AND THE

BECAME FLESH AND MADE HIS DWELLING AMONG US, AND WE SAW HIS GLORY,

Nor

JOHN 1:14

Christmas 2023

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

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SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick: Call the Parish Office to schedule.

Marriage: Couples are asked not to set a date for their wedding until an initial meeting with the Pastor.

Diocesan requirements mandate a minimum six-month period of preparation. For Marriage Prep or Annulments, please contact Deacon Joshua Klickman: 919-632-7379 Joshua.Klickman@raldioc.org

Baptism: Parental participation in a program to prepare parents is required. Contact the Parish Office at least three months in advance of your desired baptismal date to make the proper arrangements.

Baptismal Prep Sessions are the first Saturday of each month at 10:45am

We offer our heartfelt prayers and condolences to the family & friends of Irina Anderson.

Schedule of Services on Saturday, January 13, 2024: At Good Shepherd Catholic Church:

10:00am Visitation 10:30am The Widows' Watch Ministry will lead a rosary for Irina 11:00am **Funeral Mass**

At LaFayette Memorial Park West: 1:00pm Internment/Committal Service

At Good Shepherd Catholic Church Social Hall: 2:30pm Family and Friends will gather for fellowship May the soul of Irina rest in eternal peace.

Please continue to keep her and her family in your prayers.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 pm	
Sunday	_8:30 am & 11:30 am	
Holy Days	12:00 pm & 6:30 pm	
First Saturday	<u>9</u> :00 am	
Monday	No Mass	
Tuesday	9:00 am	
Wednesday Evening Services		
Holy Hour	<u>5</u> :30 pm	
(Adoration & Evening Prayer)		
Mass	<u>6</u> :30 pm	
Thursday	<u>9</u> :00 am	
Friday	12:00 pm	
Reconciliation Times		

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Saturday _____4:00-4:45 pm Wednesday 5:30-6:20 pm Or by Appointment (910-425-1590)

Eucharistic Adoration

Every First Friday from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm

STEWARDSHIP TIME | TALENT | TREASURE



Fiscal Year July 2023– June 2024

Offertory Received for December 24\$4,1	32.00
Offertory Received for Christmas\$8,9	81.00
Offertory Received for December 31\$3,9	15.00
Offertory Received for Solemnity of Mary\$1,24	48.00

EFT Offertory Received for December.......\$5,400.83 Dec. EFT Parish Capital Improvement......\$707.34 Dec. EFT Share Sunday.....\$719.33

Offertory needed for rest of fiscal year......\$194,021.00

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

Donating online is easy

Visit our website, good-shepherd-church.org and click on the Online Giving Button and follow the instructions. EFT donations are reported monthly.

2023 TAX STATEMENT SIGN-UP SHEET

If you need a tax statement for 2023, please PRINT YOUR NAME, ENVELOPE NUMBER AND PHONE NUMBER on the list located on the Welcome Table. The statements will be mailed out by January 31, 2024.

If you are not a registered parishioner, we will not be able to provide a statement.



SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will illuminate the Blessed Sacrament this week In Thanksgiving to God, given by Rosemonde Angrand.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS		
Saturday	9:00a	† Robert Dennis
	5:00p	† Mike McCord
Sunday	8:30a	† Barbara Cormier
	11:30a	People of Good Shepherd Parish
Monday	9:00a	People of Good Shepherd Parish
Tuesday	9:00a	† David Mercurio
Wed.	6:30p	† Irina Anderson
Thurs	9:00a	† Agapito Cruz Santas
Friday	12:00p	† Augustine Vendetti

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



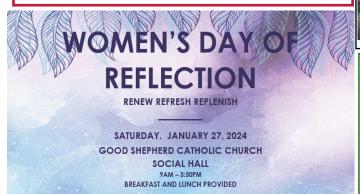
We are extending an invitation to parishioners to become Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Requirements:

Men and women sixteen years or older, who have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) are eligible for this ministry. Also, if married, the marriage must be recognized by the Catholic Church. They are to be Catholics in good standing who sincerely try to live the Gospel message. They are to participate regularly in the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist and the practice of their faith. They are to be registered members of the parish in which they are commissioned.

