



## GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Joe Bierkortte, Chairperson

#### Parish Finance Council

Steve Graybill, Chairperson

AUGUST 20, 2023

*O woman,  
great is  
your faith!*

MATTHEW 15:28



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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Is 56:1,6-7; Ps 67; Rom 11:13-15,29-32;  
Mt 15:21-28**

### 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, Rosary, 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

First Fridays of each month following Mass at  
12 Noon, with Benediction at 9:00pm

### San Isidro Catholic Church

Mission Parish of Good Shepherd

4733 Macedonia Church Road

Fayetteville, NC 28312

(910) 424-2698 [www.siccnc.org](http://www.siccnc.org)



### 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.

### 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. Room 4.**



### SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will illuminate the Blessed Sacrament this week **is for the Health of Bill Nicol**, given by Caroline Nicol.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers were donated **In Loving Memory of Mary Ellen Splawn**, given by Jim O'Connor.



### THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	5:00p	† John & Helen Daly
Sunday	8:30a	Intentions of Judith Jones
	11:30a	People of Good Shepherd Parish
Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	9:00a	† David Mercurio
Wednesday	6:30p	For Our Sick & Homebound
Thursday	9:00a	† James & Angel Ouimet
Friday	12:00p	† Antonio Vaz



## STEWARDSHIP

OF  
TIME | TALENT | TREASURE



### Fiscal Year July 2022– June 2023

Offertory **Received** for August 6.....\$7,407.00  
Offertory **Received** for August 13.....\$5,164.00  
Offertory **needed** for rest of fiscal year.....\$333,934.00

Half-A-Can **needed** for the month.....\$2,153.00  
Half-A-Can **received** for August.....\$645.00

St. Isidro **needed** for the month.....\$1,600.00  
St. Isidro **received** for August .....\$704.00

**Second Collection**-Capital Improvement.....\$1,549.00

### Donating online is easy

Visit our website, [good-shepherd-church.org](http://good-shepherd-church.org) Click on the **Online Giving** button and follow the instructions.

**Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!**

### NO SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

**Don't forget the Half-A-Can Collection Can in the Gathering Area**

If every week, each parishioner put in the amount of what **half a can of soda** costs, that money would add up to a substantial amount to go toward the costs of building and grounds maintenance of our Parish!

**Put a quarter in the can every week!**

*"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."-Romans 11:29*



God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a part in God's salvation plan.

## This Week's Parish Activities

### Sunday, August 20

9:30a—Altar Server Training, Church  
9:45a—OCIA Inquiry Session 6, Library  
10:00a—Confirmation I & II Catechist Mtg, Classroom #10  
1:00p—Grades K-5 Catechist Mtg, Classroom #10  
1:00p—Finance Council Meeting, Gathering Area  
4:45p—Youth Group Feed the Hungry, Hope House

### Tuesday, August 22

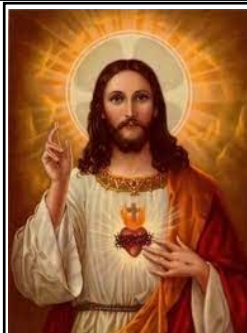
6:30p—Parish Council Meeting, Gathering Area

### Thursday, August 24

10:00a—Holy Stitchers, Rm. 6, Social Hall  
5:30p—Legion of Mary, Rm. 2

### Friday, August 25

6:00p—Choir Practice



### First Friday Devotion in Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus September 1

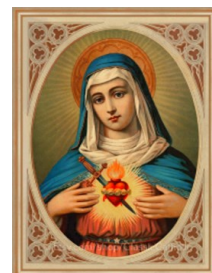
- 12p Angelus & Mass
- Exposition & Prayers in Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Adoration, concluding with Benediction & Reposition at 9p

Sign up on the board in the Gathering Area.

### First Saturday Devotion in Reparation to God and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

### September 2

- 9:00a Angelus & Mass
- 9:30a Rosary & Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 4:00p Confession
- 4:25p Rosary



### YOUTH GROUP ADORATION

First Friday, September 1, the Youth Group will have Eucharistic Adoration at 7:00p. Activities will follow in the Social Hall.



