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## New Parishioners: Welcome to our Community!

We invite you to register at the Church Office during office hours, pickup a Welcome Packet in the Gathering Area or online at [www.good-shepherd-church.org](http://www.good-shepherd-church.org). 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. **\*Return Registration Forms to the Office\***

**Baptisms:** Parents and Godparents must attend a Baptismal Prep Session to have children baptized. Contact the Office to schedule session.

**Marriage Prep:** The Diocese of Raleigh requires a six month preparation period for couples with the pastor to be married in the Church. Contact the Office to schedule.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Available upon request, contact the Office to schedule. For Emergencies, contact the pastor at (862)283-0194.

**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.

**Funerals:** For funeral arrangements, contact the Office.

**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 valid handicap sticker or placard to park in the reserved handicap spaces in the Church parking lot.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Requests are due by 12 noon on the Monday prior to the weekend the announcement is to be published. E-mail request to: [gsbulletinedit@gmail.com](mailto:gsbulletinedit@gmail.com).

## Mass Schedule

Saturday ..... 5:30 pm

Sunday ..... 8:30 am & 11:30 am

Holy Days ..... 12:00 pm & 6:30 pm

First Saturday ..... 8:10 am

Monday ..... No Mass

Tuesday ..... 9:00 am

Wednesday Evening Services

Holy Hour ..... 5:30 pm

(Adoration, Rosary, Evening Prayer)

Mass ..... 6:30 pm

Thursday ..... 9:00 am

Friday ..... 12:00 pm

### Reconciliation Times

Saturday ..... 4:00-5:00 pm

Wednesday ..... 5:30-6:20 pm

### Or by Appointment

### Eucharistic Adoration

Every First Friday from 1:00 pm to 8:00 am

#### Saturday, April 16

#### Holy Saturday

8:00p: Mass

Readings: Gn 1:1-2:2;  
Ps 104; Gn 22:1-18; Ps 16;  
Ex 14:15-15:1; Rom 6:3-11;  
Ps 118; Lk 24:1-12

#### Sunday, April 17

#### Easter Sunday

8:30a: Mass

IHO Father Gaul

11:30a: Mass

People of Good Shepherd

Readings: Acts 10:34-43;  
Ps 118; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

#### Monday, April 18

No Mass/Office Closed

6:30p: Legion of Mary

Readings: Acts 2:22-33; Ps 16;  
Mt 28: 8-15

#### Tuesday, April 19

No Mass/Office Closed

Readings: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33; Jn 20:11-18

#### Wednesday, April 20

Office Closed

6:45p: Mass

†Robert G. Clark

Readings: Acts 3:1-10;  
Ps 105; Lk 24:13-35

#### Thursday, April 21

Office Closed

9:00a: Mass

†Rhonda Turner &

†Hector Reyes Pineda

Readings: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8; Lk 24:35-48

#### Friday, April 22

Office Closed

12:00p: Mass

†Sue Knowles

6:30p: Confirmation

Rehearsal

Readings: Acts 4:1-12;  
Ps 118; Jn 21:1-14

#### Saturday, April 23

4:30p: Reconciliation

5:30p: Mass-Confirmation

†Thomas V Balsamo

Readings: Acts 4:13-21;  
Ps 118; Mk 16:9-15

#### Sunday, April 24

Divine Mercy Sunday

8:30a: Mass

In Thanksgiving

11:30a: Mass

People of Good Shepherd

3:00p: Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Readings: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118;  
Rev 1:9-19; Jn 20:19-31

## Sanctuary Light

The Sanctuary Light will illuminate the Blessed Sacrament this week in Loving Memory of deceased members of Good Shepherd, given by Janice Scott.

## Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers are given for Holy Thursday in loving memory of Al Grupy and Deceased Family & Friends of the Grupy and Brancaccio Families, given by Camille Grupy.

## HAPPY EASTER

Have a Holy and Safe Easter  
from Father Arul,  
the Parish Council, the Finance  
Council and Office Staff.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



## Office Closed / No Mass

Mass will not be celebrated on April 18 or April 19. The Office will be closed from April 18 to April 22. This allows our staff to spend time with their loved ones for the Easter Season. If you have an emergency that week, please call (862)283-0194. Thank you for your understanding.



## OFFERTORY

*Thank you for your continuing support.*

Fiscal Year (July-June)	Goal	Current Total	April 3, 2022 Offertory: \$6,772
Offertory	\$370,000	\$194,986	5:30 Mass : \$3,582
1/2 Can/Day	\$25,000	\$6,928	8:30 Mass : \$1,559
St. Isidore Land Debt	\$19,200	\$8,302	11:30 Mass : \$1,551

**April 3, 2022**

**1/2 Can a Day / San Isidro Land Debt: \$1,587**

*The Offertory from April 10 will be reported in next week's bulletin.*

*Visit our website, [good-shepherd-church.org](http://good-shepherd-church.org), for online donations.  
Donations can be given as a one time, weekly, or monthly.*

## Electronic Donations



Donate to Good Shepherd online by visiting our website at [www.good-shepherd-church.org](http://www.good-shepherd-church.org) and click on the E-Online Giving Form link under the Welcome tab and follow the instructions.

