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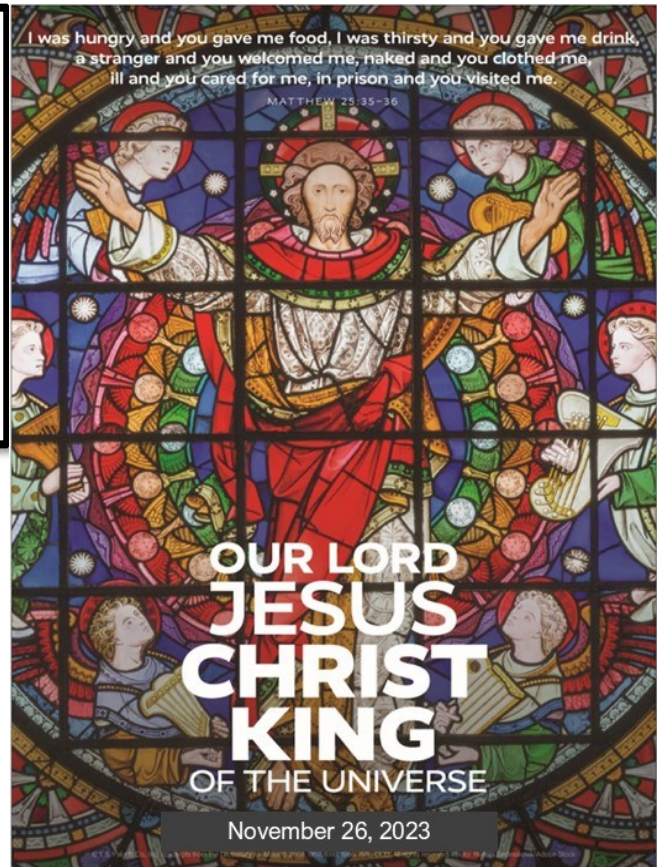
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November 26, 2023

Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31; Ps 128;
1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30



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.

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)

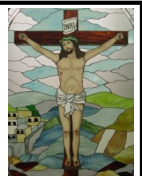
Eucharistic Adoration

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

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SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will illuminate the Blessed Sacrament this week is **In Loving Memory of Deceased Members of the Ingrassia Family**, given by **The Aberg Family**.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers were donated **In Loving Memory of Al Grupy & In Thanksgiving for all Our blessings**, given by **Camille Grupy**.

Mass Intentions, Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Light Intentions are all available now for 2024.

To make an offering In Memory or In Honor of a loved one, please contact the Parish Office.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5:00p † Manuel & Andrea Ramos
Sunday 8:30a † Marcus Anderson
11:30a People of Good Shepherd Parish
Monday No Mass
Tuesday 9:00a † David Mercurio
In Honor of Kim Ngan Nguyen
Wed. 6:30p † Victoria Ese Osifo
Deceased Members of Legion of Mary
Thurs 9:00a Conversion of Human Traffickers
Friday 12:00p † Joan O'Toole
1st Saturday 9:00a † Delores Trujillo



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Fiscal Year July 2023– June 2024

Due to early bulletin submission deadline, Offertory information will be posted in next week's bulletin.

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Thank you for your support of our Parish!

This Week's Parish Schedule

Sunday, November 26 - *Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

8:30a- Mass

No Faith Formation CCD Classes (Thanksgiving Break)

9:30a- OCIA Session, Room 2

11:30a- Mass

Monday, November 27

6:00p- Legion of Mary, Room 2

Tuesday, November 28

9:00a- Mass

Wednesday, November 29

5:30p- Confessions

5:30p- Holy Hour

6:30p- Mass

Thursday, November 30 - *St. Andrew, Apostle*

9:00a- Mass

10:00a- Holy Stitches, Rm.6 downstairs Social Hall

Friday, December 1 - *First Friday*

12:00p- Mass with Prayers to the Blessed Sacrament, Exposition and Adoration (Benediction at 9:00pm)

7:00p- Youth Group Adoration, Church

7:30p- Youth Group Social in Social Hall

Saturday, December 2 - *First Saturday*

9:00a- First Saturday Mass with Rosary & Litany to BVM

9:30a- First Saturday Refreshments in the Gathering Area

10:45- Baptism Prep Class, Room 4

4:00p- Confessions

4:25p- Knights of Columbus Rosary for the Family, Church

5:00p- Vigil Mass

REMINDER:

Next weekend is First Friday and First Saturday



Advent Candles

If you or your family would like to light the Advent candles during the Mass, please sign up on the Welcome Table.



