

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, March 5:

4:30pm—Confessions
5:30pm—Mass
7:00pm—K of C Mardi Gras, Social Hall

Sunday, March 6:

8:30am—Mass
9:45am—Adult/RCIA/Cat. Form, “Grace”, RCIA Rm.
9:45am—K-5th Grade Classes, Classrooms
9:45am—Baptismal Prep, 1st Session, Rm. 4
11:30am—Mass—RCIA Rite of Sending, Dismissal
4:00pm—Rite of Election, St. Pat’s
6:00pm—6th-12th Grade Classes, Classrooms

Monday, March 7:

12:00pm—Mass

Tuesday, March 8:

6:30pm—B.S. Den Mtg., Girl Scouts Mtg., S.H.

Wednesday, March 9: Ash Wednesday

10:00am—Wandering Wednesday’s, Rm. 4
10:00am—Pre-School Mom’s, Nursery
12:00pm—Mass with distribution of Ashes
7:00pm—Mass with distribution of Ashes

Thursday, March 10:

9:00am—Holy Stickers, Social Hall
12:00pm—Mass
7:00pm—Choir Practice, Church

Friday, March 11:

12:00pm—Mass
5:30pm—Lenten Supper, Social Hall
6:30pm—Station of the Cross, Church
11-13—H.S. SEARCH, off-site

Saturday, March 12:

4:30pm—Confessions
5:30pm—Mass
Young Adult Spirit and Wisdom Dinner, off-site
S.H. Rental

Sunday, March 13:

8:30am—Mass
9:45am—RCIA, RCIA Rm.
9:45am—K-5th Grade Classes, Classrooms
9:45am—Baptismal Prep, 2nd Session, Rm. 4
10:00am—Children practice Stations of the Cross, Church
11:30am—Mass—RCIA Dismissal
6:00pm—M.S. and H.S. Large Group, Social Hall

2010 Tax Receipt Sign-up Sheet

If you are in need of a tax statement for 2010, please be sure to **PRINT YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER LEGIBLY** on the list located on the bulletin board in the kitchen airlock. If you are **not** a registered member, we will not be able to provide a statement. Thank you.

March 6, 2011



For the Week of March 5—12, 2011

Saturday 5:30pm People of Good Shepherd Parish
Sunday 8:30am + Barbara Gilmour
11:30am + Daniel Beebe
Monday 12:00pm In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus
Tuesday NO MASS
Wednesday 12:00pm People of Good Shepherd Parish
7:00pm + Hien and Hannah Truong
Thursday 12:00pm + Katharina Gencarella
Friday 12:00pm + Manuel Ramos
Saturday 5:30pm + Kaye O’Connor



Offertory Needed Each Week \$6077.00
Offertory Received February 26/27 \$7631.50

- Thank you for your continued support of our Parish and its mission to serve the people of God -



Only the one who does the will of the Father will enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 7:21-27).

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32; Ps 31; Rom 3:21-25, 28; Mt 7:21-27
Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

The altar flowers for this weekend are given for the greater glory of God and in **Loving Memory of Barbara Gilmour**, given by the **Estep Family**.



Don't Miss Out!! This is Your Last Chance!! Bring your old palms by the Church this weekend to allow us to burn them and use the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please place them in the box located in the Gathering Area marked **PALMS**. Thank you.

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF CATECHESIS

RCIA RITES OF SENDING AND ELECTION --

This Sunday, March 6th, the Parish will celebrate the Rite of Sending at the 11:30 am Mass. The rite acknowledges the Catechumens who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil and sends them to the Bishop, who will conduct the Rite of Election at St. Patrick, Fayetteville at 4 pm. The Rite of Election formally accepts the Catechumens into the Period of Purification and Enlightenment, the final stage of preparation. The Parish is blessed to have the following Catechumens preparing to enter this community: Brianne Fletcher, Christian Haworth, Jennifer Ledoux, Dusty Waid and Ashley Wisinski. Please keep them in your prayers.