Training Session: Saturday, January 20, 10am

For more information, or if you are interested in becoming an EXO, there is a sign-up sheet available on the Welcome Table in the Gathering Area. Contact info: Sheila Franklin, 260-672-3687 or speak with Father Arul.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MARY WEBER AT maryw424@gmail.com or call 229-403-8588

You're Invited to Celebrate with Us!

This Week's Parish Schedule

Sunday, January 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30a- Mass 9:30a - Women of Charity Raffle Tickets Sale in Gathering Area 9:45 - Faith Formation K-5, Classrooms in Social Hall 10:00- OCIA/Adult Faith Formation, "Baptism & Confirmation" with Deacon Josh, CAP Room/Social Hall 11:30a- Mass 12:30a - Women of Charity Raffle Tickets Sale and Raffle Drawing, Gathering Area 1:00p - Faith Formation 6-12, Classrooms in Social Hall Monday, January 8 - Baptism of the Lord 9:00a - Mass 6:00p- Legion of Mary, Room 2 Tuesday, January 9 - First Week in Ordinary Time 9:00a- Mass Wednesday, January 10 5:30p- Holy Hour 5:30p- Confessions 6:30p- Mass Thursday, January 11 9:00a- Mass 10:00a- Holy Stitchers, Classroom 6, downstairs Social Hall 10:45a - Celebration of Mass at Carolina Rehab of Cumberland Friday, January 12 11:00a- Widows' Watch, Room 4 12:00p - Mass 6:00p- Choir Practice Saturday, January 13- St. Hilary 11:00a - Funeral Mass for Irina Anderson, followed by

Internment at LaFayette Memorial Park West 4:00p - Confessions 5:00p - Vigil Mass



The Baptism of the Lord

Mass will be celebrated at 9am, **Monday January 8**

"My Chosen One with whom I am pleased"

Women of Charity Annual Fundraiser

Please join The Women of Charity's "FUN" Fundraiser Raffle after each Mass this weekend, January 6-7th!

After each Mass. Raffle Tickets will be sold in the Gathering Area. Buy your tickets and place them in the jars next to the items you want to win.

Raffle Tickets will be pulled and prizes awarded after the 11:30am Mass on January 7th.



Thank you for your support!

FROM THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

CLASSES RESUME

this Sunday, January 7th. To help us



celebrate **Epiphany**, the Three Wise Men will bring their gifts to the Christ Child and distribute the gifts from the Sharing

Tree during classes. All children and youth that are registered for classes, **including those who are homeschooled,** are encouraged to attend.

No Classes on Sunday, January 14th in Observance of MLK Day The time is

Classes will resume their regular schedule on Sunday, January 21st.





ADULT FORMATION FOR JANUARY

All adults are cordially invited to attend the sessions offered by the OCIA in Room 2, 9:45-10:45am on Sundays (unless time/location otherwise are indicated):

Jan. 7—Epiphany: The Ten Commandments

Jan. 14– Church Tour: with Jan Carnahan (meet in church) Jan 21– The Mass: Liturgy of the Word: with Judy Summers Jan. 28– The Mass: Liturgy of the Eucharist: with Camille Grupy WHY IS THE FAMILY CALLED "THE DOMESTIC CHURCH?"

The topic for the upcoming **Family Catechesis Day** will focus on why the Church refers to families as the domestic church and how families can grow in their understanding of this important aspect of family life. Families are invited to participate **Sunday**, **January 21**, **9:45-11:15am in the Gathering Area**, where there will be snacks

for all, good company and sharing the teachings of the Church.

Ya'll come!



CATHOLIC GUIDE TO FINANCIAL FREEDOM

Is your credit card stretched to the limit? Are you facing the cost of going to college? Do you have a budget but cannot seem to stick to it? If you would like some sound guidelines to managing your finances, come to the classes Don Soucy will offer on January 21st and 28th, 1;00-2:15pm in the Gathering Area. Please sign the sheet on the Welcome Table in the Gathering Area, so we know how many attendees to expect.





