



## **Good Shepherd Catholic Church**

### **Third Sunday of Easter**

### **May 3 & 4, 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**

Livestream Mass on YouTube or Facebook at Good Shepherd Catholic Church McCormick  
 Glory & Praise Book Cycle C 831

First Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41

Responsorial:

Psalm 30:2,4,5-6,11-12,13

Second Reading:

Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel:

John 21:1-19

#### **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.*

**Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune,**

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**Parish Office Hours:** Tues-Fri 9 am-Noon

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 4 pm + Tom Morgan and special intention for Kyle Morgan requested by Joan Morgan**

**Lector: Jerry Wishall**

**EM of HC: Pat Kuech**

**Ushers Karen Faaborg & Linda Bumber**

**Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 11 am + Deceased members of the Good Shepherd's Men's Club**

**Lector: Teresa Leszczynski**

**EM of HC: Gretchen Keneson**

**Ushers: Rick & Marie Ring**

**Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 9 am + Helen Balogh requested by Renee Strunk**

**Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 9 am**

**NO MASS**

**Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 4 pm + Phil Stirtzinger requested by Stirtzinger family**

**Lector: Bernadette Tarrant**

**EM of HC: Fabio Espinosa**

**Ushers: Mark Boerner & Barb Zust**

**Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day 11 am**

**Lector: Steve LaPonte**

**EM of HC: Carol LaPonte**

**Ushers: Pat Ouellette & Mark Leszczynski**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

May 11	Mother's Day /First Communion May Crowning
May 14	Women's Club meeting noon
May 14	Men's Club meeting 5:30 pm
May 18	Pancake Breakfast 9 – 12:30pm
May 22	Men's Club Augusta Greenjackets baseball game 7 pm



### Pray for our Military Members

Sophie Augustine	Sean Avery
Brianna & Stephen Balogh	Christopher R. Balogh
Sarah Balogh	Aaron T. Bird
David Bobier	Chris Brandon
Eric 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	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

Dick Balogh, Matthew Dill, Frank DeRoller, Lana Kittenbrink, Howard Milhoan, Dick Obermeyer, Bobby Passafaro, Paul Ruelle, John & Diane Scardace, Larry Slater, Mary Stirtzinger, Dale Tarrant, Mike Thompson, Skip Tortorello, and Bud Webster

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

### Collection Report

Weekend of April 26 & 27, 2025

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$6,130.00	\$5,319.00	+811.00
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<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 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.



### Catholic Appeal Update

Donations from our parishioners continue to increase each week and, as of this weekend, we are less than \$3,000 from reaching our goal of \$20,081. If you haven't made a commitment, there's still time. Gifts can be made by mail using the donor card and envelope that came from the Diocese or drop the envelope in a collection basket at Mass. You can also contribute online using your credit card or by draft from your checking account at [www.charlestdiocese.org/donate](http://www.charlestdiocese.org/donate). Once we go over our goal, and I'm sure we will again this year, half of the excess will be returned to us to use right here at Good Shepherd. Thanks for your generosity and "Let's Be Together."

Dave Lorenzatti, Catholic Appeal Coordinator



Join the Men's Club outing May 22 to watch the Augusta GreenJackets baseball game at 7:00 pm. Tickets will be on sale May 3 & 4 after each Mass for \$40.00 which includes concourse seating, buffet food and non-alcoholic drinks. Limited to 24 seats.



#### FOOD PANTRY DONATION GUIDELINES

14.5 oz cans of vegetables, soups and fruits, canned tuna, salmon or chicken – 7 – 12 oz. Standard size box of cereal, crackers, mac & cheese, rice, and pasta. Toilet Tissue – individually wrapped if

possible. Individually wrapped bars of soap.

**FYI** soon you will be able to visit their wish list at Amazon, Walmart and Target to select items to be delivered for you.



**There will be a second collection May 10 & 11 for Catholic Charities of South Carolina**

*Founded in Charleston on March 15, 1945, **Catholic Charities of the South Carolina** has been serving our state's*

*vulnerable population for over 75 years. We are a unique organization, as we serve the entire state of SC through our ministries:*

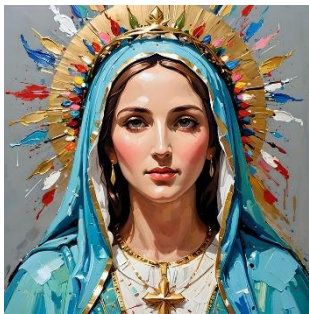
- We serve over 50,000 individuals per year through our client choice food pantries, which retain the dignity of our visitors by treating them to a grocery store experience to obtain food.*
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- Our Restorative Justice program was recently highlighted and praised by Gov. Henry McMaster in helping SC obtain the lowest recidivism rate in the country.*
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- Our niche Save a Smile program fills a huge dental health gap by providing dentures to those with missing or dysfunctional teeth.*
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- Clean of Heart Ministries creates a safe space where those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness can get a warm shower and access laundry services.*

## COLUMBARIUM

There are plans in the works to add another columbarium of 48 niches soon in the Rosary Garden and the cost of all niches will increase January 1, 2026. Plans include a redesign of the area to make it more accessible for wheelchair and walker users.

We would like to remind everyone that the Parish **reserves the right to remove**, without notice, all items added to a niche without its consent. All balloons, plastic markers, bird feeders, incendiary devices, candles, toys, Easter egg, planters, and any other decorative items which do not have prior approval will be removed. Every effort is being made to ensure that uniformity is maintained in this area.

### MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY CROWNING AT GOOD SHEPHERD



The modern May Crowning ceremony likely emerged in the 13th century, gaining prominence in the 19th century as a popular Marian devotion. During a May Crowning, a young girl, often wearing a white dress and veil, is chosen to crown the statue of the Blessed Mother with a wreath of flowers. This act symbolizes Mary's unique relationship with Christ and her role as the spiritual mother of all believers. In addition to the crowning of Mary's statue, the May

Crowning ceremony often includes the recitation of the Rosary, Marian hymns, and prayers honoring the Mother of God. These devotions reflect the deep reverence and love Catholics have for the Blessed Virgin, who is seen as a powerful intercessor and a model of faith, humility, and obedience. The May Crowning is a beautiful tradition that has been celebrated for centuries, connecting the faithful to the rich history of Marian devotion in the Catholic Church. By honoring the Blessed Mother during the month of May, the faithful are reminded of her maternal love and her role in the history of salvation, as the Mother of the Savior and the Mother of the Church.



*In addition to Mother's Day and May Crowning, we will also have Ave Wilkey, Catherine Slowiak, and Lydia Keneson receiving First Holy Communion on May 11<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 am Mass.*

*Anna Wilkey is being Confirmed by the Bishop at Our Lady Lourdes on Friday, May 9 at 6:00.pm*

### Third Sunday of Easter C 2025

The apostles are coming back to the normal life from the shock of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. They went fishing, the old way of their life. They were going back to the business they knew as if nothing had really changed in their lives. They needed revival as witnesses to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The gospel story gives us many points for our reflection.

First, the Lord is always with the disciples taking care of their needs. He convinces them he will be with them always especially whenever there is a need.

Second, the apostles and the disciples had enough faith now to know that the Lord is risen. There are three steps in the spiritual formation of the disciples with Jesus. i. The life of the disciples with Jesus before His passion and death; It was full of hope and encouragement that Jesus will establish the kingdom. ii. The life of the disciples after the resurrection of Jesus was in fear and loosing hope. For few days disciples were in a closed room, due to the fear of Jews, fearful and defensive, inclined to look at their surrounding world with suspicion, expecting an enemy to appear and do harm. They have almost survived that situation. From the Gospel story we know that John understood that it is the Lord; Peter had no doubt, and he jumped into the sea, and nobody questioned whether it is the Lord or not. The fear is gone, and they are becoming stronger and stronger in their relationship through faith and understanding. iii. The level of their spiritual life is that after the ascension of our Lord they felt a strong presence of the living Jesus in their midst and fear is completely gone from them. The incident narrated in the first reading says that a total transformation has happened to them. Wisdom, courage, understanding, right judgement all filled their soul and they became different people. Sometimes it may be difficult for us to understand in the first reading. "They called in the apostles and had whipped... sent them free... The apostles went out from the council rejoicing that they were considered worthy to suffer disgrace for the sake of the Name." This comes from the love relationship.

Third, the question, "Do you love me?" of Jesus stays with us hoping for an answer. The question comes from one who is more interested in our future prospects than our past failures. He doesn't pass the time in bitter recriminations. He is more interested in what can become for us. That kind of person is worth letting through our defenses and locked rooms.

Fourth, the Lord asked Peter three times "Do you love me?" Some say it is because Peter denied Jesus three times. The Lord may not react in that way because he knows Peter very well. It may be the human way of thinking. Three times Peter affirms his love, as three times Jesus insists on it. And when Peter professes his love Jesus commissions him to care for his flock. Seeing the Lord is always a dismissal for ministry; loving the Lord is always a chance to care for others.

Through faith the disciples have a good relationship with the Lord. He knows it and this is an invitation from the Lord to his disciples to have a relationship with him through love. Peter must say to the Lord, I know you, I understand you because I love you. It is beyond faith. From that love there develops a stronger bond between the Lord and the disciple. There the Lord gives the mission.

To conclude, it is important for us to have a small space in our heart and soul where we reconcile with our failures, misfortunes, rejections, pains and unwanted elements. There we transform our hostilities to hospitality, through our faith and love in our Lord Jesus Christ. For us it is a way of life in the faith and love of Jesus but for others it may be a mystery.

Father Jacob Joseph





All women of Good Shepherd parish are invited to attend our next meeting on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Life Center. We begin at noon and lunch is served at 12:30 pm followed by the business meeting. Please join us for our last meeting before our summer break.

### **PARISH DINNER**



Another enjoyable parish dinner evening was held on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at the River Grille.

There were many familiar faces and a lot of new ones too.

Thank you, Jackie Novak, for coordinating this fun filled evening.

### **Newly Registered Parishioners**



Left to right: Rich Geisner, JC Rigor, Marilyn Miller, Don Horan, Gretchen Horan, Deborah Abrams, David Abrams, Ron Steinke, Patty Fanzo, Cindy Steinke Dale Fanzo.



All men of the parish are invited to join us for the last meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm before we break for the summer. Meetings will resume in September.



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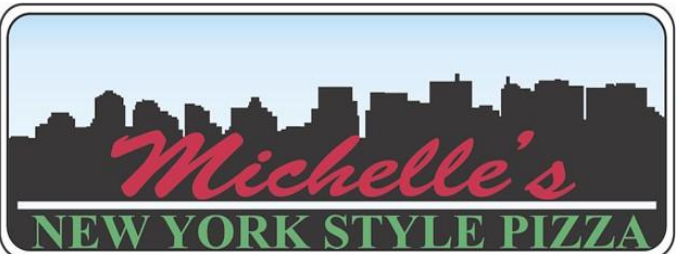
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