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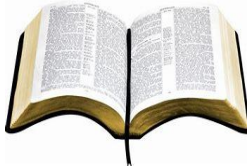
February 7 & 8, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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 865



<u>First Reading:</u>	Isaiah 58: 7-10
<u>Responsorial:</u>	Psalms 112: 4-9
<u>Second Reading:</u>	First Corinthians 2: 1-5
<u>Gospel:</u>	Matthew 5: 13 - 16

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. 7th 4 pm + Klaus Meissner requested by Jerry & Barb Wishall and + deceased members of Women's Club and + Rod Wurst requested by Lois Wurst.

Sunday, Feb. 8th 11 am + Deceased members of Gabree & Strange families requested by Chris & Jane Strange 55th Wedding anniversary celebration for Bob & Cathy Osterman.

Wednesday, Feb. 11th 9 am + Greg Foerster requested by Gary & Dae Probst and + Norbert and Paula Wrobel requested by the Schmidt Family.

Friday, Feb. 13th 9 am + Ed & Stella Dreslinski requested by Tom & Debbie Popejoy

Saturday, Feb. 14th 4 pm + Phil Stirtzinger requested by the Stirtzinger Family.

Sunday, Feb 15th 11 am + Robert Northway requested by the Schmidt Family. Special intention for families that are separated.

Solomon offers praise in the house of God. How often our traditions obscure the spirit of God's commandments.

World marriage day is celebrated today, as well as World Day of prayer and Awareness against human trafficking

UPCOMING EVENT

Feb 08	Catholic Appeal starts
Feb 09	Joyful Journey
Feb 11	Women's Club/Men's club meeting
Feb 18	Ash Wednesday No Bible Study
Feb 20	Fish Fry

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 January 31 & Feb. 1st, 2025

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$0	\$6,031.00	-\$6,031.00

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 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.

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina 2026 kicks off in February! Thanks to the overflowing generosity of those who participated in this important giving initiative, we raised **\$5.9 million statewide in 2025.**

We thank all priests and parish staff for continuing to promote the CASC, which is mission critical for funding our various statewide ministries and vocations initiatives.

Brian P. Alberts, Director

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Times Cycle A - 2026

The Lord says that we are the “Salt of the earth” and “the light of the world”. We know the properties of salt and light. Salt gives taste to the food and light makes our vision clear. When Jesus says you are the salt and light of the world means, we are supposed to give taste and clarity to the life of others. The challenge of this is that we are supposed to become loving people. Like salt Christians act by contact. The power of purity and faithfulness and charity that is in them elevates their life, saves it from egoism, and gradually delivers it up to God’s hands; it gives a spiritual savor to all their actions and makes them an agent of purification and preservation.

Like light, Christians act by presence. The light of faith, which produces every kind of good work, dissipates prejudices, lightens the way, leads to God. It comes and awakens that power of desire and admiration and graceful action that slumbers in every Christian soul, and by its mere presence, it causes us to glorify God. This Gospel affirmation is complimentary to another. We must never act so as to be noticed by human beings, but only to please God. The purer the intention, the deeper the inwardness of our acts, the more direct and detached will be our search for God and His kingdom – and more the light will shine before all.

Isaiah Points out some ways that we can be light and salt to others. They are the actions that we call the corporal works of mercy, feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, giving drinks to the thirsty, visiting those in prison, visiting the sick, burying the dead. These are classical works of mercy. These are the tangible ways of being salt and light. The early church did it and the church does it today.

There are other works of mercy, other ways of being salt and light that we tend to forget. They are spiritual works of mercy because they address the soul. The first one is to correct the sinner, the second to instruct the ignorant, the third to counsel the doubtful, the fourth to comfort the sorrowful, the fifth to bear wrongs patiently, the sixth forgive all injuries and the seventh to pray for the living and the dead.

We may think, if we do few of these works of mercy will we be the salt and the light of the earth, as Jesus told?” Yes, we will be. It is very simple. Let me explain this with a small story. An old man was walking along a beach after a big storm. Fifty yards ahead of him was a young woman. She was picking starfish that the storm had stranded on the beach and throwing them back into the sea. When the old man caught up with her, he asked her what she was doing. She replied that the starfish would die unless they were returned to the sea before the sun began beating them down. The old man said, “But the beach goes on for miles and miles, and there are thousands of stranded starfish. How can your small effort make a difference? Picking up a starfish and holding it lovingly in her hands, she said, “It makes a big difference in this one.” And with that she returned it to the sea.

Our being the salt and the light of the world must be in answer to the particular needs of the time and the present world cries for works of justice more than for anything else. We need to be like salt in preserving the world from getting more and more corrupt because of injustices done to another. We need to be the light in dispelling the darkness of greed and selfishness of certain sections which drive millions to go hungry, naked and homeless. The Lord’s appeal, “Share your bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless and clothe the naked” (Is 58: 7) still resounds today and it resounds louder than ever.

When we feed the hungry or give water to the thirsty or when we do any of the fourteen acts of mercy, we are becoming salt or light to that person. It will make a big difference to that person. We may not be able to change the whole world, but the life of a hungry, painful, sorrowful person will be tastier for him when you add a little bit of salt. In short, your love will make a big difference in the life of another.

