



# Good Shepherd Catholic Church

## First Sunday of Advent

**November 29 & 30, 2025**

### Mass Schedule:

Wednesday 9 am

Friday 9 am

Saturday 4 pm

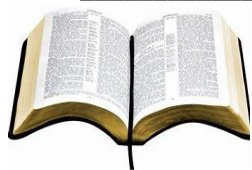
Sunday 11 am

Confession 8:15 – 8:45 am

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Confession 3:00 – 3:45 pm

Glory & Praise Book Cycle A 783



First Reading:

1 Isaiah 2: 1-5

Responsorial:

Psalms 122: 1-9

Second Reading:

Romans 13: 11-14

Gospel:

Matthew 24: 37-44

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

### 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, Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 4 pm + Collette McGivern**  
**requested by Joan Morgan and + Judy Korbas**  
**requested by Stirtzinger Family.**

**Sunday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 11 am + Matthew Castle**  
**requested by the Castle Family and + Skip**  
**Tortorello requested by Pat Tortorello.**

**Wednesday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 am + Suzanne Rochon**

**Friday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 9 am + Paula Wrobel requested**  
**by the Schmidt Family.**

**Saturday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 4 pm + Tom Morgan, and**  
**special intention of Kyle Morgan requested by**  
**Joan Morgan, + Phil Stirtzinger requested by**  
**Stirtzinger Family**

**Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 11 am + Leota Hennenfent**  
**requested by the Castle Family and + deceased**  
**members of Good Shepherd's Men's Club**  
**requested by the Men's Club**

**Monday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 9 am Immaculate Conception**  
**+ Marion Probst requested by Gary & Dae Probst**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**Let us rejoice in the Lord's peace, let us live honorably**  
**As we await his return.**

### UPCOMING EVENT

Dec 05	First Friday Mass 9 am
Dec. 08	Feast of Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation
Dec 10	Women's Club Christmas Luncheon
Dec 10	Men's Club Meeting
Dec 11	Parish Council Meeting 10 am



### Pray for our Military Members

Sophie Augustine	Sean Avery
Brianna & Stephen Balogh	Christopher R. Balogh
Sarah Balogh	Aaron T. Bird
Andrew Brandon	Eric Brandon
Drew Chadwick	Ryan Chemelewski
Paul Cross	Nate Dreslinski
Jake Ivey	Connor Joyce
Ian Leszczynski	Michael Mathews
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

John Atwell, Don Durham, Charlie Falls, Lana Kittenbrink, Bobby Passafaro, John & Diane Scardace, Lee Stickdorn, Bud Webster, and Dave Williams.

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

### Collection Report

Weekend of November 22 & 23 ,2025

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$5813.00	\$6,031.00	- \$218.00
<b>THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS.</b>		
<b>You can mail your contributions to Good Shepherd</b>		
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/jelly or any non perishable items that you know kids will enjoy. Please also consider toilet paper, cleaning products, cash and/or gift cards from Food Lion or the Dollar stores. Put your items in a bag labeled "Billie" and drop them off in the Life Center. Thank you for your continued generosity and supprt. Billie Tarnosky 864 391 8640.



McCormick Food Pantry Items needed; canned tuna, salmon or chicken – 7-12 oz only. Regular sized box of cereal, crackers, mac & cheese, rice, pasta. Toilet tissue, individually wrapped, bars of soap. Please drop off your items in the parish life center.



**On December 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.**

**There will be a Parish Council Meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. The first ½ hour will be open to parishioners.**



The **Women's Club** is looking forward to a merry & festive luncheon on December 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have not gotten your ticket, we are sad to say that the event is **SOLD OUT**. Doors will open at 11:30 am and the Christmas lunch will be served at 12:30. This will be a time of enjoyment and good times as we begin this Christmas Season.

### **Novena to St. Andrew**

Advent always begins on the Sunday closest to November 30<sup>th</sup>, the feast day of [St. Andrew the Apostle](#). Is this just a nice coincidence, or is there deeper significance?

