

AND THE

# Word

BECAME FLESH AND  
MADE HIS DWELLING  
AMONG US, AND  
WE SAW  
HIS GLORY,

JOHN 1:14

*Christmas 2023*

## **Good Shepherd Catholic Church**

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## 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 & 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

Every First Friday from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm

## 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@rldioc.org](mailto:Joshua.Klickman@rldioc.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**

## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME | TALENT | TREASURE



### Fiscal Year July 2023– June 2024

Due to the printing company's bulletin submission deadline, the Offertory for Dec. 17th will be included in the next bulletin.

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

### Donating online is easy

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

EFT donations are reported monthly.



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

**There will be no Daily Mass December 26-29th. The office will also be closed this week, December 25-29th.**

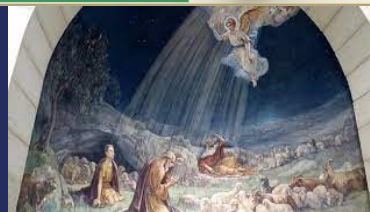


THANK YOU, Parishioners!

**YOU ARE A GIFT TO OUR PARISH!**

*By sharing your gifts with us, together we become a gift to God.*

You make Good Shepherd a unique Parish for joyously sharing talents friendships and prayers!





## SANCTUARY LIGHT

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

### THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	5:00p	† Sherri Shedlock † Leo Uranowski
Sunday	8:30a	† Lora-Rosario Family
	5:00p	Children of the Parish
	11:30p	For Father Gaul
Monday	10:00a	People of Good Shepherd Parish
Tuesday		No Mass
Wed.		No Mass
Thurs		No Mass
Friday		No Mass

### Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God January 1 Mass 12:00pm



*As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us. (USCCB)*

### Alliance of the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts

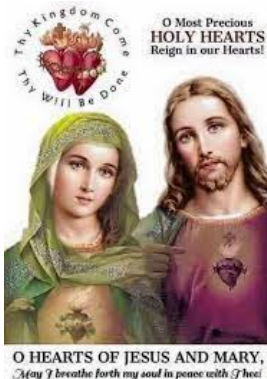


#### January 5—First Friday

- 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



### The Baptism of the Lord Mass will be celebrated at 9am, Monday January 8

*"My Chosen One with whom I am pleased"*



## This Week's Parish Schedule

### Sunday, December 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30a- Mass

9:30a- **Parish-wide DECORATE THE CHURCH**

No CCD Faith Formation and OCIA Sessions

No 11:30a Mass

3:30p- Children's Practice for Christmas Play, Church Nave

**5:00p- Children's Christmas Vigil Mass**

**11:00p- Christmas Midnight Mass**

### Monday, December 25 - *Nativity of the Lord*

Office Closed

**10:00a- Christmas Day Mass**

### Tuesday, December 26 - *St. Stephen*

No Mass - Office Closed

### Wednesday, December 27 - *St. John the Apostle*

No Mass - Office Closed

### Thursday, December 28 - *The Holy Innocent Martyrs*

No Mass - Office Closed

6:00p- Legion of Mary, Room 2

### Friday, December 29 - *St. Thomas Becket*

No Mass - Office Closed

6:00p- Choir Practice

### Saturday, December 30

4:00p - Confessions

5:00p - Vigil Mass



**THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Poinsettias to help make our Altar beautiful!  
And **THANK YOU** to everyone who decorated the church for this Christmas season!

### Christmas Baskets



The Knights of Columbus thank everyone who contributed donations, and wishes everyone a joyous Christmas season and Happy New Year!



### SHARE TREE GIFTS

Thank You to everyone who brought gifts to share with the Good Shepherd Parish children. The Gift of Christmas is a symbol of God's everlasting love for us in the ultimate Gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Emmanuel!

### Our Christmas Creche

As you enter the drive to the church, you will notice our life-size Nativity Scene. It is 31 years old and was made and cared for by Tom and Marlene Kavasckitz for many years. 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 Christmas season, as it reflects the storyline of that first Noël so many years ago!





## FROM THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION



### Christmas Break

There will not be any catechetical classes on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Classes will resume on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## GOOD SHEPHERD YOUTH GROUP

### Upcoming Dates and Reminders:

**Friday, January 5, 7:00-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Friday, January 5, 7:30-9:30pm Youth Group, Social Hall**  
**Sunday, January 7, All Faith Formation Classes Resume**  
**Sunday, January 14, No Faith Formation Classes**  
**(Martin Luther King, Jr weekend)**  
**Friday, January 19, Youth Group LOCK-IN**  
**Sunday, January 21, 4:45-5:30pm Serve at Hope House**

Join **REMIND** for updates and information:



Mrs. Hubbard's  
Good Shepherd Youth Group  
@4a278d



### 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.

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### Christmas 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During Christmas we rejoice in how God's love and mercy for us was manifested as a baby born among us. It's a season where we gather with family and friends in celebration of Jesus' humble yet profound arrival to bring hope, peace, and salvation to all.

