



Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Palm Sunday March 23 & 24, 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

PALM SUNDAY Glory & Praise Book #823 B



<u>First Reading:</u>	Isaiah 50:4-7
<u>Responsorial:</u>	Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
<u>Second Reading:</u>	Philippians 2:6-11
<u>Gospel:</u>	Mark: 14: 1 – 15:47

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, March 23rd 4 pm + **Rod Wurst requested by Richard & Ann Brooke**

Lector: Dave Lorenzatti

EM of HC: Fabio Espinosa

Ushers: Karen Faaborg & Linda Bumber

Sunday, March 24th 11 am + **Eddie Bryan requested by Pat Kuech**

Lector: Mark Ficocelli

EM of HC: Elizabeth Ficocelli

Ushers: Lee & Pat Stickdorn

Wednesday, March 27th 9 am + **Ralph Sawin requested by Mary James & Nita Loper**

Holy Thursday, March 28th 6 pm Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration till 8:30 pm

Good Friday, March 29th 9 am **Stations of the Cross 3 pm Lord's Passion**

Lector: Jerry Wishall

EM of HC: Dave Lorenzatti

Ushers: Ray DeShano & Chris Benedetto

Holy Saturday, March 30th 8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass + **George Thaler requested by Frank & Debbie DeRoller**

Lector: Dick Obermeyer

EM of HC: Pat Kuech

Ushers/Greeters: Mark Boerner & Barbara Zust

Easter Sunday, March 31st 11 am + **Lise Raynor requested by GS Women's Club**

Lector: Rick Ring

EM of HC: Marie Ring

Ushers: William & Gretchen Keneson

UPCOMING EVENT

March 28	Holy Thursday 6-8:30 pm Adoration
March 29	Good Friday 9 am Stations 3 pm Passion
March 30	Easter Basket Blessing 9 am
March 31	Easter Sunday 11 am
April 05	First Friday Mass & Adoration
April 08	Joyful Journey 3 pm
April 17 & 19	High Tea
April 21	Parish Picnic
April 28	Pancake Breakfast



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	



Pray for our Sick & Home Bound

Helen Balogh, Karen Boerner, Joyce Chemelewski, Judy Chemelewski, Ford Deese, Ericka Hinnens, Lana Kittenbrink, 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.

Report

Weekend of March 16 & 17, 2024

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$3136.00	\$4,337.00	- \$1,201.00

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Revival**

"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

**Holy Communion is the shortest and
safest way to Heaven.** Saint Pius X



Canned vegetables and canned fruit.
Please drop off at the Parish Life Center.

GRANDMOTHER MINISTRY NEEDS



Fruit cups, mac & cheese, cereal, soup, peanut butter and jelly and any non-perishable items for children. Please drop off at the Parish Life Center.

Women's Club Meeting:

Please join us on Wednesday April 10th at 11:30 in the Parish Life Center for a light lunch followed by a business meeting. All women are welcome Please RSVP no later than April 7th to Marie Ring at mmring1966@gmail.com



Come spend some quiet time with the Lord –Following the **Holy Thursday Mass** from 7:00-8:30pm. (If you can't attend Mass, consider coming for some prayer time after.) No one preaching, reading, asking you to sit, stand, knee just you and the Lord. Jesus said "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened. Come to me and I will refresh you." Matthew 11:28. RSVP to this invitation by signing the sheet in the narthex.

*Members of the faithful (at least 2) must be present when the Holy Eucharist is exposed.

Catholic Appeal

The weekly report from the Diocese shows the Good Shepherd parish family has made gifts and pledges totaling \$11,270, which represents 65% of our goal of \$17,298. A reminder: if we exceed the goal, half of the excess will be returned to the parish for our use. If you haven't done so yet, you can mail a one-time gift or a pledge using the envelope you received from the Diocese or place the envelope in an offertory collection basket at Mass. Envelopes are also available in the Narthex, and gifts by credit card are accepted at www.charlestdiocese.org/donate. Thanks, again, for your generosity!

