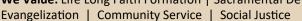
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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

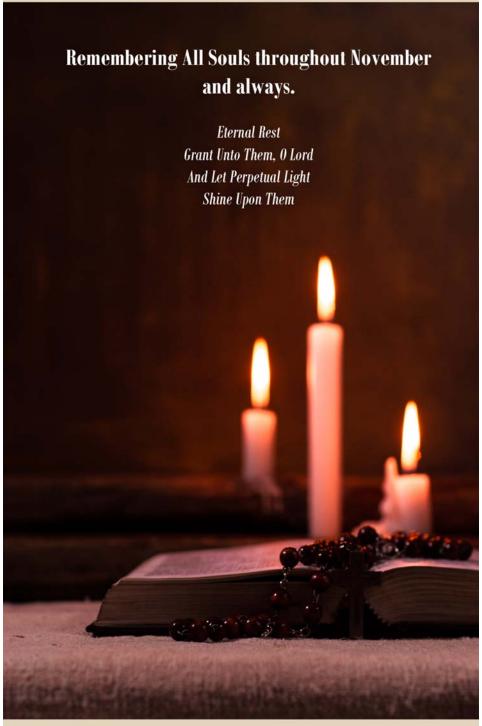
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#### **Schedule**

#### **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.gscceg.org baptism information to schedule baptism class.

Marriage: Engaged couples begin preparation at least six months before wedding date. Schedule with parish office.

#### **CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD**

We are nearing the end of the liturgical year. Today's readings remind us that our own lives will draw to a close one day, and we can be certain that the Lord will encourage, strengthen, and save us—both now and at the last. The astonishing story of the Maccabees invigorates our faith as we behold an entire family willing to die rather than deny the Law of Moses. The psalm response echoes the faithful cries of the Maccabees: "I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God." That same confidence appears in Saint Paul's letter to the Thessalonians. "The Lord is faithful," he testifies; "he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one." In the Gospel, Jesus explains just how long God's protection will endure. The children of God whom God guards, Jesus says, will live forever like angels. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Sunday: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Monday: St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day

Tuesday: St. Josaphat

Wednesday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Friday: St. Albert the Great

Saturday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude;

**Blessed Virgin Mary** 

#### **Parish Office Closure**

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

#### All are welcome to the Good Shepherd Parish Fellowship!

Join us this morning for our delicious blueberry pancake breakfast following the 7:00 a.m. Mass with continuous serving until shortly before the 11:00 Mass begins. The meal is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and hosted by the Hospitality Ministry. We ask for a free will offering to cover expenses. Please join in our Fellowship!

#### **Second Collection**

Today we support our family and friends who have served this nation with distinction. The Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services supports the men and women of the United States armed forces wherever they serve. Please prayerfully consider a generous contribution to the national Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services.

#### **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!



#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10 Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19 Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135,

175; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37 Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,

42-43; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12;

Lk 21:5-19

#### **All Souls Envelopes**

This year we did not do our traditional All Souls mailing. If you would like an envelope to write the names of your deceased loved ones, they are available in the narthex and the parish office. Remember that during the month of November, rather than having specific Mass intentions, we offer prayers for all of our deceased whose names are on the All Souls envelopes placed in the bowl on the church altar.

#### Thanksgiving Day Mass, November 28, 2019

This year we will continue our tradition of a special Thanksgiving Day Mass at 10:00 a.m. There will be no 8:30 a.m. Mass on that day. You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food or monetary donations that will then be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help feed families of our community. Also bring the food and wine that you will be preparing for your Thanksgiving Day meal and Father will bless those items.

#### Altar Server Training

Our final altar server training date is November 16th. For more information and to RSVP for this training date, check our website.

#### 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.

#### Parish News

#### 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. VOLUN-TEERS 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 Schreiver at vschreiver@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 currently accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year through December 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 November 4th we



ols made. Let served 45 families consisting of 203 people and gave out 182 bags of food. There will be no food distribution on November 11th due to the holiday. Please note that we are now on winter hours, 10:00-11:00 a.m. For Feed the Hungry assistance please call (916) 647-1243.

### Upcoming Events

#### Veteran's Day

Good Shepherd Armed Forces Veterans Ministry and St. John Paul II Assembly will jointly celebrate Veteran's Day on Monday Nov. 11th with Mass at 8:30 a.m., program and reception following Mass. All are welcome. Members of the Armed Forces, active, retired and veterans, policemen and firemen and are encouraged to wear their military dress uniforms. 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 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts & Crafts Faire will be 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 KofC 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 and Licentiate in Canon Law. She 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—Mass of Thanksgiving

On December 14th we will honor Fr. Diogo Baptista on the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. While serving as the Chaplain at Mule Creek State Prison, Fr. Baptista has also served Good Shepherd for almost 20 years by filling in when our priests are unavailable. Those of you that attend our afternoon Masses know him well! Let us show Fr. Baptista our gratitude for his service at a Mass of Thanksgiving and reception at 5:00 p.m. on December 14th. More details to come.

#### **Retreat for Men**

Join the men of the parish in signing up for the annual retreat at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center on the weekend of December 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Ask someone who has made the retreat and they will tell you they have never been more at peace with God and the world. A retreat once a year is a vital necessity these days. For more information, call Suzanne at 916-801-0561 or go to www.christthekingretreatcenter.org to make a reservation or call the retreat center at 916-725-4720.

#### 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.

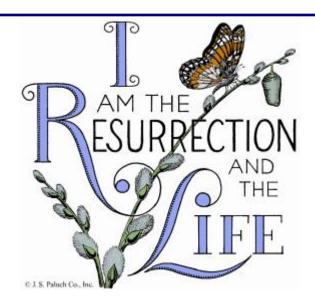
The Hearts of Compassion (HOC) Ministry reaches out to those mourning their loved one during the first year after the death with peer support and prayer. Since 2014, the HOC ministry offers two seven-week support group sessions per year to reflect on the stages of grief, to offer compassionate listening, 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. For more information on these ministries, contact Suzanne at 916-801-0561.

### Stewardship at Good Shepherd

Collection totals for November 2/3 will be in next weekend's bulletin.

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving each year is Giving Tuesday, a day to thank God for the blessings that he has bestowed upon us during the year and to look within ourselves to see how we can best use our talent and treasure to help others. This year, we are building upon that feeling of generosity and compassion by asking our parishioners to prayerfully consider enrolling in eGiving for your recurring weekly offering.

By using eGiving you are supporting our parish's shared mission to give back to others and spread the word of God. We are excited about Giving Tuesday and all the miraculous work we can do in our community, with your support. Enrolling in eGiving is a safe and secure way to give to our parish and getting started is easy—just visit faith.direct/CA688. Your gifts and your participation are a blessing to us, and we ask you to prayerfully consider making a donation to Good Shepherd using Faith Direct on Giving Tuesday, Dec. 3rd. Thank you for your continued support of Good Shepherd Parish.



#### 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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