



o Good Shepherd Catholic Church February 8 & 9, 2025

Mass Schedule:

Wednesday 9 am

Friday 9 am

Saturday 4 pm

Sunday 11 am

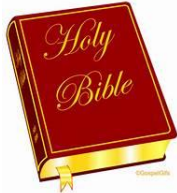
Confession 8:15 – 8:45 am

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Confession 3:00 – 3:45 pm

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Glory & Praise Book Cycle C 867



First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Responsorial: Psalm 138:1-8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

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, Feb. 8th 4 pm + Maureen Lorenzatti requested by Dave Lorenzatti

Lector : Tom Popejoy

EM of HC: Ginny Vose

Ushers: Barb Zust & Carol Holben

Sunday, Feb. 9th 11 am + deceased members of Good Shepherd's Men's Club requested by Men's Club and Paula Wrobel requested by Schmidt family

Lector: Elizabeth Ficocelli

EM of H: Mark Ficocelli

Ushers: Rick & Marie Ring

Wednesday, Feb. 12th 9 am + Bernard Weners requested by Bob & Ginny Vose and Special Int. for Ronnie & Vicki Murray requested by Pat Murray

Friday Feb. 14th 9 am + Edward & Stella Dreslinski requested by Tom & Deb Popejoy

Saturday, Feb 15th 4 pm +Phil Stirtzinger requested by Stirtzinger family and Special Int requested by Pat Murray

Lector: Linda DeShano

EM of HC: Ginny Vose

Ushers: Ray DeShano & Ray Corley

Sunday, Feb 16th 11 am Norbert Wrobel requested by Schmidt Family

Lector: Carol McKloskey

EM of HC: Dave McKloskey

Ushers: Lee & Pat Stickdorn

UPCOMING EVENT

Feb 10	Joyful Journey 3 pm
Feb 12	Men's & Women's Club meeting
Feb 19	Parish Dinner River Grille
Feb 23	Pancake Breakfast
Feb 27	Funeral Mass for Jim Cieri



Pray for our Military Members

Sophie Augustine
Brianna & Stephen Balogh
Sarah Balogh
David Bobier
Eric Brandon
Ryan Chemelewski
Nate Dreslinski
Connor Joyce
Cassie Newkirk
Kaylin Neuman
Savanna Obermeyer
Aspen Quam
Daniel & Brandi Stricker
Cody Tiller
Thomas Wulforst

Sean Avery
Christopher R. Balogh
Aaron T. Bird
Chris Brandon
Drew Chadwick
Paul Cross
Jake Ivey
Ian Leszczynski
Noah Neuman
Stockton Obermeyer
Declan Pemberton
Daniel O'Donnell
Jonathon Taylor
Ashley Wulforst



Pray for our Sick & Home Bound

Dave Cook, Raymond Crist IV, Matthew Dill,
Frank DeRoller, Lana Kittenbrink, Howard Milhoan,
Bobby Passafaro, Paul Ruelle, John & Diane Scardace,
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 February 1 & 2, 2025

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$5,130. 00	\$5,319.00.....	- \$189.00

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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 of South Carolina
pledge envelopes are in the Narthex
For your convenience.



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.



In the Catholic faith, the home is seen as a sacred space where God's presence can be felt and nurtured. To create an environment that promotes faith, peace, and protection, many Catholics choose to have their homes blessed. The Catholic house blessing is a beautiful and meaningful ritual that seeks God's blessings and protection for the household and all who dwell within it.

If you would like to have your home blessed by Father Jacob, please either call or email the office to set up a date.



Southeastern Women’s Retreat ARISE!