Return to the Distribution of the Precious Blood at Holy Communion

Beginning with the New Liturgical Year (the First Sunday of Advent), we will once again offer Holy Communion under both species (bread and wine).

It is important to note that one does not need to receive Holy Communion under both species to receive the full grace of the sacrament. It is also important to note that each of us must make our own decision when it comes to receiving one or both species.



The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "Since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace." (CCC, No. 1390)

The reintroduction of this practice in our parish serves as an opportunity to reflect on the gift of the Eucharist, the Real Presence of Christ Himself, to the people of God.

FROM THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation for November

Sunday, November 26

All adults are cordially invited to attend this session offered by the OCIA in Room 2 at 9:30am. It will conclude before 11:30am Mass.

"The Liturgical Year" - Judi Summers

There will be no catechetical classes this Sunday, November 26th. Classes will resume on Sunday, December 3rd.

PARENTS OF CONFIRMATION I CLASS



Mark your calendar to come to class with your candidate for the fun session on "Jesus is the Reason for the Season & Jesse Tree Activity". The youth enjoy creating the ornaments for the Jesse Tree with their parents and then seeing their artwork displayed on the Jesse Tree in the church. We look forward to seeing you in class on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th, 1pm IN ROOM 10.**

FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

To help parents and children prepare, there will be a **Tour of the Confessional** during the morning class session on **December 3rd.**

On **December 10th**, parents and children will play the **Reconciliation Game** and **decorate the lambs** that will be placed on the Reconciliation Banner.

These sessions are an enjoyable time for families to grow together in their appreciation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Parents, please be sure to attend— The children enjoy your support so much!

First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 20th at the Advent Penance Service, 6:30pm.



Loving God, help us to teach our children that You love us totally and unconditionally. Help us to encourage our children to grow in love and to learn to say sorry, knowing that You always forgive. Give us the courage to pray with our children and to share our faith with them as we journey together. Amen.
(Thanks to Mary Our Queen Catholic Church, Omaha NE for this prayer)

LET THE CHILDREN COME to serve at Mass! Jesus calls all to participate in the Liturgy, including the children. We want to help the children share their gifts and talents with us by serving as Ushers and Readers each week. The children in Grades 3-8 will be trained to read the Second Reading and to Usher, and then be scheduled for the Mass the family usually attends. **PARENTS**, when your children say the Mass is boring, you can encourage them to take an active part by being a reader or Usher. Contact Jan Carnahan for more information— gscddre@gmail.com, or 910-425-5617.

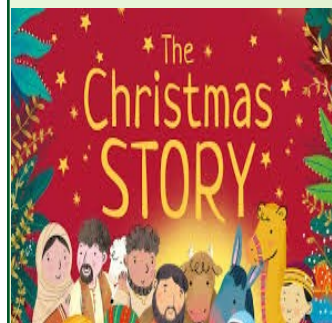
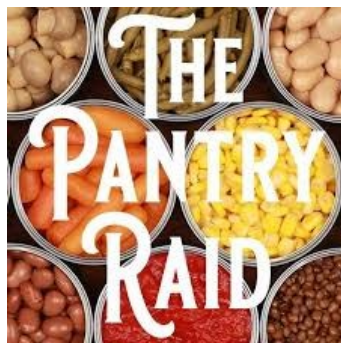
GOOD SHEPHERD YOUTH GROUP

Jeanette Hubbard: 910-257-2959, jeanettehubbard@embarqmail.com

YOUTH GROUP PANTRY RAID

Each year, the Youth Group works with the Knights of Columbus in preparing Christmas Dinner Baskets for those in need in our community.

