

ADVENT

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www.gscceg.org

Church, Office & School

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Good Shepherd Catholic Church



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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: Trina Koontz (916) 684-7903

tkoontz@stelizabethesg.org

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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.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. at the church, or by appointment.

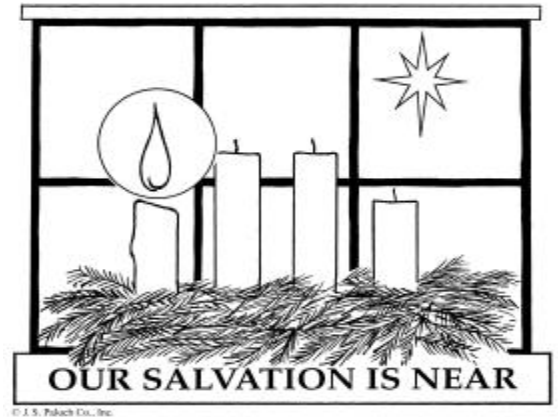
Baptism: Parents and godparents please see our baptism information at www.gscceg.org regarding scheduling for the baptism class.

Marriage: Engaged couples begin preparation a minimum of six months prior to the date of the wedding. Please contact the parish office to schedule.

First Sunday of Advent

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 -- 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



*"You . . . must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."
-- Matthew 24:44*

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Parish News and Announcements

Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

The collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. Help us continue to defend human dignity and build communities of solidarity. Please give generously to the CCHD Collection.

Holy Day of Obligation—Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 7 (Vigil) mass at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 8 mass at 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Altar Server Training

We are looking for new Altar Servers!! This is an excellent way for young people to become actively involved in the Mass. Altar servers must be at least 10 years old or in the 4th grade. Training will be on Wed., Nov. 30th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm and Sun., Dec. 4th from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. Please contact Bryant at altarservers@gscceg.org for more info and to confirm the day you plan to attend.

Faith Direct e-Giving

With the busy times the Season of Advent, enrolling in Faith Direct is a great way to ensure your gifts to Good Shepherd are received even while you are traveling. Already enrolled? Don't forget to add your Christmas or end-of-year contributions. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: CA688. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

Parish Council Membership Openings

The **Parish Pastoral Council** has openings for new members. If this is an area where you feel a calling to serve, please contact Juanita Baier at parishcouncil@gscceg.org. The **Parish Finance Council** has current openings as well. Business professionals looking for a way to serve, please forward a brief summary of your experience to Denise at goodshepherdchurch@frontiernet.net before Dec. 1st, 2016. For more information, go to www.gscceg.org.

2017 Women's Retreat

The women of Good Shepherd are cordially invited to make their annual retreat to Christ the King Passionist of Holy Cross Province Retreat Center on the weekend of Jan. 13-15, 2017. The rich tradition of a retreat is a special occasion to Renew Faith, Share Christ and Find Peace. The theme for this year is "Gathered in the Name of Jesus." Please prayerfully consider spending time with our Lord to pray and learn more of Him. For more information please contact Carol at 916-725-4720 ext. #314; or email cforrest@passionist.org.

Walk for Life West Coast 2017!

The 11th Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco is Sat., Jan. 21st, 2017. Please contact the parish office to reserve your seat on our chartered bus. For more information, please visit www.walkforlifewc.com or email Gary at greenhope28@yahoo.com. Please join us to make a public stand for Families and for LIFE.

CFE News

This weekend thru Dec 11th, after all Masses, our Religious Education program will be selling tickets for their one and only fundraising event this year. Twelve high-end raffle baskets, valued between \$500 and \$1600 each, will be on display. These baskets are just in time for the holidays! Raffle tickets are \$20 each or get 6 for \$100. Join us for the Raffle drawing at our complimentary Cookie and Hot Chocolate Bar on Dec. 11th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. All proceeds will support our Religious Education Ministries. For a description of each basket, visit www.gscceg.org.

Kinderchurch News

Remember to sign up for the Remind app at <https://www.remind.com/join/kinderchu> to receive up-to-date reminders from Kinderchurch!

RCIA News

Three additional Catechumens - Yvonne Dennings, Courtney Long and MacKayla Olidan - joined the RCIA process after the Sept. 11th celebration of the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming for 16 RCIA Participants. These three Catechumens will ask our faith community at Good Shepherd for support and prayer at the Rite of Acceptance on Sunday December 4th, at the 9:00 am Mass.



Shredding Event

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School and Good Shepherd will have a shredding event on Dec. 9, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 for a Bankers box. (All donations gladly accepted). For more information contact Monica Swain at 916-684-7903.

