

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
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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



**Solemnity of
 Mary,
 Holy Mother of
 God**

**January 1
 Rosary 11:30am
 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)

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME | TALENT | TREASURE



Fiscal Year July 2023– June 2024

Offertory Received for December 17	\$3,742.00
Offertory needed for rest of fiscal year	\$208,716.00
2nd Collection Capital Improvements	\$9,171.00

Due to the printing company's bulletin submission deadline, the Offertory for Dec. 24th 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 and click on the Online Giving Button and follow the instructions.

EFT donations are reported monthly.



**The Baptism of
 the Lord**

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

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



SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will illuminate the Blessed Sacrament this week **In Loving Memory of Eloise Salinas**, given by **Maria Rosario and Barbara Chapman**.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	5:00p	† Jack & Bette Klemmer
Sunday	8:30a	Health of Virginia French
	11:30a	People of Good Shepherd Parish
Monday	12:00p	In Thanksgiving to God
Tuesday	9:00a	Health of Ray Fernandez
Wed.	6:30p	† Richard Stowe
Thurs	9:00a	Health of Anasia Cruz Godfrey
Friday	12:00p	† Leonard D. Scott

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer. Amen. (Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, 325)



This Week's Parish Schedule

Sunday, December 31 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:30a- Mass

No CCD Faith Formation and OCIA Sessions

11:30a- Mass

Monday, January 1 - **Mary, Holy Mother of God**

Office Closed

11:30p- Most Holy Rosary in Honor of Mary, Mother of God

12:00p- Mass

6:00p- Legion of Mary, Room 2

Tuesday, January 2 - **Sts. Basil and Gregory Nazianzen**

9:00a- Mass

Wednesday, January 3 - **Most Holy Face of Jesus**

5:30p- Holy Hour

5:30p- Confessions

6:30p- Mass

Thursday, January 4 - **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

9:00a- Mass

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

7:00p- Knights of Columbus, CAP Rm Social Hall

Friday, January 5 - **St. John Neumann First Friday**

12:00p- Mass/First Friday Prayers/Eucharistic Adoration all day

7:00p- Youth Group Eucharistic Adoration

7:30p- Youth Group Get-Together, Social Hall

9:00p - Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, January 6 - **St. Andre Bessette First Saturday**

Women of Charity New Year's Fundraiser Raffle Ticket

Sales after all Masses

9:00a- Mass/First Saturday Prayers & Rosary

9:30a- Refreshments in the Gathering Area

10:45a- Baptismal Preparation Class, Room 4

4:00p - Confessions

5:00p - Vigil Mass

After Mass- Women of Charity's New Year's Raffle Fundraiser, in the Gathering Area

Alliance of the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts

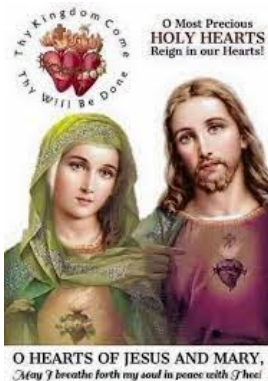
January 5—First Friday

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

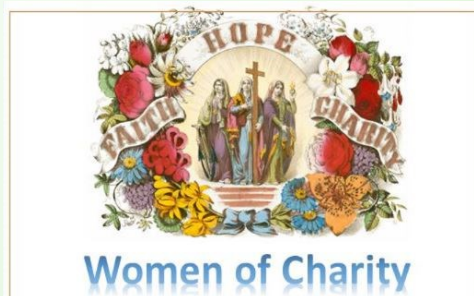


January 6—First Saturday

- 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



Women of Charity Annual Fundraiser



Please join The Women of Charity's "FUN" Fundraiser Raffle after each Mass the weekend of January 6-7th!



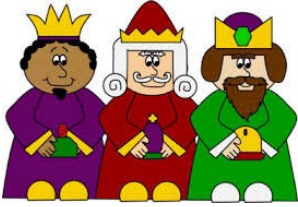
You will have a chance to buy Raffle Tickets and place them in the jars of items you want to win. Raffle Tickets will be pulled and prizes awarded after the 11:30am Mass on January 7th.

As always, thank you for your support!

FROM THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

CLASSES RESUME

next Sunday, January 7th. To help us celebrate **Epiphany**, the **Three Wise Men** will bring their gifts to the Christ Child and distribute the gifts from the Sharing Tree during classes. All children and youth that are registered for classes, **including those who are homeschooled**, are encouraged to attend.



ADULT FORMATION FOR JANUARY

All adults are cordially invited to attend the sessions offered by the OCIA in Room 2, 9:45-10:45am on Sundays (unless time/location otherwise are indicated):

Jan. 7—Epiphany: The Ten Commandments

Jan. 14—Church Tour: with Jan Carnahan (meet in church)

Jan 21—The Mass: Liturgy of the Word: with Judy Summers

Jan. 28—The Mass: Liturgy of the Eucharist: with Camille Grupy

CATHOLIC GUIDE TO FINANCIAL FREEDOM

Is your credit card stretched to the limit? Are you facing the cost of going to college? Do you have a budget but cannot seem to stick to it? If you would like some sound guidelines to managing your finances, come to the classes Don Soucy will offer on **January 21st and 28th, 1:00-2:15pm in the Gathering Area. Please sign the sheet on the Welcome Table in the Gathering Area, so we know how many attendees to expect.**



Sock-It-To-Me

IT'S TIME TO "SOCK-IT-TO-ME" AGAIN!

In conjunction with the emphasis on service to others for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, all parishioners are asked to participate in the **"Sock-It-To-Me"** service project. On January 21st, the **Youth Group** will begin to pack socks with personal care items, such as toothbrush, toothpaste, combs, deodorant, shampoo, soap, and place them in the boxes at the entrances to the church. Last year, we filled **53 pairs of socks** that were given to **Hope House**, here in Hope Mills. Let's see if we can beat that number this year!

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.

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)