### YOUTH GROUP FEED THE HUNGRY

**Bring food; come serve, or both!**

**Where:** Hope House, 3907 Ellison Street, Hope Mills, NC

**When:** Sunday, August 20th, 4:45-5:40pm



DOWNLOAD  
our Parish App



### MyParishApp

If you would like to download the app yourself, text App to 88202, click install, follow instructions and choose 'Good Shepherd 5050 Oak Street' for your Church.



## FROM THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation 2023-2024  
Registration is  
NOW OPEN!

### The time to register your children for classes is now!

Faith Formation registration forms are available on the Welcome Table in the Gathering Area, on the parish website, <http://www.good-shepherd-church.org/>, and in the Office of Catechesis. If your child will celebrate First Communion or Confirmation next year, we will also need a copy of the baptismal certificate. Contact Jan Carnahan: [gscddre@gmail.com](mailto:gscddre@gmail.com) or 910-425-5617.

### CATECHIST MEETINGS

Meetings for Catechists teaching the following grades begin *this Sunday*.

All meetings are in Classroom # 10, downstairs in the Social Hall. Following are the dates and times:

1. Confirmation I and II—Sunday, Aug 20th, 10a-11:15a
2. Grades K, 1, 3, 4 & 5—Sunday, Aug 20th, 1p- 2:30p
3. Sac.Prep. II & Track II—Sunday, Aug 27th, 10a-11:15a
4. Middle School (Grades 6-8)—Sunday, Aug 27, 1-2:00p
5. 11th/12th Grade—Monday, August 28th, 5:30p

### What is "Family Catechesis"?

Many parents across the United States have indicated they do not think they know enough about our Catholic Faith to teach their children. They have also stated they cannot fit adult formation into their busy schedules in order to learn more about the Faith. In response, the Atlanta Archdiocese, of which we are a part, has developed resources for parishes to help parents grow in their faith and relationship with Jesus so they can feel confident to share the Faith with their children. These resources can be incorporated into the existing class schedule so parents do not have to add anything else to their busy schedules. At a recent catechist meeting, the catechists voted to include several **Family Catechesis opportunities in the coming year for the regularly scheduled morning sessions**. They also voted to use the materials provided by the Atlanta Archdiocese, which focus on simple ways to include Catholic practices in our homes that help all family members grow in the Faith. Stay tuned for more details on this wonderful opportunity for families to grow in love and faith in our Lord AND enjoy some good family time.

*This coming year, our Parish will help families understand and embrace the truth that their families are holy and what happens in daily life is holy—just as holy as the life that happens in the Parish.*

### CLASSES IN NEED OF CATECHISTS

Every class must have two

catechists who

have received Safe Environment Training (SET) **before** the class can begin. Several parishioners have already responded to God's call to share their faith with the children and youth.

Following is the list of classes still in need of either one or two catechists:

#### Need **two** catechists:

- Sacramental Prep I (1st grade)
- 7th Grade
- 8th Grade
- Confirmation I (9th/10th Grade)

#### Need **one** catechist:

- 6th Grade
- 11th/12th Grade

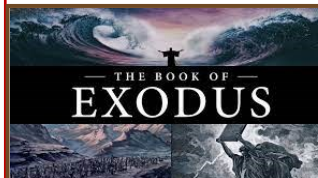
**Catechist training will also be offered at a time the catechists select.**

For more info or to respond to God's call to be a catechist, contact Jan at 910-425-5617 or [gscddre@gmail.com](mailto:gscddre@gmail.com)



### DID YOU KNOW there is a local Young Adult Group?

There are a variety of opportunities to meet other young adults in the Fayetteville/Hope Mills area. Any young adults post-high school to around age 30 are invited to join the Young Adult Group that is facilitated by Paul & Samantha Weiss. Opportunities to gather include: monthly social events, bible study on Thursdays at 7pm at St. Patrick's Office, and Men's & Women's groups that meet in various homes every other Monday. Choose whatever interests you! For more information, contact Paul Weiss at email [pweiss1856@gmail.com](mailto:pweiss1856@gmail.com) or 815-621-7883, or call Samantha (Sammy) Weiss at 920-217-3379. Tell your friends about this opportunity to gather with other Catholic young adults!



