

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

APRIL 13 & 14 , 2024



Mass Schedule:

Wednesday 9 am

Friday 9 am

Saturday 4 pm

Sunday 11 am

Confession 8:15 – 8:45 am

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Confession 3:00 – 3:45 pm

Livestream Mass on YouTube or Facebook at Good Shepherd Catholic Church McCormick

THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER Glory & Praise Book #830



First Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19

Responsorial:

Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

Second Reading:

1 John 2:1-5

Gospel:

Luke 24:35-48

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 13th 4 pm + Celestino Vega
requested by Mary James and Nita Loper

Lector: Linda DeShano

EM of HC: Ginny Vose

Ushers: Mark Boerner & Barb Zust

Sunday, April 14th 11 am + Clif Inman requested by
Jan Inman

Lector: Mary James

EM of HC: Marie Ring

Ushers: Lee & Pat Stickdorn

Wednesday, April 17th 9 am + Helen Deary requested
by Gary & Dae Probst

Friday, April 19th 9 am + Dylan Sterling requested by
Rosemary Billings

Saturday, April 20th 4 pm - + Kris Adden requested by
Jerry & Barb Wishall

Gary Mudd requested by Kenneson Family

Lector: Tom Popejoy

EM of HC: Bernadette Tarrant

Ushers: Ray Gary & Dae Probst

Sunday, April 21st 11 am – + Lise Raynor requested
by Paul & Ann Bourbonnais

Doug Anderson requested by Keneson Family

Lector: Teresa Leszczynski

EM of HC: Mark Leszczynski

Ushers/Greeters: Ken & Mary Jane Woodburn

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 17 & 19 High Tea
April 21 Parish Picnic following 11 am Mass.
April 28 Pancake Breakfast 9 am – 1 pm
May 03 First Friday

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, 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 6 & 7, 2024

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$4325.00	\$4,337.00	-- \$12.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS.
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NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

"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



We are pleased to welcome new registered parishioners;

Ms. Joan Capitani, from Florida
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Rego,
Mr. Tom Hornung,
Mr. & Mrs. Doug Lilly and Ms. Hilda Currie
from Fairfax, VA.
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Wharram
Mr. Greg Lang
Mr. & Mrs. John Coccaro from Hilton Head

Catholic Appeal Totals

Good Shepherd's weekly total of contributions and pledges to the 2024 Catholic Appeal of South Carolina has reached \$14,650 or 86% of the parish goal of \$17,298. Return your gift by using the envelope that the Diocese mailed to you or place it in an offertory basket at Mass. Donations are also accepted by credit card or by draft from a checking account. The envelope explains those options in detail. Thanks for your continuing generosity.

Dave Lorenzatti, CASC Good Shepherd Coordinator



This is the last weekend to sign up for our Parish Picnic on April 21st. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

pancake



breakfast

Come and enjoy the next MEN'S CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST APRIL 28th from 9 am to 1 pm in the Parish Life Center. Still low price of \$7.00/adult and \$4.00/children for all you can eat.



Pilgrimage to Poland - See the Catholic Treasure of Poland!

Please join us on a pilgrimage to Poland! Highlights include Jasna Gora Monastery, home of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy and the Divine Mercy Image, the Museum and Chapel of St.

Maximilian Kolbe, the cell where he was martyred in Auschwitz, the birthplace and baptismal Church of St. John Paul, Wawel Cathedral where he was ordained a Bishop and so much more! Daily Mass. October 3-12, 2024. \$3695/per person based on double occupancy. \$150 discount if you enter coupon code Bulletin150 on the registration form. For more information, please visit www.QoHTours.com or call us at 1-800-213-4295



Good Shepherd Benevolent Bake Sale

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

Men and Women Bakers Needed!

Funds raised will benefit many Charitable Organizations

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.

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 or

Ginny Vose [\(617\) 584-6900](tel:6175846900)- bobginvose@yahoo.com

Third Sunday of Easter B 2024

In today's gospel we see how the disciples cannot make sense of Jesus' recent death. Nor can they make sense of what is going on when he appears to them. Luke chooses to emphasize that only the risen Christ can make sense of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. They need the risen Christ to uncover the meaning of all that is happening. Through these appearances, the Lord is taking this group of disciples, broken apart and scattered by His crucifixion and death, and is reweaving them together around the truth of His Resurrection. In the appearance recounted in today's Gospel reading, the Lord establishes the features that will be part of every authentic Christian community until the end of time: His peace, His presence, and His purpose. He appears to the Apostles and His first words are "Peace be with you." He gives them His peace because they were in turmoil, confusion, and guilt. These followers had abandoned Him and denied Him despite their strong claims that they would do otherwise. They knew that they betrayed their Master. They were sorry but they couldn't turn back the clock. Jesus knows of their repentance. He comes now and says, "Peace be with you" to let them know that they were forgiven. That was why their fear turned to joy. They were forgiven. This is the message of Jesus at every Mass today and in all the sacraments. It is the message of forgiveness that comes with repentance. Forgiveness and repentance go together. Unfortunately, people try to separate them. St. John writes in today's second reading, "If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous One." St. Peter says in the first reading, "Repent that your sins may be wiped away." Wiped away! The peace that comes from forgiveness is Jesus' first great Easter gift to the apostles and to us.

Then, there is, of course, His presence, His real presence. "It is I myself." It's really me! Today, Jesus is fully among us through His Holy Spirit when we pray and when we gather with fellow Christians in faith. He is present in the Eucharist as the most vivid way He would remain with us. He is with us not as a memory or a model but as surely as He was with the Apostles in that upper room.

