

Church of the Good Shepherd

January 12, 2014

Baptism of the Lord

We, the members of Good Shepherd Catholic Church, are a sacramental community of faith, guided by the Holy Spirit, inspired by the Word, and centered in the Eucharist.

We are diverse in culture and talent, but one in purpose – to make known the presence of God’s saving love as revealed to us by Jesus Christ.

In partnership with other Christians in our deanery and diocese, and with the larger community, we share responsibility to foster spiritual growth and conversion, and to reach out to all people in their spiritual and temporal needs.

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PARISH MINISTRY

Altar Guild – 432-6404

Altar Servers – Dina Russell 439-1092

Bingo Office (Tuesdays only) 439-3100

Buildings & Grounds 432-6404

Music Ministry

Parish Music Dir.–Rocco Enea 432-6404

Instrumental Music Dir. – Damian Ting 432-6404

8:00 a.m. Choir – Evelyn Arms 439-5351

10:00 a.m. Choir – Sal Bruno 432-0736

Couples for Christ – FFL

Napoleon & Theresa Umadhay 427-5457

CYO – Diane George 432-3043

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Ann & Bill Abitz 432-3995

Extra Ordinary Ministers to the Sick – Rose Riso 432-4362

Finance – Sergio Palaganas 206-7416

Grief Ministry – Judy Dudziak

Italian Catholic Federation – Patty Jarrett 228-0810

Knights of Columbus – Ted Franger 252-0421

Lectors – Ina Kinadeter 432-7726

Liturgy Committee - Staff 432-6404

Pastoral Council –

Religious Education/Sacramental Preparation

Faith Formation – Dina Russell 439-1092

Youth Ministry – Debbie Lawson 439-1091

RCIA –Deacon Ken Wedge 432-6404

Baptismal Prep – Robert & Sheena Beck 427-5926

Returning Catholics 432-6404

Santo Nino Family Prayer Ministry

Romeo & Sery Razo 439-7706

Social Justice – Deacon Ken Wedge 432-6404

St. Vincent DePaul 470-5222

Stewardship – Darla Kilgannon 432-0243

Ushers – Frank DiMaggio 776-5107

Vocations-Parish Office 432-6404

Wedding Liturgy Coordinators-

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Young Ladies Institute-Feli Buetner 432-7382

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Schedule of Masses

Sundays 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. &
12 noon

Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m.

1st Tuesdays & Fridays 7:00 p.m.

Liturgy of the Hours/Morning Prayer
6:45 a.m.

Saturdays 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
(Vigil)

Holy Days 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Confessions: Saturday, 4:00 p.m., Tuesdays
at 7 p.m., or by appointment.

Baptisms: In order to make baptismal arrangements, parents are required to call the parish office to make an appointment to fill out paperwork and schedule a baptismal class (required of parents and godparents) and a baptismal date.

Marriages: Couples are required to make arrangements with the priest at least six months prior to the date of marriage and attend a marriage preparation program. Contact the parish office to begin this process.

Funeral Arrangements: Should be arranged by family, church and mortuary. Normal Christian burial consists of Vigil Service, Holy Mass and Burial in a Catholic Cemetery. Any other arrangements should first be discussed with parish priest.

FATHER CARL'S CORNER:**Lives Change when Habits Change**

See Matthew Kelly (Rediscover Catholicism page #276-280)

This week I want to focus on the things we need to improve and change in the parish. Bad habits have to change. Good habits have to be improved and celebrated. Please allow me to give you some examples on the areas that we need to improve.

Don't be late for Mass and prepare spiritually for Mass

I know for some young parents who have children and for others coming off from work this is always a struggle and understandable. But for others who have the time to prepare for Mass including myself we need to improve in this area. We need to ask the Lord to help us and motivate us to come early for mass and pray. We need to read ahead of time the Holy Readings for Sunday and spend quality time in silence to digest what we read. Going to www.usccb.org clicking "daily readings" would be helpful. Let us make Reading the Scriptures for Sunday Mass a good habit.

Talking loudly and socializing before Mass

As long as I am your priest here I will keep on reminding myself and all of us to spend a good amount of quiet time before Mass. Saying Hi and Hello is fine but talking loudly to one another inside the church like we are at a cocktail party is not a reverent way or manner to prepare for Mass. Let us socialize outside the church before mass and after Mass. Once we are inside the church's worship space and in the vestibule, let us lower our voices and respect the space that is meant to be for praying.

