consisting of 194 people and gave out 172 boxes of food. **Please note that we are now on winter hours, 10:00-11:00 a.m.** For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.

Bible Study

Join us for *The Women in the Old Testament*, our parish Bible study, on Tuesdays from 6:45 to 8:15 pm in the St. Joseph and St. Maria Goretti classrooms. Check our website for more info.

Veteran's Day

Good Shepherd Armed Forces Veterans Ministry and St. John Paul II Assembly will jointly celebrate Veterans Day on Monday, November 11th. Mass will be officiated by Fr. Chris at 8:30 a.m. with program and reception following. All parishioners are welcome. All members of the Armed Forces, active, retired and veterans, policemen and firemen and are encouraged to wear your military dress uniforms, respectively. For more info, please call Bobby Aglubat Jr. at (916) 525 -5180.

Thirteenth of the Month

Our 13th of the Month Fatima Rosary prayer will be on Wednesday, Nov. 13 following the Our Mother of Perpetual Help novena after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Please join us!

Knights of Columbus Arts and Crafts Faire

The Knights of Columbus will hold its 10th Annual Arts & Crafts Faire on Saturday, Nov. 23rd from 9am-4pm & Sunday Nov. 24th from 8am-3pm inside the Fr. Philip Wells Hall. The Faire will feature many vendors & small businesses. Start your holiday shopping early and support, mingle, and be part of our church community! All proceeds from the event go towards the Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund.

Advent by Candlelight for Women – Scheduled for Saturday, December 7. As women of faith, we set the spiritual tone of the Advent season for our family. Please join us for this beautiful evening as we reflect on the meaning of the upcoming season of Advent amid table settings glowing with candles created by 30 faith-filled hostesses. Our guest speaker is Sr. Karla Felix-Rivera, VDMG (Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity). Sr. Karla holds a Master's of Divinity from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley and a Licentiate in Canon Law from the Catholic University of America. Sr. Karla supports the Sacramento Diocese as a Tribunal Judge, a permanent Diaconate Program professor and a presenter in lay formation programs. She also serves as Bishop Soto's Delegate for Religious. Please sign-up in the Narthex this weekend after all masses or in the parish office during the week.

SAVE THE DATE - Our Lady of Guadalupe

DEC 3 – 11 & 12 for the second annual celebration of the Fiesta of La Virgen de Guadalupe. There will be a novena and rosary Dec. 3-11 and on December 12, a procession with mariachi and Mass with the SEAS students. Further details will follow.

Mass Intentions

We honor and pray for all of our loved ones that have died over the years. During the month of November no specific names will be read.

However, all names written on the All Souls envelopes placed in our crystal bowl near the Altar will be prayed for at every Mass throughout the month of November.

Ministry Highlight

Ministries of Bereavement:

The **Lazarus Ministry** and the **Ministry of Hearts of Compassion** are here to serve and provide support for our parishioners and their families and friends dealing with the death of a loved one.

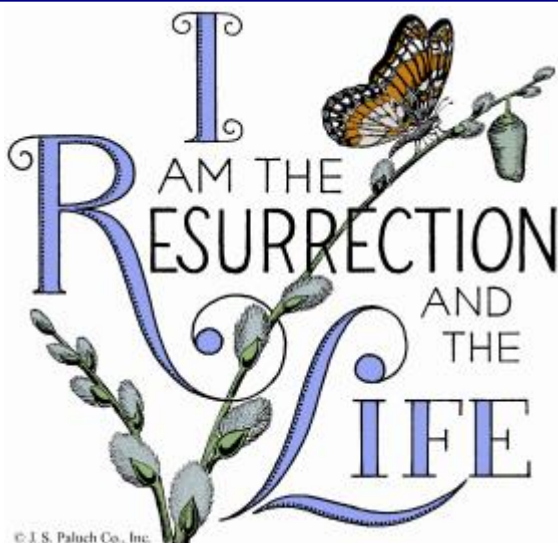
The Lazarus Ministry helps the family, clergy and parish staff organize the vigil service and the Mass for the deceased relative. The ministers assist with the details and flow of the services including the selection of appropriate scriptural readings and music and are present to help the family during the services.

The Hearts of Compassion (HOC) Ministry reaches out to those mourning their loved one during the first year after the death with peer support and prayer. Since 2014, the HOC ministry offers two, seven-week support group sessions per year to reflect on the stages of grief, to offer compassionate listening, lead small group discussions, and affirm God's continual love and presence throughout their grieving. In short, we are committed to being present with the eyes and ears of our hearts to support those who are mourning. We all pray that those who are mourning will be able to move through their grief process and adapt to their new way of life.

Stewardship at Good Shepherd

- Collection total for October 19/20: \$18,823.74
 - Second Collection/World Mission Sunday: \$4,512.69
 - Collection Total for October 26/27: \$17,657.49
- (Weekly totals include contributions made through Faith Direct.)*

Thank you for all the gracious gifts that you provided to our parish so far this year. Your prayers, support, and monetary gifts allow Good Shepherd to spread the Gospel and share God's message of love and peace with others. This fall, we prayerfully ask that you consider using our secure and easy-to-use electronic giving program, Faith Direct. Faith Direct will automatically process any offertory or second collections donation of your choosing. To enroll in online giving, visit faith.direct/CA688. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.



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Jacob's Ladder

The Ladder of Jacob (Genesis 28:10-15) is a ziggurat, a spiral stairway; a symbol of eternity. Unlike circles, spirals don't endlessly return to a point where they started. As reflected in the Book of Genesis, the Ladder of Jacob is a connection between life on earth and an eternal peace in the Kingdom of God. The month of November is a time to remember those who have ascended Jacob's Ladder, those who have become members of the Communion of Saints. There will be a memorial for the dead available in the narthex for photographs of deceased members of the parish family. Due to limited space, photographs should be no larger than 5 X 7 inches. It is strongly recommended that original photographs not be used.



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