If you have a Middle School or High School aged child, encourage them to join us for our 2023 Pantry Raid! We will meet in the Social Hall on **Saturday, December 9th at 4:00pm** for a pizza party as we organize and build the Christmas Dinner Baskets.



Christmas Play & Choir rehearsals:

Thurs, Dec.7, 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs, Dec.14, 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs, Dec.21, 6:30-7:30pm
Sun, Dec.24, 3:30pm, followed by the Children's Christmas Mass!

For more information or to sign up, contact our Youth Ministry Leaders at gshighschoolyouth@gmail.com with **"ATTN: Christmas Play"** on the Subject line, or Jeanette Hubbard, 910-257-2959

BRING YOUR FAMILIES AND HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!

Decorating begins right after 8:30am Mass on Sunday, Dec 24th, Christmas Eve.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR IDEAS FOR DECORATING AND HOW TO MAKE THE DAY FUN FOR EVERYONE!

Youth & their Families, contact Jeanette Hubbard, 910-257-2959



ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION

Wednesday, December 6th, 5:30pm

Join us as Father Santiyagu, MSFS, offers a reflection on how to prepare well for the Coming of the Lord. Let THIS Advent season be better than the rest, and make time to prepare your heart to receive Jesus! (There will be no Holy Hour this evening.)



**SAVE THE DATE
ADVENT PARISH
PENANCE SERVICE**

**Wednesday, Dec.
20th, 6:30pm**

Guest Priests will be invited to assist with the hearing of individual confessions. There will be no Holy Hour and no Mass this evening.



Christmas Share Tree This year we are celebrating the children of our Parish!

Each angel ornament will list the age, gender and grade of each child, to help you shop for age-appropriate gifts. Gifts should **not** exceed a value of \$25.

Gifts need to be **wrapped, with the angel ornament attached to the outside of the gift.** Place it under the tree no later than **Friday, December 22nd.**

*Thank you and may God bless you during this Advent,
our time to prepare for the coming of the Lord!*

Thank you to the Holy Stitchers for the beautiful ornaments!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

During the Christmas Season, you have an opportunity to help with the cost of flowers to decorate the Church by making a donation in "**honor of**" or "**memory of**" your loved ones. If you would like to make a donation, please use your envelope included in your envelope mailing. Envelopes also available on the Welcome Table. Write names clearly on front and back of envelope and place it either in the offertory basket or in the basket located on the Welcome Table by **Sunday, December 17th.**



Christmas Baskets

The Knights of Columbus will be distributing Christmas Baskets to the needy in our community. They are accepting donations now for this year's Christmas baskets.

The Youth Group is supporting the Knights in this effort through their annual Pantry Raid.

Please bring Canned Goods and other nonperishable items and place them in the collection boxes located in the Church and Social Hall entrances any time.

Donations of turkeys, bread and fresh potatoes are greatly appreciated.

If interested in donating these items, speak with any Knight or contact the Parish Office.

WOMEN OF CHARITY ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 2-3rd**

As in the past, donations of new or nearly new items are needed, as well as gift cards. You can place the items in a box in the Gathering Area. Please turn in any gift cards and gift certificates to the Parish Office Staff.

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!

This year, we are giving all parishioners an opportunity to help decorate the church for Christmas

What a perfect way to participate in the transition of the Advent of Christ to the Birth of Christ.

*Like the shepherds on that first Christmas night,
we joyfully rush to be in the presence of Jesus.*



Decorating will begin after 8:30 Mass on Sun, Dec 24th, Christmas Eve.

BRING YOUR IDEAS AND YOUR CREATIVITY!

Jeanette Hubbard will coordinate Youth Participation.

All other Parishioners, please contact Lee Pappa, 910-987-2326



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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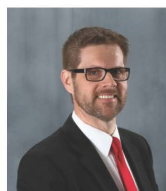
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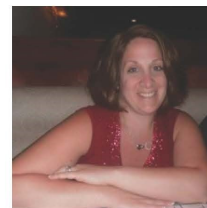
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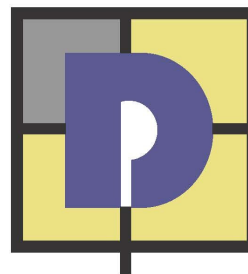
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