Dave Lorenzatti, CASC Parish Coordinator



We need you! Please consider volunteering as a counter of Sunday Collections or an usher at Mass. Training is available. Contact Jackie Novak for counters and Mark Boerner for ushers. Thank you in advance for sharing your talents with the Church.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- **Holy Week begins March 24th.**
- March 23rd & 24th Palm Sunday - Passion of the Lord reading.
- March 27th Wednesday of Holy Week Mass at 9 AM
- March 28th **HOLY THURSDAY**
6 PM Mass, presentation of Holy Oils, and washing of the feet.
Adoration after Mass until 8:30 PM
- **March 29th GOOD FRIDAY**
 - 9 AM Stations of the Cross
 - 3 PM Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross
- **March 30th HOLY SATURDAY**
 - **Blessing of Easter Basket at 9 AM**
 - NO 4 PM MASS
 - Easter Vigil 8:30 PM
- **March 31st EASTER SUNDAY**
 - Mass at 11:00 AM
 - Easter home blessings are available to those who ask and schedule through the parish office.
- April 7th DIVINE MERCY
 - Mass at 11AM
 - 3PM Divine Mercy Chaplet with Adoration and Benediction



The **image of the Divine Mercy** is a depiction of Jesus Christ that is based on the Divine Mercy devotion initiated by Sr. Faustina Kowalska. According to Kowalska's diary, Jesus told her "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I myself will defend it as My own glory." (Diary 48)

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday.

BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKETS



The Blessing of Easter Baskets tradition will take place on Saturday, March 30th at 9 am.

The blessing of the Easter baskets is a tradition on [Holy Saturday](#). The tradition dates back to the 13-14th century in its earliest form. The basket is traditionally lined with a white linen or lace napkin and decorated with sprigs of boxwood, the typical Easter evergreen. Baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. After the blessing, the baskets of food are then set aside until Easter morning. Join us in this time-honored tradition this year.



Our Parish Picnic will be held on **Sunday, April 21st** following the 11 am Mass. Join in the fun and fellowship with a catered meal of pulled pork, roasted chicken, brisket, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, cake, cobbler, and drinks. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex so that we can give the caterer a number of attendees.



Mark your calendar and enjoy the next MEN'S CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST APRIL 28th from 9 am to 1 pm in the Parish Life Center. Still low price of \$7.00/adult and \$4.00/children for all you can eat.



Palm Sunday celebrations remind us of the royal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem which has some Old Testament references. In those days kings preferred to ride on a donkey in times of peace and during wartime on horseback. 1 Kings 1: 38-41 describes how prince Solomon used his father David's royal donkey for the ceremonial procession on the day of his coronation. Jesus entered the Holy city as a king of peace, fulfilling the prophecy of Zachariah.

Jesus was given a royal reception usually reserved for a king or military commander. 1 Maccabees 13:51ff describes such a reception given to the Jewish military leader Simon Maccabaeus in 171 BC. 2 Maccabees 10:6-8 refers to a similar reception given to another military general, Judas Maccabaeus, who led the struggle against the emperor, Antiochus Epiphanes, and liberated the temple from pagan control in 163BC.

The "Pass Over" lamb which was sacrificed by the High Priest was taken to the Temple in a procession four days before the main feast day. On Palm Sunday, Jesus, the true Paschal Lamb, was also taken to the Temple in a large procession.

There are a few points that we can reflect on Palm Sunday today. The evangelist shows us the glory of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. He knew that this would mean his rejection and death. Why did people reject him? Because he disappointed them. He was supposed to be a triumphant figure, leading his people in a return to glory, but he had let them down. Now he stands before them and their enemies, helpless, judged and condemned. So, they said, "take him away." We face the same challenge they did. If God does not come up to our expectations, do we reject him or question him? We expect him to do everything what we wish including our salvation.

Secondly, we have a Jerusalem ahead of us. For us it may not be a city, but it might be an illness, a change in our life, a problem, challenge, or an uncertainty ahead of us. Jesus shows us how to move toward our Jerusalem. As with Jesus, many people who say they will be with us probably will not be. Yet, we must move forward, facing whatever lies ahead, knowing that Jesus has been there before. We are not entering our Jerusalem alone. Jesus has been there.

Thirdly, it was not Jesus who looked for the cross; it was the world that looked to the cross as a way to eliminate him. The cross was not the idea of the Father, it was the final solution thought up by the world opposed to Jesus' way. Love does not demand the cross, but in the life of Jesus love ends up on the cross. That is what actually happened. Love chooses not to avoid the suffering that emerges from its commitment.

In his humility and love Christ entered the dark regions of our fallen world for our own sake, that he may raise up to himself. The key lies in his total obedience to his Father, the sacrificial opening of his heart in love, even in the midst of rejection and death, the emptying of himself so that God could fill him with his love, a love that could overflow, and touch the lives of everyone.

As we begin this Holy Week that recalls the great events of our redemption, let us ask the Lord to give us the grace, the strength to face whatever is ahead of us. Jesus shows that the cross, whatever forms it takes in our life can lead us to salvation and new life. Palm Sunday and the Passion teach us that whatever lies in our future, Jesus has been there first. He knows and shows the way that will lead us to Easter.

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