Good Shepherd Catholic Church

September 7 & 8, 2024



Mass Schedule:

Wednesday 9 am Confession 8:15 – 8:45 am Friday 9 am Confession 8:15 - 8:45 am Confession 4 pm Confession 3:00 – 3:45 pm Sunday 11 am

Livestream Mass on YouTube or Facebook at Good Shepherd Catholic Church McCormick

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Glory & Praise Book # 920



First Reading: Isaiah 35: 4-7a
Responsorial: Psalm 146: 6-10
Second Reading: James 2: 1-5
Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Welcome

We welcome all visitors and invite you to join us again for worship. Please sign our guest book and feel free to write your prayer intentions in our Community Book of Prayer. If you would like to help us with the support of our Church campus, please place an offering in the "Welcome" envelopes located on the back of the pews and drop it in the offertory basket.

Mission Statement

Good Shepherd Catholic Church is passionately committed to service, in accordance with the pastoral vision of the Diocese of Charleston, to being servants of God and good stewards of the Sacred Mysteries. We strive to be a holy and God-centered community growing in joyful righteousness and living without fear by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Empowered by the Spirit, we will help inspire, educate, and support our community and work for unity among the Churches.

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE FOR THE MOST HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday, Sept 7th 4 pm + Kris Adden requested by Don & Michele Raaen, + Fr. Jacek Szuster requested by Frank & Deb DeRoller, + Dylan Sterling requested

by P. E. Cannon Lector: Tom Popejoy EM of HC: Fabio Espinosa

Ushers: Ray DeShano & Chris Benedetto

Sunday, Sept 8th 11 am + Peter Lubas requested by Bob & Colleen Macdonald and Kait & Benedict Louis wedding annv. requested by Vince & Dorothy Ficocelli

Lector: Mary James EM of HC: Marie Ring

Ushers: Ken & Mary Jane Woodburn

Wednesday, Sept 11th 9 am + Robert & Doris Burger requested by Steve & Kathy Rotert and + of the deceased members of Domas/Wartchow families requested by Larry Domas

<u>Friday, Sept 13th 9 am + Paula Wrobel requested by Kathy Schmidt</u>

<u>Saturday, Sept 14th 4 pm</u> + Ed & Stella Dreslinski requested by Tom & Deb Popejoy and + Helen Balogh

requested by Mary Stirtzinger

Lector: Jackie Novak
EM of HC: Dave Lorenzatti

Ushers: Mark Boerner & Mark Leszczynski

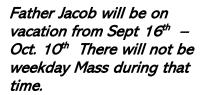
<u>Sunday, Sept 15th 11 am</u> + Tom Morgan requested by Joan Morgan and + Joseph Liquori Sr. requested by

Skip & Pat Tortorella
Lector: Carol McKloskey
EM of HC: Dave McKloskey
Altar Server: Archer Keneson

Ushers: William & Gretchen Keneson

UPCOMING EVENT

Sep 09	Bible Study 6:30 pm
Sep 11	Bible Study 9:30 am
Sep 11	Women's Club meeting
Sep 11	Men's club meeting 5:30 r



GRANDMOTHER MINISTRY





Pray for our Military Members

Sophie Augustine	Sean Avery
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Brianna & Stephen Balogh	Christopher R. Balogh
Sarah Balogh	Aaron T. Bird
David Bobier	Chris Brandon
Eric Brandon	Drew Chadwick
Ryan Chemelewski	Paul Cross
Nate Dreslinski	Jake Ivey
Connor Joyce	Ian Leszczynski
Cassie Newkirk	Noah Neuman
Kaylin Neuman	Stockton Obermeyer
Savanna Obermeyer	Aspen Quam
Daniel O'Donnell	Daniel & Brandi Stricker
Jonathon Taylor	Cody Tiller
Ashley Wulforst	Thomas Wulforst



& cheese, cereal, soup, regular grits, peanut butter and jelly or any other non-perishable items

that kids will eat or drink.

Please also consider toilet paper, cleaning products, cash and gift cards from Food Lion or the Dollar stores. Please drop

off your items in the Parish Life Center marked "Billie". Thank you for your generosity

The following items are needed for this ministry:



Pray for our Sick & Home Bound

Lana Kittenbrink, Bobby Passafaro, Paul Ruelle, John & Diane Scardace, Skip Tortorello, and Bud Webster.

