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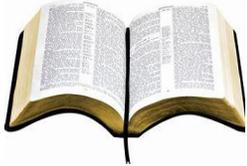
March 7 & 8, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday	9 am	Confession at 8:30 am
Friday	9 am	Confession at 8:30 am
Saturday	4 pm	Confession at 3:30 pm
Sunday	11 am	

Glory & Praise Book Cycle A 814



<u>First Reading:</u>	Exodus 17: 3-7
<u>Responsorial:</u>	Psalms 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9
<u>Second Reading:</u>	Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8
<u>Gospel:</u>	John 4: 5-42

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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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 7th 4 pm + Mary Elizabeth Hutson requested by Robert & Patty Murray

Sunday, March 8th 11 am + Norbert Wrobel requested by Schmidt Family and + Grayson La Hatte requested by McManus Family.

Wednesday, March 11th 9 am + Alec Schissler requested by Ray Stoddard & Ed Schissler

Friday, March 13th 9 am + Leonard Strange & Harold Gabree Jr. requested by Chris & Jane Strange

Saturday, March 14th 4 pm + Verna Vigland requested by Ted & Linda Hansen + Wallace Castle requested by the Castle family

Sunday, March 15th 11 am + Deceased members of Good Shepherd Women's Club

Jesus satisfies our thirst for eternal life. Through His Spirit His grace has been poured into our hearts. God satisfies the thirst of the Israelites whose hearts have become hardened and rebellious.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 09	Joyful Journey 3 pm
Mar 11	Men's Club
Mar 18	Women's Club outing
Mar 20	Fish Fry
Mar 29	Palm Sunday

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
Tyler Clark	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	Glory Mathews



Pray for our Sick & Home Bound

John Atwell, Ron Beech, Don Durham,
Lana Kritenbrink, Dick Obermeyer, Bobby Passafaro,
John Scardace, John Stoddard, Bud Webster,
Dave Williams and Linda Wutz.

....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 28 & March 1, 2026

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$6,087.00	\$6,031.00	+\$56.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS.		
You can mail your contributions to Good Shepherd Church, P. O. Box 1468, McCormick, SC 29835		

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.



March 15 there will be a second collection for Catholic Relief Services.

Lent is a time to reflect, repent and renew.

Lord help me this Lenten Season to fast from resentment and to feast on forgiveness.

Third Sunday in Lent Cycle A 2026

One of the differences between John's gospel and the Synoptic gospels is that instead of parables we hear extended discourses built around images like water, vine and wine, bread, shepherd, light etc. In today's gospel, in the story of the Samaritan woman the image of water is used. Throughout the gospel, John uses water as an image of grace and power, and it is a means through which the power of God enters into human life. The water in the pool of Bethesda has no power of healing unless the angel of the Lord stirs it up and the one who enters the water first will be healed because of the power of God.

This is a true story about three thirsty people: Jesus, the Samaritan woman, and each one of us. When Jesus asked the woman for a drink, he shocked her because in addressing her he was breaking some strict social taboos of that time. Jesus spoke with her and reminded her that she is also thirsty that could not be satisfied by water from the well. People thirst not only for water but also for justice, truth and love; they long for recognition, freedom and security, like the Samaritan woman of the Gospel; She too, is oppressed by the prejudice and injustice of a foreign power and crushed by her own guilty conscience was seeking for freedom and peace. Material things can never fill our inner void, for ours is a spiritual thirst; basically, it is a thirst for God. St. Augustine rightly said, "... for you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." Therefore, Paul says in the second reading, "the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit..." This love frees us from clinging to material things, from clinging to unforgiving ancient hatreds and from clinging to sinful pleasures.

The Samaritan woman is the summary of how people come to understand Jesus; first as a Jew, then as a prophet, then as the Messiah and finally as the Savior of the world. After a long conversation the Samaritan woman understood two things. First, the Jew who is sitting before her is not an ordinary man but the Messiah and the Savior of the world. Second, she came to the perfect awareness about herself through Jesus that she had five husbands and the one with her now, is not her husband. An unknown strength, a strange light or grace entered into her life and took everything out and showed her. Jesus filled her empty heart with the love she has been searching for. She has been running about for this love in her whole life. She received all fulfilling love that she desired from Jesus. Now this is the time to end that search. All these happened because of the powerful presence of Jesus and the long conversation between them.

Jesus told the woman who he is. Jesus was reluctant to admit to his own people that he is the Christ; but he tells the outsider who he is. And in telling her who he is, he gives himself away to her. He gives her the living water – so she can go home without buckets and jars and face her own people. Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit and failed to understand who they are even though the serpent said to them "their eyes will be opened, and they will know what is good and bad." Jesus opened the eyes of the Samaritan woman, and she knew who she is and the man who is sitting before her. The same happened to the two disciples who went Emmaus with Jesus, at the breaking of the bread. Some transformation had happened in them by the power of Christ.

The Samaritan woman turns her experience of Jesus into a message for others. Jesus has freed her to carry his message to others. Because of her the whole town came to meet Jesus. Many believed in Jesus because of her story. She one of the first witnesses of John's gospel who leads others to Jesus. Her past does not hinder her from being a messenger of Good News. She has a story to tell. At long last she has met the sixth and the right man.