ROSARY INTENTIONS



February 7 & 8

February 14 & 15

February 21 & 22

To end all sex trafficking of women and children.

For unity in our country.

Individual intentions placed in Rosary Box



Feed your Body, Feed your Soul Sessions during Lent

Come and enhance your Lenten Journey this year by participating in "Feed Your Body & Feed Your Soul." This program is facilitated by the Spiritual Ministry and will be a little different this year. Beginning on

Ash Wednesday, February 18th with Mass and Ashes then followed by the 20-minute DVD "A Biblical Walk with Mary", with soups in our parish Life Center.

Over the following 5 Wednesdays of Lent (Feb 25-March 25) we will start off in the church with Stations of the Cross beginning at 4:30 followed by the DVD presentation and soups.

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.



Good Shepherd Men's Club will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday, February 20th at 5:00 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 are **available this weekend**.



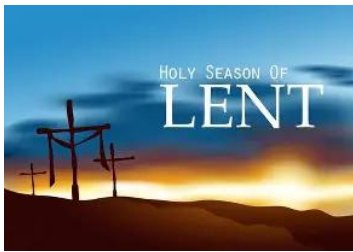
Women's Club meeting on Wednesday, February 11th in Parish Life Center please confirm your attendance with Marie Ring at mmring1966@gmail.com. All are welcome

Men's Club meeting on Wednesday, February 11th at 5:30 pm in Parish Life Center. All are welcome.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY PRAYER



Lord Jesus, we ask You to unite our hearts, minds, and spirits. Help us work together in every decision, support one another through trials, and grow in love and understanding. Strengthen the bond that connects us and teach us to seek Your will in all things. May our marriage always reflect Your divine unity, drawing us closer to You, and may our love remain unbreakable, grounded in faith, hope, and enduring devotion. Amen.



WHAT SHOULD I DO DURING LENT?

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2462)

Our God loves fresh starts. How is he inviting you to a fresh start this Lent?

Lenten Dates

Ash Wednesday –February 18th

Palm Sunday – March 29th

Maundy Thursday – April 2nd

Good Friday - April 3rd

Holy Saturday - April 4th

Easter Sunday - April 5th

Lent is a season of spiritual renewal. Through prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and reconciliation, we draw closer to Christ and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter. By embracing these practices with intentionality and openness, Catholics can deepen their faith and experience the transformation that comes through God's grace. As we walk this 40-day journey together, let us remember that Lent is not an end in itself, but a preparation for the resurrection—the heart of our faith.

May this Lent be a time of growth, renewal, and deeper intimacy with our loving Savior

International Day of Prayer and Reflection Against Human Trafficking

February 8 is the "International Day of Prayer and Reflection against Human Trafficking," first initiated by Pope Francis in 2015. February 8 is also the memorial of Saint Josephine Bakhita, a patron saint of trafficking victims. A native of Darfur, Sudan, she was kidnapped by slave traders at age 9 and suffered for many years as a horrifically abused slave in Sudan and Italy. She developed a sustaining relationship with God in the midst of her pain, was eventually emancipated, and became a religious sister. She died in 1947 and was declared a saint in 2000.

O Father, we beseech Thee to shine Thy light upon the shadows where human trafficking thrives. Empower us to rise against this injustice and protect the vulnerable. May Thy mercy bring healing to the lost and grant strength to those who strive to combat this evil. Amen.

February 8th Feast of St. Jerome of Emiliani – Patron of Orphans

Jerome was born in Venice, the son of Angelo Emiliani and Eleonore Mauroceni. His father died when he was a teenager and Jerome ran away at the age of 15 to join the army. In 1508. He was appointed governor of a fortress in the mountains of Treviso, and while defending his post he was taken prisoner. Prior, he had not cared about God, but attributed his escape to the intercession of the Mother of God; and he made a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Treviso, in fulfillment of a vow, and left his chains as an offering.

He was then appointed Podestà (Venetian magistrate) of Castelnuovo di Quero, but after a short time returned to Venice to supervise the education of his nephews. All his spare time was devoted to the study of theology and to works of charity. In the year of plague and famine (1528), he seemed to be everywhere and showed his zeal, especially for the orphans, whose number had so greatly increased. Jerome began caring for the sick and feeding the hungry at his own expense. He rented a house for them near the church of St. Rose and, with the assistance of some pious laymen, ministered to their needs. To his charge was also committed the hospital for incurables, founded by Gaetano dei Conti di Thiene.

In 1531 he went to Verona and induced the citizens to build a hospital; in Brescia, Bergamo, Milan and other places in northern Italy, he erected orphanages, for boys and for girls. At Bergamo, he also founded a hostel for repentant prostitutes. He remained a layman throughout his life. Pope John Paul II described him as "a lay person who inspires lay people." He died on 8 February 1537

*He was beatified by Pope Benedict XIV in 1747, and canonized by Pope Clement XIII on 16 July 1767
In 1928, Pope Pius XI named him the patron of orphans and abandoned children.*



Prayer: God, Father of mercies, You made St. Jerome the helper and father of orphans. By His intercession help us to preserve that spirit of adoption by which we are called, and really are, Your children. Amen



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