

February 26, 2017

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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www.gsceg.org

Good Shepherd Catholic Church



Church, Office & School

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Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8am - 5pm
Closed for lunch 12-1pm
Closed Wednesdays

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Leon Juchniewicz

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Deacon: *William Sousa*

Deacon: *Edward Smith*

Office Manager: *Denise Wesleder*

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Director, Faith Formation: *Sr. Sibele Gaya Moreira, VDMF*

Coordinator, Religious Education: *Menchie Cabrera*

ONE EIGHT/EDGE Confirmation Preparation Coordinators:

Elizabeth Pott & Scotia Burrell

Life Teen Coordinator: *Brennen Cull*

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.gsceg.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.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 -- 6:2;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19
[12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11



Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb?
Even should she forget, I will never forget you.
-- Isaiah 49:15

DON'T BE ANXIOUS

People have, it seems, a natural penchant for misplaced emphasis on unimportant things. They can easily get caught up with what they're having for dinner or what they will wear.

Often it is a tragedy that helps people to refocus on what is really important. What I shall wear is an irrelevant question when I am facing surgery or chemotherapy. What's for dinner is immaterial to those living through grief or unemployment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry. He doesn't say, "Don't eat. Don't cook. Don't buy clothes." He says, "Don't worry." Jesus asks us not to relinquish our responsibilities but to let go of our anxiety. Anxiety betrays a lack of trust and Jesus reminds us that "Your heavenly Father knows" all that you need (Matthew 6:32).

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Parish News and Announcements

Ash Wednesday (March 1st)

The schedule of Masses for Ash Wednesday is as follows:

7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

E-Giving with FaithDirect

Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help our parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide Good Shepherd with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season! Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: CA688. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

KofC St. Patrick's Dinner, Saturday March 18th

The Knights of Columbus will host their 5th Annual St. Patrick's Dinner on Sat., March, 18, 2017 in the Father Wells Parish Hall. Besides the delicious traditional Irish meal, this year we also have traditional Irish dance featuring the Gold Country Irish Dancers. Also included in your ticket price will be three FREE games of BINGO, with prizes including a wine and hors d'oeuvre reception in the rectory with Father Leon and Father Lester, an Xbox One S bundle, and a Keurig 425 SC coffee maker. Tickets are \$20 and will be on sale, in the Narthex, after all Masses. Last year this was a "sold-out" event and we expect this year's event to sell-out as well. Please purchase your tickets early and join the fun! For more information or tickets please contact Terry Rees, (916) 687-1266.

Annual Catholic Appeal Weekend

The 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal is our annual tradition that connects us to thousands of people who need our help every day. Our generous gifts to the Appeal help children find safety and hope, help families break through desperate situations, marginalized individuals find the strength to rebuild lives of dignity, students in economically challenged communities remain in Catholic school, and seminarians prepare for priestly service in our parishes. We may not be social workers or teachers ourselves, but we can put resources into the hands of those Catholic social service programs and parish outreach ministries that help lift people out of poverty by giving to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please be as generous as you can. Every gift makes a difference.

Parish News

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

Announcing the Good Shepherd's **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** Process for Catechetical Year 2017-2018.

The RCIA Team will begin facilitating Q&A sessions after the showing of an excellent documentary film called *Convinced*. This 85 minute film features famous radio/TV talk show hosts, apologetics, theologians, university professors, evangelical and protestant ministers as they relate their journey towards full communion with the Catholic Church. You can view the trailer at <http://donjohnsonministries.org/convinced/>.

Join us in the John Paul II Conference Room in one or more of these sessions from 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm on the following Sundays: Feb. 26, Mar. 26, Apr. 30, May 21, June 25 and July 30, Aug. 6 and Aug. 13. A mandatory session will be held on Sunday, Aug. 20th from 12:30 – 2:30 pm for all Inquirers who will be ready to participate in the RCIA Process.

For more information, contact Verne at verne.bowers@advent-ca.com or by phone at (916)479-3930.