### Bible Study

A new Bible Study session will begin on Wednesday, September 6th at 10:30am in Room 2.

**We will be studying the Book of Exodus.**

A sign-up sheet is available on the Welcome Table in the Gathering Area.



## PRO-LIFE MINISTRY Spiritual Adoption

Join the Pro-Life Ministry in praying for babies in danger of being aborted by praying the following prayer daily:

**"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of [baby's name], the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."**

**Our Spirituality Adopted babies' names are Francis and Brittney. Due Date: Nov. 15, 2023!**

This week, your baby is as big as a carrot! Those little arms and legs are packing more of a punch these days...you might even see them poke through from the outside!

(whattoexpect.com)

## PROMISE TO PROTECT



## SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

As we prepare to begin the new instructional year, safe environment trainings are

offered to help teachers and catechists prepare for the classroom. These sessions are also good for new employees and those preparing to take the children and teens to the Eucharistic Congress. This is the Safe Environment Training that is required for all clergy, employees and those in leadership positions with children and youth.

### Evening Webinar

Tuesday, August 22, 2023 - 7:00p-9:30p

Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/40845089603129695>

## News from the Holy Stitchers

### Mark your calendar for the Holy Stitchers'

**ZITI Dinner on September 30, 2023  
7:00pm in the Social Hall!**



Join us for dinner, dessert, refreshments and entertainment by DJ EZ-Hutch. For tickets, contact Lee Pappa (910-987-2326) or any of the ladies from the Holy Stitchers.

Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children and under five is free. This dinner is to help the Holy Stitchers purchase supplies needed to make quilts for the nursing homes, hospitals and homeless children of the community, and Pro-Life. **Thank you for your support!**

## Sacristans

"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).

**Consider how you will respond to the call to Ministry as a Baptized Christian.** If you are interested in serving as an Altar Server or would like more information, please contact Sheila Franklin at [sfranklin0131@yahoo.com](mailto:sfranklin0131@yahoo.com), or call the Parish Office at 910-425-1590.

# 2023 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Mass



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 | 10AM**

HOLY NAME OF JESUS CATHEDRAL

CELEBRATED BY:

*Bishop Zarama*

To register to attend the Mass  
and/or to receive a  
Commemorative Certificate  
go to:

<http://raldioc.configio.com/wam2023>

FOR QUESTIONS CALL (984) 900-3184

Special recognition for those celebrating  
25, 50 and 60 years





## **WHAT IS THE ALMS HOUSE?**

### **Associated Local Ministries in Service Helping Others in Unfortunate Situations and Experiences**

The ALMS HOUSE was established as a non-profit agency in February 1984 by twelve local churches of various denominations. Good Shepherd was one of the original churches and has been part of the ALMS HOUSE since it was incorporated as a non-profit organization. ALMS HOUSE serves a geographical area in and around Hope Mills. The ALMS HOUSE PROVIDES a food pantry (which includes personal hygiene items as well as cleaning products) and a clothing closet - with household items (small appliances; dishes; linens, etc.) The ALMS HOUSE is able to assist with past due utility bills. Bibles are given to anyone who would like to have one.

During the school year, the KAPP (Kids Assistance Program Plus) provides bags of nutritious food to school children weekly to eleven local schools. School social workers determine children within these schools who may not have food for the weekend. Each child receives a bag. (They often request and receive a bag for a sibling at home.) During the summer months, the ALMS HOUSE provides bag lunches to children and families in the neighborhood. KAPP also provides assistance for seniors in the area.

Hearty meals are provided and served daily by ALMS HOUSE volunteers as well as various groups and individuals 365 days a year. These meals are served at the Ellison Street location. Approximately 1000 meals are served each month.