Young Adult Bible Study

The Young Adult Ministry for the Fayetteville Deanery cordially invites young adults, both married and single, to "check us out." Child care is available, so mark your calendar for these future events.

Every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month we meet for bible study at Good Shepherd. With the approaching season of Lent, perhaps you want to take on something to enrich your faith further. Our March dates are the 14th and 28th. Our Spirits and Wisdom Dinner on March 12th will feature Terrie Leafstedt.

What are your thoughts on having a social activity for April and going miniature golfing?

Our Spirits and Wisdom Dinner for May 7th will feature our very own Deacon Pat.

Come on out and see what the Young Adult Ministry is all about!!

ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITY -- **Fr. Gaul** will speak to the RCIA **this Sunday, March 6th at 9:45-11 am in the RCIA Room**. His topic will be "**Grace: What is it and how do we respond to it?**" Interested adults are invited to join the session.

FORGIVE AND FORGET?: Healing the Hurts We Don't Deserve -- The next topic for the Wandering Wednesdays adult study group will focus on forgiveness and how it heals. This is a 5-session discussion series based on the book of the same title above, supplemented by episodes of the TV series, "Journey Toward Forgiveness." Participants can obtain the book themselves, or purchase a copy during the first session for \$12.50. **NEW TOPIC STARTS THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 10-11:30 AM IN ROOM 4 (CHAPEL)**. Sign-up sheet is posted on the Office of Catechesis bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

Confirmation Retreat

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION RETREAT -- This weekend, March 4-6, the High School Confirmation candidates will be on retreat at Short Journey Center in Smith-

field. The retreat is an opportunity for the youth to step aside from the hectic activity of everyday life and reflect on the meaning of the sacrament and if they are ready to receive it. Your prayers for them during this time of discernment are powerfully effective. We have 17 candidates who need your support: Dakota Allard, Camarin Chargualaf, HaAne Chargualaf, Katherine Davenport, Jared Davids, Gerbaud DeVeaux, Stephon Dockery, David Fenimore, Reid Hollingsworth, Russell Martinson, Emily McLamb, Darryl "Ambrose" Nmah, Von Ruckel, Xiomar Ruckel, Kelsey Taylor and Shelby Taylor. Thank you for your support.

NEW DATE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL BOWLING -- We had to reschedule the bowling activity for the Middle School Youth Group -- **NEW DATE - Sat., March 19th, 4:15 pm at B & B Lanes on Ft. Bragg Road**. Further info available from the Middle School Youth Ministers: Jeanette Hubbard - [867-5006](tel:867-5006), jeanettehubbard@embarqmail.com or Frank Hogan - [425-5576](tel:425-5576), frankcheryl93@embarqmail.com.

CHILDREN'S STATION OF THE CROSS -- The children in the Sunday morning catechetical classes have been preparing the meditations for the Stations of the Cross that will be held, **Friday, March 18th, 6:30 pm**. Each class has written the meditation for at least two stations, colored a poster, and selected readers for those stations. So mark your calendar and join the children and their families as they help us walk with Jesus to Calvary. Why not make an evening of it and come to the Lenten Soup Supper beforehand at 5:30 pm in the Social Hall!

RECYCLE PRINTER CARTRIDGES AND CELL PHONES

-- The Office of Catechesis is collecting old printer cartridges and cell phones as a fundraiser that helps the environment as well as the church. So far this year, we have received \$77.35 from Planet Green, an American company that is staying in this country. If you would like to donate empty cartridges and old cell phones, please bring them to the Office of Catechesis. To see which cartridges we accept, visit their website at www.planetgreenrecycle.com/goodshepherdchurch.

ASH WEDNESDAY -- This Wednesday, March 9, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season. We will celebrate 2 Masses at 12:00 Noon and 7:00PM with the distribution of ashes at both Masses.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed.

There will be no confessions or regular Wednesday Holy Hour.



