

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

March 8 & 9, 2025



Mass Schedule:

Wednesday 9 am

Friday 9 am

Saturday 4 pm

Sunday 11 am

Confession 8:15 – 8:45 am

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Confession 3:00 – 3:45 pm

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

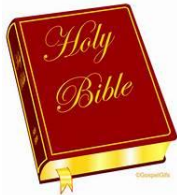
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT **Glory & Praise Book Cycle C 810**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

Responsorial: Psalm 91: 1-2,10 - 15

Second Reading: Romans 10: 8-13

Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13



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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Parish Office Hours: Tues-Fri 9 am-Noon

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Mar 8th 4 pm + Alex Schissler requested by Ed Schissler & Ray Stoddard and + Verna Vigland requested by Ted & Linda Hansen

Lector : Jerry Wishall

EM of HC: Karen Boerner

Ushers: Karen Faaborg and Linda Bumber

Sunday, Mar 9th 11 am + Peter John Benedetto requested by Peter & Chris Benedetto and deceased members of Good Shepherd's Men's Club

Lector: David McKloskey

EM of HC: Carol McKloskey

Ushers: Pat Ouellette & Mark Leszczynski

Wednesday, Mar 12th 9 am + Wayne Thalasinis requested by Gary & Dae Probst
4 pm Mass followed by Feed Your Body session

Friday, Mar 14th 9 am + George & Linda Victori requested by Alfred & Sharon Victori

Saturday, March 15th 4 pm Special Intention requested by Pat Kuech

Lector: Jerry Wishall

EM of HC: Bernadette Tarrant

Ushers: Gary & Dae Probst

Sunday, March 16th 11 am + Gene D. Pascale requested by Castle Family

Lector: Jenny Walker

EM of HC: Pat Stickdorn

Ushers: Rick & Marie Ring

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 10	Joyful Journey 3 pm
Mar 12	4 pm Mass Feed Your Body
Mar 12	Women's Club noon
Mar 12	Men's Club 5:30 pm
Mar 14	Fish Fry Men's Club
Mar 24	Bishop visit Mass 5 pm
Mar 28	Fish Fry Men's Club



Pray for our Military Members

Sophie Augustine	Sean Avery
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	Declan Pemberton
Aspen Quam	Timothy Shively
Daniel O'Donnell	Daniel & Brandi Stricker
Jonathon Taylor	Cody Tiller
Ashley Wulforst	Thomas Wulforst



Pray for our Sick & Home Bound

Dick Balogh, Raymond Crist IV, Matthew Dill, Frank DeRoller, Lana Kittenbrink, Howard Milhoan, Bobby Passafaro, Paul Ruelle, John & Diane Scardace, Mary Stirtzinger, Skip Tortorello, and Bud Webster

....and those intentions written in our Community Book of Prayer. The recipient or family must clear all requests if possible.

Collection Report

Weekend of March 1 & 2, 2025

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$7,499.00	\$5,319.00	+\$2,180.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS.
You can mail your contributions to Good Shepherd Church, P. O. Box 1468, McCormick, SC 2983

GRANDMOTHER MINISTRY

The following items are needed for this ministry: fruit cups, canned or microwave spaghetti, mac



& 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 Life Center marked "Billie". Thank you for your generosity.

FOOD PANTRY



Items for this month are toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap and deodorant. Please drop off items in the Life Center marked Food Pantry.



LET'S BE TOGETHER.

Catholic Appeal Update

In addition to prayer and fasting, almsgiving is one of the three pillars of Lent. So, keep that in mind if you are still considering your gift to the 2025 Catholic Appeal of South Carolina. When you decide, fill out the donor card place it in the envelope, both which came from the Diocese, and return it to the Diocese, or drop the envelope in a collection basket at Mass. You also have the option of donating online at www.charlestondiocese.org/donate. Good Shepherd's goal this year is \$20,081 and, if we exceed the goal, half of the excess will be returned to the parish for our use. Please support the Appeal that serves many people in need across all of South Carolina. Thanks for making a difference.

