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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
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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



THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Poinsettias to help make our Altar beautiful!
And THANK YOU to The Holy Stitches, who decorated the Altar for this Christmas season!

SHARE TREE GIFTS

Thank You to everyone who brought gifts to share with the Good Shepherd and St. Isidro parish families in need.



Together, we donated **105** gifts to share the Gift of Christmas as a symbol of God's everlasting love for us in the ultimate Gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Emmanuel!

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am & 11:30 am
Holy Days 12:00 pm & 6:30 pm
First Saturday 8:00 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

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

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Fiscal Year July 2022– June 2023

Due to the printing company's bulletin deadline, the Offertory for Dec. 18th will be included in the January 1st bulletin.

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

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!



NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR ST ISIDRO/HALF-A-CAN

This is a once-a-month collection that helps pay the non-interest bearing mortgage payments for the land purchased by Good Shepherd for San Isidore's new church as part of our mission parish responsibilities. The money will also be used to defray the cost of needed maintenance for our Church. We ask each family to donate \$10.00 a month to this collection. **Please be generous.**

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 to the Parish.
May God bless you.**



SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will illuminate the Blessed Sacrament this week **For the People of Good Shepherd Parish.**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	5:00p	✠ For the Children of the Parish
	11:30a	People of Good Shepherd Parish
Sunday	10:30a	For All People to Come to Know Jesus
Monday		No Mass
Tuesday		No Mass
Wednesday		No Mass
Thursday	9:00a	✠ Kayleigh Allen
Friday	12:00p	For the Clergy of the Fayetteville Deanery
Saturday	5:00p	✠ Mini George
Sunday	8:30a	In Thanksgiving to God
	11:30a	People of Good Shepherd Parish

Christmas Week Schedule

Monday, Dec 26th—Wednesday, Dec 28th

No Mass

Thursday, Dec 29th

9a Mass

Friday, Dec 30th

12p Mass

Please note the Office will be closed Mon, Dec 26th—Fri, Dec 30th.

Father Arul, Parish Council, Finance Council and Staff wish all of you a Happy and Safe Holiday Season



Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God January 1

From the USCCB website:

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.



"Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (Lumen Gentium, no. 53)

This Week's Parish Activities

Saturday, December 24—Christmas Eve

- 3:30p—Children's Play/Choir Practice, Church
- 5:00p—Christmas Eve Vigil Children's Mass
- 11:30p—Christmas Midnight Mass

Sunday, December 25—Christmas Day

- 10:30a—Christmas Day Mass

Tuesday, December 27

- No Mass—Office Closed

Wednesday, December 28

- No Mass—Office Closed

Thursday, December 29

- 9a Mass**—Office Closed

Friday, December 30

- 12p Mass**—Office Closed

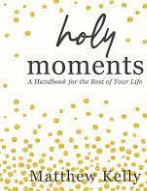
Saturday, December 31—New Years Eve

- 5:00p—Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 1—Mary, Holy Mother of God

- 8:30a—Mass
- No Faith Formation Classes—Christmas Break
- 11:30a—Mass

Please pick up a 2023 Calendar and a book, "Holy Moments" (one each per family please!)



...from the Welcome Table as a Christmas Gift from us to you!

And THANK YOU to the parishioners who donated these items!

First Friday Devotion in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Exposition and Eucharistic Adoration beginning after Mass at 12pm and concluding with Benediction at 9pm Friday night.

First Friday is January 6th

- Exposition
- Prayers to the Blessed Sacrament
- Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

We ask for two volunteers to sign up for each hour. **Sign up on the board next to the Welcome Table in the Gathering Area.**

First Saturday Devotion in reparation to God and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

We welcome you to join us for

First Saturday, January 7th

- Angelus & Mass at 8:00am
- Rosary after 8am Mass
- Confession at 4:00pm



ATTENTION ALL YOUTH

Make sure you don't miss First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, beginning at 7pm. Snacks and social time will follow in the Social Hall.



FROM THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

CHRISTMAS BREAK FOR CLASSES

The Catechists and all the participants and their parents will take a break for Christmas. Classes will resume on January 8, 2023, the Feast of the Epiphany— a time to party! A Blessed and Happy Christmas and New Year to all our wonderful families!

HOW MANY TYPES OF ROSARIES ARE THERE?

