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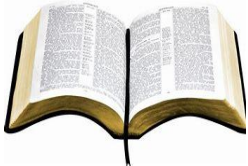
September 5 & 6, 2026

23rd 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 919



<u>First Reading:</u>	Ezekiel 33: 7-9
<u>Responsorial:</u>	Psalm: 95: 1-2, 6-9
<u>Second Reading:</u>	Romans 13: 8-10
<u>Gospel:</u>	Matthew 18: 15-20

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, Sept. 5th 4 pm + Tom Morgan
requested by Joan Morgan and + Nancy Kiernan
requested by Joe Kiernan**

**Sunday, Sept 6th 11 am + Dorothy Ficocelli
requested by Vince Ficocelli and + deceased
members of Good Shepherd's Men's Club**

**Monday, Sept 7th 9 am Labor Day + Norbert
Deary requested by Gary & Dae Probst**

**Wednesday, Sept 9th 9 am + Robert & Doris
Burger requested by Steve & Kathy Rotert**

**Friday Sept 11th 9 am + deceased members of
Domas/Wartchow families and Mary Domas
requested by Larry Domas and in memory of the
25th anniversary of the attack on 9/11**

**Saturday, Sept 12th 11 am Funeral Mass for Andy
Warwick**

**Saturday, Sept. 12th 4 pm + Stella Dreslinski
requested by Tom & Debbie Popejoy**

Sunday, Sept 13th 11 am Missa Pro Popula

**May our hearts not be hardened, but may we
turn from our sin. In our love for one another,
we may be called to confront our brother and
sister for the wrong they may be doing.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 07	Labor Day Mass at 9 am
Sep 09	Bible Study, Women's Club
Sep 09	Men's Club
Sep 11	25 th anniversary of 9/11

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 Swanson	
Daniel & Brandi Stricker	Jonathon Taylor
Cody Tiller	Ashley Wulforst
	Thomas Wulforst



Pray for our Sick & Home Bound

Debby Arlt, John Atwell, Erlinda Baloy, Ron Beech, Don Durham, Mary James, Jenny Kiely, Lana Kritenbrink, Ann Martin, Linda Murphy, Dick & Ruth Obermeyer, Bobby Passafaro, Steve Porato, John Scardace and Christine Whatley

....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 26 & 27 2026

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$4,711.00	\$5,358.00	-\$647.00

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: Sirach 27: 30-28:7
Second Reading: Romans 14: 7-9
Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

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



Rosary intentions

<i>Sep 05 & 06</i>	<i>For the return of those that have left the Catholic Faith</i>
<i>Sep 12 & 13</i>	<i>For families in crisis that they may discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness and God's grace.</i>
<i>Sep 19 & 20</i>	<i>For cancer survivors, that they may grow in faith and trust in God's will.</i>

FAITH AND THE WORD(Formerly Bible Studies) Come discover the richness of Sacred Scripture! You are warmly invited to join our upcoming Catholic Bible study, where we will dive into the Word of God, connect it to our Catholic faith, and grow together in fellowship. Whether you are a lifelong Catholic who knows the readings well or someone who has never opened a Bible before, you are welcome here.

Who Am I to Judge? Is the topic for the Monday night Bible Study, beginning on Monday, Sept. 14th at 6:30 pm in the Life Center. A DVD presentation by Dr. Edward Sri discusses;

"Don't be so judgmental!"

"Why are Christians so intolerant?"

"Why can't we just coexist?"

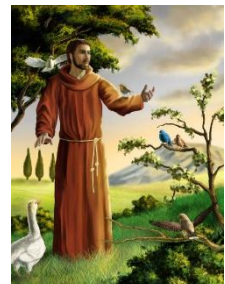
In an age in which preference has replaced morality, many people find it difficult to speak the truth, afraid of the reactions they will receive if they say something is right or wrong. Using engaging stories and personal experience, Edward Sri helps us understand the classical view of morality and equips us to engage relativism, appealing to both the head and the heart. Learn how Catholic morality is all about love, why making a judgment is not judging a person's soul, and why, in the words of Pope Francis, "relativism wounds people." Topics include:

- Real Freedom, Real Love
- Sharing truth with compassion
- Why "I disagree" doesn't mean "I hate you"

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)





Good Shepherd Men's Club will be holding a Fall Fish Fry on Friday, September 25th 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.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Formerly known as RCIA program. OCIA will begin on Thursday October 8th from 7 – 8:15 pm and run till March 18, 2027, with time off Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years.

