

# Good Shepherd Catholic Church

April 27 & 28 , 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

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

Glory & Praise Book #836



First Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Responsorial:

Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

Second Reading:

1 John 3: 18-24

Gospel:

John 15: 1-8

## 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, April 27<sup>th</sup> 4 pm + Eddie Bryan requested  
by Jerry & Barb Wishall and  
+ Rod Wurst requested by Gary & Dae Probst

Lector: Bernadette Tarrant

EM of HC: Pat Kuech

Ushers: Karen Faaborg & Linda Bumber

Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 11 am + Eddie Bryan requested  
by Paul & Anne Bourbonnais

Lector: Steve LaPonte

EM of HC: Carol LaPonte

Ushers: Jack Nickol & Pat Ouellette

Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 9 am + Charles Probst and Gary  
& Pat Foerstel requested by Gary & Dae Probst

Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 am + Tom Morgan requested by  
Joan Morgan

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 11 am – Souls in Purgatory  
requested by Mary James & Nita Loper

Lector: Pat Stickdorn

EM of HC: Lee Stickdorn

Ushers/Greeters: William & Gretchen Keneson

### UPCOMING EVENTS

April 28	Pancake Breakfast 9 am – 1 pm
May 03	First Friday Adoration & Benediction
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



## NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

### 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 & Ken Chemelewski, Judy Chemelewski, , Ericka Hinnens, 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.

### Report

Weekend of April 20 & 21, 2024

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$3,043.00	\$4,337.00	--\$1,294.000
<b>THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS.</b>		
<b>You can mail your contributions to Good Shepherd Church, P. O. Box 1468, McCormick, SC 29835</b>		

“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

The Eucharist is the Source and Summit of Christian Life. The other sacraments...are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church. Catechism of the Catholic Church #1324



There will be a second collection the weekend of April 27 & 28 for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.



### 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](http://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

## Catholic Appeal Report

The Good Shepherd parish family has shown its outstanding generosity in supporting the 2024 Catholic Appeal of South Carolina and, for the second consecutive year, we have surpassed our goal. This week's report from the Diocese shows cash donations and pledges totaling \$17,320, which means that half of the amount donated between now and the close of the campaign will be returned to the parish for our use. You can still donate by mailing your gift envelope directly to the Diocese or by placing it in an offertory basket at Mass. Payments by credit card or bank draft are also accepted and pledges can be paid over a period of ten months. Thanks for supporting the diocesan programs and services that help large numbers of people across the entire state. Dave Lorenzatti, Good Shepherd 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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](mailto:pope6508@aol.com) or Rick Ring at [rwing64@gmail.com](mailto:rwing64@gmail.com). A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex also.



### **Good Shepherd Benevolent Bake Sale**

Saturday, [May 4th, 10:00 AM](#) -4:00 PM at Cotton Gin

Men and Women Bakers Needed!

Bake goods MUST be packaged by the baker ready for sale and clearly labeled with the contents. See through boxes, plastic containers or bags, and plastic wrap tightly secured are all acceptable. Please do not use tins or any container that doesn't have a window for the customer to see the product. No items requiring refrigeration. It is suggested that cookies be packaged by the dozen. Funds raised will benefit many Charitable Organizations supported by the Women's Club.

Baked goods should be taken to the Parish Life Center on Friday, [May 3rd](#) between 9:00 AM and 1 PM. In lieu of baking, monetary contributions are always Welcome!

For questions call Debby Dill at [\(612\) 387-9804](tel:6123879804)- [debby.dill@yahoo.com](mailto:debby.dill@yahoo.com) or Ginny Vose [\(617\) 584-6900](tel:6175846900) - [bobginvose@yahoo.com](mailto:bobginvose@yahoo.com)



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



## Fifth Sunday of Easter B 2024

John's gospel uses few imageries to explain the relationship between Jesus and his disciples such as Shepherd and sheep and Vine and branches. The imagery of vine goes back to the Old Testament where Prophet Isaiah (5:1-7) presents us with a song about a vineyard. Everyone knew that the vineyard was an image for a bride. It says that the friend had a vineyard and rich soil, planted choice grapes on it, and did everything he could make them then flourish. The vineyard was a disappointment, and instead of choice fruits, it produced wild grapes. The audience understands what that means. The bride was unfaithful, disappointing the trust and hope, disappointing the love that the friend had expected. The friend handed over his vineyard to be plundered. Suddenly it becomes clear that the vineyard, the bride, is Israel – it is the very people who are present. God gave them many gifts, but they did not produce any fruits.

