



The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2017

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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 schedule with the parish office

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.

Christmas 2017

Dear Parish Family,

Advent brings the promise of new beginnings, enduring hope and spiritual renewal. It is a season that summons our hearts to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and to be ready and alert for the coming of Christ Jesus. Simply, Advent offers the faithful a precious gift – a significant *call-to-action* first presented in the Old Testament, and then echoed throughout the Gospels. *Prepare the way of the Lord!*

How will we prepare our hearts this Advent? How will we welcome the infant Jesus, Christ the Lord, born in Bethlehem? How will we approach the altar, and greet the mystery of the Eucharist? How will we initiate this new liturgical year, in joyful hope of Christ's return?

The magnitude of this preparation can be overwhelming unless viewed as a delicate unwrapping of our interior selves. Through prayer, reflection, reconciliation, fellowship and service, wondrous spiritual gifts are plentiful, stirring up Christ's peace, hope, joy and love. How God must delight in this unwrapping – this preparation – as He watches his beloved children strengthen their souls, and "repeat the sounding joy" within their hearts.

Throughout the Seasons of Advent, Christmas and beyond, as we enter into a year of celebration for our parish's 25th Silver Jubilee, may we ponder, rejoice and act with meaningful, daily conversion. And may we always hear the voice calling us to go forward in faith praising God and singing "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

On behalf of Father Ed, Deacon Bill, Deacon Ed, and all the parish staff, thank you and bless you for your love, commitment gifts and talents that you offer in Christ's name.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Leon Juchniewicz
Pastor

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
During the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5 -- 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128: 1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Tuesday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins
Wednesday: St. John
Thursday: The Holy Innocents
Friday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
Saturday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord



Holiday Office Closures

The parish office will be closed on December 25th and 26th and January 1st and 2nd.

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Sun, Dec. 31st we will have our regular Sunday mass schedule.

Mon., Jan. 1st, 2018 New Year's Day

Mass at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m.

2nd Collection/St. Vincent de Paul

Next weekend, December 31st, we will be having a second collection for St. Vincent de Paul. Please prayerfully consider your contribution to this second collection which directly helps the needy right in our community.

Santo Nino Novena

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

Dec. 28 & 29: after the 8:30 am Mass

Dec. 30 at 9:30 am

Dec. 31 after 1:00 pm Mass

Jan 1, 2018 after 11:00 am Mass

Jan 2 -4 after 8:30 am Mass

Jan 5 after Adoration (approximately 3:30 pm)

Jan 6 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!!!!!!

Parish News

Religious Education Raffle Basket Fundraiser

Congratulations to all our CFF Raffle Basket Winners!!!

Basket 1 (Super Mario Christmas) Pamela Dayan

Basket 2 (Holiday Glitz) Doloris Smith

Basket 3 (GSCC Party Pack) May Cobb

Basket 4 (Office on the Go) Jimmy Lopez

Basket 5 (A Wonderful Life) David Muraoka

Basket 6 (Meet Me in Old Sac) Karen Dunton

Basket 7 (Bad Santa) Denise Wesleder

Basket 8 (Bake Me a Cake) Anne Henigan

Basket 9 (Alpine Holiday) Stephanie Adogli

Basket 10 (Disneyland) J. Yankovich

Basket 11 (Home Alone) Wendy Fedena

Basket 12 (Just Us Two) Lena Perez

Our deepest gratitude to all our donors: CFF Families, Irma & Al Michel, Victor Alaniz, Sarah Bui, Michelle Hayes, John Qum-siyeh, Deacon Bill Sousa, Irene Camerino, Robert & Mary Mustain, Elizabeth Pott, Menchie Cabrera, Muldavin Chiropratic, Salon Cheveux, Knights of Columbus, Hyatt Sacramento, Lamp Post Pizza ... We are eternally grateful for your generosity. May the Graces of the Lord pour upon you a thousand fold.

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 January 28th after the 9:00 a.m. mass. The program consists of 12 sessions and one morning retreat. Please contact the Faith Formation office at goodshepherdre@frontier.com. It's a great opportunity to renew and grow in faith!

LifeTeen News

High School Teens! Starting on January 14th, our LifeTeen youth group will be meeting every Sunday at the 5:00 p.m. youth mass followed by our "Life Nights" at 6:30 p.m. in the youth room. Join us for our 2018 kick-off on January 14th, the first "Life Night" of the year. Bring your friends and come enjoy food, fellowship, games and more. We are still looking for gifts and donations to enhance our youth room such as board games, sports equipment, video game console/games, musical instruments, religious items, etc. Please do not leave items at the youth room doors. If you have a new/gently-used gift/donation, please email Josh at lifeteen@gscceg.org with a picture and description. Thank you for supporting our youth!



