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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. Room 4.



Third SUNDAY of Advent

December 17, 2023

Rejoice always.
Pray without ceasing.
In all circumstances
give thanks,
for this is the will
of God for you
in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Luke 1;
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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)

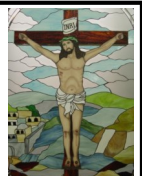
Eucharistic Adoration

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

San Isidro Catholic Church

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SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will illuminate the Blessed Sacrament this week is **In Loving Memory of Jimmy & Hannah Truong**, given by **Rose Nguyen**.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers were **In Loving Memory of Gasper & Giovanna Ingrassia**, given by **The Aberg Family**.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5:00p † Frank Sparrow
Sunday 8:30a Intentions of the Nguyen Family
11:30a People of Good Shepherd Parish
Monday No Mass
Tuesday 9:00a For All Refugees
In Honor of Kim Ngan Nguyen
Wed. **Advent Penance Service (no Mass)**
Thurs 9:00a † Danny Johnson & Romana Cruz
Friday 12:00p † Joann Waugh



Fiscal Year July 2023– June 2024

Offertory **Received** for December 10.....\$6,016.00
Offertory **needed** for rest of fiscal year.....\$212,458.00
2nd Collection National Retirement Fund for Religious
.....\$1,249.00

Donating online is easy

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

Thank you for your support of our Parish!

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

Parish Capital Improvement

This collection primarily helps to defray the costs of improvements for our Church, Social Hall, and grounds. This includes special targeted donations for specific improvements.



Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

January 1

Mass 12:00pm

January 5—First Friday

- 12 Noon Mass
- Exposition & Prayers in Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Eucharistic Adoration all day, concluding with Benediction at 9pm Friday evening.



January 6—First Saturday

- 9:00am Mass
- 9:30am Rosary & Litany in Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 10:00am Refreshments
- 4:00pm Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass

This Week's Parish Schedule

Sunday, December 17 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:30a- Mass
9:45a- OCIA Session ("Christology/Incarnation", Fr. Arul), Rm 2
9:45a- Family Catechesis, Grades K-5, CAP Rm, Social Hall
11:30a- Mass
1:00p- Faith Formation Grades 6-12, Classrooms
4:45p- Youth Group serve at Hope House

Monday, December 18

6:00p- Legion of Mary, Room 2

Tuesday, December 19

9:00a- Mass

Wednesday, December 20

6:30p—Advent Penance Service

Thursday, December 21 - St. Peter Canisius

9:00a- Mass
10:00a- Holy Stitchers, Rm.6 downstairs Social Hall
6:30p- Childrens' Christmas Play Practice
7:00p- Knights of Columbus, CAP Room, Social Hall

Friday, December 22

12:00p- Mass
6:00p- Choir Practice

Saturday, December 23

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

ADVENT PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

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

Guest Priests will be here to assist with the hearing of individual confessions.



Christmas 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, the Parish and Finance Councils, Staff wish all of you a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!

There will be no Daily Mass Dec 26-29th.

The office will be closed Mon.-Fri. Dec 25-29th.



The Baptism of the Lord

**Mass will be celebrated at 9am,
Monday January 8**

"My Chosen One with whom I am pleased"



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. 17 "Christology / Incarnation", with Fr. Arul



NEXT FAMILY DAY FOR MORNING CLASSES

is this **Sunday, 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

PARENTS OF CONFIRMATION I CLASS

Parents, 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 seeing their artwork displayed on the Jesse Tree in the church. We look forward to seeing you in class **this SUNDAY, DEC. 17th, 1pm, ROOM 10.**

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.



Christmas Break

There will not be any catechetical classes on the next Sundays, December 24 and 31.

Classes will resume on Sunday, January 7, the **Feast of Epiphany**, when the Three Wise Men will present their gifts to the Christ child and distribute the gifts from the Sharing Tree.

If you have not picked up an ornament from the tree, it's not too late. Please wrap your gift, attach the ornament to the package and bring your gift to the Office.

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.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



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





ADVENT A Season of Preparation and Expectation

The third candle takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men. On this third Sunday of Advent, which the Church calls "Gaudete Sunday," meaning rejoice or praise, we light the third candle and rejoice like the shepherds.

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.



2024 Calendars are available on the Welcome Table as a Christmas gift from us to you!

And THANK YOU to the parishioner who donated these calendars!

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.

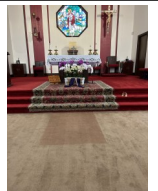
Gifts need to be **wrapped, with the angel ornament attached to the outside of the gift.** Place it under the tree no later than **Friday, December 22nd.**

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

To the generous parishioners who have given monetary donations towards our church carpet replacement project. Their donations totaled \$7000!



SAVE THE DATE

Women's Day of Reflection



January 27, 2024
Good Shepherd Parish

Good Shepherd's Nativity Scene

As you enter the drive to the church, you will notice a life-size Nativity Scene. The Nativity Scene is 31 years old and was made and cared for by Marlene and the late Tom Kovasckitz. Now, several parishioners take time to assemble and care for the flock throughout the year.



Be sure to focus on the scene each week this Advent and Christmas season, as it reflects the storyline of that first Noël so many years ago!

Thank you to Tom and Marlene for this wonderful gift, and thank you to the Knights of Columbus for assembling it for us this year!

Praying the Rosary with Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and the shepherds!





Holy Advent and Joyous Christmas!

This holy time of the year — filled with family togetherness, gift giving, and heartfelt sharing — is, in the deepest sense, a time of prayer and reflection. The Christmas message is often lost in the secular world of consumerism and materialism. The real meaning of Christmas is simple yet profound.

