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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 in Room 4.**



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Second Sunday of Advent

“Prepare the way of the Lord”
December 8, 2024



Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126;
Phil 1:4-6, 8/11;
Lk 3:1-6

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Reconciliation Times

Saturday	4:00-
	4:45pm
Wednesday	5:30-
	6:20pm
	Or by Appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

◇ Wednesday evenings 5:30pm



SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Light will illuminate the Blessed Sacrament this week **In Loving Memory of Nic Nicol**, given by **Caroline Nicol**.



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers were donated this week **In Loving Memory of Nic Nicole**, given by **Caroline Nicol**, and **In Loving Memory of Eloise Salinas**, given by **Frank and Laya Olivares**.



Mass, Sanctuary Lamp and Altar Flower Intentions are available.

For requests, please contact Maria Rosario, 910-425-1590

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	5:00p	† Howard Splawn
Sunday	8:30a	In Honor of the Immaculate Conception
	11:30a	People of Good Shepherd Parish
Monday	12:00p	People of Good Shepherd Parish
	6:30p	People of Good Shepherd Parish
Tuesday	9:00a	† David Mercurio; IHO Kim Ngan Nguyen
Wed.	6:30p	† Eloise Salinas
Thurs	9:00a	† Barbara Pridgen
Friday	12:00p	† Asuncion, Ana, Doris & Agapito

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME | TALENT | TREASURE



Fiscal Year July 2024– June 2025

Offertory received for Nov 24.....	\$5,045.00
Offertory received for Dec 1.....	\$4,550.00
EFT Offertory for November.....	\$4,991.58
Offertory needed for rest of fiscal year.....	\$242,466.10
Second Collections:	
Priest Welfare/Retirement Nov 24.....	\$1,768.00
EFT Second Collections for November:	
Priest Welfare Retirement.....	\$100.00
Parish Capital Improvement.....	\$795.84
Share Sunday.....	\$344.33
Retirement Fund for Religious.....	\$135.00



Donating online is easy

Visit our website, good-shepherd-church.org and click on the Online Giving Button and follow the instructions.

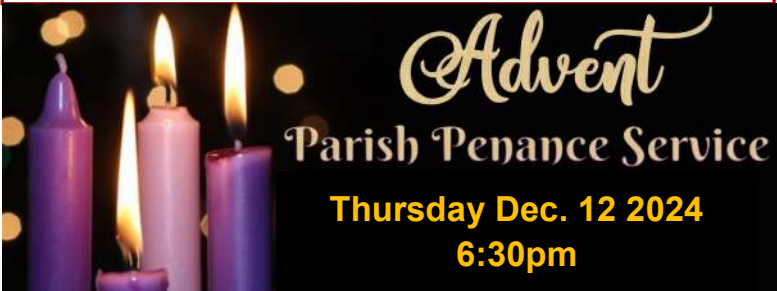
EFT donations are reported monthly.

Thank you for your continued support of your Parish!

Next week's Second Collection, Dec 15:

PARISH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN

This parish collection primarily helps to defray the costs of improvements for our church, social hall, and grounds. This includes special targeted donations for specific improvements. Please be generous.



This Week's Parish Schedule

Sunday, Dec 8– Second Sunday of Advent, Year C

- Women of Charity Raffle Sales after each Mass, Gathering Area
- 8:30a - Mass
- 9:45a - OCIA Session, Room 2
- 9:45a - Faith Formation Grades K-5
- 11:30a - Mass (Children's Dismissal)
- 1:00p - Faith Formation Grades 6-12
- 1:00p - Women of Charity Raffle Drawing, Gathering Area
- 3:00p - Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, CAP Room

Monday, Dec 9 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Office Closed

- 11:20a - Most Holy Rosary with Legion of Mary, Church
- 12:00p - Mass**
- 5:50p - Most Holy Rosary with Legion of Mary, Church
- 6:30p - Mass**

Tuesday, Dec 10 - Our Lady of Lourdes

- 9:00a - Mass
- 6:00p - Legion of Mary, Rm 2

Wednesday, Dec 11 - St. Damasus I

- 5:30p - Confessions/Holy Hour
- 6:30p - Mass

Thursday, Dec 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 9:00a - Mass
- 6:30p - ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

Friday, Dec 13 - St. Lucy

- 11:00a - Widows' Watch, Room 4
- 12:00p - Mass
- 1:00p - Widows' Watch Annual Luncheon, Social Hall
- 6:00p - Choir Practice

Saturday, Dec 14 - St. John of the Cross

- 4:00p - Confessions
- 5:00p - Vigil Mass

THE
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION OF
THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY
Monday
December 9

*The Solemnity of the
Immaculate
Conception*



Join us for Mass
12:00p or 6:30p.

