

November 18, 2018

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



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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.

ASL Interpreted Mass: 2nd Sunday

of each month, 11:00 a.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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ENCOURAGEMENT

This Sunday's Gospel is our final selection from Mark for this liturgical year. It is taken from the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem immediately preceding the account of his arrest and passion. In it Jesus gives his disciples hope to sustain them through his passion and death and any persecution or suffering that they would encounter after his resurrection.

The words from the book of Daniel also provided hope and encouragement to the people of Daniel's time. The encouragement in these scriptures is meant for us as well, for none of us will escape tribulation in our lives. Followers of Jesus will be able to endure suffering with joyful hope, knowing that Christ's love will lead us along the way of discipleship and give us eternal life with God.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday:	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday:	St. Cecilia; Thanksgiving Day
Friday:	St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro
Saturday:	St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
Thanksgiving Day--Suggested:	Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday:	Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

2nd Collection

Please be generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. This collection supports programs that address the causes of poverty in our country. In addition, 25% of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider your donation. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Special Holiday Hearts of Compassion Grief Support Sessions

The Hearts of Compassion Grief Support Ministry is offering a support/prayer session on Monday, December 10 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Church Conference Room to help our brothers and sisters dealing with the pain of loss during the holiday season. If you have any questions please contact Monica Small at (916) 690-6254 or Suzanne Dodd at (916) 801-0561.

Knights of Columbus Pie Sales

This is the final weekend to purchase your pies from the Knights of Columbus. Proceeds benefit the Adopt-a-Family Program helping families in need during the holiday season. Buy your pies and support this worthwhile charitable program!



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Welcome Prospective Kindergarten Families

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year through Dec. 15th. Applications can be found at www.stelizabetheg.org, or at the school office. To enroll, your child must be 5 years old as of Sept. 1, 2019. For more info or a tour, please call the school office at 916-684-7903.

SCRIP Sales

SCRIP is a gift card purchase program that helps support our parish school, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Gift cards are available for purchase for a wide variety of businesses. Purchase SCRIP at the school office between 8am and 3pm Mon-Fri. Gift Cards are an easy and welcome gift, so stock up for your holiday gift giving. Also, keep us in mind if you are purchasing gift cards to help fire victims! The families of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton are grateful for your support of this ministry of the parish.

Winter Sanctuary

Good Shepherd offers hope & help for the Elk Grove Homeless over the Holidays. Last year our church community of volunteers brought joy and comfort during Christmas week right in our Fr. Phillip Wells Hall. Planning is underway for our 2nd year hosting EG WINS, otherwise known as Elk Grove Winter Sanctuary, from Sunday evening Dec 23rd to Sunday morning Dec 30th. Homeless guests will be at Good Shepherd each night for an evening hot meal, a safe, warm, and dry place to stay, and a morning breakfast. **VOLUNTEERS are needed!!!** Sign ups this year will be electronic!!! Please visit the church website and look for the Winter Sanctuary flyer. We will have specific volunteer assignments to select. We will also have items to donate and other ways to help. If you prefer, monetary donations can be brought directly to the church office. FOR MORE INFO— go to gscceg.org. Our first volunteer orientation will be on Sunday, Dec 9th at 2:30 PM in the Father Philip Wells Hall. For more info, contact: Veronica Schreiver at vschreiver@gmail.com or 916-801-6101 or Rommel Declines at declines.family@gmail.com or 916-479-3459.

Parish News

Thanksgiving Day Mass, November 22, 2018

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.

Lector Ministry

If you are an existing lector or would like to join this important ministry, please attend our upcoming training session in the church on November 18 at 2:30pm (if you didn't attend the session on November 14th). Existing Lectors must attend one mandatory training per year. For more info contact Chris at lectors@gscceg.org. Hope to see you at the training.

Altar Server Training

If you missed Altar Server training in October, we have 2 additional December training dates. Training for new and returning altar servers will take place on Dec. 4 and Dec. 11 from 5:45-7pm in the Church. You only need to attend one session but there will be special training on Dec. 11 for those serving at the Christmas masses. Come and meet your new Altar Server Ministry Team Leaders!

Music Ministry

WANTED AND NEEDED!! New choir members. No formal singing experience is necessary. Simply approach the music lead at the end of whatever Mass you attend and introduce yourself. Alternatively, contact Ann Burke, (916) 513-6281, or Mark Chapman, (916) 683-5421 for more information.