IT'S TIME TO "SOCK-IT-TO-ME" AGAIN!

In conjunction with the emphasis on service to others for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, all parishioners are asked to participate in the **"Sock-It-To-Me"** service project. On January 21st, the **Youth Group** will begin to pack socks with personal care items, such as toothbrush, toothpaste, combs, deodorant, shampoo, soap, and place them in the boxes at the entrances to the church. Last year, we filled **53 pairs of socks** that were given to **Hope House**, here in Hope Mills. Let's see if we can beat that number this year!

GOOD SHEPHERD YOUTH GROUP

Upcoming Dates and Reminders:

Sunday, January 7, All Faith Formation Classes Resume Sunday, January 14, No Faith Formation Classes (Martin Luther King, Jr weekend) Friday, January 19, Youth Group LOCK-IN Sunday, January 21, 4:45-5:30pm Serve at Hope House



Mrs. Hubbard's Good Shepherd Youth Group

@4a278d

Join REMIND for updates and information!

Parish Prayer List

~for our Parishioners~

Rosemonde Angrand, Miguelina Aracena, Ty Bardon, Archie Barringer, Pamela Blackmore, Mary Brooks & daughter Cheree, Nicholas & Elaine Caras, Sadie Davis, Teresa & Gerard Dorais, Edward & Marilyn Felten, Tylena Fisher, Ginny French, Fr. Gaul, Roy & Cheryl Hauck, Ana Haughn, Elizabeth Hester, Kelly Hilliard, William Hodges, Joan Hosking, Billie King, Marlene Kovasckitz, Paul Marascia & Family, Theresa Marchman, Barbara Martin, Billy McCammit, Kevin O'Connor, Ed Pappa, Richard Pataky, Rosemarie Revelle, Wolfgang Sanyer, Wendell & Diane Smith, Donald Taylor, Pat & Milton Vila

~for Living and Deceased Priests and Deacons of our Diocese~

~for Deceased Members of our Parish & Our Loved Ones ~

~ Friends and Family who are ill, homebound, or have asked for our prayers~

Nande Ball, Linda Bashore, Kellie Beam, Barbara Bostic, Travis C. Bunn, Jr., Joy Coleman, Dorothy Hinrichs, Hoi Hiung, Myong H. Kendall, Terrie Leafstedt, Charlie MacEacheen, Larry McIntosh, Bill Nicol, Steven Nicol, Benito Salinas, Filomena Samuels, Jong K. Song, Thien Tam, Don Truong, Betty Wile, Mary Yassem, For the lost sheep of Parish families

~for our Military and Deployed~

We pray for the safety and the Lord's protection of our men and women in the military, especially: David Brown, Ty Cravatta, Bernard Jenkins, Jr.

If you know of any parishioners or family members of parishioners that are deployed overseas, please call the Office to have them included in our Parish Prayer List.

~ For additions and updates, please contact the Office at (910)425-1590 or email: gsbulletinedit@gmail.com ~



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January:

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Youth Group Feeds the Hungry



MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Congratulations

We congratulate these parents on the baptisms of their children:

- Grant & Robin Patten ~ daughter Ruby Kathleen
- Carlos & Holly Morales ~ daughter
 Grace Rose

Mark & Brooklyn Calderon ~ son Joseph Anthony

For receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, we congratulate:

- **Daniel Matthew Davinroy**
- ◊ Jude Annon

Daniel also received his First Holy Communion!

May the joy of receiving these Sacraments of Initiation bring many graces to Ruby, Grace, Joseph, Daniel and Jude! Welcome to the Flock!

Welcome to the Flock

We welcome our Families who recently joined our Parish:

- Juan Luis Rodriguez
 - William & Tammy Bennett

Welcome to the Good Shepherd Parish Family!





Good Shepherd Parishioners made an impact in







Liturgical Ministries

<u>Sacristans</u> are responsible for setting the Altar and see to the care of the various candles located in the Sanctuary. They are also responsible for ensuring everything is in order for the celebration of Mass, allowing the Celebrant to concentrate solely on the liturgy.

