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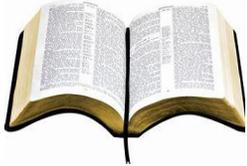
February 28 & March 1, 2026

SECOND 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 811



<u>First Reading:</u>	Genesis 12: 1-4a
<u>Responsorial:</u>	Psalms 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20-22
<u>Second Reading:</u>	2 Timothy 1: 8b-10
<u>Gospel:</u>	Matthew 17: 1-9

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, Feb. 28TH 4 pm + Karen Norton
requested by Jerry & Barb Wishall**

**Sunday, March 1ST 11 am + Dick & Helen
Balogh requested by the Balogh Family
+ Deceased members of Men's Club**

**Wednesday, March 4th 9 am + Ed & Stella
Dreslinski requested by Tom & Deb Popejoy**

**Friday, March 6th 9 am + Dennis & Roberta
Mattio requested by Tom & Deb Popejoy**

**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.**

**Abram places trust in God's promise of making
his name and descendants great on earth. In
Jesus' transfigured glory is revealed that life and
immortality will rob death of its power.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 03	Blood Drive
Mar 06	First Friday with Adoration & Benediction
Mar 06	Fish Fry
Mar 07/08	High Tea Ticket Sale
Mar 09	Joyful Journey 3 pm

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, Bill Cone, Don Durham, Lana Kritenbrink, Dick Obermeyer, Bobby Passafaro, John Scardace, Lee Stickdorn, 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 21 & 22, 2026

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$4831.00	\$6,031.00	-\$1,200.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS.

You can mail your contributions to Good Shepherd Church, P. O. Box 1468, McCormick, SC 298

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 support. 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.



Second Sunday of Lent A 2026

The scene of the transfiguration of Jesus is one way connects with two other events in the life of Jesus: His baptism and resurrection. The Father speaks the same words as at the baptism in the Jordan; and the dazzling white clothing are the sign of the glory of the Risen Christ. The beginning and the end of the story are brought together in a luminous moment.

The meaning or the message of the transfiguration can be thought of in three levels: first, what is its meaning for Jesus, secondly what is it for the apostles and thirdly for us. For Jesus, it is the time to find the will of His heavenly Father as He is moving to Jerusalem to fulfill His mission. In all the synoptic Gospels the transfiguration scene comes just after Jesus predicted His passion for the first time. There is a connection between passion and transfiguration. The transfiguration teaches a fundamental truth about God's revelation of Himself in Jesus, that "the promised Christ had first suffered and so come to the glory of the resurrection". Suffering and death, even the thought of it, freeze the action and brings the whole of one's life into a point. But that point is not fading in extinction; it is a moment of transfiguration. Death as Jesus speaks about it, is a moment in which total defeat and victory are one. The cross on which Jesus died is the sign of this oneness of defeat and victory.

In the Bible at certain times God comes to his people as light. When God appeared to Moses he was in a fire flaming out of a bush. When Moses approached the fire, the Lord said to Moses, "I am the God of your father," he continued, "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." After his resurrection and ascension when Jesus appeared to Paul on his way to Damascus as a powerful light that can struck him down and make him blind. On mount Tabor when Jesus transfigured, the life within him or the hidden glory in him came out in the form of light, even making his clothes as white. Therefore, we can understand God as pure and powerful light that can see everything in its proper position and way.

After conversing with Moses and Elijah Jesus perfectly understood His mission in Jerusalem is to die for the salvation of the world. There is an interaction between the passion and the light within him, or the passion and the will of his Father where the light conquers the pain of passion. Then the hidden glory or the light within Him came out like radiant rays transfiguring his body as light and making His clothes dazzling white. Matthew tells us that Jesus understands His journey to death as one in which further the plan of God. The Father approves it through the message from the cloud that "this is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him".

Secondly, what is the meaning of the transfiguration for the apostles. The three apostles who were with Jesus on mount Tabor were His close apostles or friend or companions. They were looking for a political Messiah in Him and wanted to have some important position when He establishes His kingdom. They asked, "We left everything what we will get and who is the greatest among us?" For those apostles this is heavenly experience and gave them a chance to experience who Jesus is. Peter wrote later, "For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that unique declaration came to Him from the majestic glory, "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased". We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain" (2 Peter 1: 17-18).

Thirdly, the feast of transfiguration is a feast encouragement for us. We are encouraged by this feast to be patient during troubles, for it radiates hope in the ultimate victory of the good. "Listen to my beloved Son" says the heavenly Father: and Jesus says, "Rise and have no fear." The transfiguration teaches us that death is not the total dissolution of our identity but the way to its full revelation.

The glory that our heavenly Father placed in our soul at the time of baptism transforms our body and soul to transfiguration through our suffering pain and prayer. In Christ we have strong faith and hope that we have a loving Father who calls our name in love so that we can free our road to Jerusalem. The power of that love funds us to face future troubles. It will help us to travel hopefully. It enables us to keep on striving until we can rest at last in love that knows our name best.

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>February 28 & March 1</i>	<i>For the return of those that have left the Catholic Church.</i>
<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 on March 7 & 8** in the Life Center. Ticket price is \$30.00 per person.

There are only 100 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.



Next **Fish Fry** of Good Shepherd Men's Club will be on Friday, March 6th from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Tickets for the menu of Deep-Fried Fish, French Fries, Cole Slaw, and Cookies will be available for the price of \$15 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under. Tickets available after Mass.

Feed your Body, Feed your Soul Sessions during Lent



Join us for the next session of Feed Your Body on March 4th. 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.

We will be using a different Stations of the Cross entitled "Everyone's Way of the Cross" which unites your life and your Lenten journey with the Passion of Jesus.

We hope you will join us as we come to know our "Blessed Mother" deeper than before and experience our coming to the cross with the Mother of Jesus, Mary.

LOVE FINDS SERVICE by Eben F. Rexford

What shall I bring to offer at Jesus' feet today,
To prove how much I love him, my debt to partly pay?
All sinful and unworthy, I come with empty hands,
And say, "Dear Lord, thou knowest" and know he understands.

But wherefore empty handed? Today the harvest waits,
And we can all be reapers upon the Lord's estates.
Each heart will thrill with gladness, if at the day's decline,
It has a sheaf to offer with "Master, mine is thine".

The heart that loves the Master, some work for him may find.
It may be in the byways, and of the lowliest kind,
But he will count it worthy, and though the gift be small,
He knows the love behind it, and that is best of all.

Impressive Catholic Appeal Early Totals



Good Shepherd parishioners are demonstrating continuing support for the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina. The first week of the 2026 Appeal shows cash and pledges totaling \$5,423. At the same time, the Diocese adjusted the previously announced parish goal, reducing it to \$20,979.

So, after week one, we have achieved more than 25 percent of our goal. You should have received a Catholic Appeal mailing from the Diocese containing a donor card and self-addressed envelope. Enter the amount of your one-time gift or pledge payable over ten months and drop the envelope in the mail or place it in an offertory basket at Mass.

You can also donate online, using a credit card or bank account debit at www.charlestdiocese.org/catholicappeal. "Let's Be Together" and support the many diocesan programs and services helping people across the entire state. Thanks for your generosity!

Dave Lorenzatti, Coordinator
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