Currently, multiple churches representing many denominations are actively involved, and make up the Board of Directors of the Alms House. These churches support the ALMS HOUSE by providing funding, food, and volunteers. For several years, Nick Foti served faithfully on the ALMS HOUSE Board of Directors as representative from Good Shepherd and as liason between the ALMS HOUSE and Good Shepherd. Thank you, Nick, for your many years of faithful service.

Karen Weller, an active member of Good Shepherd, serving on the Bulletin Inserters and Garden Committee Ministries (as well as a volunteer in the ALMS HOUSE food pantry) will be stepping up to replace Nick as liason and member of the Board of Directors of the ALMS HOUSE. Karen can be contacted at [kweller1953@gmail.com](mailto:kweller1953@gmail.com) or 863-521-4161.



## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

## MINISTRIES

### Liturgical Ministries

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Dalton Wilms

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### OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation)

Jan Carnahan, Director of Religious Education

### Youth Ministry

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### Youth Ministry Leaders

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### Parish Social Life Committee

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### Bulletin Inserters

Karen Phillips  
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### Garden Committee

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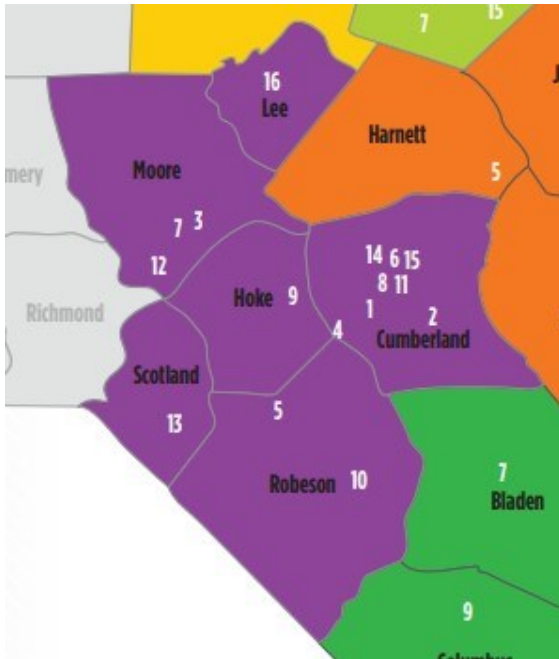
### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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 and Joseph, we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.





# POSTS FROM AROUND THE FAYETTEVILLE DEANERY



## FAYETTEVILLE DEANERY

- 1) Good Shepherd, Hope Mills
- 2) Pope Air Force Base, Pope AFB
- 3) Sacred Heart, Pinehurst
- 4) Saint Andrew Kim, Fayetteville
- 5) Saint Andrew, Red Springs
- 6) Saint Ann, Fayetteville
- 7) Saint Anthony of Padua, Southern Pines
- 8) Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fayetteville
- 9) Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Raeford
- 10) Saint Francis De Sales, Lumberton
- 11) Saint Isidore Mission, Fayetteville
- 12) Saint Juan Diego Mission, Robbins
- 13) Saint Mary, Laurinburg
- 14) Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Community, Fort Bragg
- 15) Saint Patrick Fayetteville
- 16) Saint Stephen the First Martyr, Sanford

JOIN THE ST. ANN'S CHOIR & LEGION OF MARY

## PATRIOTIC ROSARY

**DATE: Sunday, September 10, 2023**

**PLACE: St. Ann's Church**

**TIME: 12:15 PM**

Meditate on quotes from our Founding Fathers, sing Patriotic hymns, and pray for each State with your parish family!