All are welcome to attend these classes – not just those who are considering joining the Catholic Faith. Sessions are informal with ample time for questions and discussion. We will tackle the difficult issues: “real Presence”, Holy Trinity, marriage, annulments, confession and more.

On October 15th the class will tour the church building and hear what all the “stuff” is and why we, and the celebrant, do what we do during Mass. Everyone is invited to join the tour on Thursday, October 15th at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in participating or have questions about OCIA program, please contact Dick Obermeyer at 864-391-3321 or email r.obermeyer@icloud.com

In 2026, approximately 180,000 adults were baptized or received into the Catholic Church in the United States during the Easter Vigil. This marked a significant increase, with reports indicating a 38% rise in conversions compared to the previous year.



The Respect Life Committee of Good Shepherd Church invites all parishioners to participate in the National Life Chain in Mc Cormick on Sunday, October 4th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. The National Life Chain is a public witness for ALL life. Mc Cormick is one of over 1,500 cities and towns participating across the United States and Canada. This will be our 20th year of participation. The goal of the life Chain is to show respect for the sanctity of human life by standing for one hour in silent, peaceful witness and prayers. The Mc Cormick Life Chain will line the sidewalks at the intersection of Hwy 378 and 28. Approved National Pro-Life signs will be provided with prayer suggestions on the back. Bring water, lawn chairs and umbrellas for personal use. Please join us.

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A 2026

In the Gospel we read the story of two towns where the people are very different. There are big differences between the people at Nazareth and Capernaum. Capernaum is a lakeside town. Having rejected from Nazareth Jesus made his new base at Capernaum. The people of Nazareth saw only the carpenter; “Is not this the carpenter; son of Mary and brother of James and Joses?” (Mark 6:3) “And took offense at him.” He was too familiar to have any significance for them. They know where he came from; They were able to reduce him to his past. This explanation is “from behind.” It robbed him of his power. Mark says, “He could work no miracle there” (6:5). By contrast, the people of the other town “were astonished by the way he taught them, for his words were spoken with authority. They didn’t explain “from behind” like people of Nazareth nor “from below” like Pharisees. They were able to feel unexplained power of his presence – the terror and the beauty of it. On one side we see criticism, cynicism, discouragement, a belittling look; in short, with a habit of mind that reduces everything. But the other has everything positive.

These are two models of communities or families. One is positive and the other is with negative energies. The members of a community or family have responsibility for others so that it may have more positive energy. That is the theme of today’s readings. Our readings list three different kinds of responsibilities we have to others; the responsibility to speak, to respect, and to heal. First, we have a responsibility to speak. The prophet Ezekiel speaks of the role of the watchman to warn of danger. We have a moral duty to speak the truth about right and wrong, whether to our society or to individuals. There are different ways of doing it but as Christians can we be silent when there are attacks on innocent life, when our society is going in the wrong moral direction, when people we know are damaging themselves? The Lord says through Ezekiel that we have the duty to speak. If we speak and that person refuses to listen, we will have done our duty. We have the responsibility to speak the truth to another. Secondly there is the duty to respect others. St. Paul lists in his letter to the Romans the duties of love: do not kill, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not covet. We can state them in a positive way. We have the responsibility to respect another’s life, respect another person’s marriage, respect another’s property and respect another’s integrity. Finally, the gospel reading goes bit deeper into our responsibility in dealing with conflict and healing it. We can call it the Lord’s teaching about conflict resolution or conflict management. Here is the case: what do you do if someone does something wrong to you? How is the Christian to handle it? The Lord gives several steps.

The first is to put our complaint into words. Too often we keep it inside, keep it bottled up and go into a slow burn. If someone does something wrong to us, we pretend to overlook it, but we really don’t. It goes deep inside building up pressure until sooner or later it explodes. If someone does wrong, bring it out into open, state it and face it.

