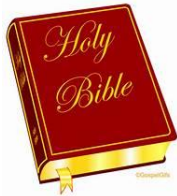


Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Palm Sunday April 12 & 13, 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

PALM SUNDAY Glory & Praise Book Cycle C 823

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7

Responsorial: Psalm 22: 8-9, 17-18 19-20, 23-24

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel: Luke 22: 14-23:56

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, April 12th 4 pm + Cliff Inman requested by Jan Inman and + Raymond Crist IV requested by John & Ivette Crist

Lector: Bernadette Tarrant

EM of HC: Ginny Vose

Ushers: Barb Zust & Carol Holben

Palm Sunday, April 13th 11 am + Norbert Wrobel requested by the Schmidt Family

Lector: Dave McKloskey

EM of HC: Carol McKloskey

Ushers: Rick & Marie Ring

Wednesday, April 16th 9 am Good Shepherd Parishioners requested by the Schmidt Family

Holy Thursday, April 17th 6 pm Mass with Eucharistic Adoration until 8:30 pm

Lector: Steve LaPonte

EM of HC: Carol LaPonte

Ushers: Mark Boerner & Mark Leszczynski

Good Friday, April 18th 9 am stations of the Cross 3 pm Lord's Passion & Veneration

Lector: Jerry Wishall

Ushers: Lee & Pat Stickdorn

Saturday, April 19th 9 am Blessing of Easter Baskets 8:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass (no 4 pm Mass)

Lector: Dick Obermeyer

EM of HC: Pat Kuech

Ushers: Mark Boerner & Ray DeShano

Easter Sunday, April 20th 11 am + Charlie Wrobel requested by the Schmidt Family

Lector: Mark Ficocelli

EM of HC: Elizabeth Ficocelli

Ushers: Bill & Judy Bowyer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 14	Joyful Journey prayer group 3 pm
Apr 20	Easter Sunday
Apr 27	Divine Mercy Sunday 3pm
Apr 27	Pancake Breakfast
Apr 30	Parish Dinner
May 03	Spring Bake Sale at Cotton Gin
May 03	WC Kentucky Derby Party
May 03	Shredding day McCormick
May 11	Mother's Day /First Communion
	May Crowning
May 18	Pancake Breakfast



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, Matthew Dill, Frank DeRoller, Lana Kittenbrink, Howard Milhoan, Bobby Passafaro, Paul Ruelle, John & Diane Scardace, Larry Slater, Mary Stirtzinger, Mike Thompson, 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 April 4 & 5, 2025

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$4,265.00	\$5,319.00	- \$1,054.00

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.



LET'S BE TOGETHER.

Catholic Appeal Update

Good Shepherd parishioners, once again, are playing an important role as the Diocese strives to reach its 2025 goal of \$5,000,000 to fund critical ministries and programs throughout all of South Carolina. The Diocesan financial report for the 2024 fiscal year states that the Catholic Appeal will also help support the evangelizing efforts of the Church and the expansion of Catholic education across the state. Because of your generosity, Good Shepherd's cash contributions and pledges have reached more than 70% of our goal. You can make a one-time gift or pledge using the donor card that came from the Diocese and mailing it in the self-addressed envelope or placing the envelope in an offertory basket at Mass. You can also donate using the diocesan website at www.charlestandiocese.org/donate. Thank you for your outstanding support
Dave Lorenzatti, Catholic Appeal Coordinator



There will be a 2nd collection the weekend of April 26 & 27 for Catholic Home Missions Appeal



The Sacred Heart Women's Group will be hosting a community yard sale in the hall from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 3. Tables for sellers are \$10 each. If interested in renting a table, please contact Christine Schott by email at schott@erskine.edu or by phone at [\(703\) 402-9975](tel:7034029975). There are only 7 tables available, so first come, first served! Parishioners can also donate items to the Sacred Heart table, whose proceeds will benefit the Women's Group. Set-up for sellers will be 5-7 p.m. on Friday, May 2.

Good Shepherd Benevolent Bake Sale – Saturday, May 3rd at the Cotton Gin from 10 am to 4 pm



We need bakers to donate baked goods for this fundraising event that will benefit many charitable organizations. Bake goods MUST be packaged by the baker, ready for sale, and clearly labeled with contents. See through boxes, plastic containers or bags and plastic wrap tightly secured are all acceptable. Please DO NOT use tins or any containers that are not see through, or items that need refrigeration. We suggest that cookies be packaged by the dozen. Drop your baked goods at the Parish Life Center on Friday, May 2nd between 9 am and 2 pm. If you are not a baker, monetary contributions are always welcome. Questions? – contact Debby Dill at 612-387-9804 or email debby.dill@yahoo.com or Ginny Vose at 617-584-6900 or email at bobginvose@yahoo.com



Men's Club Pancake Breakfast scheduled for Sunday, April 27th 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.