The presence of Christ is a wonderful gift. As we look at all the individuals in church on Sunday, we can reflect on the fact that the Risen Lord is at work in the lives of each of them, each with his or her own story, his or her own needs, his or her own aspirations and He is present to each as though that person were the only one. He comes to each one in the Eucharist with the particular graces that an individual needs for his or her life.

When Jesus appeared to them, they are alarmed and frightened rather than rejoice in his presence; rather than recognizing Jesus they thought they are seeing a ghost. Jesus appeals to the disciples' sense of touch and to their reasoning; "touch me"... "ghost have no flesh"... Then he opens their minds to understanding the scriptures that they can believe in him. The disciples cannot do that for themselves. Only the risen Christ can take the disciples from mystery to revelation, from confusion to understanding. The enduring, lasting, permanent, real presence of Christ to us is Christ's second Easter gift to the Apostles and to us. Finally, besides his peace and His presence there is also His purpose. "You will be witnesses of this," He told them. "To all nations." Who were they? They were a small group of frightened people cowering from the authorities. On the face of it they didn't seem at all suitable for this task; the last thing they wanted was to be recognized as His followers. But the Lord sent the Apostles to be witnesses of this new way of life, of this new truth that entered the universe. The Lord sends us to witness to the same truth. The Church has had many great, heroic witnesses to Christ's life and teaching. There are many saints, canonized and not yet canonized, who had a mission to fulfill. We are given a purpose as well. The resurrection of Jesus was the first sign and the guarantee of the huge harvest that was to follow, the harvest of forgiveness and peace He brings, the harvest of His presence in so many human lives, the harvest of mission as we try to share something of Christ with us.

The story of Easter was not finished with Ascension of Jesus. Now we are part of the Easter story.

Fr. Jacob Joseph



***Dignitas Infinita*: The Key Takeaways**

The dignity of all human life is reaffirmed in a new declaration from the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* (1948). *Dignitas Infinita*, or infinite dignity, addresses many issues that the modern world faces such as gender theory, transgenderism, abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide, surrogacy, human trafficking, war, digital violence, poverty, immigration, and many others. The document explains how each of these violates the inherent dignity of human persons.

Human dignity is also reiterated, and it is emphasized that all people are made in the image and likeness of God — thus human dignity is inalienable. *Dignitas Infinita* details key violators of our dignity:

- Abortion
 - The evil of abortion is highlighted once again, explaining in no uncertain terms that abortion is the killing of an innocent human being.
- Euthanasia and assisted suicide
 - The dying must be treated with the utmost love and compassion. They may be given medication to relieve their pain and they should be given the sacraments. However, we do not have a right to death — only to life.
- Surrogacy
 - Surrogacy separates the sexual act from procreation. It treats women and children as commodities.
- Gender ideology and transgender surgeries
 - Gender theory attempts to eliminate sexual difference and separate gender from sex, representing grave error in denying the identity given to each person by the Creator.
 - Sex change procedures “as a rule, risks threatening the unique dignity the person has received from the moment of conception” (60).
- Human trafficking
 - Human trafficking is a crime against humanity and dehumanizing to both victim and perpetrator. It includes labor and sex trafficking, and organ harvesting.
- Marginalization of people with disabilities
 - We live in a “throwaway culture” (53-54) that determines people’s value based on ability and utility. The Gospel makes it clear that the vulnerable have inalienable dignity in the eyes of God and deserve a place in society and the Church.
- War
 - Wars do not solve problems and create peace; rather, they cause significant loss of life for no perceivable good end. The declaration states “no war is worth the loss of the life of even one human being, a sacred being created in the image and likeness of the Creator” (38).
- Poverty
 - New forms of poverty are emerging because of the “obsession with reducing labor costs with no concern for its grave consequences,” (36). Laborers are not tools or objects, but human persons worthy of respect.
- The travail of migrants
 - It is essential that the inherent dignity of migrants is respected and that we remember that we are all equally loved by God. The declaration states “the inalienable dignity of each human person regardless of origin, race or religion” (40).
- Violence against women and sexual abuse
 - We must protect the dignity of women. We must also work to stop sexual abuse that primarily affects women.
 - Sexual abuse leaves lasting scars on the victims. We must do everything to stop these acts from being committed and provide for victims to heal.
- The danger of the digital world and loneliness
 - The digital world offers more connectivity around the world but has created new challenges. People struggle with feeling disconnected from reality; we are facing an epidemic of loneliness and isolation.
 - The digital world is also a place for pornographic content and cyberbullying. The declaration states that paradoxically, the more opportunities grow for making connections, the more people find themselves isolated and impoverished in interpersonal relationships (61).

Dignitas Infinita makes it clear that we face many challenges that threaten or violate the dignity granted to each person by God.

The South Carolina Catholic Conference thanks the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith for this guidance on important issues and for reminding the world that all people have dignity despite their circumstances.

Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, pray for us!

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Hospice House Needs List:

- No name brand Ziplock bags quart size bags
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- Adult wipes
- Peppermint Candy
- Snack Cakes, Crackers, Nuts, etc. (Individual Packages)
- Funds for Cookie Dough
- Kitty Litter (for disposal of medicines)

A box labeled Hospice House will be in the Narthex for the month of April. All donations are greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions, contact Ginny Vose [\(617\) 584-6900](tel:6175846900) or email bobginvose@yahoo.com.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR APRIL; soups, tuna fish and canned meats. Please drop off your donations in the Parish Life Center.



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