Denise Mercado, a former parishioner, has written an engaging history of the rosary that includes a meditation for each mystery. She has also included the different types of rosaries and their histories. A study of the book, **Mary's Life Journey & Her Amazing Yes**, will begin **Friday, Jan. 13 in Room 4, 10-11:30a and will continue for 6 weeks**. Participants will have an opportunity to learn about the history of the rosary as well as share their prayer reflections as they grow closer to the Blessed Mother together. The study will be facilitated by Jan Carnahan.

To purchase the book, go to www.denisemercado.com and scroll down to purchase on Amazon.

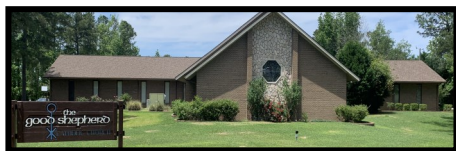
Please contact Camille Grupy at alcam116@embarqmail.com, or Jan Carnahan at gscddre@gmail.com or 910-425-5617, to register.

Registration Deadline is Wednesday, January 11, 2023

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN & YOUTH...

Who celebrated the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for the first time December 14th, 2022 at the Advent Penance Service. Those who experienced this wonderful Sacrament of Healing were:

Leanni Briaes	Joseph & Kassandra Capunitan
Elaina Cooper	Madelyn Flores
Everette Gwinnup	Colton Hubbard
Kean Irakoze	Raiden Manalili
Chidinma Nwoke	Kaelan Odenbaugh
Ely Pineda	Lydia Swartz
Tessa Woolums	



GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH CHURCH TOUR

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We are offering a Church Tour on **Sunday, January 8th at 10:00am. Invite a friend to join you!** We will meet in the Gathering Area.

Bible Study

will resume on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 from 10:30a-12:00p. We will be studying the Book of Deuteronomy. **Sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Table in the Gathering Area.**

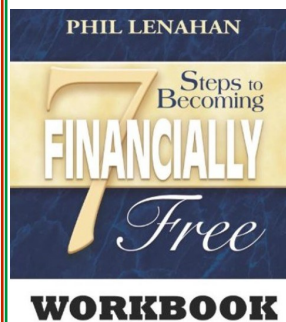


WANT SOME TIPS ON MONEY MANAGEMENT?

A six-week class using a Catholic guide to money management that will help participants achieve balance between faith and finances. The goal of the class is to deepen the relationship with the Lord, break free from the bondage of consumer debt and make a realistic faith-based plan for the future. **PARTICIPANTS WILL NOT** be expected to disclose personal financial information, as the course will focus on methods to manage one's finances using the workbook, **"7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free," by Phil Lenahan.**

The class, **WHICH IS LIMITED TO SIX (6) PARTICIPANTS** will meet **Sundays, 9:45-11:15a in Room 1.**

Class dates are: Jan 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb 5 & 12



Workbooks have been ordered & should arrive before start of class. Cost is \$12. Class Facilitator will be **Don Soucy**, who offered this class several years ago. Former participants enjoyed the format and skills they gained from the class, with one participant achieving freedom from debt!

Sign-up sheet is on Welcome Table in the Gathering Area. Contact Jan Carnahan for further info and to register: gscddre@gmail.com or 910-425-5617.

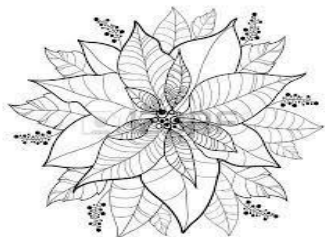


We want to wish our Parish Family a Very Merry Christmas from our entire family of Good Shepherd Parish Alter Servers

We want to take this time to **Thank You** for your support throughout the year!

Thank you to our very dedicated Parents and Family Members who are committed to bringing their Altar Servers to Trainings and to Mass to serve, and especially for being part of this Ministry!