Dave Lorenzatti, Catholic Appeal Coordinator



Please prayerfully consider joining us at 3:30 pm before the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday and 10:30 am on Sunday prior to the 11 am Mass, to recite the Rosary. The Holy Rosary is an enormous source of grace and spiritual protection, and one of the most powerful sacramentals of the Catholic Church. Sister Lucia dos Santos, one of the children to whom Our Lady appeared at Fatima, once said: **“There is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...that cannot be solved by the Rosary.”** You can also volunteer to lead the Rosary. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.



**FEED YOUR BODY, FEED YOUR SOUL LENTEN PROGRAM- Has Started
PERSONAL PRAYER SERIES
SIX VIDEOS BY FR. BONIFACE HICKS, O.S.B.**

Prayer is at the heart of the Christian life. Given that we are weak and even sinful human beings, how can it be that God has anything to do with us? What does it mean to have a personal relationship with God? Why is God so silent and hidden? How do we grow in prayer? *Personal Prayer: A Guide for Receiving the Father's Love* brings the depth of human experience together with the Catholic tradition of prayer to present the path to an intimate and vulnerable relationship with God. Fr. Boniface Hicks, O.S.B., a Benedictine monk of Saint Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, PA. Since his ordination to the priesthood in 2004, he has provided spiritual direction for many men and women, including married couples, seminarians, consecrated religious, and priests-even as he completed his Doctorate in computer science at Penn State University. He is the programming manger and an on-air contributor for We Are One Body Catholic radio, and he has recorded thousands of radio programs on theology and the spiritual life. He has extensive experience as a retreat master for laity, consecrated religious, and priests. Mass at 4pm followed by a light meal of soup, bread, and cookies.

The next sessions will be on **March 12th March 19th March 26th April 2nd April 9th** DVD presentation is 22 minutes followed by a period of discussion.

First Sunday of Lent Cycle C

At the heart of the Old Testament there is great story of liberation; how God intervened to free his people from slavery. The story of exodus is freedom from oppression and the beginning of their journey to the Promised Land. And in today's first reading we heard how people always kept that good memory alive.

Their new freedom meant new pain and they had to face a new problem – the wilderness. They thought the security in the bondage is better than the insecurity in freedom. For the price of freedom was wilderness. During their 40 years in the desert the people were tested. They were hungry and thirsty. They complained against Moses and wondered if God would pay attention. The Promised Land seemed to be far away, and their hunger was here and now. They were told there was a purpose in their hunger: "To teach you that man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God".

It is against that background of Israel's testing in the desert that the story in today's gospel is told. Jesus is the new Israel; he has spent 40 days in the wilderness; Jesus was supposed to serve the Lord, God with his whole heart, with his whole soul and with his whole might. When he preaches Jesus sets great store by the undivided heart: "Do not set your hearts on things to eat and drink.... Set your heart first in the kingdom of God and these will be given as well."

Jesus is tempted to that he can serve without pain. He knows that loving God means exemption from harm. Finally, Jesus is tested about his attitude to power and wealth. Jesus' whole life says no to power and authority. The desert itself put him to the test. A desert gives you nothing to eat, it makes you utterly powerless, and it seems totally indifferent to your fate.

The three temptations of Jesus correspond to these facts about deserts. He felt hungry and He saw there only stones; secondly Jesus felt powerlessness and tempted to have power; thirdly the uncaring desert made Him to think God will send "His angels care for you". All these mean that the devil will try to enter the human world through human weakness.

A scholar says that Luke is thinking also of the Church when he describes this episode in the desert. The trials of Jesus are prolonged in His body the Church. It is the Church that is now in the desert, tempted by the devil. It is tempted to power; it is tempted to be only the material provider, and it is tempted to be only a show.