Our Savior born on this day is not concerned with the riches and power of this world. He wants us to understand how His joy and peace will be everlasting, no matter what the challenges are that we face. While our homes will be filled with family and friends; lights, decorations and gifts, let us not forget to find quiet times to reflect on what this occasion asks of us.

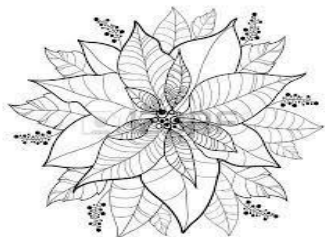
This Christmas, as we give thanks to God for sending his Son to live among us, to become man and give his life for us on the cross, let us open ourselves like a cradle in a manger and extend His love by joyfully embracing others with kindness and forgiveness.

Through the intercession of Mary our Mother and Saint Joseph, may their Son and our Lord Jesus help us to live as God's holy family at Christmas, throughout the New Year and all the days of our lives.

In the Love of Jesus,

† Luis Rafael Zarama, J.C.L.  
Bishop of Raleigh





## *Christmas Poinsettia Donations*

### *In Memory and/or Honor of:*

*Listed below are the names of loved ones who will be remembered or honored during the Christmas Season. Thank you to those who donated to help purchase Christmas Poinsettias. Names are listed alphabetically by last name.*

*Apologies for any misspellings or omissions.*

#### **A**

Reynaldo Acevedo  
Guiseppe & Mary Agrusa  
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Allen  
Anthony K. Annan  
Christiana Annan  
Lavinia & Beulah Arnold

#### **B**

Roger & Susie Bacon  
Pauline & Leo Balcerek  
Genoveva D. Balidio  
Johnny P. Balidio  
Ty Bardon  
Archie Barringer  
Thelma & Frank Barringer  
Donald & Lucille Bashore  
Luke Bashore  
David Bazunu  
Frederick Bell  
Stephen Bell  
Henry Bellande  
Abby Bellanger  
Amber Bellanger  
Amelia Bellanger  
Gabrielle Bellanger  
Lisa Bellanger  
Madeline Bellanger  
Matthew Bellanger  
Melinda Bellanger  
Miranda Bellanger  
Morgan Bellanger  
Pete Bellanger Jr.  
Pete Bellanger Sr.  
Bob Best  
Helen Bierkortte  
Joseph Bierkortte  
August Borner  
Elisabeth Borner  
Brancaccio/Grupy Family  
Diane C. Brantley  
Ebonie Breisch  
Kevin Breisch  
Murrell Byce

#### **C**

Helia Cabral  
Mary Jo Candido  
Travice Cassin  
Margarita Catala  
Mott Channel  
Elma Chessman  
Chukwu Family  
Robert G. Clark  
Patrick Colletti

#### Cygan Family

#### **D**

John & Margaret Daly  
Michael & Marie Daly  
Dantes Family  
Debresen Family  
Chris Dell  
Laura Dell  
Ray Dell  
Tom Dell  
Robert Dennis  
Armand Dorais  
Dobbins Family  
Geraldyn Downes  
Draughon Family  
Elizabeth Durkot  
Helen Durkot  
Michael Durkot  
Stephen Durkot  
Allen Dzurik  
Dorothy Dzurik  
Joan Dzurik  
John S. Dzurik Jr.  
John S. Dzurik Sr.  
Kaye Dzurik

#### **E**

Elizabeth Ferguson Family

#### **F**

Giulio & Maria Fabbri  
Ann Feminello  
James Feminello  
Jeanette Feminello  
Meriche Feminello  
Gladys Fernandez  
Martinette & John Flavin  
Frances Foderaro  
Leonard Foderaro Jr.  
Leonard Foderaro Sr.  
Maria Foderaro  
James Bobby Fuller  
Fuller Family Members  
Raymond & Alma Fuller

#### **G**

Errol & Verna Gardiner  
Father Gaul  
Graybill & Gehringer Families  
Norma Gentry  
Catherine & John Giblin  
Al Grupy  
Ernesto Guzman

#### **H**

Hall Family  
Robert Hall  
Thomas Hellman  
Enrique Hernandez  
Nilda E. Hernandez  
Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Howard Horowitz  
Earl Hubbard  
Mac Hubbard

#### **J**

Rene & Tola Jalbert  
Harry Jendrowski  
John Johansen  
Martha Johansen  
Jones Family