Jesus says I am the vine, and you are the branches. I am the true vine, and the branches abide in me will bear much fruits. This vine can no longer be uprooted or handed over to be plundered. We are the branches and life of the Vine is passing or flowing into the branches so that because of the life of the Vine branches are also alive. There are few key words that are connected with vines and branches – remaining, purification, commandments, love, fruits, unity.... Remain with the plant in good and bad times. Abide in him in moments of great financial need, when we see dishonest people succeed, in times of great illness, when one of the children is about to fail in an important endeavor... Jesus says remain in me. Verse 7 speaks of prayer as an essential element of this remaining. Those who pray are promised that they will be heard. Of course, to pray in the name of Jesus is not to make an ordinary petition, but to ask for the essential gift that Jesus characterizes in the discourse as Joy while Luke calls it the Holy Spirit, two being ultimately same.

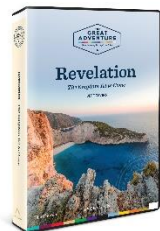
Another important element is purification. The Church and the individual need constant purification. Process of purification which are as necessary as they are painful, run through the whole history, the whole life of those who dedicated themselves to Christ. The mystery of death and resurrection is ever present in these purification.

The goal of purification is fruit, the Lord tells us. Purification and fruit belong together. And fruit and love belong together. The true fruit is the love that has passed through the cross, through God's purification. Remaining is an essential part of all this. The power of this indwelling and the shaping of life force is bound up with the word, and with the sacrament of the fruit of the vine – the Eucharist. The good Lord in this Eucharist helps us to remain in him and produce much fruits, keeping us together in the word and the Eucharist.

Sometimes in their good times people may say "I don't believe in religion or God. I believe in myself." Others say, "A lot of us feel that we don't have to lean on religion. We think for ourselves". But Jesus says, "I am the Vine, and you are branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." At certain stages people may think whatever we have in this world or in our lives can save our lives. But they are given to us to sustain our lives or to survive here. There are times in the lives of people when any of those things that they depend on cannot do anything in their lives. Then they turn to God. If we get that knowledge before, we feel total helplessness, it is wisdom. This is the meaning of what Jesus said, "Without me you can do nothing."

There are many words of Jesus that point to this life or living in Christ. Jesus says, "No one can come to the Father except through me." "One who believes in me will never die; even if he dies, he will live forever." Paul says, "It is not I who lives but Christ lives in me." These words are not mere theology but life in Christ or the effects of the life in Christ.

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.

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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](http://www.olpchurchna.org). or you can contact Kathleen Wahl,

administrative assistant at 830-279-0315 ext. 111

## **BIBLE TRIVIA**

Aaron had the title of being the first \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel.

What were the new names God gave to Abram and Sarai when Abram was 99 years old?

(Answers on page 6)



Schedule of Special Collections for remainder of this year.

May 12	Catholic Charities
May 19	Catholic Communications Campaign
June 16	Seminary Collection
June 30	Peter's Pence
July 21	Infirm Priests
August 11	Disaster Assistance
September 1	The Catholic University of America
October 20	World Mission Sunday
November 17	Catholic Campaign for Human Development
November 24	Guatemalan Mission
December 8	Retirement Fund for Religious
December 15	Church in Africa



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.



Looking for volunteers to be ushers, lectors, money counters, Eucharistic ministers, and help with streaming the weekend Mass. If you are interested in sharing your time and talents, please contact the Church office.



new parishioners Ronald & Doreen Hasemann and Ed Sollenberger.

Bible Trivia Answers

High Priest Exodus 28:1

Abraham and Sarah – Genesis 17: 5,15

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