

# Good Shepherd Catholic Church

**December 7 & 8, 2024**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**



## 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

## Second Sunday in Advent Glory & Praise Book Cycle C #786



First Reading:

Baruch 5: 1-9

Responsorial:

Psalm 126: 1-6

Second Reading:

Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11

Gospel:

Luke 3: 1-6

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 4 pm + Wally Zust requested by Barb Zust, Rod Wurst requested by Wurst Family and Stella Dreslinski requested by the Tom & Debbie Popejoy**

**Lector: Bernadette Tarrant**

**EM of HC Pat Kuech**

**Ushers: Karen Faaborg & Linda Bumber**

**Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 11 am + All Souls in Purgatory requested by Mary James & Nita Loper and Shirley Milhoan requested by Carrie Phillips and Howard Milhoan**

**Lector: Mary James**

**EM of HC :Rick Ring**

**Ushers: Pat Ouellette & Mark Leszczynski**

**Monday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 9 am Immaculate Conception HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATIONS**

**Wednesday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 9 am Missa Pro Popula**

**Friday Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> First Friday 9 am + Stella Dreslinski requested by Tom & Debbie Popejoy**

**Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 4 pm + Phil Stirtzinger requested by the Stirtzinger family**

**Lector :Tom Popejoy**

**EM of HC : Karen Boerner**

**Ushers: Barb Zust & Carol Holben**

**Sunday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 11 am + Leota Hennenfent requested by Jolyne Castle**

**Lector :Blake Arias**

**EM of HC : Dave McKloskey**

**Ushers: Rick & Mari Ring**

## 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**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 09 Immaculate Conception of Mary  
Mass 9 am **Holy Day.**  
Dec 11 Women's Club 12:30 pm  
Dec 11 Men's Club 5:30 pm  
Dec 13 Fish Fry



### 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, Lana Kittenbrink, Bobby Passafaro, Paul Ruelle, John & Diane Scardace, Skip Tortorello, Bob Vose, Bud Webster and Linda Wyland.

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

### Collection Report

Weekend of Nov 30 & Dec 1, 2024

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$7108.00	\$5,319.00	\$1789.00

**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 soups, tuna fish and canned meats  
Please drop off items in the Life Center marked Food Pantry"



Hearing assistance devices are available for use during Mass.  
The devices are on the ledge by the choir area in a basket.

Please return after using



**Second Collection, December 15<sup>th</sup> for Church in Africa.**



SAVE THE DATE JANUARY 17, 2025

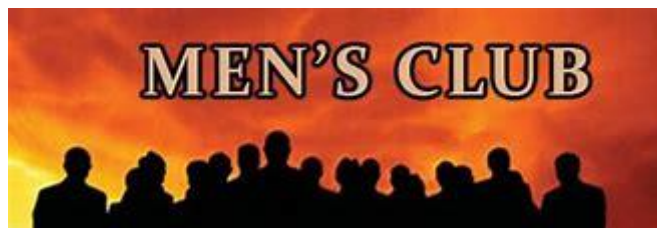
Women's Club Fundraiser Sit down  
Spaghetti & Meatball dinner.



A warm Thank You to all who worked on making the Benevolent Bake Sale a huge success. Especially those who baked all those wonderful goodies. We will have a final total in next weekend's bulletin.



Women's Club Christmas Luncheon is Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm in the Parish Life Center.



Men's Club will meet on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Parish Life Center.

## Second Sunday of Advent C

On this second Sunday of Advent, as we look forward to Christmas, all the readings ring with joyous anticipations. They all invite us to imagine the best and then act accordingly. In the first reading the prophet asks the people to change their wardrobe – to throw away the dress of sorrow and distress and wrap of god’s integrity around them. We will soon see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God. The psalmist asks the people to imagine a time when they will no longer be in bondage sowing in tears but will return full of joy carrying the harvest of goods. St. Paul’s letter to the Philippians is filled with promise: “I am confident of this, that the One who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.” Finally, John the Baptist, in the gospel story is travelling around the Jordan district announcing to everyone the day to come when “all mankind shall see the salvation of God.”

So we are supposed to be happy and full of hope. But how is it possible? The world is in terrible shape. Every day brings news of more terror, death and destruction. In the shadow of today’s headlines, these messages sound hollow. But look more closely at these comforting words. When Baruch writes, Jerusalem has fallen, and people have been carried off into exile. Paul writes from prison. Luke’s gospel heightens this paradoxical affirmation of hope despite almost impossible odds. As John the Baptist announces Jesus’ coming, Tiberius is emperor, Herod is tetrarch, Annas and Caiaphas are high priests. These men are the mighty and dangerous, the important and powerful people in the world. And who is against them? A desert preacher and an obscure carpenter from a town up north: Could odds have been any worse?

Yet, look what has happened? The centuries have seen the rise and fall of great nations. The Caesars are gone; so are the procurators and tetrarchs and high priests and they have left no marks. Who has survived? What word has lasted? Whose voice endures?

We cannot make light of dangers and disasters that affect us today. But we must not let them defeat us either. But the fact is that there is joy in being Christian or who we are. This joy has its spring deep down in me; “God who is leading Israel in joy” does so “by the power of his Glory” which is Jesus Christ. During this Advent season we read how joy came to Mary and John the Baptist. When God entered into their life, they became joyful. Mary says, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in the Lord, my Savior. John the Baptist jumped with joy in the womb of his mother as Mary greeted Elizabeth.

