



Good Shepherd

Catholic Church

MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by the Good Shepherd, we are a family growing in faith, enriched by diversity, serving neighbors.

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(unless otherwise posted)

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MASS READINGS

Isaiah 55: 1-3; Psalm 145

Romans 8: 35, 37-39; Matthew 14: 13-21

AUGUST 2, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Parental participation in a program to prepare parents is required. Family must be registered with the parish for at least six months. Contact the Parish Office at least three months in advance of requested baptismal date. Preparation sessions are first Saturday of every other month, 10:45am, Room 4.

Marriage: Couples are asked not to set a date for their wedding until they meeting with the pastor. Diocesan requirements: minimum 6-month period of preparation.

Annulments: If you or your current spouse are divorced, and remarried outside of the Catholic Church, please consider seeking the healing that an investigation for a Decree of Nullity can bring to you and which will enable you to return to a full participation in the sacramental life of the Church.

For **Marriage Prep or Annulments**, contact Deacon Nay Henriquez: 910-425-1590, jhenri823@gmail.com.

Other Sacraments, including Anointing of the Sick and Funeral Masses: call the Parish Office.

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL - 5:00pm

SUNDAY - 8:30am, 11:30am

DAILY

Tuesday 9:00am

Wednesday 6:30pm

Thursday 9:00am

Friday 12:00pm

HOLY DAYS - as announced

First Saturdays - 9:00am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

No Penance Service on Wednesday, August 5th due to priest on vacation

Wednesday - 5:30-6:15pm

Saturday - 4:00-4:45pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday - 5:30-6:20pm

First Fridays - 1:00-8:00pm

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Aug 1	5:00p	Victims of Human Trafficking
Sun. Aug 2	8:30a	✠ Robert G. Clark
	11:30a	People of Good Shepherd
Mon. Aug 3	No Mass	
Tue. Aug 4	9:00a	✠ David Mercurio
Wed. Aug 5	6:30p	✠ Samuel Salinas
Thur. Aug 6	9:00a	✠ All Souls in Purgatory Intentions of Riley Taylor
Fri. Aug 7	12:00p	Intentions of Rosemonde Angrand
Sat. Aug 8	5:00p	✠ Mary Ellen Splawn
Sun. Aug 9	8:30a	✠ Ty and Beth Bardon

Offertory Report for July 26, 2026

Offertory **received** for the week: **\$5,824.00**

5:00pm Mass \$2,609.00

8:30am Mass \$1,115.00

11:30am Mass \$1,120.00

Mail-In offertory \$0.00

Online giving \$980.00

**FUNDS NEEDED TO MEET THE
WEEKLY EXPENSES OF THE PARISH: \$7,156.27**

Unfavorable: \$1,332.27

Thank you for your continued support of the parish

Easy Online Giving

Mobile App: 1. Download **MyParishApp**.
2. select **Good Shepherd Parish (Hope Mills)**.
3. Click the **"Giving"** button & follow the directions.

Website: 1. Go to: *Good-Shepherd-Church.org*.
2. Click on "Online Giving" in the top right screen.
3. Click on "E-Giving & Contributions"

Thank you!

Abundance in Christ

*The Lord takes what we
offer — even when it
feels small — and
multiplies it. May we
place our gifts in His
hands and watch grace
grow.*



Our Parish This Week

Sunday, August 2 - *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30am - Mass

11:30am - Mass

Monday, August 3

6:00pm - Legion of Mary, Room 2

Tuesday, August 4 - St. John Vianney

9:00am - Mass

1:00pm - Divine Mercy Group, Gathering Area

6:30pm - Sacristan Training, Church

Wed. August 5 - Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

5:30pm - Eucharistic Adoration

No Confessions

6:30pm - Mass

Thursday, August 6 - TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

9:00am - Mass

10:00am - Holy Stitchers, Room 6 (Social Hall)

7:00PM - Knights of Columbus, CAP Room

**Friday, August 7 - St. Sixtus II & Companions, St. Cajetan
First Friday**

12:00pm - Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 8pm

5:30pm - Choir Practice, Music Room

7:00pm - Youth Eucharistic Adoration, Church

7:30pm - Youth fellowship in the Social Hall

Saturday, August 8 - St. Dominic

4:00pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday, August 9 - *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30am - Mass

11:30am - Mass



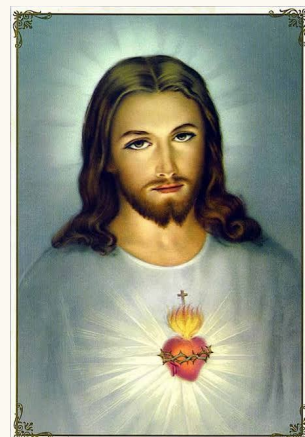
SACRISTAN TRAINING

for all Sacristans and new volunteers
This Tuesday, August 4th, 6:30pm in the church.