Dates: April 26-27, 2025 (**Deadline to Register is March 21**)

Location: Heritage Retreat Center
979 Locust Grove Rd, SE, Crawfordville, GA 30631

Cost: \$260 per person for Overnight Guests
\$125 Saturday Only (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Includes Lunch)

Check-In: 8:00-9:00 a.m. Saturday

Check-Out (Overnight Guests): Following 11:30 a.m. Mass Sunday

Contact: Sarah Hanks, Director @ sewomensretreat@gmail.com

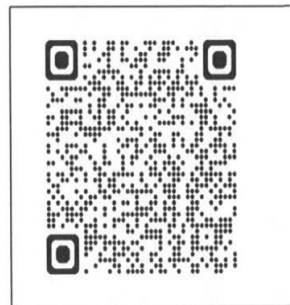
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Speaker: Fr. Ambrose Criste, O.Praem, Norbertine canon regular from St. Michael’s Abbey in Orange County, California. He finished his priestly studies in Rome with pontifical degrees from The Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (the Angelicum) and the Pontifical Gregorian University. Fr. Criste currently resides at Corpus Christi Priory in Springfield, IL, and is the Director of the Evermode Institute, a new program of catechetical formation.

Themes: Mercy, Forgiveness and Healing

Where is your greatest struggle? In her diary, St. Faustina encounters the Lord in prayer speaking of our earthly struggle and His words resonate for us today. “Fear not, because you are not alone. I am always supporting you, so lean on Me...” As “Pilgrims of Hope” in the Jubilee Year 2025, Pope Francis asks us to discover the unlimited nature of God’s mercy, which knows no bounds. In our time on retreat, Fr. Ambrose Criste will bring us to a deeper understanding of the great “vessel of trust” that we have in the Sacrament of Healing (Confession), and how we can experience more of God’s abundant gifts of mercy, healing, and forgiveness. It is here you will rest secure in a “hope that does not disappoint.” Come join with others from across the dioceses of Atlanta, Savannah, Charleston and Charlotte and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Heritage. This area is unique in that it encompasses the region where the first Catholic settlers arrived in GA. The abundant trails and prayer gardens on the property provide a unique opportunity to restore, relax, and reset. Our weekend will include Holy Mass Saturday and Sunday, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and time for personal prayer and reflection.



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle C

The central theme of today's reading is divine call and human response. Three different types of people Isaiah, Paul and Peter had different spiritual or God experiences in different situations. In the first reading, we are in the Jerusalem temple, a place of high ritual and sacrifice, filled with incense and sacred light. In the temple Isaiah had a powerful vision, he realizes that not only the temple, but all world is filled with God's glory. The earth is filled with His glory. God is not a God of the temple but a God of history, God of kingdoms, God of power. For the next half century, Isaiah is sent to speak God's word to rulers and kings. For the rest of his life, Isaiah will show God at work not just in individual lives but in events of world history. He will speak out not only about personal morality but also about public morality in Israel's national and international affairs. God is present not just in the soul but in world affairs.

In the second reading Paul remembers the experience of God that he had different from Isaiah's, on a highway to Damascus. On that dusty road his life changed. He became, of all things, an apostle of Jesus Christ. He experienced forgiveness, redemption, mission and it was all free. There was nothing he had done to deserve it. It was a gift, grace. "By God's grace, I am what I am." Paul would never forget that. And he told the Ephesians, Galatians, Romans, Corinthians, Philippians, everyone he met, about the gift, the grace of redemption. We don't earn it. It is a gift. We can be cleansed and made whole not by our own effort but only by the grace of Christ's Cross and Resurrection. And it's all a gift, a gift, a gift. This is the truth that St. Paul carried in his life.

Peter had a different experience in the miraculous catch of fish. Jesus tells Peter to go out into deep water and catch some fish. Peter did not think much of that because they had been fishing all night and caught nothing. But he did what Jesus said and caught two boatloads of fish. Instead of pulling up an empty net, Peter and Andrew found the net was filled to bursting point, and they had to ask for the help of their partners, Zebedee's sons James and John, to help them bring in the catch. Simon Peter understood the message very quickly. Confronted by the size of the catch, he recognized the presence of God before him and became convinced of his own sinfulness. Peter saw in that miracle the glory of Jesus.

They had "worked hard all night and caught nothing." But at the next moment the boat was so full of fish that they were in danger of sinking. It's a spectacular contrast between emptiness and fullness. As usual, these opposites are not enemies. There is some sense in which we must be empty if we want to receive. What freedom would be ours if we could sit down sometimes with our emptiness (maybe empty feelings, especially) and see it, not as something to be avoided at all costs, but as a purification and a clearing of space for something new to be born. What happened in all these three people is the same. The presence of the Lord emptied them and filled them at once. The process of emptying is the beginning of wisdom and holiness.

