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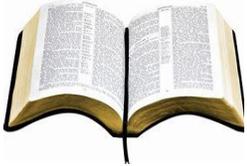
March 14 & 15, 2026

LAETARE 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 817



<u>First Reading:</u>	1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a
<u>Responsorial:</u>	Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-6
<u>Second Reading:</u>	Ephesians 5: 8-14
<u>Gospel:</u>	John 9: 1-41

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 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

Wednesday, March 18th 9 am + Charlie Wrobel requested by the Schmidt Family

Friday, March 20th 9 am + Robert Northway requested by the Schmidt Family

Saturday, March 21st 4 pm + Santo & Josephine Lorenzatti requested by Dave Lorenzatti

Sunday, March 22nd 11 am + Paula Wrobel requested by the Schmidt family.

Samuel does not see as God sees in the choice of David, who is anointed with oil. As Jesus cures the blind man, so too are we brought from darkness into light through the grace of baptism.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 18	Women's Club outing
Mar 20	Fish Fry 5-7 PM
Mar 24	John Stoddard Funeral 11 am
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, 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 March 7 & 8, 2026

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$6753.00	\$6,031.00	+\$722.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS.		
You can mail your contributions to Good Shepherd Church, P. O. Box 1468, McCormick, SC 29835		

Grandmother Ministry

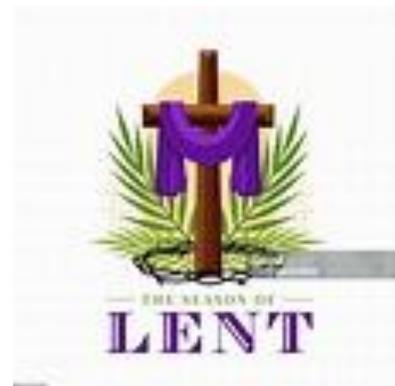
The following items are needed for this ministry: fruit cups, canned or microwave spaghetti, mac & cheese, cereal, soup, regular grits, peanut butter/jelly or any non perishable items that you know kids will enjoy. Please also consider toilet paper, cleaning products, cash and/or gift cards from Food 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.

Lent is a time to reflect, repent and renew.

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



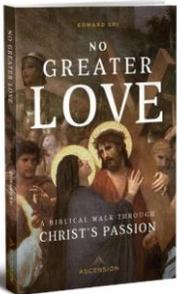
TRADITIONS DURING LENT

There are two traditional observances for the Fourth Sunday of lent or Laetare Sunday.

Mothering Sunday – There is an ancient custom of visiting one’s mother’s church or cathedral on this day. Another custom is that children would return home to spend the day with their mother or family. Mother cakes and simnel cakes were prepared especially for the occasion. One tradition presents Mother Sunday as an honor to St. Ann, the Blessed Virgin’s Mother.

Reflection Sunday – The scripture included the story of Joseph feeding his brothers in the First Reading, and Jesus feeding the multitude in the Gospel. On this day it is traditional to Serve rich simnel cakes. Rich simnel cakes commemorate the food spoken of in the readings.

Simnel cake is a fruitcake associated with Lent and Easter and widely eaten in the United Kingdom, Ireland and countries with patterns of migration from them. It is distinguished by layers of almond paste or marzipan, typically one in the middle and one on top, and a set of eleven balls made of the same paste. It was originally made for the fourth Sunday in Lent, also known as Laetare Sunday, the Refreshment Sunday of Lent (when the 40-day fast would be relaxed), Mothering Sunday, the Sunday of the Five Loaves, or Simnel Sunday. In the United Kingdom, it is commonly associated with Mothering Sunday and Easter Sunday.



The Monday Bible Study group will begin a new series on Monday, March 23 at 6:30 pm call “No Greater Love”, a biblical walk through Christ’s passion. Guided by Edward Sri you will walk step by step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ’s suffering and death. No need to register. All are welcome.

Welcome

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS
DAVID & JULIA DE JARNETTE OF LINCOLNTON, GA.
TO OUR PARISH FAMILY.**

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

March 13 & 14

For cancer survivors, that they may grow in faith and trust in God's will.

March 21 & 22

Pray for God's interdictioin for those struggling with drug addiction.

March 28 & 29

Individual intentions placed in the Rosary box.



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

It is a time for reflection and renewal in preparation for the celebration of Easter. As we died with him, so shall we live with him.

Feed your Body, Feed your Soul Sessions during Lent



Join us for the next session of Feed Your Body on March 18th. We will start off in the church with Stations of the Cross beginning at 4:30 pm followed by a 20-minute DVD presentation "A Biblical Walk with Mary", with soups in our parish Life Center.

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MEN'S CLUB

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THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026
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Roll

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5:00-5:30 PM

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Rick Ring at 571-265-6361 to purchase tickets.
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Catholic Appeal Update

Almsgiving is one of the three pillars of Lent along with prayer and fasting. The church looks upon almsgiving as reaching out personally to help people in need or giving from our financial resources to help pay for the good works of charitable organizations such as the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina. Good Shepherd parishioners are doing just that by supporting the many diocesan programs and services that help people across the entire state. The latest report confirms the continuing generosity of our parishioners who have made cash contributions and pledges totaling \$10,983 representing 52 percent of our 2026 goal. When you decide on the amount of your cash gift or pledge, fill out the donor card and mail it in the envelope provided by the diocese or place the envelope in an offertory basket at Mass. Gifts can also be made online by credit card or bank draft at charlestdiocese.org/catholicappeal. Thank you for your generosity, and "Let's Be Together."

Dave Lorenzatti, Good Shepherd Coordinator



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