Bags of Opportunity Purse Drive

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OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults
Welcome New Catechumens

This year, we have 3 catechumens being accepted into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 19th at Good Shepherd Church. We are pleased to have them join the Catholic faith.



Ms. Frances Aycock, is from Lincoln County and was inspired by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and their devotion to the sick, in her first job at St. Joseph Hospital in Augusta, Georgia. Her cousin married a Catholic and she always admired his character and the way he conducted himself. Frances was Baptist and it disappointed her as she watched her Church move away from the rituals of her faith. After retiring, she started to research more about the Catholic faith and decided to inquire about classes. The closest Catholic Church to her was Good Shepherd. She was seeking more information and decided to attend OCIA classes last September, which has led her to conversion to the Catholic faithful this Easter.



Tommy Southerland was born and raised Baptist. He has 2 children, a son and a daughter. Tommy was inspired to join the Catholic faith after his wife passed away and he met and married a Catholic woman at Sacred Heart in Abbeville. He feels at home there and appreciates the friendly attitude everyone displays.



Landyn Stoltzfus, 22, is also a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church in Abbeville. He joins the Catholic Church this year with great joy after a long personal journey of research into the early church, and the Catholic Church as a whole. After a year of discernment between the Orthodox and the Catholic faiths, Landyn says, “the Holy Spirit guided me towards the traditions of the Catholic Church and the truth it holds. I am thankful for the warm welcome I have received and the encouragement in my journey towards confirmation within the Church.”



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 12 & 13	PALM SUNDAY	4 pm Saturday/ 11 am Mass Sunday
APRIL 17	HOLY THURSDAY	6 pm Mass washing of feet followed by Eucharistic Adoration till 8:30 pm
APRIL 18	GOOD FRIDAY	9 am Stations of the Cross 3 pm Passion of the Lord and Veneration of the Cross
APRIL 19 APRIL 19	HOLY SATURDAY –	9 am Blessing of the Easter Baskets 8:30 pm Easter Vigil
APRIL 20	EASTER SUNDAY	11 am Sunday Mass.



Palm Sunday is a significant day in the Catholic tradition, marking **Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem** before his crucifixion. It is observed on the Sunday before Easter and is also known as **Passion Sunday**. During this event, the crowds welcomed Jesus by waving **palm branches** and laying them in his path, shouting "Hosanna". This day serves as a prelude to the events of Holy Week, leading to the commemoration of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. The observance of Palm Sunday reflects both joy and somberness, as it transitions from celebration to the narrative of Christ's passion.



What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

The Promise

Divine Mercy Sunday may be the greatest day of the year because of the immeasurable amount of grace Jesus promised to pour forth on this day. In the private revelation accepted publicly by the Church, Jesus made a specific promise to Saint Faustina about Divine Mercy Sunday: “On that day . . . The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.” (*Diary*, 699)

Conditions

Christ wanted to draw our attention to the immense importance of these two sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion. So much so, that Christ’s promise amounts to offering the graces of a complete pardon, or essentially a second baptism!

Jesus reiterated these conditions and the promise of a complete pardon at least two other times to her. (*Diary*, 300 & 1109) The “oceans of grace” available to us on Divine Mercy Sunday can make us anew and give us a fresh start again. We simply have to make a good Confession (such as the Saturday before) and stay in a state of grace up to receiving Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday or the vigil Mass. Jesus requested we also do works of mercy whether deed, word, or prayer.

Opposition

But the devotion was not always so. Initially, the Vatican had received erroneous and confusing translations of Sister Faustina’s *Diary*, and in 1959, censured the devotion and banned her writing. The ban would last 20 years, seemingly fulfilling a prophetic writing in the *Diary* that her work would “be as though utterly undone.”

In 1965, Karol Wojtyla, the Archbishop of Krakow at the time, commissioned one of Poland’s leading theologians, Fr. Ignacy Rozycki, to prepare a critical analysis of the *Diary*. Then, on April 15, 1978, after receiving Fr. Rozycki’s analysis and a better translation of the *Diary*, the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith lifted the ban.



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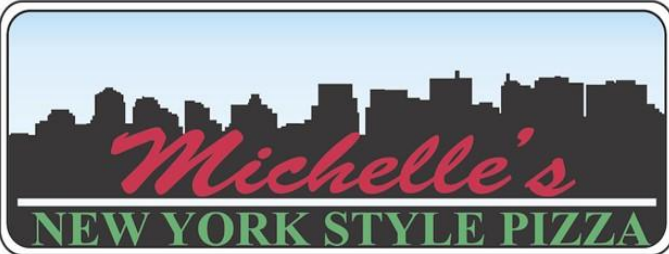
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