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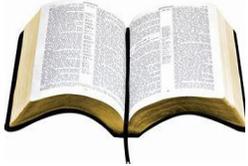
March 28 & 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY

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 823



<u>First Reading:</u>	Isaiah 50: 4-7
<u>Responsorial:</u>	Psalm 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24
<u>Second Reading:</u>	Philippians 2: 6-11
<u>Gospel:</u>	Matthew 26: 14-27

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, March 28th 4 pm + Gary Florio
requested by Jerry & Barb Wishall

Sunday, March 29th 11 am *Misa pro populo*

Wednesday, Apr 1st 9 am + Robert & Martha
Popejoy requested by Tom & Deb Popejoy

Holy Thursday, Apr 2nd 6 pm

Good Friday, Apr 3rd Passion of our Lord 3 pm

Holy Saturday, Apr 4th 9 am Blessing of Basket
8:30 pm Easter Vigil Service (no 4 pm Mass)

Easter Sunday, Apr 5th 11 am + Deceased
members of Men & Women's Club and + Dolores
Schmidt requested by the Schmidt Family.

Jesus, humbling himself out of love for us, did not shield his face from buffets and spitting, but offered his life on the cross. He relied on His Father's love.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 29	Palm Sunday
Apr 02	Holy Thursday
Apr 03	Good Friday
Apr 04	Holy Saturday
Apr 08	Men's Club & Women's Club Mtg.
Apr 13	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, Don Durham, Lana Kritenbrink, Linda Murphy, Dick Obermeyer, Bobby Passafaro, John Scardace, Bud Webster, and Dave Williams.

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

Collection Report

Weekend of March 21 & 22, 2026

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$3,746.00	\$6,031.00	-\$2,285.00

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

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.

Catholic Appeal Update

Catholic Appeal of S.C. Totals as of March 25, 2026

Cash and Pledges \$ 15,955
Goal \$ 20,979
Pct. of Goal 76%
Donor Households 51

If you prefer, you can make a cash gift or pledge online at www.charlestondiocese.org/catholicappeal. And, as usual, thank you for your continued generosity.

Dave Lorenzatti, Parish CASC Coordinator



Holy week schedule

April 2nd – HOLY THURSDAY

6 pm Mass with washing of the feet followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 8:30 pm.

April 3rd – GOOD FRIDAY

9 am Station of the Cross

3 pm The Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross

6 pm The Lord's Passion and Veneration at Sacred Heart

April 4th - HOLY SATURDAY

9 am – Blessing of Easter Baskets at Good Shepherd

11 am – Blessing of Easter Baskets at Sacred Heart

9:30 am – decorating of the Church

NO 4 PM MASS

8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

The Catholic blessing of Easter baskets is a Holy Saturday tradition, particularly common among Eastern European families, where food for Easter Sunday breakfast is brought to church to be blessed by a priest or deacon. Baskets filled with symbolic foods—such as eggs (new life), bread (Jesus), and meat (abundance)—are decorated with ribbons and linens and sprinkled with holy water to symbolize the end of Lent and the joy of the Resurrection



Palm Sunday Cycle A 2026

Today, with the beginning of the Holy Week, we begin to focus intently on the heart of the mystery of salvation. It is the mystery of dying and rising, the mystery of humiliation and exaltation, the mystery of suffering and glorification, the mystery of death in order to live eternally, the mystery of defeat which is crowned with victory. It is a story of the fickleness of the crowd that we hear shout "Hosanna" today and "Crucify Him" another day. It is a story in which agony and ecstasy are combined. It is a story full of contradictions: to call "Passion Sunday" for example, emphasizes suffering and death, while the words "Palm Sunday" emphasize glory and victory. In His suffering, Jesus was not a passive victim, but He was a willing and active partner with His heavenly Father in the work of salvation.

This needs little more explanation. When we speak of the passion of Jesus we usually mean the suffering and death inflicted on Him. But the passion is not just something that is done to Jesus by others, it is a power within Jesus, His passion that enables Him to face the violence and the pain. Jesus has a grand passion, one that consumes His whole person and drives Him through this time of horror. He could have avoided coming South to Jerusalem; He could have compromised and settled for survival. But the passion in Him is greater than His need for security and survival. He is a passionate man. His ardent love insists that He face the ultimate test of love. The cross.