There is indeed a deeper significance. St. Andrew was the very first disciple called by Our Lord—that is why, in the Orthodox tradition, he is known by the name Πρωτόκλητος, which means "First-Called." Andrew is the one who convinced his brother, Simon, to become Jesus' disciple. "We have found the Messiah!" Andrew said to him. Now we know Simon as Peter, the first pope. In keeping with his role as "the first-called," the feast of St. Andrew is found at the beginning of our new liturgical year.

There are many popular traditions associated with St. Andrew's feast day, especially in those countries that have him as their patron saint: Scotland and Russia.

But the most popular St. Andrew's feast day tradition is for everyone. This tradition is a Christmas novena that begins on St. Andrew's feast day. It is believed that whoever recites this prayer 15 times a day from the feast of St. Andrew until Christmas will obtain what is asked.

### **CHRISTMAS NOVENA**

**Hail, and blessed be the hour and the moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother, Amen**



# GOOD SHEPHERD BENEVOLENT BAKE SALE



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
At the Dorn Mill Festival of Trees

Our biggest fundraiser of the year  
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Meg's House  
Hospice Care of the Piedmont

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Backpack Ministry  
McCormick County First Steps  
Crossroads Pregnancy Center  
Good Shepherd Angel Tree

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All baked goods MUST be packaged by the baker, ready for sale and clearly labeled with the contents. See through boxes, plastic containers or zip lock bags, and plastic wrap tightly secured are all acceptable forms of packaging. Please DO NOT use tins or any container that does not allow the customer to view the contents. Also, no items that need to be refrigerated. We suggest that cookies be packaged by the dozen, ½ dozen or individually.

BAKE GOOD SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE PARISH LIFE CENTER ON  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> BETWEEN 9 AM – 4 PM.

Volunteers are needed on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> to help with pricing and shift workers are needed to sell product during Friday and Saturday hours.

Please contact Debby Dill at [debbydill@yahoo.com](mailto:debbydill@yahoo.com) or 612-387-9804  
In lieu of baking, you can make a monetary donation.

## First Sunday in Advent Cycle A 2025

Today we begin the season of Advent, a time of expectation and hope when we look forward to celebrating the birth of Christ. In our culture, Advent has developed a split personality as a time of light and of shadow. On one hand, Advent is a season of dazzling secular light and it is also a time of spiritual quieting as we are called to look within. Our culture says, "Get busy" and the church says "Quiet down" to prepare for Christmas.

The Prophet Isaiah speaks about the dream of God about this world which is to be perfectly fulfilled. According to his description, a day will come, when "all nations will stream towards the house of the Lord", and "all will take instructions from the Lord and walk in his path". His instructions will be on justice, and his path will be love. Above all, in his reign, "one nation will not raise sword against another.... Peace will reign, everlasting peace, never to be broken to pieces.

Will this happen? If yes, when will it happen? But most of the time what we see and hear in the world is doom as the gospel says, "When two men are at work, one will be taken, and the other will be left".

God inaugurated his reign in and through the first coming of Jesus and it is already in the world. Advent is the time to get into reign of God for us. Paul gives us the means to get into the reign of God, "Cast off the deeds of darkness and put the armor of light". It is good time to take on the personal practice of fast and abstinence during Advent. It is a good time to prepare a thorough confession to renew ourselves in grace. It is a good time to start the family practice of gathered prayer at least before dinner. It is a good time to revive old friendships, restore broken connections and heal family rifts (or try to). It is a good time to make sure we spend time with our families. It is a good time to liberate ourselves from temptations. It is a good time to open our hearts to the light of Christ to come to our lives. The transforming power of Christmas mystery is found not in the changes that happen on the outside but changes that happen within.

The four readings remind us that the world is a place where God is very active. It is a dangerous world, but one in which safety can be found by those who open themselves to God's grace. Christ came among us to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart. One of the longings is for peace – peace among nations, peace in our families and peace in ourselves. Some of that peace seems far away. When Isaiah speaks of nations beating their sword into plowshares, it sounds like wishful thinking. But that is what hope is all about, the refusal to give into despair. A wise man once observed that people who suffer from sorrow or depression are often unable to imagine a world different from the one in which they find themselves. Advent and Christmas remind us that by the grace of God we can have a better world, a better family and a better self. God has joined us in the struggle to make it happen. This is another chance to cast off the deeds of darkness and experience once more a light that lasts.