## Sunday Mass Obligation Returns

Beginning Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022, Bishop Zarama has lifted the dispensation that has been in place for the Mass obligation for Sundays and Holy Days for the faithful in the Diocese of Raleigh.

For centuries, the Catholic Church has had in place an obligation for Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. Importantly, the Church specifies that the elderly, sick, those with pre-existing health conditions or other vulnerable people are always dispensed from this Mass obligation. In some instances, the bishop or pastor may "lift the obligation" among the faithful. This may occur during severe weather, for instance. Most recently, this has been the case during the COVID pandemic.

As so many of the faithful gather for Easter Masses, Bishop Luis offers this reminder that the obligation to attend Mass is also an invitation to return to our churches and renew ourselves in receiving God's love through the Eucharist.

"The doors of our churches are wide open," said Bishop Luis. "Now let us open our hearts, embracing each other in community and fully embracing the gift of God's love with an open and joyful heart."

## Divine Mercy Novena

Please join us as we celebrate and join together to pray The Chaplet of Divine Mercy April 24th at 3:00 p.m.

On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the Canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter be called "Divine Mercy Sunday."



"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet (Diary 699).

Please remember that this extraordinary promise of Divine Mercy Sunday is for everyone. Tell your non-Catholic friends about it. Everyone can ask Jesus to forgive their sins, and everyone can ask for this grace to completely wipe their slate clean of not only all sin, but all punishment due to sin. Normally, the punishment is not remitted unless one has absolute perfect contrition. And unlike a plenary indulgence, there is no requirement of having perfect detachment from sin. In other words, as long as we have a desire for this grace and intention to amend our lives, we can be completely cleansed with grace similar to our original Baptism. It is a way to really start over in our

## Mother's Day Novena

A Novena of Masses for mothers will being on Mother's Day, May 8, 2021.



To have your mother and other special mothers included in this novena, please complete the Mother's Day Novena envelope from the April/May Mailings.

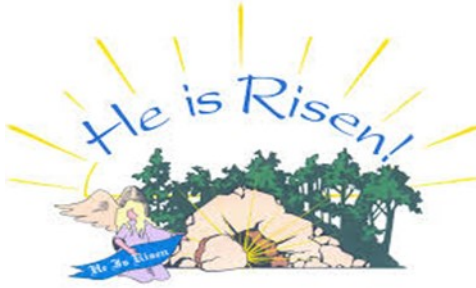
If you do not receive envelopes, additional novena envelopes are available on the Welcome Table. Place envelopes in the collection basket during Mass.

## Vocations Chalice

Good Shepherd offers the Vocations Chalice to any family that would like to take it home. We ask that the family to pray the Vocations prayer each day at their main meal. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Area on the Welcome Table.

**Prayer:** *Heavenly Father, Bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Help those who have embraced the consecrated life to live up to their promises. Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in Him, with Him and through Him we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## FROM THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION



### FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

April 17th Easter Sunday—No Sessions  
Very Blessed and Holy Easter to all of our families!  
**April 22nd 6:30p Confirmation Rehearsal**  
**April 23rd Sacrament of Confirmation; 5:30p Mass**  
April 24th Divine Mercy Sunday—No Sessions  
3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet ; Church  
ALL SESSIONS RESUME MAY 1st

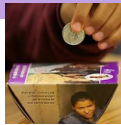
### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmand will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 5:30 Mass on Saturday, April 23rd. Please continue your prayers for our Confirmand and join them for this special Mass.



### OPERATION RICE BOWL

Thank you to our children, youth and families for participating in their Lenten Almsgiving for CRS Rice Bowls.



Please return your rice bowls to the gathering area basket or the office by Sunday, April 24th. If you would like your donation to be included as a yearly tax deduction please write: TAX RECEIPT on the top of your Rice Bowl box.

### YOUTH LECTORS

Youth volunteers are needed for the Liturgy of the Word every 11:30 am Mass.

Anyone 8th grade to 12th grade interested in lectoring for the First Reading of the Mass is asked to contact the Office, Barbara Chapman at (910) 964-3906 or Shelia Franklin at (260)672-3687.



### EASTER REFLECTIONS

Christ's Resurrection

Know that our faith is strengthened by the resurrection of Christ. The passion of Christ represents the misery of our present life, while the resurrection of Christ gives us a brilliant glimpse of the happiness of future life.

Let us apply ourselves energetically in the present life, and hope in the future. Now is the time for the painful struggle; then will come the recompense. Those who are lazy about carrying out their work will be brazenly impudent if they expect the recompense. (Sermon 233, 1)

Prayer: O death, when you seized my Lord, you then lost your grip on me. (Sermon 233, 5)

### BARBARA WATSON MERIT SCHOLARSHIP



**Attention High School Seniors:**

Applications for the Barbara Watson Memorial Academic Scholarship are available on the Welcome Table of the Church. Criteria and Eligibility information is attached to the application. Applications need to be received in the Church Office no later than Sunday, May 29, 2022

Scholarship will be awarded and presented at the Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, June 12, 2022.

