

# ADVENT

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A photograph of four lit Advent candles in purple and white, set on a wooden stand with greenery. A blue banner with the text 'Good Shepherd Catholic Church' and a white cross icon is overlaid on the image.

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

## Parish Staff

### Pastor: Rev. Leon Juchniewicz

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Coordinator, Religious Education: Menchie Cabrera

ONE EIGHT/EDGE Confirmation Preparation Coordinators:

Elizabeth Pott & Scotia Burrell

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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](http://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

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**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.

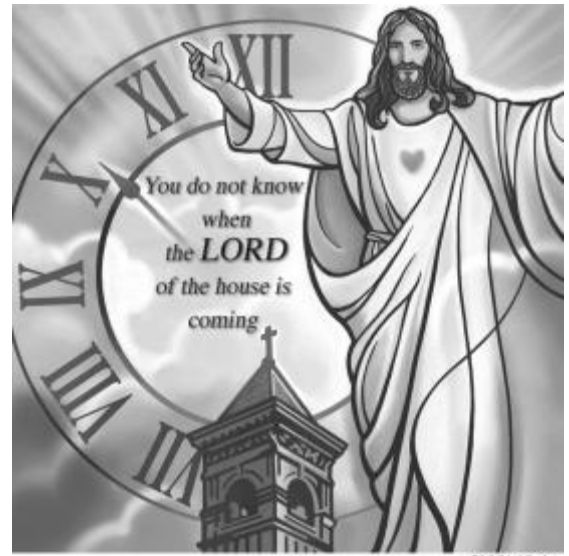
## GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## 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: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 -- 10:1, 5a, 6-8  
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8



## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent  
Monday: St. John Damascene  
Wednesday: St. Nicholas  
Thursday: St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day  
Friday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

## 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., Dec. 8th at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

## First Thursday Adoration

Due to the holy day of obligation vigil mass on December 7th, our first Thursday adoration is cancelled.

## Advent Penance Service

Our Advent Penance Service will be held on Dec. 14th at 7:00 p.m.

## Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap, a speaker series for young adults will be on Thurs., Dec. 14th from 6:30-9:00 pm, in the St. John Paul II room. All young adults (18+) are welcome! The topic for the evening is Evangelizing at Family Gatherings. Learn how to be an effective witness of faith to your family this Christmas season! The guest speaker will be Cecilia Flores, Director of the Newman Catholic Center of Sacramento. For more info, go to the Facebook event on the Young Adult Catholic- Diocese of Sacramento page.

## 2nd Collection/Retirement Fund for Religious

Help care for elders— please prayerfully consider supporting the retired religious next weekend, Dec. 9/10. Please give to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

## All are welcome to the Good Shepherd Parish Fellowship!

Our next monthly Fellowship will be Sun., Dec. 10th following the 7:00 a.m. Mass until shortly before 11:00 Mass begins. We would like to invite and encourage those individuals and families who regularly attend 11:00 Mass to join us beforehand to enjoy breakfast. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and hosted by Hospitality Ministry. We ask for a free will offering to cover expenses. Please join in Fellowship with a distinctly Christmas atmosphere!

## Devotional Masses—(Simbang Gabi)

Devotional Masses (Simbang Gabi) will be celebrated from Dec. 15 to Dec. 23 at 7:00 p.m. except on Dec. 17 will be at 8:00 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 daily gospel. Rosary will precede each mass at 6:30 pm. There will be fellowship after all masses. Masses will be in English and all parishioners are invited to attend. Volunteers are welcome to assist with the different activities. Please contact Bobby Aglubat at 916 525 5180 or at BobbyNavRet@aol.com for more information.

## Parish News

### Good Shepherd Parish 25th Anniversary—Silver Jubilee

Help us create lifelong memories by participating in our 25th anniversary planning. We are looking for leadership and volunteers for a series of events throughout 2018 to commemorate this special occasion. We need participation from all ethnicities, and encourage our newer parish families to join us! Upcoming meetings will be on Dec. 18th and Jan. 22nd in the St. John Paul Room at 6:30 p.m.. **SAVE THE DATES: April 21** Anniversary Liturgy with Bishop Soto & Gala Dinner (limited seating available); **April 22** Silver Jubilee Receptions following all masses. Many more events to come....  
Contact [bettymay8@gmail.com](mailto:bettymay8@gmail.com) for more information.