*Remember and Honor*

WE WILL NEVER FORGET



CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE of RALEIGH



## Safe Environment Training

### WEBINAR:

Tuesday, August 22, 2023 - 07:00 PM - 09:30 PM

Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/40845089603129695>

The Office of Child and Youth Protection will host a training in recognizing and reporting child abuse and neglect. This is the safe environment training that is required for all clergy, employees and those in leadership positions with children and youth. This session is for either initial safe environment training or for those needing the 5-year renewal. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

### IN PERSON:

Thursday, August 24, 2023 - 06:00 PM - 08:30 PM and Saturday, August 26, 2023 - 09:00 AM - 11:30 AM

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 1000 Andrews Rd., Fayetteville NC 28311

To Register, contact: Patricia Martin-Kamionka at [trish.martin-kamionka@seasfay.org](mailto:trish.martin-kamionka@seasfay.org)

Sunday, August 27, 2023 - 01:00 PM - 03:30 PM and Monday, October 9, 2023 - 06:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 5050 Oak St., Hope Mills NC 28348

To Register, contact: Jan Carnahan at [910-425-5617](tel:910-425-5617), or [gscldre@gmail.com](mailto:gscldre@gmail.com)



The Diocese of Raleigh Eucharistic Congress opens a year of diocesan-wide celebrations marking the upcoming 100th anniversary of the diocese in 2024. The day-long event, to be held at the Raleigh Convention Center, incorporates speakers for adults and youth as well as a Spanish language track. Join in fellowship with others from around the diocese in the exhibit hall; participate with others in Vigil Mass; partake in the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and enjoy an array of speakers. There is no charge to attend. Pre-registration is required. For more information, go online to:

<https://dioceseofraleigh.org/eucharistic-congress>

There will also be a Youth Track available!



**FREE to parish youth Grades 6-12**

Youth attend with a parish-designated chaperone  
Pre-Registration is completed by the chaperone.



# Taste of Lebanon

"Taste of Lebanon" in Raleigh, NC, is a yearly vibrant cultural and food festival celebrating the richness of Lebanese cuisine and heritage. This lively event brings together food enthusiasts, families, and cultural enthusiasts in a single gathering. Attendees can indulge in a variety of mouthwatering Lebanese dishes, from flavorful mezzes to aromatic grilled meats and delectable sweets. The festival features captivating cultural performances, including traditional dances and live music, which immerse visitors in the vibrant Lebanese culture. Families will find a dedicated kids' area with engaging activities and educational exhibits highlighting Lebanon's history and landmarks. Additionally, attendees can explore a bustling vendor market offering Lebanese-inspired products, from crafts to spices. "Taste of Lebanon" promises a memorable experience where attendees can savor delicious food, enjoy lively performances, and celebrate the captivating culture of Lebanon.

Hosted by Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church, 600 Mt. Vernon Church, Raleigh NC 27614

Dates: Saturday, September 9, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and

Sunday, September 10, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, visit [tasteoflebanonnc.org](http://tasteoflebanonnc.org); email [abouna@saintsharbelchurch.org](mailto:abouna@saintsharbelchurch.org) or call 919-917-7597.



*Save the Date!*

*Taste Of Lebanon*  
Raleigh, NC

**5th Annual Food & Cultural Festival**

*Get ready for a culinary adventure like no other! The "Taste Of Lebanon festival" is coming back to town, bringing together the best Lebanese food, vendors, and entertainment. Don't miss a fun-filled weekend for the whole family!*

**Saturday, September 9, 2023**  
11 am to 8 pm

**Sunday, September 10, 2023**  
12 pm to 6 pm

**600 MT. VERNON CHURCH ROAD,  
RALEIGH, NC 27614**

**[www.tasteoflebanonnc.org](http://www.tasteoflebanonnc.org)**

**919-274-1872**

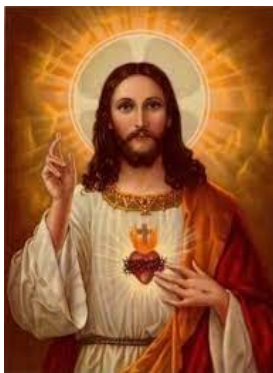
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**TASTE OF LEBANON, NC**



Hosted by Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church





## First Friday Devotion for Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Our Lord said to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, “I promise you, in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the first Friday for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance; they shall not die in my disgrace nor without receiving the sacraments; my divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in that last moment.”