The Lord says further that we should keep it private. So often, what we do in a conflict is speak to everyone about it except to the person involved. We gossip, slander, complain, engage in detraction rather than confront the person who needs to know. Thirdly, if the person does not listen to us, says the Lord, use a mediator, a third person can be a bridge between two people at odds with each other. Fourthly, if the individual refuses to listen to the mediator, then, the Lord says, refer it to the Church. Today we could apply this as taking a personal injury to the official body (Church or government officials) which has a right to know. Finally, if the individual will not listen to them, says the Lord, then pray for him or her but leave them to God’s justice, God’s judgement and God’s grace. Conflict is not alien to the Christian community or to the individual Christian’s life. There is a Christian way of dealing with it that doesn’t seek revenge but the other person’s return to God’s grace. The point of today’s readings is that Christian love is not a feeling or an emotion but a responsibility. We show that responsibility by speaking the truth to them. We show that responsibility by respecting another’s life, marriage, property and integrity. We show that responsibility by seeking to manage conflict in a Christian way of healing.

Fr Jacob Joseph



Small Groups are starting at Good Shepherd this Fall! Join one now!

What are Small Groups?

Good Shepherd's Small Groups are intentional gatherings of 6 to 12 people who meet once a week in a group facilitators home or another location for 1 ½ to 2 hours with the purpose of growing their relationship with God and others through listening and sharing. Each session is guided by an experienced facilitator and is centered on the "grace" of the gospel reading from the previous week. You will find this to be different than bible study, theology class, or a DVD lecture series.

When:

October through November (Once a week)

Why: Connect, Encourage, and Grow!

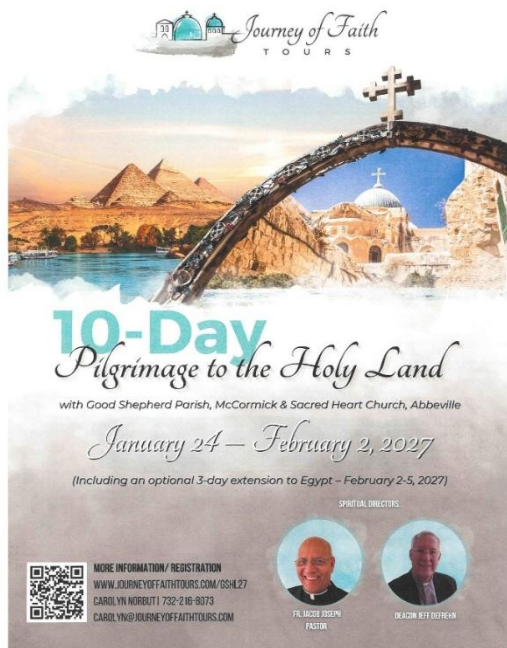
Whether you have been here for several years or only a few it is important to stay connected, encourage one another, and grow in grace as a faith community. Small Group gatherings are the way to develop new and more meaningful relationships with your fellow parishioners, and a deeper grace filled relationship with God.

Small groups are a welcoming place where you will find like-minded individuals who share their faith experiences and want to grow in their faith at their own pace, and in a safe place. When we see how Christ is working within others, and they see how He works within you, everyone grows together. "That you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith." - Romans 1:12

How to get started.

Complete a registration card located in the pews. Place it in the box located in the Narthex. Then you will be assigned to a group according to your registration information. Your group facilitator will contact you.

If you have any questions, please speak with Deacon Jeff or Maureen DeFrehn following Mass or email Deacon Jeff at: jdefrehn@charlestandiocese.org



Holy Land Pilgrimage will be wrapping up registrations this fall.

Double occupancy is \$4,400.00 pp for Israel trip only

Double Occupancy for Israel & Egypt is \$5,600.00 pp

Nonrefundable deposit of \$300 pp is due at time of registration. Final balance due by Friday, October 16, 2026

Contact Jeff DeFrehn for more information.

Faith and the Word

(Formally called Bible Study)

Good Shepard Church currently offers two separate “Faith and the Word” groups; one group meets on Monday evenings and one on Wednesday mornings after the 9am mass. Both are faith formation programs that lead us to deepening our understanding of Scripture and biblical knowledge.

Each week we view a video on a set topic from the Bible. The different topics include: The Gospel of Mathew, The Bible Timeline – the biblical story from beginning to end focusing on the Old Testament, The book of Revelation, the Gospel of John, Psalms, etc ... Each video is about 30 – 50 minutes and is composed by Ascension Press and presented by Catholic Biblical Scholars such as Jeff Cavins and Edward Sri, who do a wonderful job of explaining the Word in layman’s terms. Each topic consists of 5 to 24 sessions. Booklets for each topic are available and help to prepare us for each upcoming session. The booklets guide us through the highlighted sections of each session and provide thought-provoking questions for you to review and comment on if you wish. After each video we have an open conversation (strictly voluntary) about what we have learned and about faith and life experiences.

