

November 19, 2017

Thirty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Church, Office & School

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Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Remembers

All Souls
Throughout
November

Eternal Rest
Grant Unto Them, O Lord
And Let Perpetual Light
Shine Upon Them

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Leon Juchniewicz

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Edgardo J. Garcia-Velazquez
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Coordinator, Religious Education: Menchie Cabrera
ONE EIGHT/EDGE Confirmation Preparation Coordinators:
Elizabeth Pott & Scotia Burrell
LifeTeen Coordinator: Joshua Hollcraft

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.

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

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School

K-8 Principal: Marci Greene (916) 684-7903
mgreene@stelizabethg.org

Preschool Director: Tammy Babich (916) 691-4825

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.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week's scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns?

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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
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
Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
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: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Parish Directory

Time is running out for you to be included in our parish directory. To schedule your free portrait session, go to www.gscceg.org or call the church office. There is no cost to be photographed and every participating family will receive a free 8x10 photo and a parish directory. Have your pictures taken before Dec. 2nd in order to get them in time for Christmas! **We now have a limited amount of appointments available during the week of Thanksgiving and on Sundays.**

Thanksgiving Day Mass, November 23, 2017

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.

Church Office Closure

Please note that the Church office will be closed on November 23rd and 24th.

Attention Martha Ministry

Martha ministry, please meet in the Narthex for our ministry picture for the directory on Sunday, November 19th at 1:30pm.



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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

Knights of Columbus Arts and Crafts Faire

Make sure to stop by the Fr. Philip Wells Hall this weekend for the Knights of Columbus' Annual Arts & Crafts Faire. 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.

Attention high school teens!

Come to our all day retreat on Sun. Nov. 26th starting at 9am and ending with 5pm mass! Our Life Teen program is hosting a team of 12 young adult missionaries from NET Ministries to put on this retreat filled with games, fellowship, community, food, and a chance for an encounter with Christ. The cost for each teen is just \$15. Register online at <https://lifeteen612.typeform.com/to/GS3bZo>. Don't miss this awesome day, register now!

Sharing & Caring Senior Singles

Our Christmas party will be on Mon., Dec. 4th at the Golden Corral on West Stockton Blvd. We have the private room reserved for us. Please try and be there by 11:30 am or earlier if possible. We voted on a \$10 grab bag prize. Gift cards or anything else that is appropriate. It is open to all members, family members and friends. Please call Helen at 916-683-1943 to RSVP.

Parish News

Winter Sanctuary

Good Shepherd Catholic Church Offers Hope & Help for the Elk Grove Homeless over the Holidays — We will host EG wins, otherwise known as Elk Grove Winter Sanctuary, from Sun., Dec. 24 to Sat., Dec. 20. Homeless guests will be served an evening hot meal, a safe place to stay comfortably, and a morning breakfast. **VOLUNTEERS**—Thank you for choosing to serve and care during this Christmas season. Expect to hear from the Coordinators within the next 2 weeks to confirm your commitment to volunteer. **Required training session: Sunday, Dec. 10th at 2:30 p.m. in the Father Philip Wells Hall.**

Did not sign up? Still have opportunities to give: We need 20 hygiene kits, mini hand sanitizers, 20 gift cards (Subway/fast food), and bus passes.

Good Shepherd Night Leader/Overnight Team Coordinators:
Veronica Schreiber – vschreiber@gmail.com or 916-801-6101
Rommel Declines – declines.family@gmail.com or 916-479-3459
Good Shepherd Meal Team Coordinators:

Verne Bowers- verne.bowers@advent-ca.com or 916-479-3930
Cynthia Hobson-mssaphire.ch@gmail.com or 916-684-3367

Religious Education's Raffle Basket Fundraiser

It's time for our GSCC Religious Education Program's One-and-Only Fundraising event for the 2017-2018 catechetical year and we would like to ask our faith community for your support!

We have designed 12 AMAZING & HIGH-END Raffle Baskets that will delight you and your family this holiday season! Our HIGH-END Raffle Baskets (valued between \$500 and \$1900) will be displayed in the Narthex, and tickets for these Raffle Baskets will be sold after all masses from November 18/19 through December 16/17.

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 \$22,000.00 in profit which made it possible for us to keep our tuition unchanged and even awarded some of our CFF families' free tuition/scholarships. On behalf of our Religious Education Staff, with grateful hearts ... we thank you very much for your support of this ministry.

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. Applications can be found at www.stelizabetheg.org, or in the school or parish offices and will be accepted until 12/15/17. Call 684-7903 to schedule a tour. Students must be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2018 to apply.

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. We request that you not leave furniture or household items outside the SVdP shed. We can not store items. Thank you for your cooperation.

On November 13 we served 60 families consisting of 236 people and gave out 216 boxes of food.

Please note we are back to our winter hours.

From October-April our hours will be Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Volunteers are always welcome. To volunteer, contact us at (916) 647-1243.



Upcoming Events

Lector Training

Anyone interested in becoming a Lector, as well as all current Lectors, are invited to a Mandatory Training which is scheduled for **Sunday, Nov 19th** from 2:30pm–3:30pm in the church. Please contact Chris Faull, Lector Coordinator, at lectors@gscccg.org or call 916-525-5925 for any questions.

Holiday Pie Sale!

Knights of Columbus will be having their annual Holiday Pie Sale after mass in the Narthex through November 21-22. We have a new supplier this year and pies will be 50% larger than last year! Stock up for Thanksgiving!

Vocations Ministry

The Vocations Ministry implements the diocesan plan to encourage and foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Please prayerfully consider a calling to the lay vocation as a Ministry member. Fr. Jovito of St. Joseph's will give a talk on **Nov. 30th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** here at Good Shepherd. There will be adoration, an opportunity for questions, and fellowship afterwards. All are welcome.

Retreat for Men

Join the men of the parish and sign up for the annual retreat at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center Dec. 1-3, 2017. For more information call Ed Casey at 916-685-5200, or go to www.christthekingretreatcenter.org. Early registration is recommended. The cost is \$230 single/\$210 double. Financial assistance and payment plans are available.

Prayer and Life Workshop

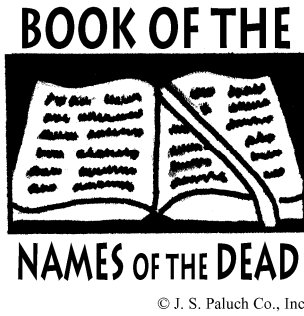
The objective of the Prayer and Life Workshop is to instill the living God in people's hearts and make them happier. Learn several prayer methods, enter into a personal relationship with the Lord and practice forgiving exercises. Come to our opening meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Maria Goretti/8th Grade classroom.

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 November 4/5 = \$21,783.40
- 2nd Collection/Building Fund = \$7,722.32
- Collection total for November 11/12 = \$19,577.58
(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.



Good Shepherd Catholic Church
Religious Education Program Presents

**ANNUAL
HOLIDAY
Raffle Basket Fundraiser**

November 18 thru December 17
After all Masses

Ticket Price:

1 ticket = \$20.00

6 tickets = \$100.00

Raffle Drawing on
December 17th 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?

Recently moved or changed phone number?

Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Address _____

City, Zip _____

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