Merry Christmas! ~ Dalton Wilms, Coordinator



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	Geralyn Downes	Marjie Hawkins	Joe & Eva Mooneyham	Bob Snavelly
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred	James Dunn	Enrique Hernandez	Dan & Nancy Moore	Waynette & Harold
Aberg	Mary Dunn	Nilda Hernandez	Mother of the Eucharist	Sosebee
Alfred Aberg	Elizabeth Durkot	Seferino & Linda	Praesidium	Frank Sparrow
Jude & PauliAnn	Helen Durkot	Hernandez	Mr & Mrs George	John Stanley
Annan	Michael Durkot	Gilroy Hewlett	Leslie Munch, Jr.	Eileen Stanley
Living & Deceased	Stephen Durkot	Deceased Members of	Mr & Mrs George	Johnny Stanley
Members of the Arnold	Dorothy Dzurik	the Horowitz Family	Leslie Munch, Sr.	Walter J. Start, Jr.
Family	Joanne Dzurik	Earl Hubbard	Andrew James Murray	Kathleen Steward
Father Arul	John S. Dzurik	Mac Hubbard	N	Henry J. Swartout
Cindy Autry	John S. Dzurik, Jr.	Members of the	Nic Nicol	I
B	Kaye Dzurik	Hughes Family	Auristella Nunez	Donald R. Taylor
Colletta Backus	Michael A. Dzurik	Winston & Daniel	Cristino & Lourdes	Roseanne Tomasko
Roger & Susie Bacon	E	Hughes	Nunez 43 rd Wedding	Jimmy & Hannah
Delores Baker	Josie Emmanuel	Joanne F. Humphries	Anniversary	Truong
Pauline & Leo	Angie & Varo Escalona	I	O	Scott Tyree
Balcerek	F	Mr & Mrs Gasper	Kaye O'Connor	V
Johnny P. Balidio	Beulah Faux	Ingrassia	Frank & Laya Olivares	Agnes Valenta
Cyenoveva D. Balidio	Jeanette Feminello	J	Max & Anita Olivares	Frank Valenta
William Ball	Meriche Feminello	Mary Jendrowski	Deceased Members of	Frankie Valenta
Archie & Mary Ellen	Gladys Fernandez	K	the O'Sullivan Family	Jim Valenta
Barringer	Leonard Foderaro, Jr.	Stanley & Adella	P	Maria Vaz
Deceased Members of	Maria Foderaro	Karalitis	Jose Pagan	W
the Barringer Family	Deceased Members of	Tom Keith	Janet, Brian, Sophie &	James C. Watson
Living & Deceased	the Fuller Family	Robert M. King	Anthony Pataky	Jasper & Fronnie
Members of the	James Bobby Fuller	Lavinia, Beulah &	Thomas D. Phillips	Walker
Bashore Family	Raymond & Alma	Arnold Knox	Robert & Ruth Pollard	Charles Weikel
Leta & Barry Bass	Fuller	George & Alice Koba	Pete Porreco	Deceased Aunts &
David Bazunu	G	Tom Kovasckitz	R	Uncles of the Weikel
Stephen Bell	Raymond, Errol &	L	Pat, Sue & Bob Raible	Family
Frederick Bell	Verna Gardiner	Jeff & Colleen	Gene Ramos	Mary Weikel
Bob & Martha Best	Helen & Edward	Linenberger	Deceased Members of	Becky & Scott Williams
Travis & Betty Jon	Gehringer	Rita Lopez	the Ramos Family	Helen & Carl Williams
Bunn	Deceased Members of	M	Michael Rausch	Y
Murell Byce	the Giblin Family	George Marchman	Dave & Marlene Riley	Stanley Youskites
C	John & Catherine	Suzanne Marchman	Lauren Ann Ritter	Z
Linda Cadena	Giblin	Vera Marchman	Doug Rockafellow	Bernice & Walter
Harold & Mary Carter	Bernadette Goff	Arlene McGrath	Deceased Members of	Zambrovitz
Margarita Catala	Edward Gonzalez	Kevin, Paul & Tim	Rodriguez Family	Eddie Zawisha
Martha Channel	Ines Gonzalez	McGrath	Jose A. Rodriguez	
Elma Chessman	Suzanne Gonzalez	Virginia McGrath	Arturo Rosas	
Mary Ann Colletti	Anna T. Glatz-Watson	Irene McLean	Rosa Rosas	
Denise Connors	Aaron Zachary Graybill	Mary McLean	S	
D	Cynthia & Dare	Dulcie McMillan	Samuel Salinas	
John & Margaret Daly	Graybill	Edwin & William	Teddy & Anette Schell	
Daryl & Pat Davenport	Deceased Aunts &	Menzies	Courtney Schilling	
Chris Dell	Uncles of the Graybill	Eglah & Arthur	Joe & Katie Scott	
Laura Dell	Family	Menzies	Living & Deceased	
Ray Dell	Bob Green	Stephanie Meyer	Members of the Scott	
Tommy Dell	Al Grupy	Jane Marie Weber	Family	
The Debresen Boys	H	Meyers	Leticia Seda	
John & Jackie	LeRoy & Betty Jean	Barbara & Missy	Sherri Ann Shedlock	
Debresen	Hall	Monroe	Billie Sheppard	
Robert Dennis	Living & Deceased	James & Therese	Eli Sheppard	
Deceased Members of	Members of the Hall	Monroe	Bernie & Jack Sipple	
the Diaz Family	Family	Mart Mooney	Deceased Members of	
The Doags Family	Lou Ann Hall	Mary Mooney	the Sipple Family	

