

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

May 4 & 5, 2024



Mass Schedule:

Wednesday	9 am	Confession	8:15 – 8:45 am
Friday	9 am	Confession	8:15 - 8:45 am
Saturday	4 pm	Confession	3:00 – 3:45 pm
Sunday	11 am		

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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

Glory & Praise Book #839



First Reading:

Acts of THE Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Responsorial:

Psalm 98; 1, 2-3, 3-4

Second Reading:

1 John 4: 7-10

Gospel:

John 15: 9-17

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

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE FOR THE MOST HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday, May 4th 4 pm - + Agnes Lamers requested by Barb Zust and + Kris Adden requested by Susan & Don Anderson

Lector: Jerry Wishall

EM of HC: Bernadette Tarrant

Ushers: Mark Boerner & Barb Zust

Sunday, May 5th 11 am – Souls in Purgatory requested by Mary James & Nita Loper

Lector: Pat Stickdorn

EM of HC: Lee Stickdorn

Ushers/Greeters: William & Gretchen Keneson

Wednesday, May 8th 9 am Special Intention for Kyle Morgan requested by Joan Morgan

Friday, May 10th 9 am + Patty DeFabio requested by Vince & Dorothy Ficocelli

Saturday, May 11th 4 pm +Phil Stritzinger requested by the Stritzinger family and John Kuech requested by Pat Kuech.

Lector: Jackie Novak

EM of HC: Dave Lorenzatti

Ushers: Jerry & Barb Wishall

Sunday, May 12th 11 am + Kris Adden requested by Good Shepherd Women's Club and John Kuech requested by Pat Kuech.

Lector: Elizabeth Ficocelli

EM of HC: Mark Ficocelli

Ushers:

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 06 Blood Drive 12-5
May 08 Men's club 5:30 pm
May 08 Women Club 11:30 am
May 13 Joyful Journey 3 pm Stations of the Light



Pray for our Military Members

Sean Avery	Brianna & Stephen Balogh
Christopher R. Balogh	Sarah Balogh
Aaron T. Bird	David Bobier
Chris 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	Aspen Quam
Daniel O'Donnell	Daniel Stricker
Brandi Stricker	Jonathon Taylor
Cody Tiller	Ashley Wulforst
Thomas Wulforst	

"The Institution of the Eucharist is found in the four Gospels and other books of the Bible: Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, John 6 and 1 Corinthians 11

Thank you, Lord, for the miracles through which you give us this all-encompassing gift and for the miracles you accomplish in us when we receive you, as you "fill us with every heavenly blessing and grace". CCC#1402



Pray for our Sick & Home Bound

Helen Balogh, Karen Boerner, Joyce & Ken Chemelewski, Judy Chemelewski, , Ericka Hinners, Lana Kittenbrink, Dick Obermeyer, Bobby Passofaro, John & Diane Scardace, Skip Tortorello, and Bud Webster.

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



Red Cross Blood Drive May 6

Good Shepherd and the Upstate Red Cross Chapter will conduct a blood drive in the Parish Life Center on Mon., May 6, from Noon to 5 p.m. All blood types are needed to help ease a serious shortage.

Sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org; choose Good Shepherd Church and, on the drop-down schedule, select a time to donate. Your donation is urgently needed. Thank you

Report

Weekend of April 27 & 28, 2024

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$6,135.00	\$4,337.00	--\$+1,798.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS.
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A BIG THANK YOU!

from Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont
for all the items donated from Good Shepherd Parishioners
for the Hospice House.

Catholic Appeal Report

This week's report from the Diocese shows that our parish family has made \$18,122 in cash donations and pledges, which exceeds our goal by nearly \$1,000. Half of the total over our goal will be returned to the parish to use for our priorities. Gifts are still being accepted by mail, using the envelope that you received from the Diocese, or place the envelope in an offertory collection basket at Mass. Envelopes are also available in the Narthex. Donations can also be made by credit at www.charlestdioocese.org/donate. Thanks for your continuing generosity.

Dave Lorenzatti, CASC Coordinator



MEN'S CLUB GREEN JACKETS BASEBALL OUTING

The Men's Club has scheduled two outings to the stadium this year. The first baseball outing will be on Thursday, May 23rd. Game time is 7:00 pm and tickets are \$39.00 each which includes admission, 90 minutes all you can eat buffet of hot dogs, hamburgers, pulled pork, condiments, soda pop and dessert and a dedicated waitress. Separate first floor covered viewing area conveniently located near main entrance gate

For tickets contact either Tom Popejoy pope6508@aol.com or Rick Ring at rwing64@gmail.com. Tickets will be available to purchase after Mass.



The Men's Club will be holding another Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 19th from 9 am to 1 pm. All you eat for the low price of \$7.00 per adult and \$4.00 for children.



Next Women's Club meeting is Wednesday, May 8th at 11:30 am in the Parish Life Center. Please contact Marie Ring to confirm your attendance at mmring1966@gmail.com by May 5th.



Father Jacob will be on vacation starting May 13th through May 19th. During this time there will **not** be weekday Mass on Wednesday or Friday. Father Regan will be here for Mass on Saturday, May 18th and Sunday, May 19th.

Sixth Sunday of Easter B 2024

If we bring together the readings of the three Sundays together 4th, 5th, and 6th Sundays of Easter we will get a clear picture of our relationship with Jesus and ourselves. The caring, forgiving, and sacrificial love of a good shepherd transformed us to children of God. The intimate and living bond between the vine and the branches help us to remain with Jesus to produce much fruits undergoing the trials of purifications. The quality of the fruit depends on the sap that flows from the vine to the branches – the transforming love of God our Father.