It is natural that people feel disappointment, dissatisfaction and emptiness in the midst of everything and they try every possible way to satisfy themselves and blame others for their discomfort and dissatisfaction. The result is no peace, no joy and no feeling of fulfillment. People are great, powerful, strong, efficient, always busy but they carry volcanoes in their mind and heart. The story of the Samaritan woman tells us that only in Jesus we can find fulfillment, peace and joy. It can be sudden or a long process.

Fr. Jacob Joseph

The practice of praying the rosary has a long history in the Catholic Church. According to Catholic tradition, Mary described the rosary to Saint Dominic in the 13th century, during a miraculous apparition he said he saw in Toulouse, France.



ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR MASS

<i>March 7 & 8</i>	<i>For families in crisis that they might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness and God's grace.</i>
<i>March 13 & 14</i>	<i>For cancer survivors, that they may grow in faith and trust in God's will.</i>
<i>March 21 & 22</i>	<i>Pray for God's interdiction for those struggling with drug addiction.</i>
<i>March 28 & 29</i>	<i>Individual intentions placed in the Rosary box.</i>



In certain ways the Lenten Christian is like the Jew in exile. He is still exposed to the attacks of the enemies. Lent, like the exile in Babylon, is a time of cleansing. It intends to create in us a greater desire and longing for deliverance which God has promised us through our savior Jesus Christ.

There will be a Communal Penance Service on Monday, March 16th at 6 pm in the Church.

Catholic Easter Duty Obligations

- Attend Mass on Easter Sunday to celebrate the Resurrection.
- Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) during Lent.
- Receive Holy Communion at least once during the Easter season.
- Prepare spiritually through prayer and reflection leading up to Easter.
- Engage in acts of charity and service as part of your Lenten observance.

THE WOMEN'S CLUB HIGH TEA IS BACK THIS YEAR!



Join us for a lovely afternoon of fellowship, tea and treats on either Wednesday, April 22 or Friday, April 24th.

Tickets will **go on sale after Masses this weekend** in the Life Center. Ticket price is \$30.00 per person.

There are only 110 tickets available for each day.

If you are purchasing multiple tickets, we ask that you have all the names of your guests at the time of purchase

Feed your Body, Feed your Soul Sessions during Lent



Join us for the next session of Feed Your Body on March 11th . We will start off in the church with Stations of the Cross beginning at 4:30 followed by a 20-minute DVD presentation "A Biblical Walk with Mary", with soups in our parish Life Center.

The special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV will take place from 10 January 2026 to 10 January 2027, on the occasion of the eighth centenary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi.

The Apostolic Penitentiary, in accordance with the will of Pope Leo XIV, has issued a Decree granting the faithful the plenary indulgence during the Year of Saint Francis, celebrated on the occasion of the 800th anniversary of the death of the Saint of Assisi. The life of the Poor Man of Assisi shows that God's mercy works in history also through people who have opened their hearts to His action.

Therefore, the Jubilee is an opportunity for the faithful to rekindle their faith, strengthen their relationship with God and with the community of the Church. To obtain the plenary indulgence during the Year of Saint Francis, certain specific conditions indicated by the Church must be fulfilled: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, certain prayers according to the intentions of the Pope, interior detachment from sin, and the performance of certain works, such as a pious pilgrimage to Franciscan churches, participation in Jubilee celebrations, prayer and meditation in the Franciscan spirit, as well as daily acts of charity and humility that express the spirituality of Saint Francis.

Emphasis is placed on a significant element of the document , the care shown for the sick and the elderly who cannot leave their homes; they may unite themselves spiritually to the celebration of the Year of Saint Francis by offering to God their prayers, sufferings, and daily difficulties of life, and by committing themselves to fulfilling the usual conditions as soon as this becomes possible.

St. Francis of Assisi Prayer

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH'S
MEN'S CLUB

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5:00-5:30 PM
6:00-6:30 PM

Contact Tim Littlefield at 207-329-6683 or
Rick Ring at 571-265-6361 to purchase tickets.
LIMITED TO 200 (50 PER SEATING)



A BIG HUG OF THANKS

To all the ladies that offered their time and talent to help organize 75 bins of yarn, fabric and craft kits for a two-day sale last week, we want to let you know it was so appreciated. On Sunday afternoon many different organizations came & collected yarn or material they could use for their group. The rest was donated to the Hospice Store in Greenwood & Abbeville. Good Shepherd Women's Club is very thankful to John Scardace & his family for donating all the beautiful yarn, material & crafts for us to sell & give the proceeds to our club in memory of Diane. As we all sew, knit, crochet or make these crafts, Diane will be in our thoughts & prayers.
Thanks to all & Many Blessings, Ginny Vose

2026 CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

The Catholic Appeal of S.C. has completed its first month and Good Shepherd's contributions are continuing to grow as we enter March. We have received \$9,678 in cash and pledges from 29 donors, representing 46 percent of the parish's goal. When you decide on the amount of your gift, mail the donor card in the envelope you received from the Diocese or place it in an offertory basket at Mass. Contributions are also accepted online using a credit card or bank account debit at www.charlestdiocese.org/catholicappeal. You can make a one-time gift or a pledge payable in ten-month installments. Remember, you are supporting diocesan programs that help people in need across the entire state. Plus, half of the amount that exceeds our goal will be returned to us for parish programs and expenses. Thanks for your generosity and "Let's Be Together."

Dave Lorenzatti,
Catholic Appeal Parish Coordinator



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