That joy of salvation comes from a light that shines in darkness, and it comes from our God, the Word made flesh in the person of Jesus Christ. With the Psalmist we can say, “The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy.” It is not the joy of the lighthearted or carefree but the joy that comes from unshakable hope. That light within me can remove the fear of darkness which surrounds me, will wrap me in the cloak of justice, offer me the

peace of justice, fill me with the fruits of righteousness and always says to me “all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

Today’s readings give us a few features that can help us to have that joy in our lives. In the first reading Baruch writes, “Jerusalem! Look to the east and see your children gathered from east and west, rejoicing that they are remembered by God.” It is a time to return to God. This is a great season for the sacrament of penance, the fresh start that comes to us from Christ. Advent is a chance for us to return to a deeper relationship with Christ which refreshes our joy.

The gospel reading describes a second feature of Advent, the desert, that place apart from the politics, the intrigue and disputes that surround us all year long. That means there should be some time to spend with the Lord in prayer. It is “the water that irrigates everything that we do.” This prayer will help us “to make ready the way of the Lord and clear him a straight path” (Lk. 3:4).

Finally, Advent is a time of Gospel light. The lights and colors of the season can remind us to look after the beauty and light of our soul and the quality of our spiritual life. The emphasis on giving gifts can remind us that the power of a gift is not in its cost but the spirit, the care and the friendship it represents.

To conclude our mutual giving should bring our joy into our life and our families together with Jesus who emptied himself on the Christmas day. If we can make one step forward in this line we will have more joy in our lives. This involves the presence of the Lord, unselfish love, giving and forgiving which is unconditional. This brings the joy of Christmas in our families and in our lives. Let us begin with our family and make it a place of joy.

Fr. Jacob Joseph

## First Reconciliation at Good Shepherd on December 14!

We are very excited to announce that three of our young parish family are prepared and ready to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, December 14th. Please keep Lydia Keneson, Catherine Slawiak, and Ave Wilkey in your prayers as they journey in their relationship with the Lord to become the “best version of themselves.” Also, pray for their parents who have been diligent in raising their children in the faith and are the best of teachers.

December 9<sup>th</sup> Feast Day 9 am Mass

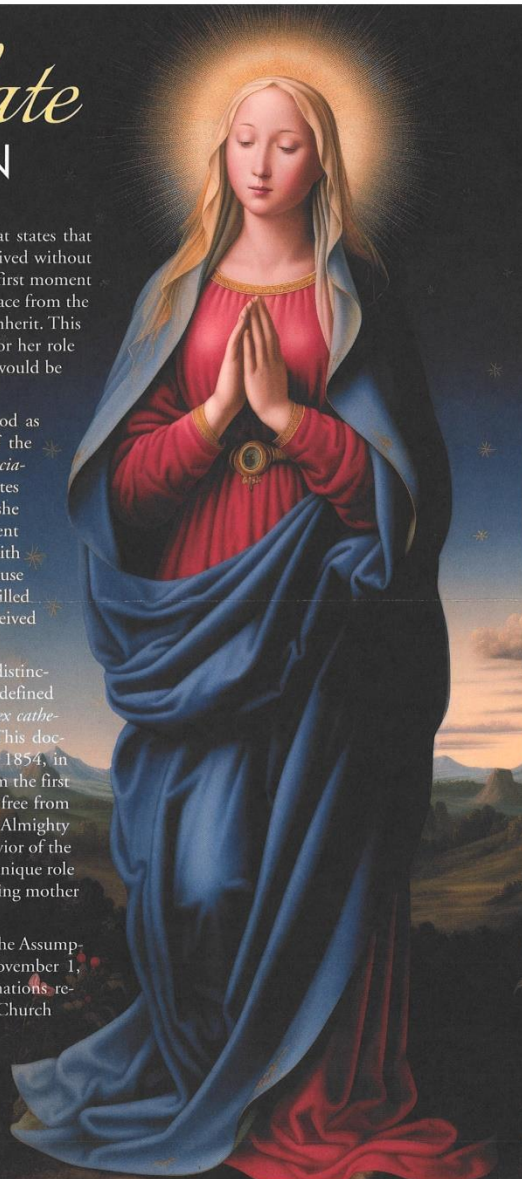
### *Immaculate* CONCEPTION

The Immaculate Conception is the doctrine that states that the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus, was conceived without original sin. This belief holds that from the very first moment of her existence, Mary was preserved by God's grace from the stain of original sin that all other human beings inherit. This special grace was given to Mary in preparation for her role as the mother of Jesus Christ, ensuring that she would be a pure and holy vessel for his birth.

This doctrine has sometimes been misunderstood as the conception of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit in the feast we know as the *Annunciation*. Instead, the Immaculate Conception celebrates the special gift of God's grace to Mary because she was to be the mother of Jesus, God's chosen agent to bring about our salvation. We hail Mary in faith and prayer because she is “full of grace” and because “the Lord is with her.” In other words, Mary was filled with God's life well before the Messiah was conceived in her womb.

The Immaculate Conception holds the unique distinction of being one of only two dogmas formally defined by the Pope's full teaching authority, known as *ex cathedra*, rather than through ecumenical councils. This doctrine, defined by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1854, in the papal bull *Ineffabilis Deus*, proclaims that from the first moment of her conception, Mary was preserved free from original sin by a singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race. This definition emphasized Mary's unique role and her pure and sinless nature, making her a fitting mother for the Son of God.

The only other dogma defined in this manner is the Assumption of Mary, declared by Pope Pius XII on November 1, 1950, in *Munificentissimus Deus*. These proclamations reflect the deep Marian devotion in the Catholic Church and underscore the Pope's infallibility in defining doctrines of faith and morals. The Immaculate Conception's *ex cathedra* definition exemplifies the Pope's role in guiding Church doctrine and the enduring significance of Marian beliefs.





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