

Alleluia

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

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*"The tomb of Christ, who is living, The glory of Jesus' resurrection;
bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting.
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you."*

-Victimae paschali laudes

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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
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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

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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LEARNING FROM OUR HISTORY, AND SHAPING OUR FUTURE

Our Good Shepherd 2024 BAA

Goal is: \$51,304.79

To date, our parish committed donations = \$33,459

Thank you for your commitment to serving the Body of Christ! If you have not yet given to the BAA, go online or pick up an envelope today!

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm
 Sunday 8:30 am & 11:30 am
 Holy Days 12:00 pm & 6:30 pm
 First Saturday 9:00 am
 Monday No Mass
 Tuesday 9:00 am
 Wednesday Evening Services
 Holy Hour 5:30 pm
 (Adoration & Evening Prayer)
 Mass 6:30 pm
 Thursday 9:00 am
 Friday 12:00 pm

Reconciliation Times

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 OF TIME | TALENT | TREASURE



Fiscal Year July 2023– June 2024

Offertory Received for March 17 \$4,112.00
 Offertory needed for rest of fiscal year \$118,349.00

No Second Collection for March 17

Due to early submission deadline, Offertory for Mar. 24 will be reported in next week's bulletin

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.



Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Easter, March 31– for Priests' Welfare and Retirement

April 7– No Second Collection

April 14– Fransalians Missions - Support provides missionary priests, like our own Father Arul, to serve in pastoral ministry wherever it is needed. For more information, go to: msfs.org/usa

This Week's Parish Schedule

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



Sunday, March 31

8:30a - Mass of Easter Morning

11:30a - Mass of Easter Day

(No CCD classes or other parish activities this day)

Monday, April 1 - Easter Octave

Office closed—Easter Holiday

6:00p - Legion of Mary, Room 2

Tuesday, April 2 - Easter Octave

No Mass/Office closed—Easter Holiday

Wednesday, April 3 - Easter Octave

No Holy Hour or Mass/Office closed—Easter Holiday

Thursday, April 4 - Easter Octave

9:00a - Mass

10:00a - Holy Stitches, Classroom 6

7:00p - Knights of Columbus, CAP Room

Friday, April 5 - Easter Octave / *First Friday*

12:00p - Mass

12:30p - Exposition & Prayers in Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

12:45p - Adoration until 9:00p

7:00p - Youth Group Adoration

7:30p - Youth Group Gathering in Social Hall

9:00p - Benediction and Reposition of Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, April 6 - Easter Octave / *First Saturday*

9:00a - First Saturday Devotion Mass

9:30a - Rosary & Prayers in Reparation to God and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Church

10:00a - Refreshments in the Gathering Area

10:45a - Baptismal Preparation, Room 4

4:00p - Confessions

4:25p - Knights of Columbus First Saturday Rosary, Church

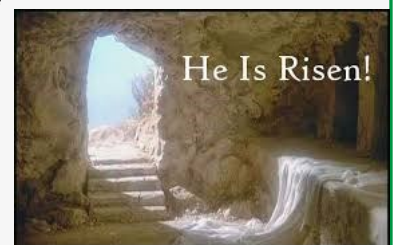
5:00p - Vigil Mass

PARISH OFFICE EASTER SCHEDULE

The Parish Office will be closed Monday through Wednesday, April 1st-3rd. There will be no Daily Mass, Holy Hour or Confessions on these days. Daily Mass schedule will resume Thursday, April 4th.

Father Arul and Staff, and the Parish and Finance Councils of Good Shepherd Parish wish everyone a Blessed Easter Season.

May you and your family experience a true renewal of faith through the Risen Christ our Lord!



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	8:00p	† Tommy Pickel
Sunday	8:30a	† Knights of Columbus Members and Families, Living & Deceased
	11:30a	People of Good Shepherd Parish
Monday		No Mass
Tuesday		No Mass (Office closed)
Wed.		No Mass (Office closed)
Thurs	9:00a	Intentions of All Students
Friday	12:00p	† Margaret Daly & GERALYN DOWNES
Saturday	9:00a	† Health of Maria Vaz

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA BEGINS

For the Novena to The Divine Mercy, we pray the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy each day for a specific intention.

The Divine Mercy Novena began privately on Good Friday, March 29th. The Second Sunday of Easter, April 7th, is the Sunday of Divine Mercy. We will conclude the Novena on that Sunday, April 7th at 3:00pm together here at church.

Intentions for each day of the Novena can be found on:

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena>



Alliance of the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts



April 5—First Friday

- 12 Noon Mass
- Exposition & Prayers in Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Eucharistic Adoration all day, concluding with Benediction at 9pm Friday evening.

April 6—First Saturday

- 9:00am Mass
- 9:30am Rosary & Litany in Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 10:00am Refreshments
- 4:00pm Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation
- 4:25pm Knights of Columbus lead the Rosary (April intention: For Persecuted Christians)
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass

The Annunciation of the Lord



Due to March 25 2024 falling on Monday of Holy Week, the U.S. Conference of Bishops have moved the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the

Lord to Monday, April 8th. To honor this solemnity, we will celebrate Mass at 9am on Monday, April 8th.

