



## Good Shepherd Catholic Church

### Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Times

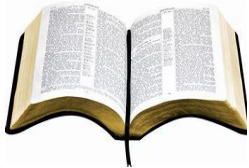
### August 23 & 24, 2025

#### 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 915



First Reading:

Isaiah 66: 18-21

Responsorial:

Psalms 117: 1-2

Second Reading:

Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

Gospel:

Luke 13: 22-30

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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**Parish Office Hours:** Tues-Fri 9 am-Noon

#### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> 4 pm + Phil Stirtzinger requested by the Stirtzinger family and + Helen Balogh requested by Renee Strunk**

**Lector: Jerry Wishall**

**EM of HC: Karen Boerner**

**Ushers: Chris Benedetto & Mark Boerner**

**Sunday, Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> 11 am + Skip Tortorello requested by Joylene Castle**

**Lector: Pat Stickdorn**

**EM of HC: Pat Tortorello**

**Ushers: Pat Ouellette & Mark Leszczynski**

**Wednesday, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> 9 am + Norbert Deary requested by Gary & Dae Probst and special intention for Stephen Schmidt requested by the Schmidt family**

**Friday, Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 9 am + Norbert Deary requested by Gary & Dae Probst**

**Saturday, Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> 4 pm + Helen Balogh requested by the Balogh family**

**Lector: Tom Popejoy**

**EM of HC: David Lorenzatti**

**Ushers: Gary & Dae Probst**

**Sunday, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> 11 am + Mary Tucker requested by Pat & Lee Stickdorn**

**Lector: William Keneson**

**EM of HC: Gretchen Keneson**

**Ushers: Dave & Carol McKloskey**

### UPCOMING EVENT

Aug 27        Women's Club Unbirthday Party  
Sep 03        Bible Study following Mass  
Sep 08        Bible Study 6:30 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
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, Dick Balogh, Don Durham, Lana  
Kittenbrink, Bobby Passafaro, John & Diane Scardace,  
Lee Stickdorn, Mike Thompson, and Bud Webster

....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 16 & 17, 2025

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$4,173.00	\$6,031.00	-\$1,858.00

**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.

## Twenty First Sunday in OT C 2025

There are lots of mysteries around salvation and beyond the door of death. Salvation, revealed in the Bible is not just for a few; it is open to everyone. Salvation is offered to the people of all Nations, language and race. But the question is, “Lord, will only a few be saved?” who all will be saved? We may have similar questions like; will the Hindus be saved? Do the Muslims be saved? The Baptists, the Catholics...The Lord does not want to have a discussion or debate on this issue. But the Lord said, “Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many I tell you will seek to enter and will not be able.”

Von Balthasar, one of the greatest of 20<sup>th</sup>-century theologians, wrote a book entitled “Dare we hope that all will be saved?” His answer, in brief, was that we not only dare to hope, but we are obliged to hope, that all will be saved. St. Augustine, he said, was the first Christian writer to claim that he knew there were people in hell. Before his time (5<sup>th</sup> century) no Christian writer ever claimed to know that there were people in hell. This may be news to some, since we inherited the medieval view that only a minority would be saved. Von Balthasar concluded: if you say you know there are people in hell, you are saying more than you know; if you say you know there is no one in hell, you are likewise saying more than you know. That is it rests. We don’t know, but we hope. One thing is sure and certain that God gives us everything needed for our salvation and statistics are no part of it. Jesus doesn’t give a precise answer. The Lord says that the gate is wide open with completely free entry into the kingdom. The gate, however, is narrow. Rather than our trying to figure how many will fit through, we should make sure that we will fit through. If we can fit through the door, the Lord says we can come right in. But, because the door is narrow, that means it takes effort to get in. We have to get rid of a great deal of baggage to enter, baggage like hatred, greed, jealousy, lust, apathy, excess and a great deal of personal bloating that weighs us down.