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**. To listen to the music played at the Youth Mass visit www.gscceg.org/ministries/youth-life-teen to find our YouTube playlist of worship songs.

St. Vincent de Paul News

SVdP wishes to thank you again for all you do to help us provide for those in our community who are in need. **Please do not donate fresh food in the St. Vincent de Paul wagon.** It will spoil and have to be thrown away. Thank you for your attention to this food safety concern. SVdP hours are Mondays from 10:00—11:00 a.m. For assistance, call (916) 647-1243.



We are in need of volunteers to assist with picking up food donations from local stores and the Sacramento Food Bank. If you are available to help weekday or Saturday mornings for about an hour, please call the number above.

Upcoming Events

Knights of Columbus Arts and Crafts Faire

KofC is having its 9th Annual Arts & Crafts Faire THIS WEEKEND! Join us on Sunday 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.

Sharing and Caring Senior Singles

We are having a Red Hawk Casino bus trip on Tues., Nov. 27th. Open to all parishioners and friends. Please come and join us. Leaving Good Shepherd at 9:30 a.m. and leaving the casino at 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$3.00 per person. To make a reservation and to pay by Nov. 23rd please call Teresa at 1-916-647-3366.

Get Away For The Weekend

Men, sign up for our annual parish men's weekend retreat at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center on the weekend of Nov.30- Dec.2. With quiet surroundings, spacious grounds, provocative talks, you'll return refreshed, perhaps with a new outlook. Call Suzanne at 916- 801-0561 for info or go to www.christthekingretreatcenter.org to make your reservation or call the center at 916-725-4820. Women, Save the date: Jan.11-13 is our annual women's retreat along with other parishes in our Elk Grove area. Retreat flyers are available in the church office.

Pilgrimages

Catholic Charities of CA is hosting pilgrimages in Spain, Italy, Ireland, and Cuba! Informational meetings on Dec. 15th at Holy Spirit Church at 10:00 am or Our Lady of Assumption at 2:00 pm. To RSVP or for more info, go to www.Catholic-Pilgrimage.com, email pilgrim@catholiccharitiesca.org. or call 916-706-1539 ext 12.

CFF Holiday Basket Raffle

Our Good Shepherd Religious Education Program would like to ask our faith community to support our One and Only Fundraising Event for 2018-2019 catechetical year.

Beginning Nov 17, you will find 12 raffle baskets that we created and designed to bring joy to young and old alike this Christmas season! Our high-end raffle baskets (each valued between \$375 and \$1500) are themed to capture the essence of "giving." These baskets will be displayed in the Narthex starting November 17 after all Masses and raffle tickets are available for purchase up to December 16.

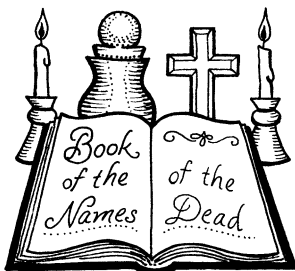
So how can you support this fundraising event? The **BEST WAY** to support this fundraising event is to purchase raffle tickets. By doing so, you will be supporting our 800+ students in our program. Last year, we successfully raised \$21,000.00 in profit which made it possible for us to keep our tuition unchanged and award some of our CFF families' free tuition/scholarships. Tickets are \$20 each or 6 tickets for \$100.

On behalf of our Religious Education staff, with grateful hearts ... we thank you for supporting this ministry.

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.



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.

Stewardship at Good Shepherd

- Collection Total for Nov. 10/11 = \$20,465.30
(weekly total includes contributions made through Faith Direct)

Giving Tuesday, November 27th, provides us an opportunity to thank God for all of 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, Good Shepherd is 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 of the miraculous work our parish 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 www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: CA688. Your gifts and your participation are a blessing to us and we ask you to prayerfully consider making a donation on **Giving Tuesday, November 27, 2018.**

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!



Good Shepherd Catholic Church
Religious Education Program Presents

ANNUAL HOLIDAY

Raffle Basket Fundraiser

November 17 thru December 16

After all Masses

Ticket Price:

1 ticket = \$20.00

6 tickets = \$100.00

Raffle Drawing on
December 16th in the Narthex
Following the 5:00 p.m. Mass

**Thank you for supporting
Good Shepherd's
Religious Education
Program!**



Parish Registration and Change of Address

New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community?

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