



First Sunday of *Advent*

December 2, 2018

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength
to escape the tribulations that are imminent
and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

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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

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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.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School

K-8 Principal: Marci Greene (916) 684-7903

mgreene@stelizabetheg.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.

ASL Interpreted Mass: 2nd Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.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 8:30 p.m. First Friday, Exposition at 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. with Divine Mercy chaplet and solemn benediction.

THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. Gods justice is something other than this, of course. Gods justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiahs time. Israels kings held the promise of Gods fidelity, but it was difficult to see how Gods promise could be realized through them. Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Lukes Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins

Monday: St. Francis Xavier

Tuesday: St. John Damascene

Thursday: St. Nicholas

Friday: St. Ambrose; First Friday

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Saturday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; 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: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

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: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

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.

All are welcome to our Fellowship Pancake Breakfast!

Our next monthly Fellowship breakfast will be Sun., Dec. 9th following the 7:00 a.m. Mass with continuous serving until shortly before 11:00 Mass begins. We invite and encourage those who regularly attend 11:00 Mass to join us beforehand to enjoy breakfast. The meal is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and hosted by Hospitality Ministry. We ask for a free will offering to cover expenses. Please join us for Christmas-themed fellowship!

13th of the Month Rosary Prayer

Please join us on December 13 after the 8:30 a.m. mass in the church to pray the Rosary as Our Lady requested.



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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!!!** Please visit the church website and look for the Winter Sanctuary flyer for the volunteer sign up link. If you prefer, monetary donations can be brought directly to the church office. 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 at vschreiber@gmail.com or 916-801-6101 or Rommel 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.

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 at (916) 690-6254 or Suzanne at (916) 801-0561.



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.stelizabeth.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.

Dinner Night Out

You're invited to the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (SEAS) Family Dinner Night Out Fundraiser at **Boba Tea House**, 8139 Elk Grove Blvd., #140, on Tuesday, December 4, 2018, 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Simply mention the SEAS Fundraiser and 15% of your purchase will be donated to our school. Download or print the flyer from the SEAS or Good Shepherd website and share it with family and friends. Thank you for your support!

Parish News

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.

Kinderchurch Pageant

Kinderchurch families - please join us for the annual Kinderchurch Christmas Pageant on December 9 immediately following 9am mass in the Fr. Philip Wells Hall. The children will perform their songs and your family can enjoy the pancake breakfast. St. Nicholas will make an appearance and have a special gift for each child. We look forward to seeing you there!

Celebrating the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe

We will celebrate the Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe with the following Novena:

- Dec. 3- 7: after the 8:30 a.m. Mass; Dec. 8: at 7:45 a.m.; Dec. 9: after the 1:00 p.m. Mass and on Dec. 10-11: after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

On Dec. 12, there will be the offering of flowers at 7:30 a.m. followed by the procession around the church. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. by Fr. Ed with the SEAS students in attendance. Fellowship in the narthex after Mass. Please join us in honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of America and the Diocese of Sacramento. For more info contact: Ninfa @ 916-582-2498; Clara @ 916-844-4632; Irma @ 916-548-3138; or Alejandra @ 916-871-3332.

Ministry Highlight

Ministries of Bereavement

The Lazarus Ministry and the Hearts of Compassion Ministry 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. If you would like to join the Lazarus Ministry, please contact Liz Ponce at 510-676-8924. If you would like to join the Hearts of Compassion Ministry, please contact Suzanne Dodd at 916-801-0561.

Upcoming Events

Altar Server Training

If you missed Altar Server training in October, we have 1 additional training date for new and returning altar servers on Dec. 11 from 5:45-7pm in the Church. This will include special training for those serving at the Christmas masses. Come and meet your new Altar Server Ministry Team Leaders!

Knights of Columbus, Council 11236 - Rosary Night of Prayer

The Knights of Columbus is promoting a Rosary Night of Prayer in honor of our Blessed Mother on **Wed., Dec. 12 at 6:30pm** in the Church. All are welcome to attend. We ask Mary to pray for us and ask that she bestow her blessings to us on this feast day of **La Virgen de Guadalupe**. After the rosary, please stay and join us for refreshments and fellowship. For more info contact SK Iggy Lopez-Alvarez at (916) 416-7327.

Devotional Masses (Simbang Gabi)

Devotional Masses (Simbang Gabi) at Good Shepherd will be celebrated Dec. 15—23 at 7:00 pm. with a rosary preceding mass at 6:30 p.m. Simbang Gabi (Filipino for "Night Mass") is a devotional nine-day series of masses in anticipation of Christmas and to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. The theme for this year will be "The Ten Commandments." There will be a fellowship reception after each mass. All masses will be in English and all parishioners are welcome to attend. Volunteers are welcome to assist with the different activities during the Simbang Gabi. Please contact Bobby at 916-525-5180 or at BobbyNavRet@aol.com, Ling at 916-206-7039; LingAvera52@gmail.com; or Faye at 916-508-1336 or Soliven4@yahoo.com for more information.