At an individual level we can all look around us and investigate our temptations. They will be related to our own time and place, to the things nearest us, to our hunger, ambitions and fears. The temptations of Jesus were not temptations to evil, but to limited kind of goodness – some kind of short term, self-defeating goodness.

We can say a lot about the theology of the temptation of Jesus. In our temptations whatever be it, only the grace of our Lord Jesus can help us. Paul, the great theologian, shares his experience from his own life with us. I prayed three times to the Lord that that thorn may go from his flesh. But the Lord said, "My grace is enough for you."

As we proceed through our Lenten journey let us pray to the Lord to help us always in our temptations with his grace.

MARCH 19th IS FEAST DAY OF ST. JOSEPH



The Church encourages us to be devoted to Joseph because he was a model in the heroic practice of all the virtues. The example of virtuous living that he gave in the exact fulfillment of the duties of his state of life is worthy of our reflection. Read the gospel and you will see his faith, hope and charity practiced under trying circumstances. He was prudent in caring for his wife and the child; he showed great leadership in protecting them and assisting them. He was religious in every sense, with that delicacy and sincerity of conscience that is proper to the saints of God. He was just in his dealings with God and man. He was conspicuous for his fortitude and courage. He was truly outstanding in the practice of virginal chastity. Moreover: he *protected* and *defended* Mary's virtue in the time of courtship and all during their life together. They had made a promise of chastity, and because they were resolved to live it for God they were blessed above all others. While Mary *inspired* him to practice this virtue perfectly, he, as a real man, understood the profound meaning of her inspiration and how it came from a heart that was steeped in the love of God. Time and again the Church has made it clear that Joseph is not a saint for only a certain number of souls, but that he can help *all* men.

Excerpted from *St. Joseph: a Theological Introduction* by Michael D. Griffin, O.C.D.

This prayer is among the earliest prayers to St. Joseph, (from around 50 AD) and one of the best known:

Oh St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

Oh St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

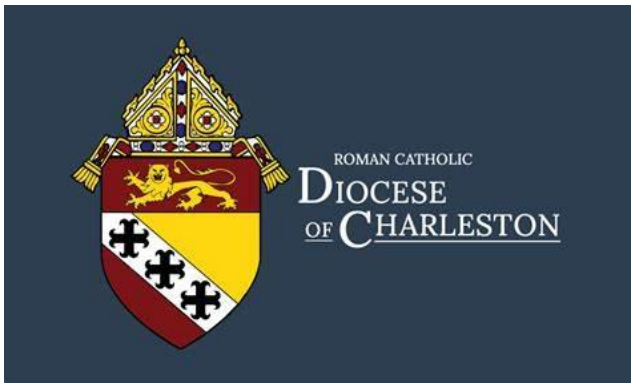
Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen



SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION.
PLEASE BE GENEROUS.



We are pleased to welcome new parishioners David & Deborah Abrams.



As the new Bishop of the Charleston area, Bishop Jacques Fabre-Juene will be visiting all parishes in the South Carolina area.

His planned visit to Good Shepherd and Sacred Heart will be on Monday, March 24th. He will begin his day with Mass at Sacred Heart and arrive at Good Shepherd in the afternoon. The

agenda for his visit will include meetings with the Finance Council Chairperson and the Parish Council Chairperson followed by presentations from the coordinators of most of our ministries. Then at 5 pm the Bishop will say Mass. If you would like to sit in at the presentations of the ministries, you are welcome to do so and then stay for Mass. We ask that all parishioners try to attend the 5 pm Mass with the Bishop and welcome him to our parish. The timing of the presentations should take place around 3:00 pm in the Life Center.

Bible Study scheduled for March 24th will be cancelled and rescheduled.



Good Shepherd Men's Club will be holding its first Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 14th at 5:00 pm. Tickets for the menu of deep-fried fish, french fries, cole slaw, and cookies will be available after Mass this weekend for the price of \$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children 12 and under.



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