Inappropriate dress or clothes for Mass

Be at your Sunday's best. Let us wear clothes and attire that are appropriate for Mass. Every Sunday is our encounter with our Lord. Going to Mass is not the same as going to a carnival or certain sport games or a pajama party. The Lord deserves better than that.

Leaving trash in the pews, parking lot and in front of the Church

The Church parking lot is not a trash can or bin. Let us maintain our Church grounds and our worship space clean and tidy. We have to remember the old saying: "Cleanliness is next to Godliness."

Being generous to support our Parish

Every week after counting our church collection, I notice that most of the cash bills we collected are one dollar bills. This year make it a point to pray on how much we should give back to the parish to support our ministries and the mission. Put that in your budget this year to support our church. It does not need to be big but with faithfulness in giving, it will really make an impact. Let us come to church prepared with the amount we think that is due to God and to support our parish mission. I am so thankful for those who give faithfully and generously. Thus, I am making an appeal and I encourage those who have not made intentional giving to the church a habit.

Be active Catholics not just Sunday Mass goers

Let us not just become Sunday Catholics, let us truly be Intentional Catholics. The Matthew Kelly Book "Rediscover Catholicism" would be a big help for our conversion which really did a great deal of change to my life as a person and a Christian. Let us read the Sunday Bulletin religiously so that we know what's going on around the parish and involve ourselves. There are so many ministries that we could serve. I encourage you to at least be involved in a ministry.

Fr. Carl

An important message from Deacon Ken

I have asked Father to share this message with you. I have not been well for most of 2013. I have been tested for many possible diseases but to date the doctors have not been able to determine the cause. It has been discovered that I have affected lymph nodes in several of my major organs, chronic coughing and shortness of breath along with fevers, cramps, and chest pains. After prayer and consultation I have asked Bishop Barber for a medical leave from my duties as deacon at Good Shepherd in order to concentrate on my health issues, and when the cause is determined, my treatment. He has approved my request.

I do not know how long I may be gone. I feel very comfortable knowing you are in the care of Fr. Carl and Fr. Conrad. I ask for your loving support of them both as I worry my absence will cause additional strain on them. I will continue to keep you all in my prayers, and hope that you will keep me in yours. I and my doctors are doing all we can to discover the cause and I am at peace knowing God's will is in control. May the Peace of this season be with you and the Hope a New Year brings be with us all.

God does not always give us what we want, but He will always give us what we need. Deacon Ken

PARISH EVENTS:

STEWARDSHIP NEWS!

Have you turned in your commitment form? There is still time to commit to God. Bring back your form and place it in any collection basket or drop it off to the parish office. Thanks for your help and cooperation!

PARISH GENERAL CALENDAR

**Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday
9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon & 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Fridays CLOSED**

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| Mondays | Prayer Group for the Sick -11 am to 12 noon in the Ministry Building
RCIA -7 pm- Ministry Building-1st & 3rd Mondays of the month
Confirmation Class -7 pm-Ministry Building-2nd & 4th Mondays (Sept-May) |
| Tuesdays | Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help (Mass on each first Tuesday) ~Church~7 pm
Bad Girls of the Bible ~Office~7 pm |
| Wednesdays | 8 & 10 Choir Rehearsals ~7 pm
Stewardship ~Office~7 pm
Youth Formation ~Parish Hall 4-5,6-7,7:30-8:30 Sept-May |
| Thursdays | Bible Study ~Office~7pm
Senior Brown Bag Program ~Hall 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month 10 am~12 noon |
| Fridays | Adoration begins after 7 am mass until 4 pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy -3 pm
Teresita #123, YLI Pray & Chat with Divine Mercy Group
All above events take place on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month in church |
| Saturdays | La Pieta International Prayer Group
Every Saturday after the 8 am mass |
| Sundays | Life Teen -Parish Hall-1-3 pm
September-May |

ANNOUNCING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CRAB FEED!!!!

Tickets are on sale now in the parish office for the Knights of Columbus Crab feed on Saturday, February 8, 2014. Dinner is \$45 per person. Limited space available so buy your tickets early. No tickets sold at the door! We hope you join us!

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITIES:

Queen of the Americas Guild 2014 Pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City February 27-March 4.
Call 630-584-1822

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje
March 16-26, 2014
Call 1-800-206-2014
Lynn Hoffman

REDHAWK CASINO TRIP

Saturday, February 1, 2014

**Leave GOOD SHEPHERD at 8 am
return at 6 pm**

**COST is \$31 per person with FREE PLAY
& FOOD REFUNDS!**

For reservations call

GINGER at 439-1978 or FELI at 207-3501

ARE YOU PLANNING AN EVENT?
REMEMBER THAT THE GOOD
SHEPHERD PARISH HALL IS NOW
AVAILABLE FOR RENT ON
FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS.
SPREAD THE WORD!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A special thank you to the Young Ladies Institute and the Catholic Daughters for their generous donations to Good Shepherd Parish this Christmas Season!

