

November 25, 2018

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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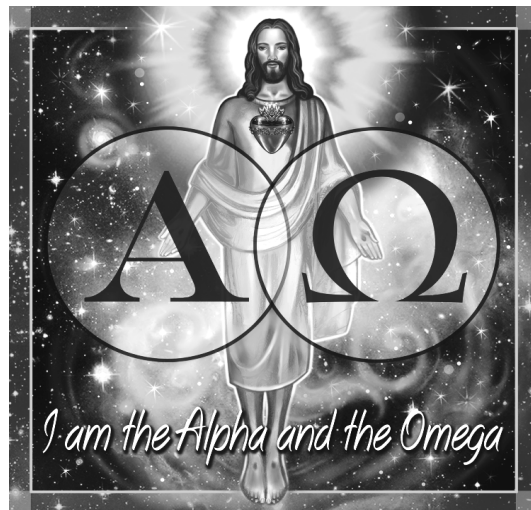
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CHRIST IS KING

On the final Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It's easy to understand today's scriptures as events that happened long ago and far away, or predictions that will come true somewhere, some day. But they invite us to claim Christ as our King here and now. Jesus' words to Pilate in the Gospel remind us that his kingdom transcends time and place. And the prophecies from Daniel and Revelation give us reason to be faithful to Christ our King right here and right now. By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only King over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation. No matter what nation we belong to or what language we speak, he "has made us into a kingdom" (Revelation 1:6)--one people united in love and peace for all eternity.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday:	Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Friday:	St. Andrew
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28
Friday:	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Saturday:	Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday:	Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 -- 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

2nd Collection-Camp Fire Relief

Please be generous in this weekend's second collection for relief for victims of the Camp Fire. Your assistance for these members of our diocese that have been devastated by this disaster will be much appreciated.

Holy Day of Obligation

Please note that December 8th is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. Mass times are as follows: vigil on Dec. 7th at 7:00 p.m. and Dec. 8th at 8:30 a.m. The mass at 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 8th (Saturday) does not fulfill your obligation for the Holy Day because that is the vigil mass for the second Sunday of Advent.

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.

Winter Sanctuary

Last year our church community of volunteers brought joy and comfort for the Elk Grove Homeless 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. If you are interested in helping but aren't available during this time, visit <http://www.elkgrovehart.org/> to see other ways that you can help this organization.



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. 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 or for our Winter Sanctuary!** The families of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton are grateful for your support of this ministry of the parish.

Parish News

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.gsccg.org/ministries/youth-life-teen to find our YouTube playlist of worship songs.

IMAGINATIVE PRAYER

Today marks the end of our liturgical year. Set aside a few minutes to reflect on your relationship with Christ, our King. Relax, close your eyes, and ask the Holy Spirit to guide your imagination. Choose one quality of God shared in today's readings: power, eternity, or truth. Allow your heart and mind to explore this attribute. Perhaps, like the prophet Daniel, vivid images of God will appear. Maybe the word itself will resonate more and more deeply as you consider it. You might imagine faces of people you know whom God has gifted with that particular quality. Breathe, and trust the Holy Spirit to show you something about God that will draw you closer to the divine. Continue to meditate like this as long as is comfortable.

IMAGINATIVE SERVICE

When you are ready to draw your few minutes of imaginative prayer to a close, ask God how you might serve Christ the King better in daily life. Challenge yourself to remain quiet and still while you wait to receive God's response.

Here are some questions that might inspire your conversation with the Lord.

Power

- * In what ways do I have power over others? How responsibly do I use that power?
- * Which people or situations make me feel powerless? How can I feel closer to you, Lord, in those moments?
- * What can I do, Lord, to bring your power to the people and places I see every day?

Eternity

- * How do I react when good relationships or experiences come to an end?
- * How do I endure unpleasant situations that seem to last forever?
- * What can I do, Lord, to bring your everlasting life into the things I must do each day?

Truth

- * How important to me is telling the truth?
- * How would I speak or act differently if you, Lord, were standing visibly by my side each day?
- * What can I do, Lord, to testify to others that I believe in you?

Upcoming Events

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!

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.

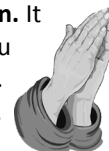
In our Narthex you will find 12 raffle baskets that we created and designed to bring joy to young and old alike this Christmas season! Our high-end raffle baskets (each valued between \$375 and \$1500) are themed to capture the essence of "giving." These baskets will be displayed in the Narthex after all Masses and raffle tickets are available for purchase up to December 16. You can also view baskets and their descriptions on our website.

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.

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.

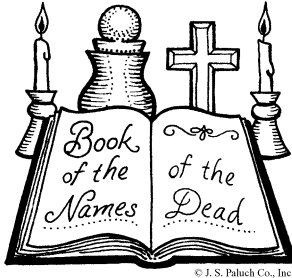


We are in need of volunteers to assist with picking up food donations from local stores and the Sacramento Food Bank. If you are available to help weekday or Saturday mornings for about an hour, please call the number above.

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.




Stewardship at Good Shepherd

Collection Total for Nov. 17/18 will be in next weekend's bulletin.

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!



**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 _____

Please provide weekly offering envelopes Yes No

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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

On behalf of the 2018 Fall Festival Committee, Father Leon, and all the parish staff, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that made our 20th Annual Fall festival a huge success. We would also like to recognize our sponsors and donors that helped us in so many ways. Please consider patronizing them so they know how much their support means to us.

We would also like to invite each one of you to consider volunteering for next year's festival. It is a great way to get involved, meet new people, and bring fresh ideas to the festival. Christ reminds us that "it is in giving that you receive" and giving of your time and talent is an excellent way to demonstrate your commitment to Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Steve and Kathy Raymond
2018 Festival Chairs

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