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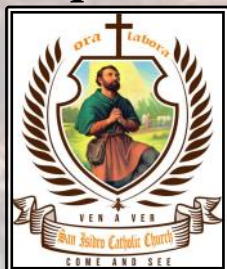
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

MAY 9, 2021



"This is my commandment; love one another as I love you."

John 15:12



OUR MISSION

The People of Good Shepherd are dedicated to Preaching the Word of the Kingdom of God by Service to the Community and Sanctifying the One Family of Faith.

MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Days.....	12:00 pm & 6:30 pm
First Saturday.....	8:10 am
Saturday Reconciliation.....	4:00-5:00 pm
Saturday Vigil.....	5:30 pm
Sunday.....	8:30 am & 11:30 am
Monday.....	9:00 am
Tuesday.....	9:00 am
Wednesday Evening Services	
Reconciliation.....	5:00-5:45 pm
Exposition.....	5:45 pm
Rosary.....	6:00 pm
Evening Prayer.....	6:20 pm
Benediction.....	6:40 pm
Mass.....	6:45 pm
Thursday.....	9:00 am
Friday.....	12:00 pm

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

Saturday, May 8	Sunday, May 9	Monday, May 10
<p>8:10a: Mass †Ralph Hinrichs 4:00p: Reconciliation 5:30p: Mass For All Mothers</p> <p><i>Readings: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21</i></p>	<p>Sixth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day 8:00a: Rosary 8:30a: Mass Mother's Day Novena Day I 11:00a: Rosary 11:30a: Mass; May Crowning People of Good Shepherd Parish 4:30p: Legion of Mary</p> <p><i>Readings: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17</i></p>	<p>St. Damien de Veuster 9:00a: Mass Mother's Day Novena Day II</p> <p><i>Readings: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a</i></p>
Tuesday, May 11	Wednesday, May 12	Thursday, May 13
<p>9:00a: Mass Mother's Day Novena Day III 11:00a: Adult Bible Study 7:00p: Pro-Life Ministry</p> <p><i>Readings: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11</i></p>	<p>Sts. Nereus & Achilleus 5:00p: Reconciliation 5:45p: Exposition 6:00p: Rosary 6:20p: Evening Prayers 6:40p: Benediction 6:45p: Mass Mother's Day Novena Day IV</p> <p><i>Readings: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15</i></p>	<p>Our Lady of Fatima 9:00a: Mass Mother's Day Novena Day V 9:30a: Rosary 10:00a: Holy Stitches 7:00p: Men's Spirituality Group</p> <p><i>Readings: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20</i></p>
Friday, May 14	Saturday, May 15	Sunday, May 16
<p>St. Matthias 12:00p: Mass Mother's Day Novena Day VI</p> <p><i>Readings: 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17</i></p>	<p>St. Isidore 4:00p: Reconciliation 5:00p: Rosary 5:30p: Mass Mother's Day Novena Day VII</p> <p><i>Readings: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28</i></p>	<p>The Ascension of the Lord 8:00a: Rosary 8:30a: Mass Mother's Day Novena Day VIII 9:45a: RCIA 9:45a: Last Class K-5 11:00a: Rosary 11:30a: Mass; May Crowning People of Good Shepherd Parish 12:45p: Last Class 6-12 4:30p: Legion of Mary</p> <p><i>Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20</i></p>

Welcome to Good Shepherd Parish

If this is the first time you have been to Mass in a while, Welcome Back! If you are new to our Church, please take a Welcome Packet on the Gathering Table. If you have an questions, please reach out to the Office Staff at (910)425-1590.



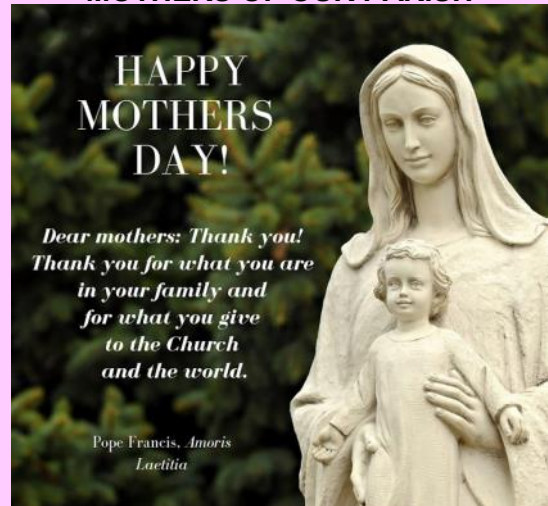
Sanctuary Light

The Sanctuary Light will illuminate the Blessed Sacrament this week **in Thanksgiving**, given by Rosemonde Angrand.

The Altar flowers this week were given in Loving Memory of the **Blessed Mother, Kaye O'Connor, Mary Splawn, Mary Bane O'Connor, Leigh Anne & Sandra O'Connor**, given by Jim O'Connor.