The letter to the Hebrews reminds us that life itself can get rid of some of the rough edges. These are the trials that it calls the discipline of the Lord. For example, it is hard to be self-centered when there is someone at home who needs constant attention. It is hard to be arrogant when a person is unemployed or loaded down with debt or hit by illness. Life can put us into spiritual shape.

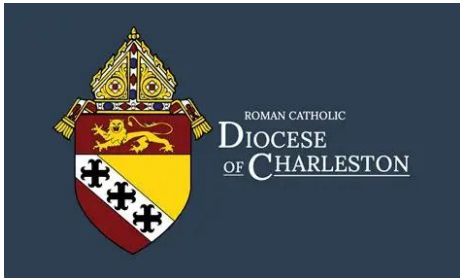
Whether God sends something into our life or allows it to happen, the person of faith knows that these have the grace to build spiritual muscle and make us ready for the kingdom.

This gospel reading about the door carries some searching challenges for each of us. Rather than considering how many will enter the door of the kingdom, are we entering through the door? Any way the answer is very general, and it can be applied to our daily life: a narrow door to a successful living. Thousands upon thousands of boys grow up bouncing basketball and dreaming of a life in the National Basketball Association: the professional job. But only a handful is chosen each year. The higher you go up the scale, the smaller the number becomes. The door to any successful living is a narrow one. Successful living requires making hard choices. It requires dedication and sacrifice. How can the Christian Faith demand any less?

A key to understand Jesus’ answer is found at the beginning of the text reminding us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem. His way to Jerusalem and the mission there are very narrow doors. Here Jesus is inviting his followers to take the same path.

Fr Jacob Joseph

## **Catholic Appeal Update**



Good Shepherd's contributions to this year's Catholic Appeal continue to increase and so does the number of parishioners who have made donations. The most recent report from the Diocese shows we are ten percent over our goal with contributions totaling \$22,109 from 67 or 31 percent of our parish families. That percentage is higher than the expected 25 percent participation rate set by the

Diocese. And we're not finished yet, because donations will be accepted through the end of the year. As stated many times before, you can mail your contribution using the envelope provided by the Diocese or drop the envelope in a collection basket at Mass. There is also the option of using your credit card or having a donation drafted from your bank account. To do either, go online to [www.charlestdiocese.org/donate](http://www.charlestdiocese.org/donate). Donations to the Catholic Appeal will help the Diocese pay for its programs and ministries that touch the lives of people in need in all of South Carolina. Plus, half of the amount exceeding our goal will be returned to Good Shepherd for our parish needs. "Let's be Together."

Dave Lorenzatti, Parish Catholic Appeal Coordinator



Bible Study sessions will begin in September. Join us either on Monday or Wednesday as we learn more about the Bible and the History of the Catholic Church. Monday evening classes begin on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Learn about the major people, places, and events of the two thousand years of Church history.

Wednesday morning sessions will begin on September 3<sup>rd</sup> following the 9 am Mass. Take a journey through salvation history. Studying the biblical story gives you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout scripture.

No need to register. Sessions are open to everyone.



## SAVE THE DATE

Ever wonder who that good looking person or couple is sitting next to you at Mass? Or how about that group of women who gather after Saturday evening Mass while choosing a restaurant? These and more answers could be available to you in our all new Good Shepherd Church Directory.

We're planning to take parishioner pictures on Sunday, October 19th at Oktoberfest, our Parish Picnic. Parishioners who will not be attending are able to have a make-up date for picture taking or send in a jpeg picture.

Emails have been sent out to all parishioners asking for responses to your information, interest in pictorial directory, digital copy emailed or hardcopy. Please be sure to respond so the directory committee can make a decision if we have enough interest to create a new directory.

Any questions, please call, text or email Ginny Vose (617)584-6900, bobginvose@yahoo.com.

## WOMEN'S CLUB

The Good Shepherd Women's Club will be starting again on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at noon in the Parish Life Center. Please check your emails for details. If you are not a member and wish to join the Good Shepherd's Women's Club, come to the meeting and check us out. Lunch is on us.

You won't be disappointed!!!



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