

ADVENT

December 11, 2016

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www.gscccg.org

Church, Office & School

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Closed for lunch 12-1pm
Closed Wednesdays



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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.

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@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.

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.

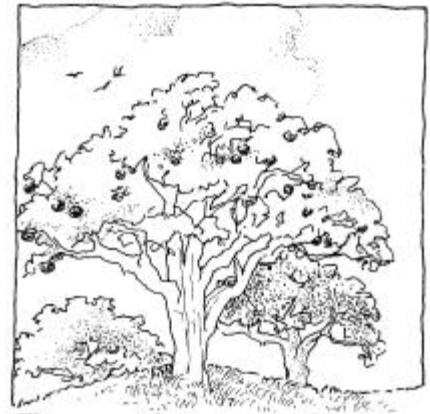
Third Sunday of Advent

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

*Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting joy.
-- Isaiah 35:10a*

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**Be patient until the
coming of the Lord**

A SEASON OF HOPE

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah's vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can't buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Parish News and Announcements

Our **Advent Communal Reconciliation Service** will be held on Wed., Dec. 14th, at 7:00 p.m.

Second Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection.

Devotional Masses (Simbang Gabi)

Devotional Masses (Simbang Gabi) will be celebrated Dec. 15 through Dec. 23, at 7:00 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 is "Beatitudes." A reception will be held after each mass. All masses will be in English and everyone is welcome to attend. Volunteers are welcome to assist during the Simbang Gabi. Please contact Bobby Aglubat at 916 525 5180 or at BobbyNavRet@aol.com for more information.

Christmas Schedule

Confessions:

Communal Reconciliation Service:

Wed., Dec. 14th, 7:00 p.m.

Individual Confessions:

Sat., Dec. 17th, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 21st, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

And 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 22nd, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

And 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Masses:

Sat., Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9:00 p.m., 12:00 Midnight

Sun., Dec. 25th, Christmas Day

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Sun., Jan. 1st, 2017 New Year's Day

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God,

Holy Day of Obligation

5:00 p.m. Sat. (Vigil)

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

Parish News

Jacob's Ladder Photos

If you left a picture of your loved one for the month of November display, please check the tables in the narthex and take your picture home. We have limited storage space and ask that you hold your pictures until next November.

Best Advent Ever– Wrap Presents and Be Present

Advent is about getting ready to encounter Jesus. This advent, sign up for Best Advent Ever: Rediscover Christmas, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic. Each day you'll receive an email with practical tips, Christmas music, or an inspirational video. Sign up at BestAdventEver.com.

Walk for Life West Coast 2017!

The 11th Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco is Sat., Jan. 21st, 2017. 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.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan

Join Father Leon for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with a visit to Jordan and Dubai - April 19 to May 3, 2017. There will be a presentation about the pilgrimage **TODAY, Dec. 11 at 2:30pm** in the John Paul II room. For reservations and inquiries, please call Angela at 707- 315-4686 or Travel Travel at 510-724-4200.

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. For more information, go to www.gscceg.org.

CFE News

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Religious Education program by purchasing raffle tickets for the one and only fundraising event this year! Even if you have not bought raffle tickets, please join us for the drawing and our **complimentary Cookie and Hot Chocolate Bar** after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Advent
Monday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday:	St. Lucy
Wednesday:	St. John of the Cross
Friday:	Las Posadas begins



St. Vincent de Paul News

On Dec. 5th, SVdP assisted 51 families consisting of 201 people and gave out 184 boxes.

We are in need of paper or reusable grocery bags. 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

Good Shepherd Parish Fellowship

Please join us this morning for our monthly Fellowship! We will have continuous serving of breakfast until shortly before the 11:00 a.m. Mass begins. The meal is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and hosted by the Hospitality Ministry. We ask for a free will offering to cover expenses.

Fatima Rosary Prayer

Please join us on Tues., Dec. 13th for the 13th of the Month Fatima Prayer. It will start right after the 8:30 a.m. mass in the Church. Our Lady of Fatima asked us to pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world. Thank you.

Knight of Columbus Rosary Night of Prayer

All parishioners and Brother Knights are invited to the KofC Rosary Night of Prayer in honor of our Blessed Mother on Dec. 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. After the rosary, please join us for refreshments and fellowship. For more info contact Iggy at (916) 689-2428.

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 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.

Stewardship at Good Shepherd

Collection total for Dec. 3/4 = \$19,420.29

2nd Collection/Building Fund = \$7,774.73

Weekly collection 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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016

5:00 pm

Vega Family (TG)
Anthony Bezmalinovich (+)
Teodora Bulatao (+)
Fraterna Sagmit (+)
Zoraida Ruiz (+)

Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016

7:00 am

9:00am

Evangeline Arevalo (SI-H)
Teodora Bulatao (+)
Petronilo Chua Sr. (+)
Leo Licastro (+)
Myrna Panelo (+)
Cory Watson (+)

11:00 am

Sam Walker (BD)
Lydia Almanza (+)
Damaso Fermin (+)
Lee Innocenti (+)
Adolfo Jimenez (+)
Jared Crisologo Smith (+)
Joe Walker (+)

1:00 pm

Maxima Gonzales (+)
Rev. Antonio Salindong (+)
Alberta Salindong (+)
Pedro Salingdong (+)
Patricio Salindong (+)

5:00pm

Valerie Manuel (SI-H)
Michelle R. Fajardo (SI-H)

Monday, Dec. 12, 2016

8:30am

Alejandra Flores (DA)
Paul Nguyen Mai (+)
Zoraida Ruiz (+)
Fraterna Sagmit (1yrDA)
Joao Silva (+)

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016

8:30am

Krysta Chavez (BD)
Felipe Agbay (DA)
Joe Avis (+)
Teodora Bulatao (+)
Zoraida Ruiz (+)
John O. Veloria (DA)

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016

8:30am

Benny Canio (DA)
Michael Piña (+)
Zoraida Ruiz (+)

Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016

8:30am

Zoraida Ruiz

Friday, Dec. 16, 2016

8:30am

Bienvenido Campomanes (DA)
Drexel K. Wesleder (+)
Zoraida Ruiz (+)

Key:

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

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

(SI-H) Special Intention for healing



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!**

December 12, 2016
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Co-Patron of the Diocese of Sacramento



Good Shepherd Catholic Church
Religious Education Program Presents

ANNUAL HOLIDAY Raffle Basket

LAST WEEKEND
to BUY Tickets

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