....and those intentions written in our Community Book of Prayer. All requests must be cleared by the recipient or family if possible.



Weekend of August 31 & Sept 1, 2024

Offertory Budget Variance \$5,577.00 \$5,319.00 +\$258.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS. You can mail your contributions to Good Shepherd Church, P. O. Box 1468, McCormick, SC 29835



FOOD PANTRY

Items for this month are soups, tuna fish and canned meats. Please drop off items in the Parish Life Center marked "Food Pantry"

Low gluten hosts are available during Mass. Please proceed on the right side of the aisle to receive from Father Jacob.



Congratulations to Bob & Anita Passofaro celebrating 32 years of marriage!

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle B 2024

In today's gospel Jesus makes contact with a world that is alien of us, the world of the deaf. There are certain disabilities that can isolate a person, such as the inability to speak, to see or to hear as with the man in today's gospel. The intensity of the frustration and pain of a deaf person can be seen in the prayer of a deaf person. A portion of it reads: "O God, the trouble about being deaf is that most people find deaf folks a nuisance. They sympathize with people who are blind and lame, but they are irritated and annoyed with people who are deaf. And the result of this is that deaf people are apt to avoid company and get more and more shut in". This portion of prayer points out something about deaf people that few of us realize. When we can't hear lots of doors in the normal world slam shut. Turning on the radio is pointless. Watching television is bland and often boring. Conversing with someone next to is impossible. After a while people feel lonely and abandoned.

Addressing the chosen people who were suffering from their exile the Lord said through the prophet Isaiah, "Fear not, your Savior will come: At his coming the eyes of the blind will be opened, the ears of the deaf will be cleared, and the lame will leap like a stag." When the Savior came, he showed great concern for all those oppressed by poverty, infirmity, sickness, injustice, discrimination and many other kinds of hardships.

God's preference for those who are poor according to this world is seen clearly in today's Gospel. Jesus comes face to face with a deaf man who has a speech impediment. The man is doubly afflicted: he is a Gentile, hence regarded by orthodox Jews as unclean, and is also physically handicapped. Jesus takes him aside, away from the crowd, and cures his deafness and his stutter. Thus, the messianic prophecy of Isaiah heard in the first reading is seen to be fulfilled: the ears of the deaf are unsealed and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy.

Out of His infinite passion Jesus' love is available to everyone, without any presuppositions or any conditions. In His presence no one has to conceal his handicap, no one has to remain isolated in a wordless world, no one has to be rejected because of his difference. Jesus' acceptance and love open up new possibilities; for him, nothing is settled. Prejudice, on the other hand, tries to settle everything.

The crisis of the oppressed have not yet ceased even after the coming of the Savior into our world. We live in a world where people are oppressed by injustice, selfishness, discrimination, violence, sickness and with people who are externally and internally blind, deaf and dumb, sharing partially the weakness of the world. In Matthew's gospel we read, "You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see."

We need the gift of sight or insight, to look beneath the surface to see in each individual a fellow creature with fear and hopes, a human being in need of redemption and a person ignored by others but deeply loved by Christ. We need the gift of hearing not just to hear but to listen. Beneath so many people's complaints or insults or bravado is a person wanting to be heard or valued. We need the gift of speech, the ability to speak the truth, the truth about sanctity of life, sacredness of human body, justice, about Jesus Christ, about his church and our church.

People may shrink back under indifference, are wounded by prejudices and are hurt when they are rejected. It is always good to remember that whoever we meet in our life, God has loved them first. So let us be challenged by the words of wisdom: "Our first task in approaching another people, another culture and another religion is to take off our shoes, for the place we are approaching is holy. Else we may find ourselves treading on another's dream. More serious still, we may forget that God was there before our arrival."

We are called to see those people to whom society is blind, to listen to those people society disregards, to speak with those people society ignores such as emotionally troubled, those burdened by disabilities, those to whom the events of life have not been kind. Today's gospel story reminds us that Jesus can heal not only that deaf man back then but ourselves as well.