40 Days For Life

March 1 - April 9

40 Days For Life is a focused Pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion. The campaign tracks biblical history where God used 40-day periods to transform individuals, communities and the entire world. Please join us anytime from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Monday - Friday at 1442 Ethan Way in Sacramento, where we will be holding a constant vigil. You are also invited to join the Respect for Life ministry each Tuesday from 10:-00-11:00 am at the vigil site. We will meet in the narthex after morning mass to carpool. Questions—call Diane Lloyd (916)582-4312 or visit 40daysforlife.com/sacramento.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Julian Calendar Lent begins
Wednesday:	Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence
Friday:	St. Katharine Drexel; Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer
Saturday:	St. Casimir; First Saturday

St. Vincent de Paul News

Please do not leave clothing outside the SVdP shed or in the blue bin next to the shed—especially during this rainy season.

Our St. Vincent de Paul ministry would like to thank our parishioners for their continued contributions which help make the food locker a success.



Regular 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

Please join us for the following events during Lent:

Soup for the Soul: Every Friday during Lent at 6:00 p.m. (except Good Friday). Hosted by the Evangelization Outreach Ministry.

Stations of the Cross:

During Lent, please join us for clergy-led Stations of the Cross, each Friday evening starting at 7:00 p.m., or Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. with students from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School. (This special time is perfect for older parishioners who do not wish to drive at night.)

According to the tradition of our Catholic Faith, Stations will end with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Please be a part of this beautiful traditional devotion of our Church during this season of Lent.

Attention Runners and Walkers

This Lent, sign up to walk or run a relay leg for the "A-CROSS AMERICA RELAY FOR PRO-LIFE." The commitment is to walk/run sometime during Lent wearing a "liferunners" jersey or t-shirt. Please go to www.liferunners.org to join our Life-Runners chapter and to order your shirt. For more information, please contact Juanita at juanitabaier@comcast.net.

Fatima Pilgrimage

Please join Fr. Lester Menor on a pilgrimage celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Fatima— the first apparition of our Blessed Mother to the three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. We will also visit other Marian Shrines in Europe. Pilgrimage will be May, 2017. Flyers are available in the office and the Narthex. Questions? Call 916-284-1214.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017

5:00 pm

Nicanor Crisostomo (DA)
Julie Gutierrez (SI-H)

Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017

7:00 am

Mary Brown (SI-H)
Carmen Soberanis (TG)
Kay O'Donnell (+)
Bernadette L. Magtibay (+)

9:00am

Sharon Caraccio (SI-H)
Jeanna Smith (SI-H)
Modesto Balance (+)

11:00 am

Festus Ezeli (SI)
Patricia Roth (SI-H)
Joseph William Sweeney (+)

1:00 pm

Ricardo Ceralde (+)

5:00pm

Monday, Feb. 27, 2017

8:30am

Oscar & Kristine Amnlangit (BD)

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2017

8:30am

Modesto Balance (DA)
Fe De Guzman (DA)

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

8:30am

Leo Licastro (+)

Thursday, March 2, 2017

8:30am

Gina De Guzman (BD)
Nancy Maria Olivares (+)
Carl Mogavero (+)

Friday, March 3, 2017

8:30am

Sharon Fejta-Nasher (+)
Renzie Leonardo (+)
Zenaida Perido (+)
Mary C. Rooney (+)
Mary K. Rooney (+)

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 Feb. 18/19 = \$17,669.16

(Includes Faith Direct)

Thank you for your generous support.

Your ongoing donations are essential in helping us meet the many needs of the parish and community.

Lent begins March 1 for Catholics

In a particular way during Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to the spiritual and corporal works of mercy that "remind us that faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbors in body and spirit."



During Lent, the Church asks us to surrender ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. The fasting that all do together on Fridays is but a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and households: fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities. Likewise, the giving of alms is some effort to share this world equally—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection.

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/index.cfm>



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!