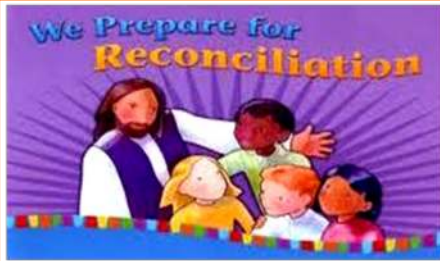
Join Legion of Mary for the Rosary at 11:20am & 5:50pm

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 15th**.

FROM THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION



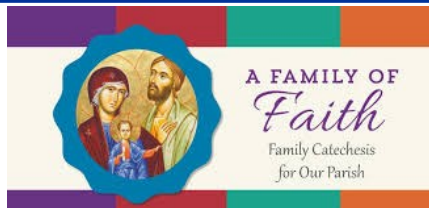
FIRST RECONCILIATION will be celebrated **Thurs, Dec. 12, 6:30pm at the Parish Advent Penance Service.**

PARENTS OF CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION: Please come to class with your child on Sunday, Dec. 8th, to help them make their lamb for the Reconciliation Banner, play the Reconciliation Game and tour the Confessional. They need your support and help and they love when their parents come to class with them!

FAMILY CATECHESIS—Next Sunday, Dec. 15th, the morning session classes will focus on Advent and how

families encourage their members to enter into this season of waiting with anticipation and without rushing into the Christmas season.

Parents, be sure to stay and enjoy this opportunity to share this special time with your children.



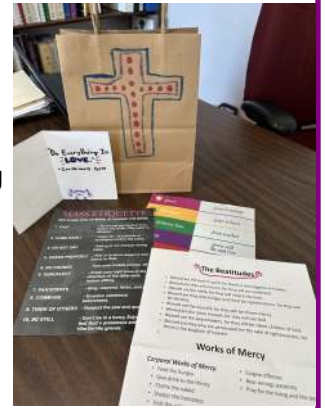
ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Any adult interested in deepening their faith or learning more about the Church is invited to attend the OCIA sessions held in Room 2, Sunday mornings. Many who have been raised Catholic are delighted to learn what they missed when growing up and are grateful for the opportunity to deepen their faith in the company of other adults. So come join this friendly group!

- ◇ **Dec. 8 - "Blessed Mother", Room 2**
- ◇ **Dec. 15 - "Virtues/Corporeal & Spiritual Works of Mercy, Deacon Josh, CAP Room, 10am**
- ◇ **Dec. 22 - "Incarnation/Christmas Season", Fr Arul, Room 2, 10am**

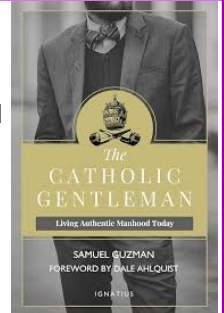
8th Graders ROCK!

As part of their focus on the Spiritual Works of Mercy, the 8th Grade Class created "Welcome Packets" for new parishioners. The materials included: a card with a personal note, a sheet listing the Works of Mercy, Beatitudes, Gifts & Fruits of the Holy Spirit, a reminder of Mass Etiquette, and a colorful focus on the Liturgical Seasons with a focus on Jesus in each season. Thank you 8th Grade class and Catechists Kenneth Chukwu and Jamie Reilly!



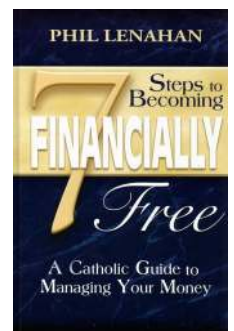
The Catholic Gentleman: Living Authentic Manhood Today

A Book Study Group will begin January 2nd and run for eight weeks for men who want to deepen their faith as Catholic men. The group will meet Sundays 9:45-11:15am in Room 4. Cost for the book is only \$10. The book study will be led by Joe Bierkortte. Sign-up on the Welcome Table. Come, be part of a friendly group that will enrich your faith and help you get to know other men in the parish!



