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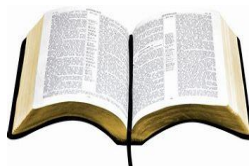
August 8 & 9, 2026

19TH Sunday in 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 Number 907



<u>First Reading:</u>	1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
<u>Responsorial:</u>	Psalms: 85: 9-14
<u>Second Reading:</u>	Romans 9: 1-5
<u>Gospel:</u>	Matthew 14: 22-33

Livestream Mass on YouTube 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, August 8th 4 pm + Santo Lorenzatti requested by Dave Lorenzatti + Stephen Stempien requested by Marsha Stempien and for deceased members of Women's Club

Sunday, August 9th 11 am + Peter-John Benedetto requested by Pete & Chris Benedetto and + Dick & Helen Balogh requested by the Balogh Family.

Monday, August 10th 10:00 am Nancy Kiernan Funeral

Wednesday, August 12th 9 am + Judith Osborn requested by David & Carol McKloskey

Friday August 14th 9 am + Missa Pro Popula

Saturday, August 15th 4 pm + Phil Stirtzinger requested by Stirtzinger Family + John Holben requested by Carol Holben

Sunday, August 16th 11 am + Tom Morgan and special intentions for Kyle Morgan

In the midst of our trials and tribulations, the lord extends his hands to us and saves us. He calms our frightened hearts through his quiet presence. May our faith in the Lord draw God's chosen people in the new covenant in Christ.

UPCOMING EVENT

Aug 13 Parish Council Meeting 10:00 am
Aug 20 Spiritual committee meeting 10 am

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	Glory Mathews
Cassie Newkirk	Noah Neuman
Kaylin Neuman	Declan Pemberton
Aspen Quam	Timothy Shively
Lars Swenson	Daniel O'Donne
Daniel & Brandi Stricker	Jonathon Taylor
Cody Tiller	Ashley Wulforst
	Thomas Wulforst



Pray for our Sick & Home Bound

John Atwell, Erlinda Baloy, Ron Beech, Don Durham, Mary James, Jenny Kiely, Lana Kritenbrink, Ann Martin, Linda Murphy, Dick Obermeyer, Bobby Passafaro, John Scardace and Mike Thompson.

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

Collection Report

Weekend of August 2 & 3, 2026

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$5,694.00	\$5,358.00	+ \$336.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS.
You can mail your contributions to Good Shepherd Church, P. O. Box 1468, McCormick, SC 29835

Next weeks readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7
Second Reading: Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-16

Grandmother Ministry Needs HELP

The Grandmother Ministry is in need of fruit cups, canned meats 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.

ACH/EFT electronic funds transfer

If you are interested in having the Church draw your offertory or building fund pledge from your checking account, please provide the office with your bank routing number and account number with the amount of your contribution. Deductions are made on the first of the month. Contact the office for more information

Welcome Newly Registered Parishioners
Jeffrey & Valerie Watt



Rosary intentions

Aug 8 & 9 For those contemplating suicide, that they find God and choose life.
Aug 15 & 16 To end all sex trafficking of women and children
Aug 22 & 23 For unity in our country.
Aug 29 & 30 Individual intentions in the Rosary Box.



Come refresh, renew and connect with others from Atlanta, Savannah and Charleston at the Southeastern Women's Retreat ARISE!

DATES: May 14-16, 2027

LOCATION: Heritage Retreat Center, 979 Locust Road SE, Crawfordville, GA 30631

COST: \$485 (includes lodging, meals, and all activities)

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: March 1, 2027

CONTACT: Sarah Hanks, Director, sewomensretreat@gmail.com or 770-906-8783

Father Jewel Aytona, CPM, missionary preacher with the Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy in Auburn, KY will serve as our retreat master. Our theme will center on evangelization in the modern world. *In the words of St. John Paul II, "This is no time to be ashamed of the Gospel. It is time to preach it from the rooftops." The call to evangelize is not optional, yet most of us struggle to find meaningful ways to invite others to bear the yoke of Christ. May this experience help us strive to proclaim Christ through both word and the testimony of our lives (CCC #905) as we unpack some of the modern day challenges that permeate our culture. questions they can contact Judy Bowyer (205)267-7097 email: judyocn@gmail.com or Ginny Vose (617)584-6900 email: bobginvose@yahoo.com*