St. Mary's High School Workshop

St. Mary's High School will be hosting a scholarship and financial assistance information night on Wed., Dec. 7th from 5:00 - 6:30pm. Incoming families and current families that need assistance with FACTS and FAFSA should attend. Please call Jennifer at (209) 957-3340, ext 121 with any questions.

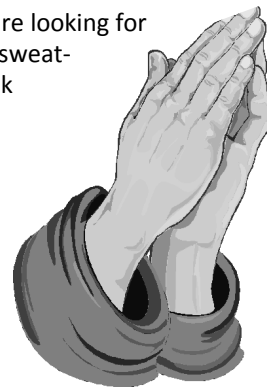
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	First Sunday of Advent
Wednesday:	St. Andrew
Thursday:	World AIDS Awareness Day
Friday:	First Friday
Saturday:	St. Francis Xavier; First Saturday

St. Vincent de Paul News

As cooler weather approaches, we are looking for donations of warm clothing such as sweaters, jackets, coats, and gloves. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Current SVdP locker hours are 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

Sharing and Caring Senior Singles

Our Christmas luncheon will be on Mon., Dec. 5th at 11:30 a.m. at Lamppost Pizza. RSVP required. Call Helen at 683-1943 to RSVP.

Good Shepherd Parish Fellowship

Our next monthly Fellowship will be Sunday, Dec. 11th following the 7:00 a.m. Mass with continuous serving until shortly before the 11:00 a.m. Mass begins. We would like to invite and encourage those individuals and families who regularly attend 11:00 a.m. Mass to join us beforehand to enjoy breakfast. The meal is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and hosted by the Hospitality Ministry. Breakfast will be blueberry pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, and beverages. We ask for a free will offering to cover expenses. Please join in fellowship!

Hearts of Compassion Holiday sessions

St. Christopher's Catholic Church Grief Ministry is offering sessions to help those who have lost a loved one survive the stress and loneliness of the holiday season. These sessions will be held on Wed. Nov. 30, and Dec. 4 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Christopher's in Galt. Please contact Maria at (209) 745-6461 for more information.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan

Join Father Leon for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan from April 17th to 29th, 2017. For details, please call Travel Travel at 510-724-4200 or 707-315-4686. Participation is limited to 32 passengers.

Adult Confirmation

We invite all parishioners (18 and up), who have not received their Sacrament of Confirmation, to join our Adult Confirmation Program. Registration is open and the first class will start on February 5th, 2017. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at goodshepherdre@frontier.com.

Mass Intentions

Nov. 26—30, 2016

We honor and pray for
all 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.

Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016

8:30 a.m.

George Mathew (BD)
Antonio Sarmiento (BD)
Zoraida Ruiz (+)
Petronilo Chua Sr. (+)
Violeta Serrano (+)

Friday, Dec. 2, 2016

8:30 am

Debbie Radoc (BD)
Kyle Kloeppel (SI)
Alfred & Helen Lial (+)
Zoraida Ruiz (+)
Scott Strong (6 yr. DA)

Key:

Deceased (+) Thanksgiving (TG) Death Anniversary (DA)

Birthday (BD) Special Intention (SI) Wedding Anniversary (WA)

(SI-H) Special Intention for healing

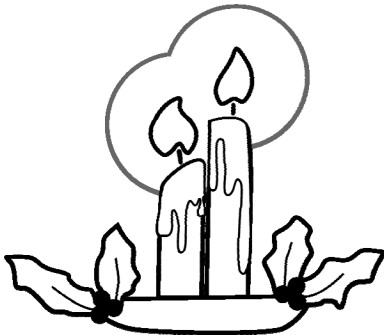
Stewardship at Good Shepherd

Collection totals for the weekend of November 19/20 will
appear in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your generous support. Your ongoing
donations are essential in helping us meet the many needs of
the parish and community.

Bookmark SacCatholic.com this Advent

SacCatholic.com is your one-stop destination to find and
share Catholic events in the Diocese of Sacramento. Be
sure to bookmark SacCatholic.com this Advent as new
events, workshops, and retreats will be posted regularly
as we prepare for the birth of our Lord.





Good Shepherd Catholic Church
Religious Education Program Presents

ANNUAL HOLIDAY Raffle Basket

November 5, 2016 thru December 11, 2017
After all Masses

Ticket Price:

1 ticket = \$20.00
6 tickets = \$100.00

Join us for Cookies & Hot Chocolate Bar
At the Raffle Drawing on
December 11, 2016 @ 6:30 PM
Fr. Philip Wells Hall

**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 _____

Please provide weekly offering envelopes ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!