There are so many details that surround the celebration of Christmas that it is easy to miss the meaning. That fact is this: Christmas is solely about God. The Gospel story in Luke tells us about the Christmas message. “Christmas is about God fulfilling his promises, saving his people, coming to us — as one of us — in Jesus. The truth can be so easily missed: Christmas is nothing but Jesus. And if Jesus is not in Christmas, then Christmas is nothing at all!”

The miracle of Christmas is that God chose to come be with us in Jesus Christ. We can know that this birthing place speaks volumes about God’s infinite courtesy towards all people. Jesus was born in an earthy, raw, smelly stable, not in a temple or royal palace. During this season, may we remember that it is the birth of Jesus, God’s son, that connects us to God. God wanted more than life. He wanted friendship, and he created man.

“Being born in such a place is God’s way of showing that Christ comes to us in all sorts of human conditions — earthy, smelly, broken and accomplished. No matter what we’ve done or haven’t done, God comes to be with us in Jesus Christ where we are in life, and out of his great love for all humanity.”

So, as we celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas, let joy be born in our hearts not just this Christmas day, but the whole year; not just the whole year, but our whole lives. Let us make room in our living places and greet them with a welcoming smile and gracious hospitality those like Mary and Joseph, who are seeking room in the inn. May we be a people of faith and joy that rejoices in the light and hope that Christmas brings. “...the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:5)

I pray that I and all of us who state we are Christian can kneel in humble prayer before the Christ Child and state: Lord, You allow me to know how to be human, that your coming in a human body allows me to experience your divine person, that you are truly the Son of God who enters into the history of man and allows us to participate in the timeless reality of God. Amen.

~ Father Arul



Welcome the Pilgrim Virgin into Your Home

The primary purpose of the Pilgrim Virgin Devotion is to help families respond to Our Lady of the Rosary's request of us in her apparitions at Fatima. We want to bring the Immaculate Heart of Mary into every home that wishes to learn more about her message of Conversion, Prayer and Penance. Many have forgotten or are unfamiliar with what our Blessed Virgin Mary asked us to do, in order that her Fatima promise might be fulfilled: **"Finally, my Immaculate Heart will triumph."**

The commitments while hosting Our Lady of Fatima are: 1. Pray the Rosary each day; 2. Make a special effort to avoid sin during her visit; 3. Perform some sacrifice or penance in reparation for sin.

Because not everyone can go to Fatima, Our Most Gracious Mother can come to you! More information, contact: Legionofmary.mote@gmail.com



The Legion of Mary

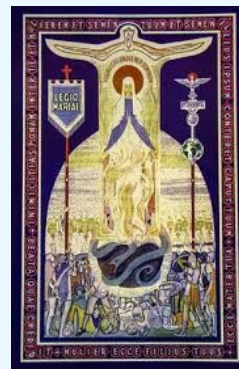
... was founded by Frank Duff in Dublin, Ireland on the first vespers of the Nativity Mary, September 7, 1921. This lay apostolic association is open to men and women and operates under the approval of the Church and under the powerful leadership of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Legionaries serve God under the banner of Mary through spiritual and corporal works of Mercy.

In the Roman Empire, a praesidium was a military detachment defending the empire as a fortified post.

As the Mother of the Eucharist, we are Mary's military unit, fighting for souls and winning them over for Christ.

For more information, call the Parish Office: 910-425-1590, or: legionofmary.mote@gmail.com



Project Rachel: A Journey of Post-Abortive Healing

Who We Are

If you are suffering from the effects of an abortion, we want you to know that there is help and there is hope. Through volunteers, professional counselors and clergy, Project Rachel helps women, men, and families deal spiritually and psychologically with their participation in an abortion and offers a means to extend the healing grace of God. In a caring and hopeful context, you will be able to move toward reconciliation—with yourself, God, family, and the aborted child.

About the Retreat

The weekend retreat is an opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion in a supportive and confidential environment. Through prayer, discussion, and Living Scripture exercises, participants are able to make their way through the critical steps of post-abortion healing. The sacrament of Reconciliation is available to offer the powerful and loving embrace of Christ, and the retreat concludes with a memorial service and a Mass of Resurrection. Though a Catholic Mass is celebrated, the focus of the retreat is a Biblical healing process, and women and men of any denomination are welcome.

Registration Information

The fee for the weekend is \$200. A \$50 discount is available if payment is received before December 7, 2023. This includes overnight lodging on Friday and Saturday, all meals and snacks and retreat sessions and materials. Financial assistance is available. Space is limited. If you have questions, please contact Project Rachel at project.rachel@rldioc.org

Project Rachel Retreat Weekend: A Journey of Post-Abortion Healing

If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat **January 5-7, 2024, in the Raleigh area**. The weekend retreat is strictly confidential, for both women and men.

For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at: project.rachel@rldioc.org or call (919) 852-1021. Cost is \$200 for lodging, meals, and all retreat materials. Discount of \$50 for early registration.

If there is a financial burden, assistance is available.





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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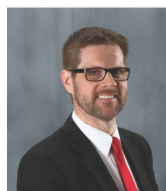
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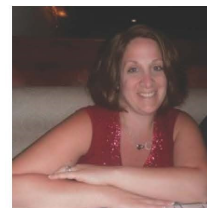
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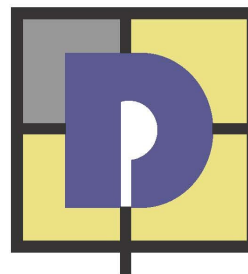
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