Altar Flowers

A VERY HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL THE MOTHERS OF OUR PARISH



Father Gaul, Deacon Pat, Parish Council, Finance Council, and Staff

FROM THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation News:

It's that time of year again! We are preparing to finish this year catechetical year and begin planning for a wonderful new year with our children and youth. To enable us to plan for the upcoming year we ask that you register early.

Registering early allows the parish an opportunity to purchase supplies at a discount and be sure we have everything we need to welcome the children and youth back. 2021-2022 Faith Formation registration forms are available on the Good Shepherd website and also on the Welcome Table in the Gathering Area.

Please do not let financial concerns keep you from registering your children, Ms. Trish will be available after all Mass's this and next weekend to help with registration and answer questions.

Our last sessions for this year will be Sunday, May 16. Catechists are planning special events for the children and youth emails and will hand out books to be taken home. Emails will be sent out to families for an attendance count. Please respond promptly to the email to allow us to prepare adequately for May 16.

May Crowning

To honor our Mother in heaven, we will crown the Blessed Virgin Mary statue located outside. After the 11:30 Mass this Sunday, May 9th, we will process to the Marian Grotto and two of our youth will place a crown of flowers on Mary. Procession will include prayers and songs. Everyone is invited.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021!

Time To Have Some Fun!!!

We are looking forward to resuming Vacation Bible School this summer. The projected date is Tuesday – Thursday, July 13, 14, 15 from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. In order to do this we will need volunteers to join in the fun and help. A sign-up sheet will be on the welcome table this weekend. Our first planning meeting will be on Thursday, May 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Area.

Please call Trish at 425-5617 with any questions. Don't hesitate to volunteer– let's come together to do something special for the kids this summer!

BAPTISM INFORMATION

Baptismal Preparation Sessions are held in Room 4 at 9:45.

You need to call the office (910- 425-5617) at least one week in advance to register for the session.



2021 Baptismal Prep Dates
May 16, 2021 June 13, 2021

RCIA Schedule

May 16	9:45 am	Mystagogy Session
May 23	9:45 am	Mystagogy Session
June 6	9:45 am	Mystagogy Session

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Join us in congratulating our youth who received First Holy Communion this past Sunday, May 2, 2021. A special Thank You to Fr. Mike and Deacon Pat for making the day so special. May Christ dwell within these children always.

Diana Augustine
Gabriella Blackburn
Evelyn Clancy
Noah Flores
Madyson Phelps

Avital Afegnui
Austin Clancy
Nathan Flores
Ava Hallman
Emmaline Shook



Barbara Watson
Memorial Academic
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 23, 2021

Scholarship will be awarded and presented at the Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, June 6, 2021.

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

HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES

2021

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 23, 2021. Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated Sunday, June 6, 2021 at the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

Adult Bible Study

The Book of Romans

Adult Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 11:00 am in the Social Hall. All are welcome to attend.



OFFERING

EFT Given During April	Offertory	1/2 a Can-a-Day	San Isidro Land Debt
	15%	\$253	\$193

Fiscal Year (July-June)	Goal	Current Total	Monthly	Goal	Current Total
Offertory	\$370,000	57%	Last Month	\$28,460	67%
			May	\$28,460	21%
1/2 Can/Day	\$25,000	44%	1/2 Can/Day	\$2,083	24%
St. Isidore Land Debt	\$19,200	60%	St. Isidore Land Debt	\$1,600	50%

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For more information,
please contact Finance
Chair.

Kinda-Sorta Quarterly Raffle Information

- * For every \$20 donation, you receive 30 chances to win cash prizes as shown on the calendar below.
- * Starting June 1 winning tickets will be drawn daily by 12:00 pm at Church.
- * Winners will be emailed and ticket numbers will be posted on Social Media platforms.
- * If your name is drawn, your ticket goes back in the pot for more chance to win.
- * Winnings can be picked up the week after name is drawn during Office Hours, 10 am to 4 pm, Monday thru Friday. Example: If your number is drawn on the 3rd, you can pick up your check the week of 7th-11th.
- * Big Prize day is June 29 in honor of Sts. Peter & Paul.
- * Tickets can be bought from Parish Council members, the Office or on our website.
- * For more questions, contact the Office.

KINDA-SORTA QUARTERLY RAFFLE						
Daily Winners						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 2021		1 \$50	2 \$50	3 \$50	4 \$50	5 \$50
6 \$75	7 \$50	8 \$50	9 \$50	10 \$50	11 \$50	12 \$50
13 \$75	14 \$50	15 \$50	16 \$50	17 \$50	18 \$50	19 \$50
20 \$75	21 \$50	22 \$50	23 \$50	24 \$50	25 \$50	26 \$50
27 \$75	28 \$50	29 \$500	30 \$50			

Posting of the Colors Memorial Day Weekend

A volunteer is needed to Post the Colors at each Mass during Memorial Day Weekend, May 29 & 30. Volunteers should be active or retired Military, Police, or Firemen. Please contact the Office (910)425-1590 if you would be available to help.

Thank You!

We would like to thank the Holy Stitchers for providing very delicious donuts and coffee after last Saturday's Mass.



Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient or impending surgery. When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness.

The primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age. *If you have impending surgery, or have been recently diagnosed with a life threatening ailment, ask to be anointed.* If you would like to be anointed, contact the Office.

VOCATIONS CHALICE



Please sign up to take the Vocations Chalice on the Welcome Table

The Prayer for Vocations:

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.

Spiritual Adoption 2021

Each Ash Wednesday, Good Shepherd spiritually adopts two babies in danger of being aborted. Please join us in praying for these little ones, that they will be allowed to live. Our spiritually adopted babies due date is November 10. Good Shepherd's Adoptive Girl's Name: Agnes
Good Shepherd's Adoptive Boy's Name: Maximilian



What's happening in the womb? Your adoptive baby is 13 weeks along and as big as a lemon. The promise of laughter, cries and very first words start now with the formation of vocal cords.



May is a Marian Month

The months of May and October are dedicated to our Heavenly Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. In honoring Mary, for the month of May, the Rosary will be prayed before every Mass. Rosaries will be 30 minutes prior to Mass. We encourage all parishioners to make the sacrifice and arrive in time to pray the Rosary.

When entering the Church while the Rosary is being prayed, please be respectful and do not hold conversations at the back of the Sanctuary.

Other Special Rosaries this Month

May 13 at 9:30 am; In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima

May 24 at 9:30 am; In Honor of The Mother of the Church

May 31 at 12:30 pm; In Honor of the Visitation to Elizabeth



Parish Fasting

For the Life and Healing of the Parish, Father Gaul has asked us to Fast each Wednesday of the week. Please remember that you can do a full fast, a partial fast or other type of self-denial.

Prayer for Our Parish

Heavenly Father, you have chosen the parish as the place where you encounter us in our daily lives. The parish is the assembly in which your Word is proclaimed, your Eucharist is celebrated, your people are united in a local community, and gathered into various ministries, so that they may become the agent of change for the renewal of the whole Church. Make our parishioners aware of the many opportunities and responsibilities that are theirs to grow as disciples of Jesus and witnesses of you to our friends and neighbors. Keep us open to our need of your love and fellowship. Let both clergy and laity work together in harmony to serve you in others. Amen.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA – MAY 13, 2021

Through her Fatima messages, Our Lady requests a number of sincere actions from us that will benefit our own souls and the souls of others as well.

The Rosary

The Blessed Mother desires that we pray the rosary. "Pray the rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the rosary to obtain peace in the world...for she alone can save it" (The Blessed Mother on July 13, 1917).

In all six of her apparitions at Fatima, the Blessed Mother emphasized the daily recitation of the rosary. Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR, believes that everyone can and should fulfill the Blessed Mother's requests by committing to praying the daily rosary. He also believes that Mary needs our prayers. Specifically, he wrote, "Our Lady told the children of the rosary's power to end wars, bring world peace and convert sinners. Everyone who wants to fulfill our Lady's requests at Fatima must make the resolution to pray the rosary every day. Remember, Mary wants our prayers; Mary needs our prayers for the triumph of her Immaculate Heart."

A Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

We are encouraged to consecrate our lives to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Any formula can be used as long as it is sincere and confides oneself without reserve to the Blessed Mother.

Five First Saturdays

The Blessed Mother asks us to do our part and make the commitment to the Five First Saturdays devotion, which include: reception of Holy Communion and confession (within eight days before or after), to pray five decades of the rosary, and to spend fifteen minutes in meditation on the mysteries of the rosary to be offered up in reparation for sins and ingratitude against the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady.

Reparation and Sacrifice

Our Lady of Fatima asks that we offer in reparation our own personal crosses and trials of life and to make sacrifices for the conversion of sinners, especially those sacrifices involved in keeping God's commandments, in patiently accepting God's will, and in fulfilling the duties of one's state in life. We are to offer them through the Immaculate Heart of Mary in reparation to God so offended by sin, and for the conversion of sinners. This instruction made a lasting impression on the young visionaries and should on us too.

"Sacrifice yourselves for sinners and say often whenever you make a sacrifice: 'O Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary'" (The Blessed Mother on July 13, 1917). "Pray much and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to hell because there is no one to make sacrifices for them" (The Blessed Mother on August 19, 1917).

In My Own Life

Our Lady of Fatima speaks to us about our responsibilities to prayer and to love. Are you loving your family members enough to care about their eternal salvation? Is it truly our indispensable role in the family. What about your neighbors? Do you walk or drive by them but don't take time to get to know them? Do you pray for their salvation? Do you pray for your community? Do you make sacrifices and take time to pray for the needs of others? Our Lady of Fatima is calling us to a renewed fidelity to penance and prayer. We need to step up to the plate. Now is the time. Our Lord and his Mother are counting on us.

Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, I want to give my life to you. I want to help to save souls with my sincere, loving prayers, sacrifices, penance, and actions. Dear Our Lady of Fatima, open my heart, my eyes, and ears to see the needs around me. Please pray for me and grant me the graces I need. Saint Joseph, all of the angels and saints, please pray for me. Amen!

Excerpted from "Our Lady of Fatima: 100 Years of Stories, Prayers and Devotions" by Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle

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