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Thirtieth Sunday

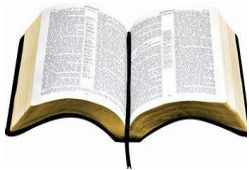
October 25 & 26, 2025

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

Glory & Praise Book Cycle C 942



First Reading:
Responsorial:
Second Reading:
Gospel:

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
Psalm 34: 2-3, 17-19, 23
2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18
Luke 18: 9-14

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, Oct 25th 4 pm + Wally Zust requested by Barb Zust

Sunday, Oct. 26th 11 am + Paul Ruelle requested by Barbara Ruelle.

Wednesday, Oct. 29th 9 am + Dorothy Ficocelli requested by James & Nancy Frankowski

Friday, Oct. 31st 9 am + Mary Kenzie requested by Joan Morgan

**Saturday, Nov 1st All Souls Mass 4 pm
+ Marguerite Hansen requested by Ted & Linda Hansen**

**Sunday, Nov. 2nd 11 am + Tom Morgan & Special Intention of Kyle Morgan requested by Joan Morgan
+ Alfred & Anna Capitani requested by Joan Capitani**

Humility is the recognition that no matter what our accomplishments, we still stand in need of the Lord. God hears the cry of the poor and the oppressed, especially those who acknowledge their dependency upon him.

UPCOMING EVENT

Nov 01	All Souls Day 4 pm
Nov 07	First Friday
Nov 7 & 8	WC Dickens sale
Nov 09	Parish Town Hall
Nov 12	Women's Club & Men's Club
Nov 27	Thanksgiving Mass
Dec 11	Christmas Concert



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
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



Pray for our Sick & Home Bound

John Atwell, Don Durham, Charlie Falls, Lana Kittenbrink, Bobby Passafaro, John & Diane Scardace, Lee Stickdorn, 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 October 18 & 19, 2025

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$10,458.07	\$6,031.00	+\$4,427.07
THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS.		
You can mail your contributions to Good Shepherd		
Church, P. O. Box 1468, McCormick, SC 2983		

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 crds 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.



It is never too early to think about our annual Angel Tree Ministry in December! Please continue to collect new items that we can

include in our families' gift baskets. Items in the past have included calendars, prayer cards, medals, notebooks, pens, toothbrushes, etc. You can hold the items until collections begin in December or contact me at mjwoodburn2@gmail.com and I will be happy to store them until December. Blessings to all for your continued support.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle C 2025

The Gospel reading gives us a short parable with a powerful message. The Pharisee came to the Temple and prayed, "Thank you, Lord, that I am not like the rest of the humanity especially that tax collector back there." Immediately a thought may come to the mind of the people that, "Thank you, Lord, I am not like that Pharisee in the parable." For us, the word "Pharisee" is almost synonymous with hypocrisy. In Jesus' time there were about 6000 Pharisees, and they were in charge of the local synagogues. The Sadducees oversaw the Jerusalem Temple. People in Israel could not travel to the Temple every Sabbath, so they had the local Synagogues where they could gather for what we today call "the liturgy of the word."

The Pharisees were devoted to the Law of Moses. They were strict about doctrines but pragmatic in applying it. They interpreted the law. For example, the law said no work on the Sabbath. They began to define what is/is not work. A lawyer's delight. They knew, for example, that people could not stand in one place for the whole Sabbath, so they defined how far you could travel without breaking the Sabbath rest, the "Sabbath day journey." These interpretations of the law are collected in what is called the Talmud. Tax collectors worked for Rome, the occupying power, and were considered to be traitors and sinners. The Lord said this parable to us not to have a comparative study between the Pharisee and the tax collector. With this parable He is opening a new way to God through Him. The month of October gives us a list of great saints like, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Theresa of Avila, St. Ignatius of Antioch, St. Luke the Evangelist, the Apostles Simon and Jude, Our Lady of Rosary and St. Theresa of Child Jesus, the list goes on... We are unable to follow many of these saints. In the Gospel Jesus addresses people who pride themselves in their virtue while despising everyone else. They honor themselves by humiliating others. What Jesus says will come as a shock to their whole religious system. He declares that the tax-collector goes home justified while the pharisee does not. The tax collector gets much more than he asked for: he prayed for mercy but is now justified. In the judgement of Jesus everything is turned upside down. In the Gospel Jesus described as the friend of tax-collectors and sinners. Jesus does not put their sinfulness in hold but enlarges their world by calling them away from sinfulness into the freedom of God's mercy. For Jesus sinners were not just sinners, they were beloved sinners. They deserved more than the violence which keeps them oppressed in their wrongdoing, the violence which rubbishes them and writes them off.

If we come to pray and realize that our religion has a heavy investment in despising other people, then we will go home again as we come. "God, be merciful to us, sinners" is the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Anything else is for the mercy of God. St. Luke also gives another story like this. It is the story of the good thief crucified at the right side of the Lord in Calvary. Accepting his sins and condemnation, he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Lk. 23: 42-43). On October 1, we celebrate the feast of St. Theresa of child Jesus, who was always thinking and saying that she is a toy or an instrument in the hands of child Jesus. In her life we see the total emptiness of her- self and trust in the Lord which made her a great saint. When we think of the attitudes of these three people, the tax collector, the thief on the right-hand side of Jesus, and St. Theresa of child Jesus, we see a path or way to the Lord, a spirituality that can lead us to heaven by the mercy of God. Many of us cannot be like St. Francis of Assisi to have a life of complete renunciation, or the life of a mystic like St. Theresa of Avila or a glorious martyr like St. Ignatius of Antioch. We are called to have a humble life with strong faith and trust in the Lord. Therefore, throughout our life we call for the mercy of God for we are sinful people. That is our way of life, our spirituality.