#### **K**

Tom Keith  
Laura Kelsey  
Betty Kimbel  
George & Alice Koba  
Tom Kovaschitz

#### **L**

Nicholas & Margaret Laviolette  
Lee Family  
John & Susan Lizak  
Maria Guadalupe Garcia Lopez  
Anthony LoPresti  
Salvatore & Maria LoPresti  
Mary & Bob Lute

#### **M**

George Marchman  
Vera Marchman  
Jeanne McIntyre  
Irene McLean  
Mary McLean  
Dulcie McMillan & Children  
Adjah B. Mensah  
Alysha Menzies  
Arthur & Eglah Menzies  
Concha Menzies  
Edwin & William Menzies

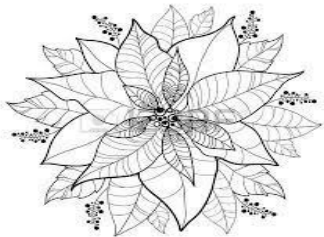
#### **N**

Nic Nicol  
Cris & Lourdes Nunez 44<sup>th</sup> Wedding  
Anniversary  
Justina Nwoke

#### **O**

Kaye O'Connor  
Matt & Mary O'Connor  
Paul O'Connor  
Tom O'Connor  
Manuel & Lupita Olivares





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Jose Pagan  
Janet Pataky  
Delfina Perreira  
Lisa Perreira  
Robert Pollard  
Ruth Pollard  
David Lee Poprik  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Poprik

#### **Q**

Emma A. Quarshie

#### **R**

Michael Rausch  
Baby Raymond  
Harold & Muriel Riddle  
Jon & Cathy Riddle  
Dave & Marlene Riley  
Thomas & Josephine Rivers  
Doug Rockafellow  
Carla Rodrigues  
Pedro Rosado

#### **S**

Eloise Salinas  
Sam Salinas  
Tonja & Ben Salinas  
Jose Santiago  
Hildegard Schell  
Teddy W. Schell  
Angie & Sonny Scoggins  
Jasmine Scott  
Larry Scott  
Leonard & Mary Scott  
Leonard D. Scott  
Jose L. Seda  
Leticia Seda  
Pat & Sue Seth  
Sherri Ann Shedlock  
Billie Sheppard  
Eli Sheppard  
Addison & Loretta Sipple  
Bob & Jack Sipple  
Frank Sparrow  
Baby Boy Spencer  
Lemuel Splawn  
MaryEllen & Howard Splawn  
Eileen Stanley  
J.P. Stanley  
Johnny Stanley  
Kathleen Stewart  
William O'Sullivan  
Henry H. Swartout

#### **T**

Donald & Nan Taylor Family  
Thaman Family  
Thanksgiving to God  
Those Who Have No One to  
Jacob Tipton  
Roseann Tomasko

#### **V**

Frank Valenta  
Frankie Valenta  
Jim Valenta  
Maria Vaz  
Milton & Pat Vila

#### **W**

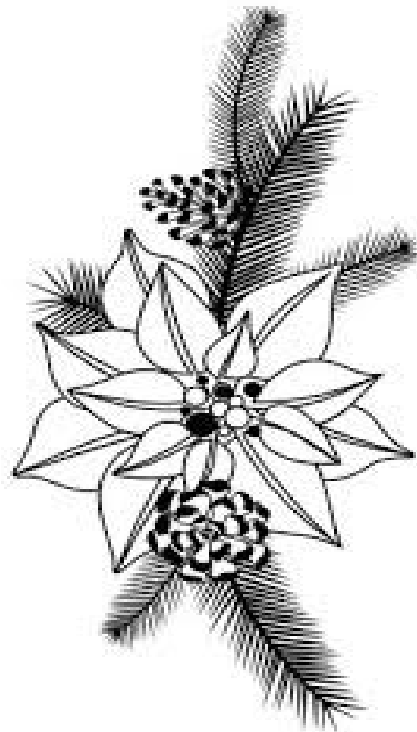
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James C. Watson  
Weikel & Stenson Families  
Charles & Mary Weikel  
Gwendolyn Westby  
Georgia White  
Marizela Woolums

#### **Y**

Father Arul Yagappan  
Larry & Eddie Young

#### **Z**

Eddie Zawisha



For unto us  

<sup>a</sup> child  
 is born,  
 to us  
 a son is given  
 Isaiah 9:6



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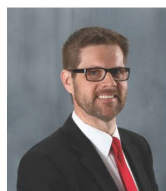
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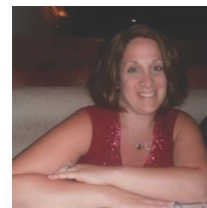
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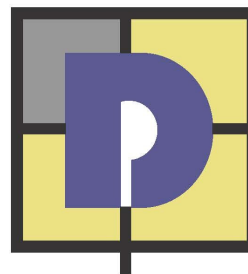
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