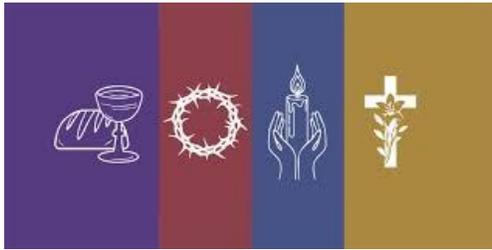
Throughout His ministry Jesus has revealed the reaches of His own passion. His undying urge to do His father's will, His preference for the poor and abandoned, His fury at a religious authority that only invents new burdens for people, His energetic love for those who are handicapped in life, His open disappointment with those who are economical with love and forgiveness, His outlandish attachment to those who count themselves worthless, His loyalty to those who have deserted Him, these reveal Him as a man of grand passion. In the end the cross comes as no surprise; it is the penalty for making a habit of such extravagant love.

The core of the teaching of Paul is the theology of the cross of our Lord, that is, the theology of the passion, death and resurrection. Sometimes death is spoken as the self-giving on Jesus' part and other times as giving on God's part. Any way the center of gravity of Paul's theology lies in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Paul's attention is not to Jesus' life or teaching, but to His function as the God provided "expiation" for sins past and present. His thoughts and writings brought more fully the significance of the saving events of cross and resurrection. This is the theme of today's thoughts - cross and resurrection, agony and ecstasy, passion and glory.

The cross of Jesus stands at the center of the Christian story as sign of the lengths love will go to in its passion for others. If we ever wonder if we are really loved, we should look at the figure on the cross. It is difficult to maintain that we are unloved when we know that someone thought we worth dying for. The cross is lifted up as a sign of our worth: somebody thought we were worth all that pain and suffering. And that somebody is Jesus, Son of God.

We remember the death of Jesus not as an arbitrary, heedless act of violence; rather, we honor His death as the supreme act of love. The love of one who "did not cling to His equality with God but emptied Himself" to become as we all are; and as we are to show that, in spite of our sins and stupidities, God loves us. That is heart of the story. And all else is commentary.

Fr. Jacob Joseph



THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Holy Week is the most solemn and glorious week in Christianity, the pinnacle of the liturgical year. It is more sacred than Christmas. This is because Holy Week commemorates the final week of our Lord's life, the very purpose for which Christmas happened.

Sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday is considered the most solemn part of the liturgical year. This three-day period is referred to as the Easter Triduum. The word "triduum" comes from the Latin word triduum, which comes from tris (3) + dies (day). Basically, the Sacred Triduum is one great festival recounting the last three days of Jesus' life on earth, the events of His Passion and Resurrection, when the Lamb of God laid down his life in atonement for our sins.

It is known as the "Paschal Mystery" because it is the ultimate fulfillment of the ancient Jewish Passover. The Paschal Mystery is, therefore, God's plan of redemption for the fallen human race through the passion, death, and resurrection of the God-man Jesus Christ.

Holy Thursday – Day One of the Triduum

The evening Mass on Holy Thursday is referred to as "The Mass of the Lord's Supper". The Church relives the institution of the Eucharist and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Last Supper, as well as the institution of the priesthood.

Good Friday – Day Two of the Triduum

It is a mandatory day of fasting and abstinence. This is the day of Crucifixion. The parish altar looks very different; it is plain and bare. There is no consecrated Host in the tabernacle. The candle by the tabernacle is blown out, and the tabernacle doors are left open to show that it is empty.

Holy Saturday – Day 3 of the Triduum

On this day Christ is in the tomb. There will be no Mass. It is still a day of fasting and sorrow before Easter Vigil begins in the evening. Jesus descended to the realm of the dead on Holy Saturday to save the righteous souls. The Catholic Church teaches that Jesus' descent to Hell was the last phase of Jesus' messianic mission, during which he opened the gates of heaven for the just who had gone before Him. The Easter Vigil is held after sunset on Holy Saturday. This is the most glorious, beautiful and dramatic liturgy for the Church.

EASTER SUNDAY *This is what we have been waiting for. Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the Feast of feasts: the Solemnity of solemnities. St. Athanasius describes it as "The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to Him."*

ROSARY INTENTIONS FOR MASS

March 28 & 29
April 4 & 5

*Individual intentions placed in the Rosary box.
Prayers for our children and grandchildren to follow
Jesus and attend Mass.*



MARCH 29TH MEN'S CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 29th from 9 am to noon. Come and enjoy the food and friendship in the Parish Life Center all for \$8.00/adults and \$4/children under 12.

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