Walk for Life West Coast 2019!

The 15th Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco is Saturday, January 26th, 2019. This is your chance to join 50,000 enthusiastic people proclaiming the very depth of God's love for each one of us. Together we reflect the hope that is within us for a world that is free of abortion. For the 13th year, our Parish is chartering buses to attend the Walk. Please contact the parish office to reserve your seat on the bus. For more information about the Walk, please visit the website at www.walkforlifewc.com or email Gary Hickman at greenhope28@yahoo.com. Please join us to make a public stand for families and for LIFE.

St. Vincent de Paul News

We want to sincerely thank Golden State Food Purveyors (McDonald's), Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services, and the wonderful SEAS students for their generous donations of turkeys and cash to purchase turkeys. Thanks to them, we were able to provide Thanksgiving dinners and will be able to provide Christmas turkey dinners as well, to our less fortunate Elk Grove neighbors. Additionally, we want to thank the Good Shepherd parishioners whose ongoing support enables us to help those who are in need. To that end, we will be sending 100 \$25.00 Wal-Mart gift cards to St. Vincent de Paul— Our Divine Savior Conference (where Fr. Francis is located) for distribution to those affected by the Camp Fire in Paradise. God bless you always for your continued Christian Charity.

On November 26 we served 38 families consisting of 159 people and gave out 149 boxes of food. On November 19 we served 58 families consisting of 218 people and gave out 218 boxes of food. SVdP hours are Mondays from 10:00—11:00 a.m. For assistance, call (916) 647-1243.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018

5:00 pm

Pacifico Rubio (TG)
Douglas Conway Jr. (+)
K.C. John (+)
M.C. Thomas (+)
Zenaida Perido (+)

Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018

7:00 am

Rogelio Arenas (+)
Douglas Conroy Jr. (+)
Pedro Deldio (+)
Sr. Dolores Palillo, SFCC (+)
Eduardo Quiambao (+)

9:00 am

Christian Eliazo (BD)
David Eliazo (BD)
Venancio Del Rosario (+)
Primitiva Quero Panelo (+)
Danilo Quero (+)

11:00 am

Mary Anne Armstrong (+)
Jovita Gaffud (+)
Robert Kim (DA)
Margarita C. Millare (+)
Connie Negrete (+)

1:00 pm

Docie Baquiran (SI)
Derek & Brianna Uzoh (TG)
Felix Buenafe (+)
Artemio Rodriguez (+)
Scott Strong (+)

5:00 pm

Priscilla Baguisi (SI)
Medardo Bejarin (+)
Maria Tran Hoai Sam (+)
Cristina Tabladillo (+)
All souls in purgatory (+)

Monday, December 3, 2018

8:30 am

TK Abraham (DA)
Teresa Co (DA)
Leonora M. Esteybar (+)
Connie and Elena Fereran (+)
Estela Rodriguez (+)
Francis Um (DA)

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

8:30 am

Carmen Bringas (+)
Domingos Fagundes (+)
Mary Mello (+)
Magdalena Pascua (+)
Lawrence Nicholas (+)

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

8:30 am

Grace Baclig-Guanco (BD)
Jonathon Cruz (BD)
Chizara Ozioko (BD)
Angelica Rey (BD)
Ginah Quiban (SI-H)
Antonio Bringas (+)

Thursday, December 6, 2018

8:30 am

Rolando Albarillo (BD)
Menchie Cabrera (BD)
Cesar Salgado (BD)
Amelia Cabrera (SI-H)
Mariano Buenafe (+)
Rodolfo Ching (+)

Friday, December 7, 2018

8:30 am

Carolyn Valmore (SI-H)
Roland Asperrec (+)
Alejandra Buenafe (+)
Antonio David (+)
Manuel and Tina Marquez (+)

7pm Holy Day of Obligation

Nereida Hernandez (SI-H)
Mary Tin Gui (+)
Raquel Marrero (+)

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 total for Nov. 17/18 = \$20,044.39
- 2nd collection/Camp. for Human Development = \$5,280.35
- Thanksgiving/St. Vincent de Paul = \$5,533.82
- Collection total for Nov. 24/25 = \$20,068.13
- 2nd collection/ Camp Fire Relief = \$21,612.97

Thank you for your most generous support of our parish—most especially for your generosity in the collection for the victims of the Camp Fire.

With the busy Season of Advent upon us, enrolling in Faith Direct today is a great way to ensure your gifts of treasure to Good Shepherd Church are received even if you may be out of town. Please pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today or enroll online at www.faithdirect.net. Our church code is CA688. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or end-of-year contributions to your account.



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

**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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