May your memberships be blessed!

FINAL CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND OFFERINGS

(Dedications are in Bold)

Virginia Cheney—Minh Vu

Marta & Greg Llanda

Inesita Divina Garcia

Jose & Pia Reyes

Joe & Ann Zauher

Ray & Lee Ann Massey

Howard Leslie

Jerry & Charla Leslie

Deceased Members of the

Romeo & Sery Razo Families

Mr. & Mrs. Romeo Razo

Baby Jeffrey Cabalbag

Aris & Lisa Datu

Carlos R. Warren

Cynthia Warren

Mary Narez

Robert Brown

Papetti Family

Carmen Cattolico

DIOCESAN EVENTS:

HOPE & HEALING AFTER ABORTION

This 8 week post-abortion healing and scripture study group will begin January 29, 2014 in San Mateo.

This event is offered by First Resort in collaboration with the Diocese of Oakland.

All inquiries are confidential. For more information, or to sign up contact Christine Watkins at 415-260-4406 or christinew@firstresort.net.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

A weekend retreat for healing after abortion

February 7-9, 2014

At the Angela Center in Santa Rosa, CA

This retreat is offered in collaboration with the Diocese of Oakland and the Diocese of Santa Rosa.

All inquiries are confidential. For more information, or to sign up contact Christine Watkins at 415-260-4406 or christinew@firstresort.net.

Mass Intentions

Jan 13-19

Mon	7 am	Bill Brown † *
Tue	7 am	Ken Monnens † *
	7 pm	Angel & Florencia Ramirez 57th Wedding Anniversary *
Wed	7 am	Jane Rallo † *
Thu	7 am	Rossana Razo Hebron Birthday #
Fri	7 am	Judith Billejo † *
Sat	8 am	Joaquina & Gonzalo Vallaflores † #
	5:30	Neno & Mamie Russo † #
Sun	8am	Neno Battaglia † #
	10am	Tauaese Tiumalu Jr. † #
	12pm	FOR THE PEOPLE #

* = Fr. Carl Arcosa

= Fr. Conrad Bayer

! = Deacon Ken

THE 2014 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN!

Mass intentions are \$10 each

Come to the parish office any time

Monday-Thursday between 9 am & 4 pm to re-serve your dates

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!**CELEBRATE LIFE'S BIG MOMENTS!**

Our bulletin company is providing an opportunity for parishioners, groups, and organizations to *Celebrate Life's Big Moments* by purchasing space on the back of our bulletin for events like graduation announcements, best wishes, anniversaries, birthdays, communions, confirmations, etc. This is also useful for garage sales, rooms for rent or help wanted. Cost is \$25 for a single space per week or \$50 for a double space per week. Call 800-621-5197, visit www.jspaluch.com or email customer-care@jspaluch.com for information. Reference our bulletin number 913114.

WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE

\$9,700.00 Needed~1st Collection & EFT
(budgeted as income needed for 1st collections only for 2013)

\$ 6,868.14	First Collection
<u>\$ 7,319.00</u>	EFT
\$ 14,187.14	Total 1st Collection

Positive this week: \$4,487.14

Positive Year to Date: \$27,655.45 as of 1/6/14

Last weekend's 2nd Collection for

Debt Reduction took in: \$1,820.54

2013 Christmas Collection: \$14,766.93

Simbang Gabi 9 Day Novena: \$7,462.26

YEAR TO DATE SACRAMENT TOTALS

Baptisms

First Holy Communions

Confirmations

Deaths

Weddings

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Sick Calls

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE FOR JAN 18-19

Saturday

5:30 Gabby & Chris Barrett, David, Brianna & Nick Ferris

Sunday

8:00 Jordan Windham, Don Phan

10:00 Jared Tamondong, Armando Camacho Jr., Sofia Escajeda, Carl Camarao

12:00 Michael, Reynaldo & Shawn Leano, Olivhea Ross

LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR
Jan 18-19

Saturday

5:30 1st
May Plata2nd

Sally Bellando

Sunday

8:00 Knights of Columbus

10:00

Rosy Rivera

Marina Bond

12:00

Letha Payne

Tess Cayahag

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6, 1 Corinthians 1:1-3,
John 1:29-34

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

SEMINARY COLLECTION