Save the Date.....

Good Shepherd Sunday Parish Ethnic Potluck Celebration

Sunday, April 21, 2024 1:00pm, Social Hall
Food, Fun, Games and Adult Bingo!

More information to follow!

FROM THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION



Lectors

LET THE CHILDREN - READ!

Father Arul is delighted that several children and youth have agreed to be readers at the weekend. As soon as they are trained and put on the schedule, we will have a young person do one of the readings on a regular basis. PARENTS - THANK YOU FOR SHARING THE GIFT OF YOUR CHILDREN WITH THE PARISH!

PARISH NEWS



Apostles of Divine Mercy

The Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy (EADM) is a Lay Apostolate of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception based in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

This awesome ministry promotes the Divine Mercy Message given to St. Faustina Kowalska, prayer for the sick and dying, the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, Pro-Life, and more.

We invite you to attend an informational meeting to learn more about the message and becoming a member on Friday Apr. 5th at 11:00am or 6:30pm in Room 1. All are invited and encouraged to attend to learn more about this ministry and Devotion. Please use the sign-up sheet in the gathering area for the time you will attend or email to dvm4us@gmail.com.



CONFIRMATION II FAMILIES

The **Confirmation Day of Reflection** for candidates AND A PARENT will be **Saturday, April 13, 10:30am - 4:30pm, in the Social Hall.** Cost is \$10 per person; \$20 per parent and candidate. A **parent is expected to attend** with each candidate as this is a wonderful opportunity to grow closer to the Lord together and support the candidates in the final preparation for Confirmation. For more information, contact Jan Carnahan, 910-425-5617 or gscddre@gmail.com.

Congratulations

We congratulate Michael and Mary Provencher on the baptism of their son, **Jude Raphael**

May the joy of receiving the Sacrament of Initiation in Baptism bring many graces to Jude.



Congratulations

Rafael Prado, Jr., who has completed his OCIA journey and is entering the Catholic Church this Easter Sunday at the 8:30am Mass. Raphael always has a welcome smile on his face and is such a wonderful gift to the parish. Congratulations to Rafael and his lovely wife Cindy!

May the joy of coming into Full Communion with the Church bring many graces to Rafael.

Welcome to the Flock!

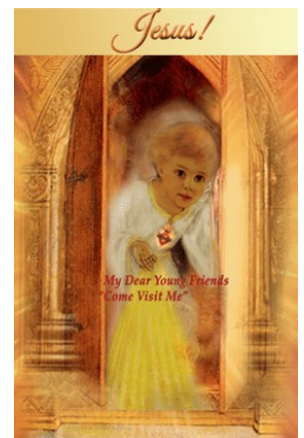
HOST A HOLY HOUR IN YOUR HOME WITH YOUR FAMILY!



Our priest or deacon is willing to bring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to *your* family home! If your family would like to host Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for a Holy Hour, there will be an opportunity every **second Thursday of each month from 6:30pm-7:30pm.** A sign-up sheet is available on the Welcome Table in the Gathering Area.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your family, Our Lord's Domestic Church, to gather, pray, and experience together Jesus' love for the family.

"I urge priests, religious and lay people to continue and redouble their efforts to teach the younger generation the meaning and value of Eucharistic Adoration and devotion. How will young people be able to know the Lord if they are not introduced to the mystery of His Presence." - Saint John Paul II





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.**

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Easter 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish each of you a Blessed Easter filled with the promise and joy of our Risen Lord!

Today we are united with the universal Church in celebrating the victory of Jesus Christ over sin and death. How blessed are we to know that our Lord has turned suffering into glory and death into life.

As Catholics in the Diocese of Raleigh, we are especially blessed to welcome the light of Christ this Easter during the 100th year. We must not keep this Good News to ourselves! Just like the first disciples of the Risen Lord, we are called to go forth and to be His witnesses. We must remind the world that our Lord offers a love that is beyond what this world offers. Let us work together to spread the Love of the Risen Lord to every corner of eastern North Carolina and the world.

Please also join me in joyfully praying for all those who will be baptized and confirmed and welcomed into our Catholic faith this Easter.

May the Risen Lord abundantly bless you on Easter and always with the peace that only He can give.

In Christ,

† Luis Rafael Zarama, J.C.L.
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PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Spiritual Adoption Prayer

“Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg of you to spare the lives of Noah and Gabriela, the unborn babies I have spiritually adopted, who are in danger of abortion. Amen.”

Prayer format by Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Pray this prayer every day for nine months— the whole time the baby is in the mother's womb—asking the Holy Family to save the baby's life. You may never meet the baby you spiritually adopted while you are on earth, but you surely will in Heaven!

Babies' Names: Noah & Gabriela

Date Adopted: February 14, 2024

Due Date: November 20, 2024

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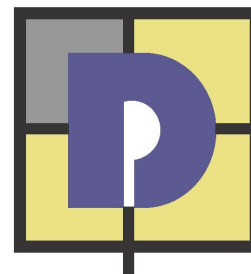
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