We found the same response in all three readings today. Isaiah, seeing the glory of God in his vision, says, "*What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips... and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.*" Paul, not particularly known for his modesty, says, "*I am the least of the apostles... I hardly deserve the name apostle.*" Peter begs Jesus to go away -- "*Leave me Lord. I am a sinful man.*"—Their confessions mark a turning point in their life and becomes the model for our response to Jesus. They recognized the presence of God near them and became convinced of their sinfulness and weakness. The awareness of one's sinfulness or weakness is one of the many signs of holiness. As people come near to God, they feel they are nothing before the Lord. We see the same response in the above-mentioned three great saints. Paul as he was near to his death wrote to Titus "Jesus Christ came to the world to save sinners. I am the worse among them." God chooses the weak and makes them strong. Paul says, "When I am weak then I am strong." Once Paul thought that he is strong enough to destroy the Christians. His experience with Christ changed him or convinced him that he is weak and powerless before Jesus. Later, God was his strength, Jesus was his power.

PARISH DINNER GATHERING AT RIVER GRILLE



Time is running out to make your reservation for the Parish Dinner at the River Grille on **February 19th**. The evenings menu will begin with Chicken Noodle Soup to warm you followed by your choice of either slow roasted Pork Loin in a Cognac Au Poivre Sauce (a classic French creamy pepper sauce, typically made with coarsely cracked black peppercorns, shallots, butter & of course Cognac) or you can choose to enjoy Spinach & Cheese Risotto made with Mascarpone cheese, lemon zest, spinach and balsamic drizzle. Both dishes are accompanied by green bean almondine and roasted red bliss potatoes. Dessert is a chocolate Coca Cola cake.

The cost is a member charge of \$27.00 + tax and tip for the roast Pork or \$22.00 + tax and tip for Risotto All beverages other than water are also member charge.

RSVP to Jackie Novak at jackienovak17@gmail.com **no later than February 11th** with your desired entrée. We need a minimum of 40 parishioners to participate.



Are you ready for some pancakes? Men's Club will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 23rd in the Parish Life Center from 9 am – 1 pm. All you can eat, regular or blueberry pancakes, sausage, peaches, coffee and orange juice all for \$8.00/adult and \$5.00/children.

Women's Club meeting is on Wednesday, February 12th
Gathering at 12: with lunch at 12:30 pm Please RSVP to
Marie Ring at mmring1966@gmail.com

Men's Club meeting is on Wednesday, February 12th at 5:30 pm in the Parish Life Center.



February 11th – Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Each year, millions of people make their way through the mountainous country of southeastern France to Lourdes. They come seeking cures, hoping to find answers, believing and praying.

She is venerated under this title by the Roman Catholic Church due to her apparitions that occurred in Lourdes, France. The first apparition of 11 February 1858, of which Bernadette Soubirous (age 14) told her mother that a "Lady" spoke to her in the cave of Massabielle (1.5 kilometers (0.93 mi) from the town) while she was gathering firewood with her sister and a friend.^[1] Similar apparitions of the "Lady" were reported on 18 occasions that year, until the climax revelation in which she introduced herself as: "the Immaculate Conception".^[2] On 18 January 1862, the local Bishop of Tarbes Bertrand-Sévère Laurence endorsed the veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Lourdes.

On 1 February 1876, Pope Pius IX officially granted a decree of canonical coronation to the image as *Notre-Dame du Saint Rosaire*. The coronation was performed by Cardinal Pier Francesco Meglia at the courtyard of what is now part of the Rosary Basilica on 3 July 1876.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR JIM CIERI

Parishioner, James Francis Cieri, 89, died Monday, February 3, 2025, at Emerald Gardens of Greenwood.

A Funeral Mass will be held at Good Shepherd on Thursday, February 27th at 11:00 am A light reception will follow the Mass.

World Marriage Day, February 9th

Father will bless all married couples this weekend during Mass.

There are no perfect husbands and no perfect wives. But if you keep believing in each other, there will be plenty of perfect moments in your marriage.





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