



Third Sunday of

Advent

December 16, 2018

I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

Luke 3:16

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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

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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.

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.

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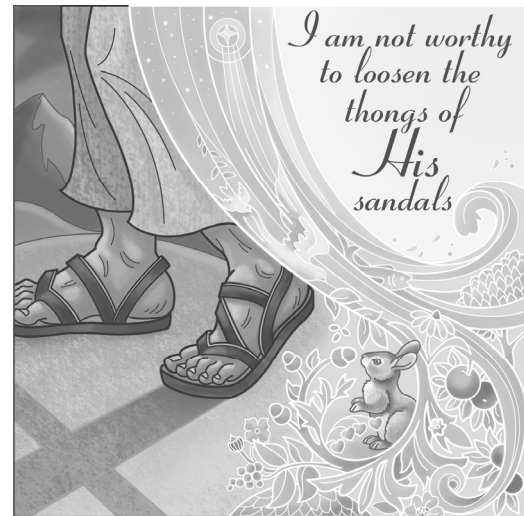
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REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called Gaudete Sunday. The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to rejoice always in the Lord, and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy. This, we are assured on all sides, is the season of joy. Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent; Las Posadas begins
Tuesday: International Migrants Day
Friday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Holiday Office Closures

The parish office will be closed for the holidays from December 24-26 and again from December 31-January 2.

Religious Education Raffle Basket Fundraiser

This weekend is your final opportunity to support our Religious Education Program's only fundraising event. Purchase your tickets for our high-end raffle baskets (valued between \$500-\$1,500). The drawing will be after the 5:00 p.m. Sunday mass 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 every one of you who has participated and supported this vital parish ministry.

Environment Change

The Art and Environment Ministry will be changing the church environment to Christmas on Dec. 24th at 9:30 a.m. This is a large undertaking that will require lots of help. We will be working until it is completed. Your help will be much appreciated!

Winter Sanctuary

Winter Sanctuary 2018 will be held from 12/23/18 (Sunday evening) to 12/30/18 (Sunday morning). Our parish has really come together again to love and offer warmth to those less fortunate this holiday season. **Volunteers are still needed for CHRISTMAS NIGHT (12/25/18) for the overnight positions.** Please go to the Good Shepherd website—click on the Winter Sanctuary Flyer to see the volunteer opportunities. Thank you for your support! If you wish to sign up for the week following Christmas at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church or in February at Soaring Oaks Church, please check our website for these opportunities to help our neighbor churches fill their volunteer needs. Any questions—please contact Veronica Schreiver at 916-801-6101 or Deacon Rommel at 916-479-3459.

Santo Nino Novena

Join us as we celebrate the Feast Day of the Holy Infant Jesus (Santo Nino). Novena schedule as follows:

Dec. 27-28: after the 8:30 am Mass

Dec. 29: at 9:30 am

Dec. 30: after 1:00 pm Mass

Dec. 31: after the 8:30 a.m. Mass

Jan 1, 2019: after 11:00 am Mass

Jan 2 -4: after 8:30 am Mass

Jan 5: SANTO NINO FEAST DAY 9:30 am Mass

After Mass there will be a procession around the Church building then fellowship in the Father Philip Wells Hall. Again, let's continue the adoration and celebration in honor of "THE LITTLE KING" the HOLY INFANT JESUS!!!!

Elk Grove Transit Services

Do you need a ride to church, events or doctor appointments? Elk Grove Transit Services provides scheduled rides for seniors over 75 years old or disabled. To apply for service or to get more information, contact Senior Transport Services at (916) 627-3555. Good Shepherd is not affiliated with this program.

Parish News

A Thank You to our Parishioners

We would like to thank all of our parishioners once again for your support of our parish festival back in September. This year the proceeds from the festival were \$28,427.58! Thank you also to all of those who donated items requested on the giving tree. Your generous support of this parish fundraiser enables us to continue God's work in our community.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul News

Thank you, thank you, thank you to our Good Shepherd Catholic Church family. Because of your generosity on Thanksgiving day, our conference was able to donate \$5,000 for a "House in a Box" to a surviving family of the Camp Fire. The "House in a Box" program is handled by the national St. Vincent de Paul and provides all the essentials for a family to start again. We are so excited about this program and want you to know how grateful we are for your ongoing support and obvious commitment to assisting those who are in need. May Advent lead you to a joyous, memorable Christmas and a new year filled with peace and the blessings of our savior, Jesus Christ.

On December 9th we served 42 families consisting of 153 people and gave out 155 boxes of food. SVdP hours are Mondays from 10:00—11:00 a.m. For assistance, call (916) 647-1243.

Please note that the locker will be closed on December 24th and 31st.



Ministry Highlight

Social Committee

Our Social Committee is an active service ministry. Often, our function is to set up for an event, organize food (occasionally we help provide food for an event), serve our guests, and clean up. A few of the events the Social Committee has participated in this year have been the receptions for our 25th Anniversary, pancake breakfasts, reception for Deacon Rommel, helping with the KofC Luau, and the Veteran's Day reception. The Social Committee will be putting on our 24th annual Crab Feed on February 9th.

