



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 31, 2017

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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 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:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Thursday:	1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Friday:	1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday:	Mary, the Holy Mother of God; The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day
Tuesday:	Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Wednesday:	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Thursday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Friday:	St. John Neumann; First Friday
Saturday:	St. André Bessette; First Saturday

Holiday Office Closures

The parish office will be closed on January 1st and 2nd.

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

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

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

Santo Nino Novena

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

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!!!!

2nd Collection/St. Vincent de Paul

This weekend 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.

Fellowship Breakfast

All are welcome to the Good Shepherd Parish Fellowship Breakfast on Sunday, January 14th following the 7:00 a.m. Mass with continuous serving until shortly before 11:00 Mass begins. We 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 will serve blueberry and plain pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee, milk, juice and hot cocoa. We encourage a free will offering to cover expenses. We now have highchairs for babies and toddlers. Please join in Fellowship! Volunteers ages 14 and up are needed. It's a great way to get to know others. Please call Steve or Betty May at 683-3088.

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

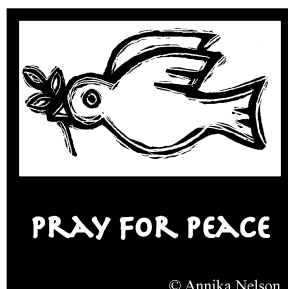
Our deepest gratitude to all our donors: CFF Families, Irma & Al Michel, Victor Alaniz, Sarah Bui, Michelle Hayes, John Qum-siyeh, Deacon Bill Sousa, Irene Camerino, Robert & Mary Mustain, Elizabeth Pott, Menchie Cabrera, Muldavin Chiropractic, Salon Cheveux, Knights of Columbus, Hyatt Sacramento, Lamp 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.**

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 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

Good Shepherd parish will be celebrating our 25th Anniversary in 2018 with events planned throughout the year. Please join us to plan these memorable events. We still need additional leadership and volunteers. Please call Betty or Steve May at 683-3088 if you can help. We would love to have both seasoned and newer parishioners on our planning team and a good cultural cross representation of our parish family.

Help us **fund the anniversary stained glass window project** by purchasing a leaf for the Tree of Life for \$300 or by sponsoring with larger contributions to the stained glass fund. Thank you to all who've already purchased them and for those most generous donations to this project. (Any excess funding should there be any will go towards projects to improve our church campus.) From now through February 14th, purchase leaves for the Tree of Life for your favorite Valentine and receive a special Valentine signed by Father Leon.

Many exciting events are being planned throughout the liturgical year so keep your eyes peeled for additional announcements. Save the dates April 21-22nd for our Anniversary liturgy, gala, and jubilee receptions. Our next planning session will be **January 22nd 6:30 - 7:30 pm** in the John Paul II Room. All are welcome!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 30, 2017

5:00pm

Arlene Cruz (BD)
Riza Ganace (BD)
Magtoto family (TG)
Chinedu & Blessing Ozioko
(WA)
Modesto Magtoto (DA)
Manuel and Tina Marquez (+)

Sunday, December 31, 2017

7:00 am

Victoria Fines (1yrDA)
Conrado & Estela Gunabe (+)
Dorothy Steed (+)

9:00am

Steven Paul Bocade (BD)
Leonora Baclig (+)
Tan Kung Bee (+)
Peggy Steiner (DA)
All souls in purgatory (+)

11:00 am

1:00 pm

5:00pm

All souls in purgatory (+)
Do Family (TG)

Monday, January 1, 2018

9:00am

11:00am

5:00pm

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

8:30am

Julie Hutcherson (SI-H)
Isidoro and Lucia Yong (+)

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

8:30am

Thursday, January 4, 2018

8:30am

Friday, January 5, 2018

8:30am

Key:

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

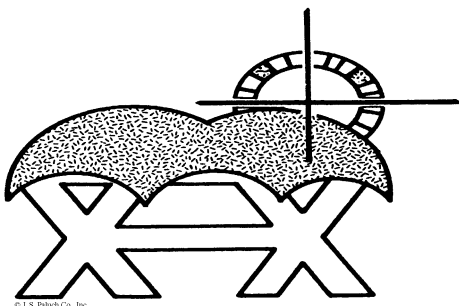
Special Intention (SI) Wedding Anniversary (WA) Special Intention for healing (SI-H)

Stewardship at Good Shepherd

Collection total for Dec 23/24 will be in next week's bulletin.

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!





*'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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