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2011 Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA)

There is an abundance of human need surrounding us—the poor, the sick, the elderly, troubled families, the disabled and those in crisis. The Bishop's Annual Appeal gives us an opportunity to respond to those in need and to show Christ's love by putting our faith in action as a Diocesan family. The Diocesan agencies and programs supported by the BAA help with both spiritual and physical needs and go beyond what an individual parish can accomplish alone. The BAA is a family effort.

Please prayerfully consider your support for the Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have any questions regarding the BAA, please stop by the table in the Gathering Area and we will be happy to answer them for you. Pledging your gift over 6 months will help make payments manageable for you. Credit cards are accepted.

OPERATION RICE BOWL -- As we begin our Lenten journey, you are invited to participate in the Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl. Throughout Lent we will pray, fast, learn and give as a way to reach out in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Please be sure to take home a bulletin this week, as the Rice Bowl packet is in it. Then follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. **Visit orb.crs.org for additional resources to use at home.**

Mommy's Morning Out

Need to do your shopping, run errands, etc. without your little ones? The Pre-School Mom's group will be providing a Mom's Morning Out on Friday mornings from 9:00am-12:00pm in the Nursery. No reservation is required but must be members of the Church. Cost: \$5.00 an hour for the first child, \$3 hour for each additional child.

For more information, please contact Amanda Allen at (910) 391-3939 or suziesmom1129@gmail.com. You may also pick up a card located on the Parish Council bulletin board or the Nursery door.

Volunteer Needed

Do you love books? No experience needed!! Just your time and dedication!! We are in need of a dedicated person to organize our Library and give some time every month to keep it running smoothly. If you are interested, please contact Janice Scott, 425-1590.



We would like to welcome members who joined our parish family during the month of February.

Nicholas Freeman and Trisha Sladicka
Angel and Nicole Gonzalez and family
Tracy and Peggy Freeman and family
Timothy and Elizabeth Marzano and family
Bernice Miller and granddaughter
Mary Annette Pepin
John Shatraw
Kevin and Julie Wilkinson and son



Welcome to the Good Shepherd Parish family!

News Around the Community

Cross Creek Mall has launched "Operation Heartfelt Salute". Operation Heartfelt Salute is a cause marketing campaign that is designed to support the military service members and their families at home and abroad. The campaign ends on Saturday, March 12. For more information, please call the Mall management office at [858-7668](tel:858-7668) or their website www.crosscreekmall.com

Respect Life News

On Friday's at 10:00am, join us at the Planned Parenthood on Yadkin Road across from Walmart on Skibo Road in Fayetteville to pray for an end to abortion. Parking is available in the Walgreen's parking lot.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THIS SPRING, from March 9 to April 17, our community is uniting with hundreds of other cities around the world for the largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history: the **40 Days for Life Campaign**.

Recognizing that "With God all things are possible," people of faith are praying that this effort will bring an end to the tragedy of abortion.

40 days for life is a focused pro-life campaign that has already mobilized over 400,000 people worldwide, saved more than 3,500 lives from abortion, led to the conversion of 43 abortion workers with nine abortion facilities closed.

40 Days for Life is made up of three components:

- + Prayer and Fasting: believers throughout our city are invited to join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion
- + Peaceful Vigil: stand for life during a 40 day peaceful public witness outside the Planned Parenthood 4551 Yadkin Road, Fayetteville, NC
- + Community Outreach: help take a positive upbeat pro-life message to every corner of our city through media efforts, advocacy and public visibility.

Learn how you can speak up for them in Fayetteville, NC by contacting Joanna Odom [910-677-0147](tel:910-677-0147) or by visiting: www.40daysforlife.com/fayetteville-nc/

News Around the Diocese

Choose Life License Plate

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Over the past two years, Catholic Voice NC and many other organizations in our state have lobbied vigorously for the Choose Life license plate. With the introduction of Senate Bill 73 in the legislature, we are again asking for your help.

Bills to allow the Choose Life license plate have been introduced into the legislature each of the last eight years, and the matter has never been allowed to come to a vote. We believe that this year's bill has a great chance of success. We will be watching the progress of the bill and will keep you informed as it moves toward a vote.