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Saint Francis Prayer

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord. You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall. You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries. In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen.
(Pope Leo XIV)

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A 2026

Where do we find the Lord in our life? Today's readings point to two surprising places: the quiet and the storm. The first reading is a famous scene from the life of the Old Testament prophet, Elijah. Elijah had just come out as a winner from a very dramatic religious contest. A pagan cult, sponsored by the queen Jezebel, was spreading throughout Israel. Elijah one of God's Old Testament prophets, challenged the pagan priests of this cult. It was one man against many; several pagan priests on one side and Elijah alone on the other side. The test in this was to see whose God would send down fire from heaven to ignite an offering on the altar. Of course, Elijah won. People began to return to the true God, and they killed 850 priests on that day. The queen was furious and sent her soldiers to hunt Elijah down and kill him. That is the settings of today's first reading.

Elijah is in flight and goes to the holy mountain of Horeb to wait for the Lord to come to him. He looks for a sign of God's presence in the wind, in the earthquake, in the fire (all the manifestations of God, that Moses experienced on that same mountain), but God was in none of them. Rather He was in the air around him. Elijah was surrounded by God. So often, we tend to look for God's presence only in the unusual and the extraordinary. Of course, there is nothing wrong in seeing God at work in the extraordinary and the unusual. The problem comes when we think that God is only in the unusual and not in the ordinary, the everyday routine. Miracles, healings and visions have been part of the church's life from the start. They are meant to get our attention and not to limit God's presence only to such extraordinary events. They are given to remind us of the abiding, every day, continuing presence of God. Do we take time to meet God in the silence or do we spend our time in looking only for supernatural fireworks.

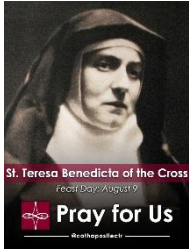
There is not only silence, but there are also the storms. The gospel reading is not just about a storm on the lake but about the storms of life. You and I may not be caught in a storm at sea, but we are all caught in the storms of life, whether those storms have to do with children, marriage, finances, health, emotional problems, work or other people. The gospel teaches us that the Lord is with us even in the storms. Through sacraments, through the church, through our time of prayer, the Lord says to us, "Get hold of yourselves. It is I. Do not be afraid."

Peter may have been the first one out of the boat, but Jesus' invitation to walk on water is for all of us. Walking on water means facing our fears and choosing not to let fear have the last word...Walking on water means discovering and embracing the unique calling of God on your life...Walking on water means experiencing the power of God in our life to do something we would not be capable of doing our own...

Expect a few waves to slap you in the face. Failure comes with territory but so does the strong hand of Jesus, pulling you up when the bottom drops out. And so do brilliant successes and rewards that far outweigh any of the risks.

The readings remind us there will be storms; earthquakes, fires; caves and boat are two safe places we think. But if we are willing to come out of our caves and boats, two things will happen. First, if we fail – and we will fail sometimes – the Lord will be around us as a cool breeze or Jesus will be there to pick us up. We will find the Lord is wholly adequate to save us. And secondly, every once in a while, we will be in our caves or boats. When human beings get out of the cave or boat, they are never quite the same. There are many religious places and shrines in our world where people go to be inspired and renewed in faith. The readings teach us that there are two places where the Lord is present that are part of every life, silence and the storm. Two places where every single of us can meet Christ are in silence and the storm. Christ is there in both.

Patron Saint of Europe and those who Lost Parents



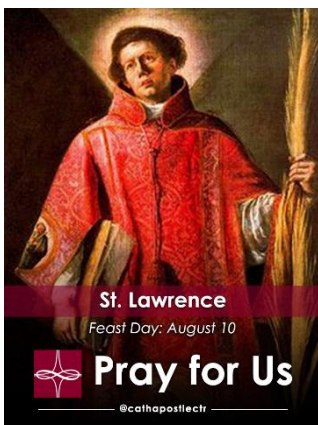
St. Teresa Benedicta was born Edith Stein. She was born into a German Jewish family, but she stopped believing in God when she was fourteen years old. Her conversion to Catholicism began when she read the autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila. St. Teresa Benedicta was baptized in 1922 and became a Discalced Carmelite twelve years later. She died in 1942 in a gas chamber at Auschwitz after the Nazis arrested all Dutch Jews who had converted to Christianity. Feast Day August 9th



This Saint is an unknown Roman Martyr whose cult was non-existent in the Church until the 12th century. His legendary Acts tell us that St. Romanus was a soldier in Rome at the time when St. Lawrence had been imprisoned for his refusal to surrender the treasury of the Roman Church to the Empire. As he beheld the endurance and fortitude of St. Lawrence during his persecution and marveled at his virtuous courage and heroic patience, St. Romanus was so inspired that he approached the holy Martyr and asked to be received into the Faith.