"The sacristan diligently arranges the liturgical books, the vestments, and other things that are necessary for the celebration of Mass." *General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), #105(a)*

The term Sacristan comes from the Latin word, sacer, which means sacred. Sacristans are often behind the scenes as prayerful ministers that bring to mind the words of Jesus when He said we should not do good works just to gain rewards (Matthew 6:1).

Lectors nourish the Faith of the community by proclaiming the Word of God in an audible and intelligible manner to the community.

"The lector is instituted to proclaim the readings from Sacred Scripture, with the exception of the Gospel. He may also announce the intentions for the Prayer of the Faithful and, in the absence of a psalmist, proclaim the Psalm between the readings." *General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), #99*)

On Word of God Sunday, January 2022, Pope Francis said of the Office of Lector, "They are called to the important work of serving the Gospel of Jesus, of proclaiming him, so that his consolation, his joy and his liberation can reach everyone."

Extraordinary Ministers assist with the Celebration by distributing the Precious Body and Blood of Christ to His people.

"A duly instituted acolyte, as an extraordinary minister, may, if necessary, assist the priest in giving Communion to the people. If Communion is given under both kinds, when no deacon is present, the acolyte administers the chalice to the communicants or holds the chalice if Communion is given by intinction." *General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), #191)*

In his Angelus address of Sunday, August 16, 2015, Pope Francis said, "The Eucharist is Jesus who gives himself entirely to us. Nourishing ourselves on Him and abiding in Him through Eucharistic communion, if we do so in faith, transforms our lives into a gift to God and to our brothers and sisters."

Consider how you will respond to the call to Ministry as a Baptized Christian

If you are interested in serving as a Sacristan, Lector or Extraordinary Minister, or would like more information, please contact Sheila Franklin at franklinsheila0131@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 910-425-1590.

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES (Saturdays 10am): Extraordinary Minister: January 20 Lector: February 10, March 9 Sacristan: February 17, February 24



Welcome to our Community!

Take a Welcome Packet from the Welcome Table in the Gathering Area, visit the Parish Office, or go

online: www.good-shepherd-church.org. Though a simple act, registration is a sign of one's

commitment and responsibility to the parish and allows the parish to know how many families live in the parish. It also provides an official record of your Active membership and is essential for participation in parish

programs and sacraments.

What is an Active Membership? Three points determine active membership:

- Registration in the parish for a sufficient period • of time and use of the envelope system in support of the parish;
- Faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days;
- Volunteer and participate in Parish activities with time, talent, and treasure as means permit.

Please note: The Facilities and Services of Good Shepherd Church are available to active members.

Sick and Homebound/Hospitalized: Please notify the Parish Office when someone is ill and unable to attend Mass for any significant length of time and would like to receive Holy Communion.

Bulletin Deadline: Requests must be received 10 days prior to the weekend the announcement is to be published. E-mail your request to: gsbulletinedit@gmail.com. Special Needs: Handicapped accessible doors are located on the left side of the Gathering Area. Wheelchair seating is available in the front row of chairs in

the Church. Cars must display a valid handicap sticker or placard to park in the reserved handicap spaces in the Church parking lot.

Moving? Please contact the Office and let us know.



PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

Almighty God, my parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly if I am. It will be holy if I am. Its pews will be filled if I help fill them. It will do great work if I work. It will be prayerful if I pray. It will make a generous gift for so many

causes if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship if I invite and bring them. It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, fearlessness and

faith, compassion, charity, and mercy if I — who make it what it is - am filled with the same qualities. Therefore, with the help of God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be. Bless my journey, Lord God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be. Bless my journey, Lord God that I might follow Jesus and build the Church for your glory. Amen.

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Father, we're your people, the work of your hands. So precious are we in your sight that you sent your Son, Jesus. Jesus



calls us to heal the broken-hearted, to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those who despair, and to rejoice in your steadfast love. We, the baptized, realize our call to serve. Help us to know how. Call forth from among us priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers. With our hearts you continue to love your people. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

(from USCCB Prayers for Vocations)



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