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 are in need of any size diapers and baby wipes.**

On Dec. 18 we served 66 families consisting of 257 people and gave out 249 boxes of food.

From October-April our hours will be Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Please note that we will be closed on December 25th and January 1st.** Volunteers are always welcome. To volunteer, contact us at (916) 647-1243.



Upcoming Events

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. Please contact the office to reserve your seat on our chartered bus. For more info, please visit the website at www.walkforlifewc.com or email Gary at greenhope28@yahoo.com. Please join us to make a public stand for Families and for LIFE.

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! Our next meeting will be on 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. Contact bettymay8@gmail.com for more information.

Stewardship at Good Shepherd

- Collection total for Dec 16/17 = \$18,977.79
(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.

Making your contributions to Good Shepherd is easier than ever with FaithDirect. You can still add your Christmas and year-end contributions. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: CA688. Thank you for your continued support!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 23, 2017

5:00 pm

Celeste Bocade (BD)
Alex & Rhodora Bravo
(26yrWA)
Rogelio Balsalubre (DA)
Mildred Dela Cruz (DA)
Henry Saint-Cyr (+)

Sunday, December 24, 2017

7:00 am

Hermie Pamintuan (BD)
Rosalin Batoon (DA)
Conrado Gunabe (+)
Irma Valenzuela (+)

9:00 am

11:00 am

Irma Gianatasio (SI-H)
Irma Ramirez (BD)
Jesus Baen Vasquez (BD)

1:00 pm

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 pm

Melecio Adao (+)
Mary Anne Armstrong (+)
Juanita Dimayacyac (+)
Pearl Simpson (+)
Jacquelyn Terhell (+)

6:30 pm

Chavez family (TG)
Nelly Bisquera (+)
Roberto Bisquera (+)
All souls in purgatory (+)

9:00 pm

Lori Romero (+)

12:00 am-midnight

Austria family (TG)
Jesusa Carretero (TG)
Natividad Alcaraz (+)

Monday, December 25, 2017

7:00 am

Jones family (TG)
Conrado and Estela Gunabe (+)

9:00 am

Ben and Fe Abrio (TG)
Gina Bertulano (+)
Fred, Gloria, Eduardo
& Victor Luchico (+)
Inez Lorraine McKnight (+)

11:00 am

Eugenio V. Alejo Sr. (+)
Joe Avis (+)
Domingos Fagundes (+)
Conceicao Nunes (+)
Francisco Nunes (+)

Tuesday, December 26, 2017

8:30 am

Enrico Asuncion (BD)
Fernando Delara (2yrDA)
Nellie Foronda Tumbaga (10yrDA)
Ilda Martins (+)
Maria Martins (+)

Wednesday, December 27, 2017

8:30 am

Nguyen-Vui family (TG)
Rowena Valmores (SI)
Teodora Bulatao (+)
John Perkins Jr. (+)
Buenaventurada Roblon (+)
Angeles S. Urbano (+)

Thursday, December 28, 2017

8:30 am

Michael Robert Quiroz
Paulino & Consolacion Feraren (+)
Clare Krawczak (+)
Luyen Nguyen (+)
All souls in purgatory (+)

Friday, December 29, 2017

8:30 am

Christian Campomanes (BD)
Sr. Dolores Palillo, SFCC (BD)
Alejandro Zita Barin II (+)
All souls in Purgatory (+)

Key:

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

Special Intention (SI) Wedding Anniversary (WA) Special Intention for healing (SI-H)





*'Tis Always the Season for
Enduring Love!*

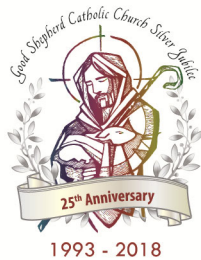
**This Christmas,
memorialize or honor a loved
one by expressing your
generosity. Participate in
Good Shepherd's
Tree of Life!**



**\$300 donation per
bronze inscribed leaf.
Order forms
available in the Narthex.**

*A unique and meaningful gift!
If desired, allow Good Shepherd
Parish to mail a special Christmas
card to your honored designee
recognizing your gift in their name!*

Your support of the Tree of Life
moves the parish closer to realizing
improvements of the worship environment
with sacred art in celebration of
Good Shepherd's 25th Anniversary!
Visit the display in the narthex and imagine
stained glass panels of The Good Shepherd
in the altar sanctuary.



**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!

Diane Marcotte

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