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Second SUNDAY of Advent

December 10, 2023

John the Baptist
appeared in the
desert proclaiming
a baptism of
repentance for the
forgiveness of sins.

Mark 1:4

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Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85;
2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8



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)

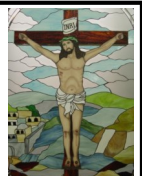
Eucharistic Adoration

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 Aberg Family Members**, given by **Munch-Aberg Family**.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers were donated **For Special Intentions**, given by **Rosemonde Angrand**, and also **In Loving Memory of Jimmy & Hannah Truong**, given by **Rose Nguyen**.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5:00p † Howard Splawn
Sunday 8:30a † Jimmy & Hannah Truong
11:30a People of Good Shepherd Parish
Monday No Mass
Tuesday 9:00a † David Mercurio
In Honor of Kim Ngan Nguyen
Wed. 6:30p † For the Holy Souls in Purgatory and For Those Who Have No One to Pray for Them
Thurs 9:00a † Blanco & Virginia Gonzalez
Friday 12:00p In Thanksgiving to God
† Relmina Dudley



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Fiscal Year July 2023– June 2024

Offertory **Received** for December 3.....\$6,860.00
EFT Offertory **Received** for November\$5,2637.33
Offertory needed for rest of fiscal year.....\$218,943.00

Donating online is easy

Visit our website, good-shepherd-church.org
Click on the *Online Giving* button and follow the instructions.

Thank you for your support of our Parish!

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

Priests' Welfare & Retirement

This collection helps to ensure our women and men religious enjoy a safe and modest retirement. Help support those who have devoted their lives to supporting God's people in faithful service to Him.

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**.

This Week's Parish Schedule

Sunday, December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent

8:30a- Mass
9:30a- OCIA Session, Room 2
9:45a- CCD Faith Formation Grades K-5, Classrooms
11:30a- Mass
1:00p- Faith Formation Grades 6-12, Classrooms
3:00p- Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, Social Hall

Monday, December 11 - St. Damasus I

6:00p- Legion of Mary, Room 2

Tuesday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00a- Mass
6:30p- Parish Council Meeting, Gathering Area

Wednesday, December 13 - St. Lucy

9:30a- Rosary for Eloise Salinas- Church Nave

10:00a- Funeral Mass for Eloise Salinas

5:30p- Confessions

5:30p- Holy Hour

6:30p- Mass

Thursday, December 14 - St. John of the Cross

9:00a- Mass

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

6:30p- Childrens' Christmas Play Practice

Friday, December 15

12:00p- Mass

6:00p- Choir Practice

Saturday, December 16

8:00a - Knights of Columbus Christmas Basket Pick-Up, S.H.

4:00p - Confessions

5:00p - Vigil Mass

7:00p - Youth Group Christmas Caroling, meet at Church

SAVE THE DATE

ADVENT PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, December 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 Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24: Christmas Eve

3:30p—Children's Christmas Play/Choir Rehearsal

5:00p—Children's Christmas Mass

11:30p—Christmas Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25: Christmas Day

10:00am—Christmas Day Mass

Fr. Arul, Parish Council,
Finance Council and Staff
wish all of you a Happy
and Safe Holiday Season!
The office will be closed
Mon.-Fri. Dec 25-29th



FROM THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation for December

All adults are cordially invited to attend the sessions offered by the OCIA in Room 2, from 9:30-10:45am:

Dec. 10 "The Blessed Mother" - Legion of Mary
Dec. 17 "Christology / Incarnation" - Father Arul



NEXT FAMILY DAY FOR MORNING CLASSES

will be December 17th. During Advent, we wait for the coming celebration of the birth of our

Savior, Jesus. At the Family Catechesis Day, families will learn about the Advent tradition of creating a Jesse Tree, which connects us with the Jesus' ancestors, who waited for the coming of the Messiah. Parents, mark your calendars and come to class with your children and enjoy this special time with your family.

Sunday, Dec. 17, 9:45-11:45am in the Social Hall
Mark your calendar!

FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

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



These sessions with parents 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.

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS ROCK!

The Middle School Youth will serve as lectors, ushers, and gift bearers Saturday, December 9th at the 5pm Vigil Mass. They have also written the Prayers of the Faithful for the Mass. These young people truly are a gift to the parish as they share their faith with us! Together with them, we wait for the Advent of our Savior.

PARENTS OF CONFIRMATION I CLASS

Mark your calendar to come to class with your candidate for "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, DEC. 17th, 1pm, ROOM 10.**

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

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, 3:00pm (with snacks included), followed by the Children's Christmas Mass!

Sun, Dec.24, 5:00pm Children's Christmas Mass



Remind

Join **REMIND** for updates and information:

For Christmas updates specifically, TEXT @2g7Gahe3 to Number 81010

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



We offer our heartfelt prayers and condolences to the family of **Eloise Salinas**.

The family will accept friends for visitation on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 from 7:00 until 9:00pm at Reeves Funeral Home.

On Wednesday, December 13, 2023, the Legion of Mary will lead a rosary for Eloise at Good Shepherd Catholic Church at 9:30am, with the Funeral Mass afterwards at 10:00am. Burial with Military Honors will be held at Sandhills State Veteran Cemetery.

*May the soul of Eloise rest in eternal peace.
Please continue to keep her and her family in your prayers.*

ADVENT A Season of Preparation and Expectation

With the season of Advent is 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.



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 Stitches for the beautiful ornaments!

Thank you from Widows' Watch

Because of our Parish's generosity towards this worthy cause, Widows' Watch is proud to announce that a check for \$2,500 was donated to Wreaths Across America. It was presented to Ann Provencher, representing the organization. The Wreath-Laying Ceremony will be December 16th at 12 Noon at Sandhills Veterans' Cemetery.

We are grateful to you and to all our Veterans who have given of themselves on our behalf.



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.

Join us right after 8:30 Mass on Sun, Dec 24th, Christmas Eve.

Jeanette Hubbard will coordinate Youth Participation. All other Parishioners, please contact Lee Pappa, 910-987-2326

WOMEN OF CHARITY ANNUAL RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Think you missed the Raffle? No, you didn't! Due to unexpected circumstances, this year's fundraiser will be a

NEW YEAR'S RAFFLE FUNDRAISER!

The event has been moved to the first weekend in 2024, January 6th and 7th, in the Gathering Area after each Mass.

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.





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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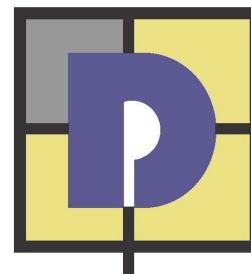
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