St. Lawrence gave the necessary instructions to St. Romanus and baptized him in the prison. This brave Roman soldier then publicly proclaimed his conversion to Christianity to his fellow-soldiers, and he was immediately arrested and convicted. St. Romanus thereupon achieved the crown of martyrdom by being beheaded on August 9, 258, the day before the execution of St. Lawrence. Feast Day is August 9th

PRAYER: Almighty and ever-living God, graciously pour out Your Spirit upon us. Let our hearts be filled with that true love which enabled Your holy Martyr Romanus to overcome all bodily torments. Amen.



Patron Saint of Rome and Comedians

Saint Lawrence was a deacon in the early Church in Rome and was martyred by the Roman Emperor Valerian in 250. He is the patron saint of librarians, archivists, comedians, and cooks. He was martyred on a grill. With saintly humor he famously quipped, "you can flip me over; I'm done on this side." Feast Day is August 10th.

Prayer: God, by his ardent love for You, St. Lawrence exhibited faithful service and attained a glorious martyrdom. Help us to love what he loved and to practice what he taught. Amen

WHY WE PRAY THE ROSARY



The Rosary Leads Us Through the Life of Christ

The rosary is often described as a "compendium of the Gospel." Each set of mysteries -- Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous -- offers a unique reflection on key moments in Jesus' life, from His conception to His resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Through these mysteries, we are invited to enter into the experiences of Jesus and Mary, to see their struggles, joys, and sorrows as our own. This contemplative practice brings us closer to Christ, helping us grow in understanding of His love and sacrifice for humanity.

By meditating on these mysteries, we also deepen our appreciation for the events that shaped our salvation. We move beyond mere words to a heartfelt connection with the experiences of the Holy Family. This unique reflection helps us see that Christ's story is not just historical but alive in our own lives.

A Powerful Weapon for Peace and Spiritual Strength

Throughout history, the rosary has been recognized as a powerful weapon in the battle against spiritual evils. Many saints, including St. Padre Pio, have urged the faithful to "pray, hope, and don't worry," believing that the rosary is a spiritual "sword" that protects us from temptation and spiritual harm. This idea is rooted in the belief that the rosary places us under the protection of the Virgin Mary, who continually intercedes for us, her spiritual children.

The Battle of Lepanto in 1571 is a well-known historical example of the rosary's impact. When Christian forces, vastly outnumbered by the Ottoman navy, faced near-certain defeat, Pope Pius V called for all of Europe to pray the rosary. Against all odds, the Christians emerged victorious, leading the Pope to establish October 7 as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Stories like this highlight the rosary as a source of peace, courage, and strength when we face spiritual or physical challenges.

The Miracle of Hiroshima (1945): Eight Jesuit priests survived the atomic bomb blast in Hiroshima despite being less than a mile from the epicenter. Their house remained standing, and they lived long lives without suffering from radiation sickness. They attributed their survival to living the message of Fatima and **praying the Rosary daily**.

Austria's Freedom from Communism (1955): After World War II, Soviet forces occupied Allied-divided Austria. A Franciscan priest, Fr. Petrus Pavlicek, started a Rosary Crusade. Over 500,000 Austrians pledged to pray the Rosary daily, and in 1955, the Soviet army unexpectedly withdrew from the region without a single shot fired.

An Anchor in Times of Suffering and Uncertainty

The rhythm of the rosary can be a powerful comfort in times of distress. Praying the rosary helps to quiet the mind, calm anxiety, and strengthen faith when life becomes overwhelming. By focusing on the mysteries and the repetitive prayers, Catholics find a source of peace, rooted in the love of God and the intercession of Mary. Each "Hail Mary" is a reminder that we are not alone, that Mary, our mother, is praying with us and for us.



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