September 8th **is the Feast of the Birth of Mary** The Catholic Church celebrates today the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of September 8, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne. The circumstances of the Virgin Mary's infancy and early life are not directly recorded in the Bible, but other documents and traditions describing the circumstances of her birth are cited by some of the earliest

Christian writers from the first centuries of the Church. These accounts, although not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, outline some of the Church's traditional beliefs about the birth of Mary. The "Protoevangelium of James," which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness. "He called to mind Abraham," the early Christian writing says, "that in the last day God gave him a son Isaac." Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves extensively and rigorously to prayer and fasting, initially wondering whether their inability to conceive a child might signify God's displeasure with them.

As it turned out, however, the couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah, as an angel revealed to Anne when he appeared to her and prophesied that all generations would honor their future child: "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth, and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world." After Mary's birth, according to the Protoevangelium of James, Anne "made a sanctuary" in the infant girl's room, and "allowed nothing common or unclean" on account of the special holiness of the child. The same writing records that when she was one year old, her father "made a great feast, and invited the priests, and the scribes, and the elders, and all the people of Israel." "And Joachim brought the child to the priests," the account continues, "and they blessed her, saying: 'O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations' . . . And he brought her to the chief priests, and they blessed her, saying: 'O God most high, look upon this child, and bless her with the utmost blessing, which shall be forever." The protoevangelium goes on to describe how Mary's parents, along with the temple priests, subsequently decided that she would be offered to God as a consecrated Virgin for the rest of her life and enter a chaste marriage with the carpenter Joseph. Saint Augustine described the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary as an event of cosmic and historic significance, and an appropriate prelude to the birth of Jesus Christ. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley," he said. The fourth-century bishop, whose theology profoundly shaped the Western Church's understanding of sin and human nature, affirmed that "through her birth, the nature inherited from our first parents is changed."



WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Welcome aboard the SS Good Shepherd!

Captain - Jackie (Merrill Stubing) Novak, Cruise Director - Marie (Julie McCoy) Ring, Bursar - Mary Jane (Gopher) Woodburn



and Physician Cathy (Dr. Adam Bricker) Quinn have planned an event-filled afternoon of activities for the **September 11**th meeting. The Main Dining Room Staff - the ever so *Lovely Luncheon Ladies* - are preparing a delicious lunch featuring a "Taco Bar"!

Next, we'll do a little business followed by our great big TRIVIA! The Trivia theme is "I've Got a Secret. "And we need YOUR secrets! What kind of secret? you may ask. You can go back as far as you want and for some of us that could be far. For example -My mom & dad owned a corner tavern in Chicago and from when I was 8 until I was 15 my night light was a blinking neon "D & L Liquors" sign. OR Did you win a blue ribbon at a county fair? Did you tap dance at a mall for a holiday show? Did you win a gold medal for skiing? Dig deep and email Marie (Julie McCoy) Ring at mmring1966@gmail.com no later than Friday 9/6 with your RSVP and your secret.

We hope everyone will "dress" for the Sail away Party. Suggested attire to suit our theme follows regular cruise ship theme nights.

Formal Nights - no explanation needed, *White* Nights - all white attire or mostly white **Hawaiian/Island** Nights - florals, leis, sandals, *Mexican* Nights - dig out that sombrero that you have stashed in a closet **Scarlet** Night - not exactly my color, but I know several of you who can own it I can't wait to welcome you aboard on Wednesday, 9/11.



(Yes, we will have a brief memorial remembering the day.)

Captain Merrill Stubing aka Jackie

The 2024 Catholic Appeal of South Carolina has entered the final four months of the campaign, and your gift will help make it a success. The latest report from the Diocese shows cash and pledges from Good Shepherd families totaling \$21,487, exceeding our goal by 24 percent or \$4,189. Half of the amount over our goal will be returned to the parish to use for our priorities. There is still time to donate by mail in the envelope that came from the Diocese, or you can place it or an envelope available in the Narthex in a collection basket at Mass. Credit card donations are accepted online at www.charlestondiocese.org/donate. Your contribution to the Appeal will support many diocesan programs that help people across all of South Carolina. Thanks, again, for your generosity.

Dave Lorenzatti, Good Shepherd CASC Coordinator







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FOR MORE INFORMATION: 864.227.9393



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World famous Men's Club
Pancake Breakfast will be on
Sunday, September 15th from 9 –
12:30 pm. Come and enjoy the
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and \$4.00 for children under 12
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