You may obtain further information on this Bill, and contact your NC Senator regarding this Bill, through Catholic Voice North Carolina by accessing the news story on our Diocesan website:

www.dioceseofraleigh.org/news/view.aspx?id=1037

Bishop Burbidge joins with Bishop Jugis, Bishop of Charlotte, in asking you to support this Bill.



Lenten Suppers and Stations of the Cross

Beginning March 11th, on Friday's during Lent, we will share a meal and pray the Stations of the Cross together afterwards. The Lenten Soup Suppers, which will be meatless, will begin at 5:30pm in the Social Hall and Stations will begin at 6:30pm in the Church. A different parish ministry has been selected to lead the Stations each week. The parish will provide the drinks, bread and peanut butter (for those who do not like soup) and parishioners will provide the meatless soup. So dig out your famous Lenten soup recipe and sign the sheet posted on the middle bulletin board in the Gathering Area to let us know which day you will share your delicious soup with the parish.

NORMS FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday, **March 9, 2011** and Good Friday, **April 22, 2011**, are days of fasting and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence. Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, Church law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the Parish Priest should be consulted. Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and Catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for Initiation into the Church or the renewal of Baptism Promises at Easter.

What does it mean to "fast"?

To fast is to do without food. Its purpose is to experience the effects of not eating. It also serves to be a penance or a sacrifice - for the purpose of strengthening us. When we don't eat, for even a little while, we get hungry. When we get hungry, we have a heightened sense of awareness. If, when we eat too much, we have a sluggish feeling, when we fast, we have a feeling of alertness. Fasting is a wonderful exercise whenever we want to sincerely ask for an important grace from God. It is not that our fasting "earns" God's attention, but by fasting, we clarify our thinking and our feeling. It is purifying and prepares us to pray more deeply.

When do I fast?

Catholics, as a group, are required to fast on two days of the year - Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these days, fasting means something very specific and limited. It means that one eats only one full meal in a day, with no food in-between meals. It is understood that two other meals, if one eats three meals a day, should not total one full meal. One might fast in a more complete way, i.e., eating only a portion of a single meal.

Of course, anyone is free to fast at any time that it is helpful for their prayer and reflection. It is not recommended that anyone with impaired health should fast in any way. It is also important to note that everyone who fasts should drink enough fluids on a fast day.

What does it mean to "abstain"?

To abstain is to not eat meat. Its purpose is to be an act of penance - an act of sacrifice, that helps us grow in freedom to make much bigger sacrifices. Of course, it would not make sense to make the sacrifice of not eating meat, and then eat a wonderful meal I might enjoy even more. Many people eat a vegetarian diet, for a variety of reasons, and eating meat is not even an issue. It might be possible to abstain from a non-meal that I really like, on all the Fridays of Lent. It should be noted that many people in this world cannot afford to eat meat or do not have access to it. Part of our abstaining from meat can place us in solidarity with so many of our sisters and brothers around the world.

When do I abstain?

Catholics, as a group, abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.

What about "giving up something" for Lent?

When many of us were children, we might remember our giving up candy for Lent. And, it seemed like a real sacrifice. As we grew up, it was often more difficult to decide what special thing to do, to make Lent a special season - to get our attention and to prepare ourselves for deeper sacrifices.

What would help me grow in freedom? That's the question to ask. For some of us, it could be, committing ourselves to give up judging others, every single day of Lent. For others, it could be giving up a bad habit we've developed. For still others, it is obvious what seems to be the important choice for me during Lent.

For many of us, the choice may not be to give something up, but to add something to our daily lives during Lent. We may commit ourselves to extra prayer time. We may decide to do some service to the poor, once a week during Lent. We may choose to increase our almsgiving to the poor - perhaps related to something we choose not to do, e.g., some might choose not to go out to eat one night a week, and to give that total amount to the poor.

Whether it is fasting, abstaining or other acts of penance, the whole desire we should have is to use these means to help us grow closer to our Lord and prepare ourselves "to celebrate the paschal mystery with minds and hearts renewed." (First Preface of Lent)