**Parents and Parishioners:** Contributions to the Scholarship Fund will be accepted anytime simply by placing it in an envelope marked "Scholarship" and dropping it off at the Church Office, the regular Sunday Offertory Basket, or by mail.

### BACCALAUREATE MASS



Any member of Good Shepherd Parish, graduating high school or college that would like their names and honors placed in the bulletin for the Baccalaureate Mass are asked to complete the form on the Welcome Table.

Form deadline is May 27, 2022. Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated Sunday, June 12, 2022 at the 11:30 am Mass.

### FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN OVER 7

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** is an on-going invitation for non-Catholics who desire to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Catholics who have been baptized but have not had the opportunity to develop their relationship with Christ and not received the remaining Sacraments of Initiation are welcome.

**Adult Education:** Catholic adults who have received the Sacrament of Baptism, attend the Holy Mass and have the desire to receive the remaining Sacraments of Initiation (Holy Communion & Confirmation) are encouraged and welcome to take part in adult education.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Children:** Children of the age of discernment who have not received the Sacrament of Baptism are welcome to take part in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children. Call Trish in the Office of Faith Formation for more information. 910.425.5617

### 40 CANS 4 LENT

The Knights of Columbus, as well as, the Women of Charity, Catholic Charities and the Alms House would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our 40 CANS 4 LENT project. Through your Lenten Sacrifice you helped stock the Good Shepherd, Catholic Charities, and Alms House food pantries. You also helped the Women of Charity Easter Basket

project for our Good Shepherd and St. Isidore's children and the Alms House Kids Assistance Program send weekly food backpacks home with our area children.

May our Lord continue to bless you and your families as you have blessed others.



## Saturday Night Mass Time Change

The proposed time change for the Saturday Night Mass (Sunday Vigil Mass) from 5:30 pm to 5:00 pm has been approved by the Bishop.

The change will occur on Pentecost, June 4.



### Fayetteville Woodpeckers Game Supports Good Shepherd Parish

The Parish Council invites all Parishioners and friends to support Good Shepherd by attending the Fayetteville Woodpeckers Baseball games.

### Location is at Segram Stadium downtown Fayetteville

- \* Seating sections are reserved for Good Shepherd Catholic Church!
- \* Tickets are \$14 per game with part of the proceeds coming back to our Church.
- \* Seating section is between 3rd base and left field.



### Three dates to choose from or attend all THREE!

1. Friday, April 29, 2022, Time 7:05 pm, Woodpeckers vs. Kannapolis Cannon Ballers (Fireworks display to follow)
2. Monday, July 4, 2022, Time 3:05 pm, Woodpeckers vs. Down East Wood Ducks (Fourth of July Celebration with Fireworks)
3. Sunday, July 31, 2022, Time 2:05 pm, Woodpeckers vs. Carolina Mudcats (Kids Day-following game kids are allowed to run the bases and play catch on the field)



### How to Purchase Tickets

- \* Online – <https://fevo.me/3tvA9oz>
- \* At the Ticket Booth. *Be sure to tell them that you are from Good Shepherd Catholic Church.*
- \* Use your phone to scan the QR Code.



A dedicated Kids Zone keeps the young ones busy while tiring them out and the adults can relax! Concessions are located conveniently throughout the concourse.

### Parking

- \* Free parking - 615 on street spaces. Is a 5 to 7 minute walk from the stadium
- \* Paid parking will begin 2 hours prior to the start of the game \$5 - Parking attendants at the city managed paid parking lots on game days will take either cash or credit/debit cards as payment.

**Every little bit helps our parish and is greatly appreciated... Thank You!**

More information can be obtained from Ed Pappa (Parish Council)

## Liturgical Ministers

Good Shepherd is in need of Liturgical Ministers, Sacristans, Lectors, Ushers, EXOs, and Hospitality. Please contact Sheila, [sfranklin0131@yahoo.com](mailto:sfranklin0131@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

**Sacristans** are responsible for setting the Altar and see to the care of the various candles located in the Sanctuary.

**Hospitality Ministers** greet you at the door and assist you if needed to find a seat.

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

# GOOD SHEPHERD

# BINGO NIGHT

## MAY 14 7:30 PM

### Doors open at 6:30 PM

**13**

**\$20 Ticket Entry**

**1**

10 Bingo Games & Refreshments

Each Bingo Prize has a value of \$100 or MORE!

**7**

Location  
Good Shepherd  
Social Hall

Join us for a night of fun and win awesome prizes.

**41**

Tickets on sale beginning April 23, 2022.

**26**

Table Sponsors  
\$200  
Includes 8 Seats  
Ad in Event Program

### Bingo Night Table Sponsors

Individual tickets will go on sale April 23. However, Table Sponsors are on sale now. A Table Sponsor is \$200 and includes a table of eight seats in preferred seating location and group/business information in the Event's Program.

If you would like to reserve your table now, pick up a sheet off the Welcome Table or contact the Office (910) 425-1590.

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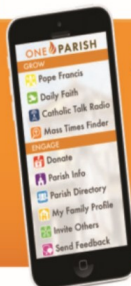
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