Come join us on this spiritual journey, all are welcome. You can join us anytime, come and just listen or participate at your will.

“Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect” Romans 12:2

Topic: Psalms – Starting on Wednesday 9/9, at 9:30am at GSC Life Center

Catholic Appeal of South Carolina
Aug. 31, 2026

Number of Donors	71
Gift Amount	\$24,095
Goal	\$20,979
Excess over goal	\$ 3,116
Half of excess to parish	\$ 1,558

Gifts can be made by mail using the envelope from the Diocese or drop the envelope in an offertory basket at Mass. Credit card or bank draft donations are accepted online at www.charlestdiocese.org/catholic-appeal.

Thanks for your continuing generosity.

Dave Lorenzatti, Parish Coordinator

Men's Club and Women's Club Meeting Wednesday, September 9th. Women's club meets at 12:00 noon and Men's Club at 5:30 pm



SEPTEMBER 2026

SHARING A HISTORIC MOMENT WORLDWIDE: The Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen



Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen touched countless lives around the world through television and radio, and his deep love for the Most Holy Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin inspired generations. Nearly 50 years after his death, his programs continue to draw people to the Lord. On September 24, he is scheduled to be

beatified in St. Louis—becoming one of the only Blessed from the United States. EWTN will be on the ground with coverage, which is made possible by the generosity of supporters like you.

In early September, EWTN will offer preview content, including interviews and stories of his impact. Then, on the day of the beatification, EWTN will bring this historic moment into homes worldwide with live coverage and commentary across its platforms: television, streaming apps, and online.

“These events and opportunities for encounter change lives,” says Montse Alvarado, President of EWTN News who will soon serve as Prefect of the Vatican’s Dicastery for Communication. She emphasizes the importance of making such moments accessible, “so that audiences who can’t be there in person can get a sense of the sights and sounds of this moment in the life of the Church.”

However, it’s an expensive undertaking. “We invest in coverage like this in big ways—for any significant event we cover. ... We provide coverage in multiple languages and show up, in person and on the ground,” says Alvarado. “We walk with the diocese or group in charge to provide the best experience possible using the best technological integrations to cover the liturgical

moments.” She says this is accomplished by bringing “the best-in-class experts and hosts to give context and history and share the truth about the significance of these moments for the Church and the world.”

This coverage is only possible with you at our side. “We can’t do this without donor support,” says Alvarado. “Without our supporters, this apostolate cannot afford to broaden access to these moments [in order to reach so many more people], from families on tight budgets to the homebound. This is a spiritual work of mercy that Mother [Angelica] dedicated her life to providing.”

Alvarado understands that the soon-to-be Blessed has profoundly influenced the world. “Archbishop Fulton Sheen helped shape modern Catholic media by proving that evangelization could thrive on the newest platforms of the day,” says Alvarado. “His influence was not simply that he used mass media well, but that he treated it as a mission field: a place to bring truth, beauty, reason, and Christ into ordinary homes.” His example paved the way for those who followed. Alvarado says, “Sheen became a model for later Catholic communicators, including Mother Angelica and EWTN, showing that Catholic media could be intellectually serious, spiritually compelling, and culturally relevant.”

This September, tune in to EWTN on your preferred platform to experience this historic celebration and reflect on Archbishop Sheen’s beatification and his life and legacy.



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— Montse Alvarado

On EWTN September 24th at 2pm.

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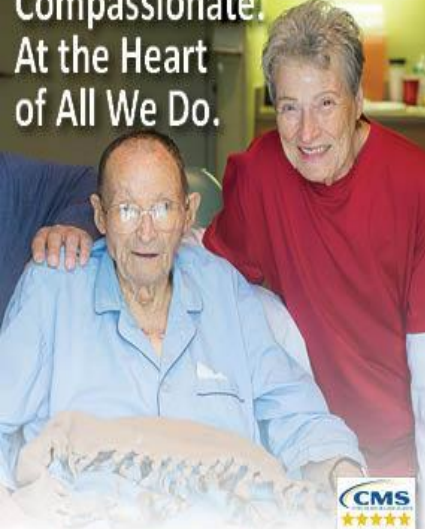
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