### Winter Sanctuary

Good Shepherd will host EG Wins, otherwise known as the Elk Grove Winter Sanctuary from Sun. Dec 24th - Sat. Dec 30th. **REQUIRED TRAINING: Sunday Dec 10th at 2:30 PM in the Father Philip Wells Hall. Opportunities to give:** cash/check donations accepted at the parish office; clorox wipes, paper towels, dish detergent, disinfectant/clorox cleaning spray, ground coffee, sugar, sweetener, plastic spoons, forks, knives. For more information contact the following:  
*Good Shepherd Night Leader/Overnight Coordinators:*  
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### Religious Education 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! Our HIGH-END Raffle Baskets (valued between \$500 and \$1900) will be displayed in the Narthex, and tickets will be sold after all masses through December 16/17 for \$20 each, or 6 tickets for \$100. The **BEST WAY** to support this fundraising event is to purchase raffle tickets! By doing so, you will be supporting the 800+ students in our program. The raffle drawing will be after the 5:00 PM Mass on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> in the Narthex. All are invited to stay after Mass and witness the announcement of our Raffle Basket WINNERS! 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

### Family Dinner Night Out

You're invited to the SEAS Family Dinner Night Out Fundraiser at Chicago Fire, all day on Tues., Dec. 5th. Download or print the flyer from the SEAS or Good Shepherd website, bring it with you or just mention the SEAS fundraiser. Help make the fundraiser a success, please share the flyer with family and friends. Thank you for your support!

## 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 Nov. 20 we served 81 families consisting of 311 people and gave out 316 boxes of food. On Nov. 27 we served 35 families consisting of 153 people 153 and gave out 136 boxes of food.



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

### Sharing & Caring Senior Singles

Our Christmas party will be on Mon., Dec. 4th at 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Corral. We voted on a \$10 grab bag prize. Open to all members, family members and friends. Please call Helen at 916-683-1943 to RSVP.

### Knights of Columbus Rosary Night of Prayer

The KofC Rosary Night of Prayer in honor of our Blessed Mother will be on Tues., Dec. 12, at 6:30pm in the Church. All are welcome. After the rosary, please stay and join us for some refreshments and fellowship to celebrate this special day, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. For more info contact SK Iggy Lopez-Alvarez at (916) 689-2428.

### 13th of the Month Prayer

Our 13th of the Month Fatima Rosary prayer will be on Wed., Dec. 13 after the 8:30 a.m. morning mass and following the Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Please join us and let us make Our Blessed Mother smile and happy as we obediently fulfill our promise to her.....pray, pray, pray the Rosary everyday.

### 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.

### Walk for Life West Coast 2018!

The 14th Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco is Sat., Jan, 28th, 2018. For the 12th year, we are chartering buses to attend the Walk. Please contact the office to reserve your seat on the bus. For more info, please visit the website at [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com) or email Gary at [greenhope28@yahoo.com](mailto:greenhope28@yahoo.com). Please join us to make a public stand for Families and for LIFE.

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday, December 2, 2017**

**5:00 pm**

Remy Chan (+)  
Teresa Co (+)  
Josefa Singian Dayrit (7yrDA)  
Alfred and Helen Lial (+)  
Scott Strong (DA)

**Sunday, December 3, 2017**

**7:00 am**

Paolo Abrio (BD)  
Cordero family (TG)  
Rogelio Arenas (+)  
Culpo Cristey Dela Cruz (+)  
Eduardo Quiambao (+)

**9:00 am**

Christian Eliazo (BD)  
David Eliazo (BD)  
Nazareno family (TG)  
Daniel Delacruz (+)  
Venancio Del Rosario (+)

**11:00 am**

John and Angelica Cruz (BD)  
Ivy Mathew (TG)  
Preston James (+)  
Ricardo Miranda (+)  
Joselito Santos (+)

**1:00 pm**

Helen Leoni (TG)  
Clemencia Punsal (SI-H)  
Ramon Francisco (+)  
Rose Mueller (+)  
Danny Rey (+)

**5:00 pm**

Esther Maciel (+)  
Lilia Maciel (+)  
Olegaria Maciel (+)  
Arturo Ramirez (+)  
All souls in purgatory (+)

**Monday, December 4, 2017**

**8:30 am**

Noelle Mathew (SI)  
Neal Mathew (SI)  
Thampi and Alice Mathew (SI)  
Domingos Fagundes (+)  
Michael Pina (+)

**Tuesday, December 5, 2017**

**8:30 am**

Chizara Ozioko (BD)  
Grace Baclig Guanco (BD)

**Wednesday, December 6, 2017**

**8:30 am**

Rolando Albarillo (BD)  
Cesar Gomez Salgado (BD)  
Diana Velasquez Novoa (+)  
Rosario Salindong (+)  
Bonifacio Urbano Sr. (+)

**Thursday, December 7, 2017**

**8:30 am**

Lynette Chavez (BD)  
Czeslawa Garbien (+)  
Manuel and Tina Marquez (+)

**Friday, December 8, 2017**

**8:30 am**

Bobby Aglubat (+)  
Precious Molina (SI)  
Rufino and Eva Rebong (+)  
Bonifacio Urbano Jr. (+)  
Concepcion Wakatani (+)

**7:00 pm**

Ricardo España (+)

**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. 18/19 = \$20,087.85
- 2nd collection/Camp. for Human Development = \$4,220.20
- Thanksgiving/St. Vincent de Paul = \$1,725.00
- Collection total for Nov. 25/26 = \$19,953.66

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



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in the altar sanctuary.



## **Parish Registration and Change of Address**

New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community?

Recently moved or changed phone number?

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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