7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free

Beginning Sunday, January 26, parishioners will have the opportunity to participate in a small-group study that will enable them to make a *realistic faith-based plan* for the future that can lead to freedom from consumer debt, strengthen their marriage and family life, build a support network for living their Catholic Faith and deepen their relationship with the Lord. The six sessions will be 1.5 hours each and led by Don Soucy. Previous participants have become debt-free with a "stronger sense of what values" they have about money. Sign up on the Welcome Table and mark the time you prefer: 9:45-11:15am or 1-2:15pm.



GOOD SHEPHERD YOUTH GROUP

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

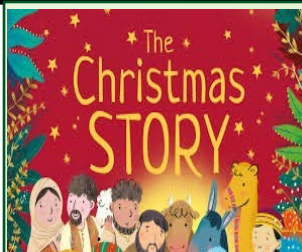
Our Good Shepherd Youth Group is comprised of Middle School and High School Youth. If you are in this age group, you are invited to join us!

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec. 15— Hope House, 4:45 - 5:35pm
Christmas theme. Bring food, serve or both!

Encourage your teens to get involved and join our Youth Group. And if you would like to support our parish youth with your time and talents, please contact:

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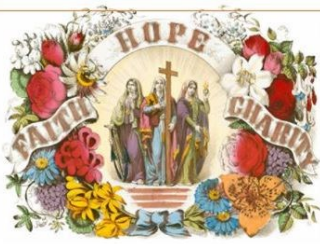


Christmas Play rehearsals:
All ages K-12 welcome to participate!

For more information or to sign up:
Text 81010, enter message

@2g7gah3, or
<https://www.remind.com/join/2g7gah3>

Thurs, Dec.19, 6:15-7:15pm
Tues, Dec.24, 3:30pm, followed by Children's Christmas Mass!



Women of Charity

Women of Charity Annual "Fun"Raiser

Raffle tickets on sale in the Gathering Area after each Mass THIS weekend, Dec. 7-8th!

Raffle Drawing will be THIS Sunday, Dec. 8th at 1pm in the Gathering Area.

Christmas Choir rehearsals: Join Our Christmas Choir!



We're excited to announce that choir practice is starting up again in preparation for Christmas!

The rehearsals will be held Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00pm. We welcome all adult and High school age. If you enjoy singing, choir members would love to have you join them. For more information or to sign up, contact Jessica Odenbaugh, 270-570-1170 or gdsghprd81@gmail.com with "ATTN: Christmas Choir Rehearsal" on the Subject line.

Merry Christmas Party Concert

14th DECEMBER

6:30 PM Saturday

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SCAN THE QR CODE

For Party Program Information and Ticket Locations

For Tickets:

Cash (You may bring it to Happy Cup Store)
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HAPPY CUP Location:

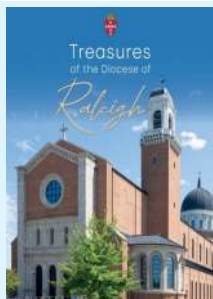
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Christmas Share Tree

This year we are supporting children of families in need at the Alms House and Hope House in Hope Mills, as well as toys for needy children on Fort Liberty.

Each angel ornament will list the age and gender 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 19th.**

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

ADVENT A Season of Preparation and Expectation

With the season of Advent, starts the lighting of different candles. Traditionally, each of the five Advent candles have a deeper meaning which is depicted in the four weeks we celebrate this season of waiting, watching and expecting Jesus.

SECOND CANDLE SIGNIFIES PEACE

"BETHLEHEM CANDLE"

The second candle, also purple, represents peace. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.





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.

Angel's Haven Welcome, Families!

We invite all families with young children to take advantage of and enjoy our ANGEL'S HAVEN room. This room was constructed to help young families participate in Mass and worship together, while helping to promote respect and a prayerful atmosphere for others in the church.



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PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

Lord Jesus Christ, help us to be a parish family of loyalty and love, fearlessness and faith, compassion, charity, and mercy. Help me to be filled with the same qualities. With Your help, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be. Bless my journey, Lord, and help me to dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be. Bless my journey, that I may follow You and build the Church for the glory of God. Amen.

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