We heard from the first letter of John, “God’s love was revealed among us in this way, God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love; not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.” (1 John 4: 9-10). He loved us and He loved the world because He is love. God loved us first, asked and invited us to remain with Him in and through Jesus His only Son to have eternal life with him. Jesus said to his followers “It is not you who chose me but I who chose you” As the Father loves me so also, I love you. No one can show greater love than to lay his life to his friends.” Paul explains it little more elaborately, “Indeed it is only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.” This is the sap that flows from the vine to the branches to produce the fruits of love. For St. Paul insisted in one un-forgetful passage, “If I understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing” (1 Cor 13:2). Nothing, I simply am not.

Real love, Christ’s kind of love, is not the feeling but an act of the will, a decision, a commitment to act for the benefit of another no matter how we feel about that individual. Here the Lord is commanding us to love others even those we don’t particularly like. Christian love is a decision, a commitment to serve a person’s spiritual benefit, whether we like that individual or not.

The confusion of loving and liking may cause many problems today. If we identify married love with romance (feeling) is that a realistic basis for a lifelong marriage? Is the degree of emotional attraction between two people a guarantee of fidelity? Are we willing to base our life on another’s feelings? When feelings start to change, does that mean that the marriage is at an end? Or could that signal the beginning of a new, more mature, and honest relationship? If we identify our spiritual life with religious feelings, what happens when those feelings pass as they invariably do? Do we cease being disciples? Does that mean that the Holy Spirit is no longer with us? Has our baptism into Christ evaporated? Could that possibly be the start of a more mature commitment to Christ that is not dependent on emotion?

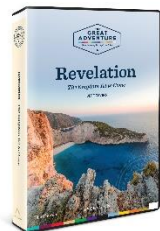
If we read today’s gospel by seeing love as a decision, a commitment and a mission, a new world of Christ – like living opens up for us. In a time when people are governed so much by emotion and passion the gospel calls Jesus’ followers to something more realistic, more healthy, more mature, and beneficial – “love one another as I love you”. This kind of love has great power to transform our world and great power to transform us too. This is a mission that can fill and fulfill a lifetime.

Again, Jesus says, "It was not you who chose me, but I chose you." It may be a surprise for us to hear that. God has an eye on each of us before we heard about him. God chose us to love others as Jesus loved us. The final result of this love is in Jesus' words, "I have told you this so that my joy be in you and your joy might be complete."

St. Augustine once asked of this question “What is love”? Without giving metaphors or comparisons he wrote, “Love has hands to help others. It has feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others. That is what love looks like.” Love is virtue, art, gift.

This is what Jesus wants from us that his love should flow from our hearts, and we are to be joyful Christians.

Father Jacob Joseph



BIBLE STUDY – Our current Bible Study sessions will conclude in May, and we will take the summer off before starting up again in September with the study of the Book of Revelations.

Perhaps no book of the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. Yet relatively few people have studied it, especially from a Catholic perspective.

. ***Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come*** is an intriguing eleven-session study program that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven. In this study, presenter Jeff Cavins pulls back the veil on the rich symbolism present in Revelation. Discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean and see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the “end times.” Explore the Church’s teaching on the second coming of Christ and the Last Judgment. Understand how God, the Divine Bridegroom, and the Church, his spotless bride, enter into a heavenly, holy, and mystical marriage every time we celebrate Mass. The DVD sessions will cover;

1. Introduction
2. Revelation 1: Introduction and Inaugural Vision
3. Revelation 2-3: Letters to the Seven Churches
4. Revelation 4-5: Creation and Redemption
5. Revelation 6-7: Opening the Seals
6. Revelation 8-11: The Seventh Seal Unleashes Seven Trumpets
7. Revelation 12-13: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
8. Revelation 14-15: Praising the Lamb
9. Revelation 16-18: Seven Bowls of Judgment and the Fall of Babylon
10. Revelation 19-20: The Marriage Supper and The Great Judgment
11. Revelation 21-22: A New Heaven and a New Earth

Registration will start in July and will be opened not only to parishioners but to the public also.

JOB OPENING

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church of N. Augusta has a position opened for a bookkeeper. 25 – 30 hours per week. The candidate must possess a minimum accounting certificate or at least one year’s experience in bookkeeping or equivalent experience. A full job description is on their website www.olpchurchna.org. or you can contact Kathleen Wahl,

administrative assistant at 830-279-0315 ext. 111



April needs are soups, tuna fish, and canned meats.
Please drop off your donations at the Parish Life Center.

Grandmother Ministry



Needs are fruit cups, canned or micro-wave spaghetti, mac & cheese, cereal, soup, regular grits, peanut butter/jelly, toilet paper, cleaning products, or cash that will be turned into gift cards from Food Lion or Dollar stores. Drop off your donations in the Life Center marked Billie.



If you were an usher, lectors, money counters, or Eucharistic ministers, at your previous church, please consider sharing your time and talents here. We need more volunteers for these ministries. Many of our current volunteers work in more than one ministry. If you can help, please contact the church office.



The Bird's Lesson

A little bird, with feathers brown, sat singing in a tree; That song was very soft and low, but sweet as sweet could be. And all the people passing by looked up to see the bird, whose singing was the sweetest that ever they had heard. But all the bright eyes looked in vain, for birdie was so small; and with the modest dark brown coat, he made no show at all. "Papa, dear" little Gracie said, "Where can this birdie be? If I could only sing like that I'd sit where folks could see". "I hope my little girl will learn a lesson from that bird and try to do what good she can, not to be seen or heard. "This birdie is content to sit unnoticed by the way and sweetly sing his Maker's praise, from dawn to close of day. "So, live my child, to do some good, let life be short or long, though others may forget your looks, they'll not forget your song."

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