

November 17, 2019

Thirty-third 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 and always.

*Eternal Rest
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Shine Upon Them*

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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.gscccg.org** baptism
information to schedule baptism class.

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

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LIFE IS HARD, BUT HAVE NO FEAR

Today's readings take a fearless look at reality and reach a conclusion that we all know: life is hard. The prophet Malachi preaches fire and brimstone, warning us that evildoers will perish in flames. Saint Paul offers his own warning to the Thessalonians: keep busy, but never become a busybody. He reminds Christians that the apostles themselves worked in "toil and drudgery" as a model for how we ought to contribute to our community. The Gospel returns to the apocalyptic tone of Malachi, describing the utter chaos of the end-times. We will know the end is near when violence, catastrophe, and hatred dominate the earth. But we must not fear! God's saving plan brings peace to our hearts. Malachi speaks of the sun's "healing rays," and Jesus himself promises to protect every hair on our heads.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
Thursday:	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday:	St. Cecilia
Saturday:	St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro; Blessed Virgin Mary

Communal Reconciliation Service

Our Advent Penance service will be held on Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. Additional times for individual confessions will be announced in a later bulletin.

Seating at Mass

Folding chairs of any type are not allowed to be brought in to the Narthex or Church for use in seating during Mass. This is a violation of fire code. In an emergency where evacuation is required, these would become a hazard. There is ample seating in the Church, and if you have difficulty finding a seat, please find an Usher to assist you. Also seniors, handicapped, and disabled persons are invited to locate an Usher if you need assistance, and better seating is available if you arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the start of Mass to afford us more time to get you a proper seat. Thank you for your cooperation.

Second Collection

Next weekend we will take up a second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. The collection supports programs to empower people to lift themselves out of poverty. Learn more at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Pie Sales

The Knights of Columbus pie sales continue this weekend 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:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Tuesday:	2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

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.

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. **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 currently accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year 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. **Please note that we are now on winter hours, 10:00-11:00 a.m.** For assistance please call (916) 647-1243.



Upcoming Events

Knights of Columbus Arts and Crafts Faire

The 10th Annual Arts & Crafts Faire will be **NEXT WEEKEND** 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

Advent by Candlelight is 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 with our guest speaker Sr. Karla Felix-Rivera, VDMG. All spots have been filled but we do have a waiting list. Please contact the parish office to be put on the waiting list.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena and Celebration

Our Second Annual Celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe is coming up. There will be a novena and rosary Dec. 3-11 and on December 12 at 7:30 a.m. a procession with mariachi followed by Mass at 8:30 a.m. with the SEAS students. Further details will follow.

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 6th-8th. 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.

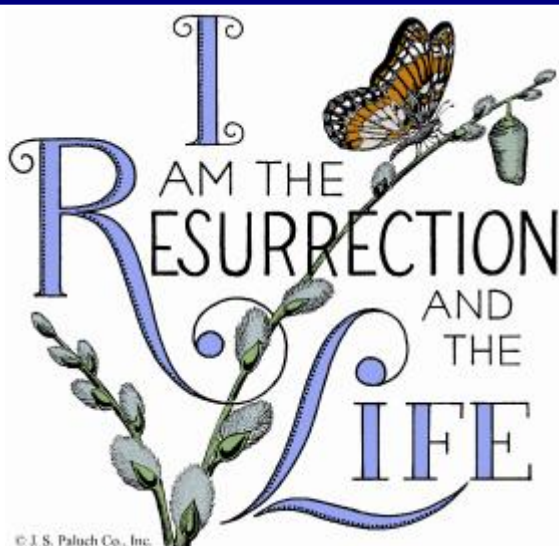
The Hearts of Compassion (HOC) Ministry reaches out to those mourning their loved one during the first year after the death with peer support and prayer. Since 2014, the HOC ministry offers two seven-week support group sessions per year to reflect on the stages of grief, to offer compassionate listening, 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 total for Nov. 1 (All Saints): \$3,553.00
 - Collection Total for Nov. 2-3: \$20,950.31
 - Second Collection/Bldg. Fund: \$6,542.49
- (Weekly totals include contributions made through Faith Direct.)*

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.



Parish Registration and Change of Address

New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community? ☐

Recently moved or changed phone number? ☐

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