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

“To us a child is born, to us a son is given.” (Is 9:6)

We give thanks to this Child. With this Greatest Gift given to humankind, we have knowledge of the depth of love God has for each one of us. As children of God, we are able to call him “Father”.

Through Christ, we are one family of brothers and sisters. In living the love of Christ, we are inspired to share the gifts we have received from our Eternal Father. The best gifts are those we cannot see or touch— Gifts borne of Divine Love placed into our hearts by the Holy Spirit— gifts of kindness, mercy, generosity, sacrifice and love.

May we experience a spiritual renewal and deeper conversion of our lives this new year, to become as trusting children of God. May we keep Christ in our hearts, so Christ will emanate from us into the world around us. This is how we make this world God’s Kingdom on earth.

“Jesus, you are the Child who makes me a child. You love me as I am, not as I imagine myself to be; this I know! In embracing you, the Child of the manger, I once more embrace my life. In welcoming you, the Bread of Life, I too desire to give my life. You, my Savior, teach me to Serve. You, who did not leave me alone, help me to comfort your brothers and sisters, for you know that, from this night forward, all are my brothers and sisters.”

(Pope Francis)

May the love, joy and peace brought to the world by the Christ-child remain in your hearts and homes this Christmas season and throughout the new year.

~ Father Arul and Good Shepherd 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 or PCS'ing? Please contact the Parish Office and let us know.

Christmas Baskets

The Knights of Columbus thanks everyone who contributed donations, and wishes everyone a joyous Christmas season and Happy New Year 2023!



Christmas 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Meditating on God's plan of salvation, I pondered how He carried it out and the means He used to do it. In His infinite wisdom, God does it through creation itself.

The most extraordinary thing about His plan is that God sought consent – the “yes” of Mary. His invitation to participate in the plan of salvation was manifested in the greeting and the call to become the Mother of God – He does not impose it; God awaits her “yes,” the free participation of Mary.

What a great lesson we find in meditating on those moments in the life of Mary! The Lord also invites us to participate in His plan of salvation and in His very Being. He awaits our “yes,” as He did with Mary.

That “yes” implies opening our hearts – our whole being – so that, fed with the Love of God, each of us may become managers of life, of true life, and the beneficiaries of the mercy of He who became Man to speak our language and make us partakers of His kingdom: Jesus!

May we experience the call to the Love of Jesus in our Christmas celebrations and, as we come together with family and friends, may we share what we receive: Life and Love – the true Life and True Love of Jesus.

May the Child Jesus transform and bring light to the manger that is our heart so that, by welcoming Him, we may welcome and Love our neighbor.

In the Love of Jesus,

+ Luis R. Zarama

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

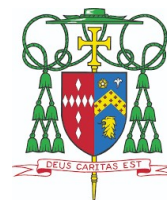
Good Shepherd Ministry Highlight Sacristans

As Bishop Zarama said, “*The sacristan provides invaluable help - through the proper preparation of the altar and of the church - so that the miracle of the Eucharist is celebrated in a proper and orderly manner. The sacristan is called to do “hidden” work, to tend to details that may hardly be noticed but are essential. He disappears from the scene and leaves the path wide-open for Jesus in the Eucharist, through the hands and voice of the priest, to be the center and life of the celebration. The sacristan claims no credit...We are called not to show off but, on the contrary, to disappear and allow Jesus to shine and radiate his life - his Love - through our works, through our lives.*”

<https://dioceseofraleigh.org/news/bishop-year-st-joseph>

Consider how **you** should respond to the call to Ministry as a Baptized Christian

If you are interested in finding out more about the responsibilities of a Sacristan and if you are called to this Ministry, please contact Sheila Franklin at 260-672-3687. She will arrange for Training to fit your schedule.





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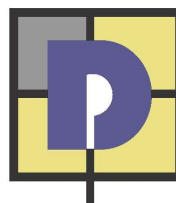
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