### Requirements of this Devotion:

1. The devotion is practiced for *nine* consecutive First Fridays of the month
2. Confession (sometime within a week before or after the First Friday) -  
(Recommended to ensure proper state of grace)
3. Holy Communion
4. Done with the intent and spirit for reparation for offenses against the Sacred Heart of Jesus

### Why Nine First Fridays?

The number nine is traditionally associated with a novena and finds its origin in the nine days that the apostles spent in prayer before Pentecost. A novena provides an extended amount of time for preparation and interior renewal.

### The Reason for this Devotion:

The devotion is offered in reparation for sinners who commit offenses against the Sacred Heart of Jesus. These offenses are listed in the Act of Reparation Prayer made to the Sacred Heart. Jesus told Saint Margaret Mary that he wanted to spread the love of his heart through her and that she would reveal to many people the grace he desires always to bestow on humanity. In her vision, Margaret Mary saw Jesus take her heart and place it within his, setting it aflame with divine love that continued to burn in her heart as it returned to her body.

What does devotion to the Sacred Heart mean? Christ described his heart, according to Margaret Mary, as "the heart that has so loved humanity that it has spared nothing, even exhausting and consuming itself in testimony of its love." Thus, the Sacred Heart represents the fullness of God's love for humanity and the overflowing generosity of Christ's gift of self in the act of salvation.

**Here at Good Shepherd, we celebrate the First Friday Devotion every month. Please join us!**

**Also join us for our First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
on the first Saturday of every month throughout the year.**

**The Sacred Heart of Jesus and The Immaculate of Mary—Two Hearts that beat as one**

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## First Saturday Devotion for Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

During her apparition at Fatima, Our Lady said to Lucia, “I shall come to ask...that on the First Saturday of every month, Communions of reparation be made in atonement for the sins of the world...Tell them that I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the first Saturday for five successive months .”

### Requirements of this Devotion:

1. The devotion is practiced for *five* consecutive First Saturdays of the month
2. Confession (sometime within a week before or after First Saturday)
3. Holy Communion
4. Pray five decades of the Rosary
5. Keep company with Mary for at least 15 minutes, meditating on the Mysteries included in the Rosary  
(This is to be done *in addition to praying the Rosary*)
6. Done with the intent and spirit for reparation for offenses against the Immaculate Heart of Mary

### Why Five First Saturdays?

The idea is to make us persevere in these devotional acts for five months, to overcome the initial obstacles. Once this is done, Our Lady knows that the person will -- if the person faithfully cooperates with her grace -- become attracted to her pure and Immaculate Heart and persevere in practicing such devotion on *all* First Saturdays, working towards our own personal sanctification, and for the salvation of others.

### The Reason for this Devotion:

The devotion is offered in reparation for sinners who commit offenses against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

1. Against her Immaculate Conception;
2. Against her Perpetual Virginity;
3. Against her Divine Maternity, while refusing to accept Mary also as the Mother of Humanity;
4. Offenses committed by those who publicly attempt to instill indifference, scorn and even hatred for this Immaculate Mother in the hearts of children;
5. Offenses committed by those who insult, reject and dishonor Mary in her images.

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## Liturgical Ministries

**Sacristans** 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."*

**Altar Servers** carry the cross, the processional candles, hold the book for the priest celebrant when he is not at the altar, carry the incense and censer, present the bread, wine, and water to the priest during the preparation of the gifts or assist him when he receives the gifts from the people, wash the hands of the priest, assist the priest celebrant and deacon.

"In the earthly liturgy we take part in a foretaste of that heavenly liturgy which is celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem toward which we journey as pilgrims, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God, a minister of the holies and of the true tabernacle." *SACROSANCTUM CONCILIUM, Ch. 1, §1, #8*

*Serving on the Altar is a very special way to serve our Lord. In May 2021, Pope Francis gave this message to Altar Servers: "Animated by respect and interior recollection, your service as an altar server will become a Profession of Faith for the community. Offer Jesus your hands, your thoughts and your time, and He will not fail to reward you, giving you true joy and making you feel where the most complete happiness is."*

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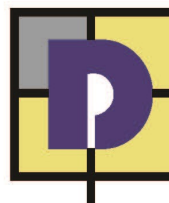
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