We are between two times: between the first coming of Jesus and His second coming on the last day. We remember the first; we wait for the second. We wait and hope for the coming of the Lord with power and live with Him here who came in human form and weakness. In His first coming the world was very busy and he didn't get a place to be born. The situation has not changed even now. We want him to be born now. But where? Is it in our family or in our heart? Our heart and family are full – with anxieties, worries of sickness and old age, family problems, human weaknesses... St. Paul says, "Cast off the deeds of darkness and put the armor of light." We try and it seems to be impossible. Can we give a small place in our busy heart of family to the Lord to be born. In his first coming at least he got a manger. If we can spare a small, unimportant place, he will begin to work from there. That will be a new beginning. It is as the prophet Isaiah said, "he instructs us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths."



## **Save the Date Announcement!!**

### **Good Shepherd & Sacred Heart “HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE”**

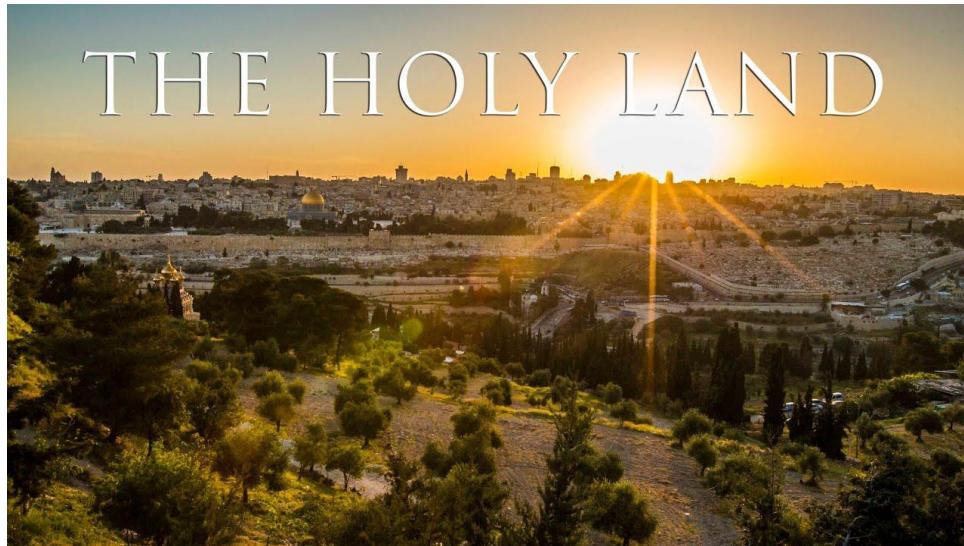
**January 24, 2027 – February 2, 2027**

To walk in the places where Jesus walked is not something that can be described...it needs to be experienced. Join our pilgrimage to the land known as the 5th Gospel. Here you will experience sites such as Caesarea Maritima, Mt. Carmel, Cana, Nazareth to visit the Basilica of the Annunciation. Walk along the shores of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus began His ministry, sit on the Mount of Beatitudes where the Sermon on the Mount was given. Renew your baptismal promises at the Jordan River where tradition holds that Our Lord was baptized. Come out of the desert and journey to the 'City on a Hill', Jerusalem. Here we walk the Passion of Jesus, see the place where He wept over the city and so much more. All travel arrangements for this pilgrimage are being coordinated by Journey of Faith Tours, experienced in taking catholic pilgrims around the world for many dioceses.

**[www.JourneyofFaithTours.com](http://www.JourneyofFaithTours.com)**

Complete details of the trip will be available in early 2026! Father Jacob Joseph will be with us. Mass will be celebrated daily at many of these sites.

**Please email Deacon Jeff & Maureen DeFrehn. We need to know if you have an interest in this pilgrimage. [jdefrehn@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:jdefrehn@charlestdiocese.org)**





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