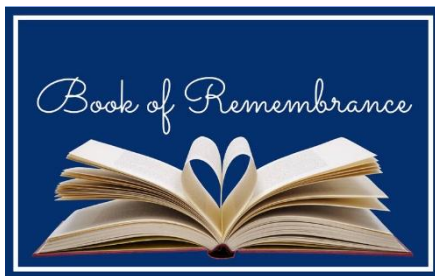
All these stories show us that God himself opened many ways to reach him in and through our Lord Jesus Christ. At least we can also say to the Lord with tax collector and the good thief "Lord have mercy on us, sinners, a way for our salvation in Christ." . Fr. Jacob Joseph



All Souls Day is a day set aside by the church to remember and honor the faithful departed. This year Father Jacob will celebrate our special All Souls Mass on Saturday, November 1st at 4pm Mass. This Mass is meant to honor Good Shepherd parishioners' deceased family members. There will be a candle procession for those who have lost family members since last November 2nd, or who are having a 'special' memorial anniversary, i.e. 5, 10, 15, 20 years etc. If you wish to participate, please email Linda DeShano ldeshano@yahoo.com with the following information by Oct. 28:

Parishioner's Name	Relationship to deceased	A photo of the deceased	Deceased's Name	Date of Death
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All are encouraged to attend. This is a perfect opportunity to remember our deceased loved ones in a special way, as well as support our recently grieving parishioners and friends.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

For All Soul's each year, parishes have the custom of giving a place of honor to a book in which community members and visitors write the names of their beloved dead.

A Book of Remembrance, also called the Book of the Names of the Dead, will be placed behind the pew on the left side as you enter the church. This book will be left open for you to write the names of your family members and friends you would like to remember. The book will be carried to the altar with the Offertory gifts at Masses until the end of November.



The Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations for Operation Hope (Tootsie Roll) Drive after Mass this weekend. The donations will help the intellectually disadvantaged children in our area.

There are sample copies of the **"Give Us This Day"** missals for the month of November in the Narthex to help prepare us more for the upcoming Advent season. They have morning prayers, Mass, reflections, evening prayers and nightly prayers with examinations of conscience all in one book. Please help yourself and help your spiritual growth this Advent.



A Parish town hall meeting will be held on Sunday, **November 9th** immediately after the 11 am Mass. The meeting will take place in the Parish Life Center beginning with brunch, followed by a slide presentation of the highlights made in the last 3 years, along with the projected updates needed for this parish. Please use the sign up sheet in the Narthex to confirm your attendance as this is a catered event and requires a headcount for the caterer.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Fill a bag of food for a family. McCormick Helping Hands United Food Pantry has provided bags to fill. A list of food items needed is attached to each bag. Please do not substitute items. Bags need to be returned to the Parish Life Center before November 16th. If you wish to contribute towards a ham or turkey instead of purchasing groceries, please make checks payable to "Helping Hands United"

and note **Thanksgiving Bags** on your check. Thank you for your generosity. Contact Christine Benedett with questions at 864 391 5433



A big "**Thank You**" to all who helped with food preparation, set up, serving, and cleaning up for Dick Balogh's funeral reception. Without all of you none of this would be possible. The food was delicious, and the family was very thankful. Please keep the Balogh family in your prayers.

Hospitality Team #3 - Carol Laponte and Ginny Vose

Catholic Appeal

Contributions from Good Shepherd parishioners continue to inch up as the Appeal approaches its conclusion. The latest report from the Diocese shows the total amount of cash donations and pledges from our parish at nearly \$23,000, which is ten percent or \$2,800 over our goal. Remember, half of the excess over goal will be returned to Good Shepherd for our use. If you've not made a gift yet, the easiest and quickest way is to go online to www.charlestandiocese.org/donate, and make a donation by credit card or bank draft. Thanks for your generosity and "Let's be together."

Dave Lorenzatti, Catholic Appeal Coordinator

WHAT IS FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION???

A “First Friday” is the first Friday of the month and is often marked by special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus since Jesus died for us and won our salvation on a Friday. Every Friday of the year, and not only the Fridays in Lent, is a special day of penance as stipulated in the Code of Canon Law. “The penitential days and times in the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent” (Canon 1250).

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647 – 1690) reported visions of Jesus Christ directing her to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on nine consecutive First Fridays in reparation for sins and in order to show love to Jesus. In return for this act of devotion, which usually includes Mass, Communion, confession and even an hour of Eucharistic Adoration on the eve of the first Friday of the month, our blessed Savior reputedly promised St. Margaret Mary the following blessings: “In the excess of mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and My Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.”

The devotion is officially sanctioned, but it was not so at first. In fact, St. Margaret Mary met with resistance and incredulity from the start in her own religious community, and not until 75 years after her death was the First Friday devotion to the Sacred Heart officially recognized. Almost 240 years after her death, Pope Pius XI stated that Jesus had appeared to St. Margaret Mary in his encyclical *Miserentissimus Redemptor* (1920), fully eight years after she was formally canonized a saint by Pope Benedict XV.

First Friday devotions are held at 9 am here at Good Shepherd every First Friday of the month.





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