We are open to all parishioners who enjoy serving others, meeting people, and spending time with our parish family. We meet the first Monday of each month. We would love for you to join us! If you are interested, please call Cathy at 916-683-3373.

Upcoming Events

Advent Confession Schedule

During this season of Advent we will have additional times available for individual confessions as follows: Thurs., Dec. 20 from 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. and from 4:00-6:00 p.m.; and on Sat., Dec. 22 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Devotional Masses (Simbang Gabi)

Devotional Masses (Simbang Gabi) 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. For the 13th year, our Parish is chartering buses to attend the Walk. The cost is \$25. 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.

Stateside World Youth Day

Join the Diocese of Sacramento on Jan. 26 and 27 at Trinity Pines Catholic Center in Colfax for Stateside (Virtual) World Youth Day. \$20 registration. To register, visit <https://catholic.formstack.com/forms/vwyd>. For more info contact Rochelle Gammad at (916) 733-0123.

Save the Date

Mark your calendars for our 24th annual Crab Feed to be held on February 9, 2019. Tickets will go on sale in January. Please watch the bulletin for more details.



Annual Women's Parish Retreat, "On the Way With Jesus"

During this weekend you can experience God's love, healing, peace and forgiveness. It is also a time to relax and reflect after the holidays. Please join the women of the parish on the weekend of January 11 to January 13. Call Suzanne Dodd at 916-801-0561 or go to www.christthekingretreatcenter.org to make a reservation.



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Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018

5:00 pm

Leonardo & Ester Ote
(50yrWA)
Hank Cornell (+)
Rhonda Paulino (+)
Clemencia Punsal (+)
Rodolfo Soriano (+)
Adelaida Soriano (+)

Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018

7:00 am

Rebecca Banate (+)
Warren & Barbara Beck (+)
Bienvenido Campomanes (DA)
Sr. Dolores Palillo, SFCC (+)

9:00 am

Antonio Blanco (+)
Renard Blanco (+)
Luisa Mercado (+)
Primitiva Quero Panelo (+)
Drexel Wesleder (+)

11:00 am

Wilma Chan (TG)
Fr. Leon Juchniewicz (SI)
Fr. Edgardo Garcia (SI)
Judy Gerke (DA)
Ofelia Manalastas (+)

1:00 pm

Ryan Jordon (SI)
Rudy Sandoval (SI)
Neal Mathew (SI)
Noelle Mathew (SI)
Ofelia Manalastas (+)

5:00 pm

Hanniel Dinh (1yrBD)
Olegaria Jorin (+)
Esther Maciel (+)
Mary Mustain (+)
Lilia Ramirez (+)
All souls in purgatory (+)

Monday, December 17, 2018

8:30 am

Bella Tagum (SI-H)
Imelda Binamira (+)
Estelito Chan (+)
Mia Manuelita Mascariñas (+)
Maxine Thompson (+)

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

8:30 am

Joanadair Avera (BD)
Len Beltran (TG)
Mai Nguyen (SI-H)
Cornelia Mendoza (+)
Clemencia Punsal (+)

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

8:30 am

Clemente Fernandez (BD)
Brandon Penaranda (BD)
Joseph Polivka (BD)
Jesus Devera (+)
Bernard Javier Ongpoy (+)

Thursday, December 20, 2018

8:30 am

Virginia Agdon (BD)
Chinedu Ozioko (BD)
Scott Avis (+)
Emeteria Canio (+)
Phuong Van Le (+)

Friday, December 21, 2018

8:30 am

Gramm Newbold (BD)
Nestor & Rose Camerino (TG)
Chu Van Le (+)
Helen Fumie Yoshikawa (+)
Ted Hisaaki Yoshikawa (+)

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 Holy Day/Immaculate Conc. = \$3,748.61
- Collection total for December 8/9 = \$20,464.63

In this season of Advent, we are continuously preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth. Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming new year by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting Good Shepherd, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season. Signing up is easy! Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **CA688**. Already using Faith Direct? Log in to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account to make a one-time gift today!

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.



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Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

9:00 p.m.

Midnight

Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day

7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 1, 2019, New Year's Day

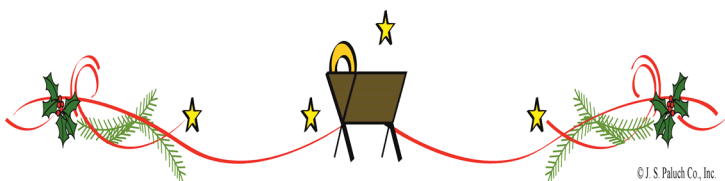
The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.



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Parish Registration and Change of Address

New to Good Shepherd Catholic Church Community? ☐

Recently moved or changed phone number? ☐

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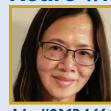
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