First Friday August 7th

**12pm Mass
Eucharistic Adoration:
1-8pm**

**For Adoration, please
sign up on the Board in
the Gathering Area.
We need all time slots
covered.**



FAITH FORMATION

CATECHISTS & ASSISTANTS:

There are still a few openings to be filled before we can begin Faith Formation classes next month. We also need two hall monitors, one for the morning session and one for the afternoon session.

Please contact Barb in the Parish Office:
910-425-1590, ext. 200.

Catechist Commissioning Sunday is September 20th, 2026. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 27th.



"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...to bring good news to the poor" Lk 4:18

When the Spirit of the Lord is upon you, don't wait to serve.

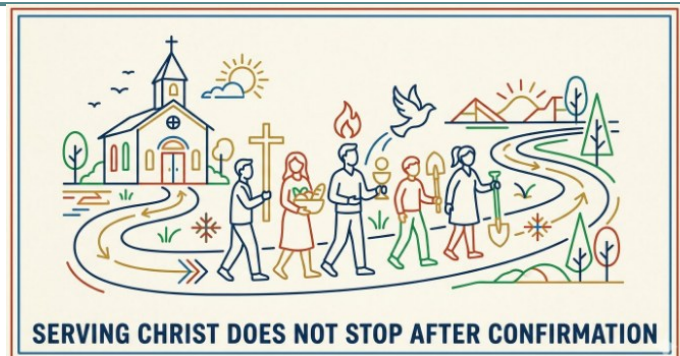
Forms are on the Welcome Table in the Gathering Area.

The time to register your children is now.

Registration fee is \$40 per child and no more than \$85 per family.

**Please contact Barb Chapman:
gccdre@gmail.com, or 910-425-1590, ext. 200**

Together, let us raise our children in the Good News and renew the Church for another generation.



Confirmation: The Journey Has Just Begun!

It is easy to look at the Confirmation Mass as a graduation or a finish line, but in the Catholic faith, it is the starting block. Through this Sacrament, you received a permanent seal and a unique outpouring of the Holy Spirit to equip you for a lifelong mission.

How will you use your gifts?

- In the Pews: Commit to regular Sunday Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- In Ministry: Serve your parish family as a lector, usher, catechist, or musician.
- In the World: Bring Christ's love to your school, workplace, and community through regular acts of charity.

The Holy Spirit did not give you gifts to hide them away. Step out in faith, stay plugged into your parish community, and let your light shine!

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Come learn, return, and continue your journey of faith.



For seekers, returning Catholics, and Catholics needing the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

If you are in full communion with the Church, please consider being a Sponsor! Contact: Camille Grupy at alcam2403@gmail.com or call Barb Chapman in the Parish Office, 910-425-1590.

GOOD SHEPHERD YOUTH GROUP—

Adoration this Friday 7pm, followed by activities in the Social Hall

What will YOU bring to the table? Join us today!

Download the Remind app at...

<https://www.remind.com/join/2g7gahe3>

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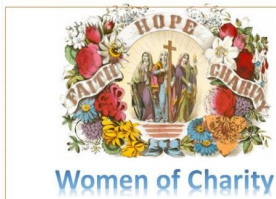


PARISH OPPORTUNITIES

Summer is a time when many individuals and families move into our area. If you are new to our community — or already a parishioner looking for a new way to serve — we invite you to explore the ministries of Good Shepherd Catholic Church. Each group offers a unique way to share your gifts, build friendships, and live out your faith through service.

Whether your talents lie in hospitality, creativity, or compassion, there's a place for you here. The more hearts and hands that join, the greater the good we can do together.

In the past two weeks, we've shared opportunities for families, liturgical ministries, and lay organizations. Here are a few more ways to get involved and make a difference.



The **Women of Charity** have long been a joyful presence at Good Shepherd, offering their time, compassion, and creativity in service to our parish and the wider community.

Their charitable works continue today through the Annual Yard Sale, Christmas fundraiser, and the warm, welcoming New Parishioner Lunches held throughout the year.

This ministry's ability to serve grows with every woman who joins. The more hands and hearts involved, the more charitable works they can undertake — and the more people they can reach with Christ's love.

If you feel called to serve, to welcome others, or to help support charitable efforts in our parish, the Women of Charity would be blessed to have you. Even small acts of service, offered with love, make a meaningful difference. Come be part of a ministry rooted in charity, fellowship, and the joy of serving Christ through others.

Contact: Robin Candido, 910-670-7700.



The **Holy Stitches** are a parish crafting and sewing ministry dedicated to serving others through handmade gifts of love. Working alongside the Knights of Columbus, they help prepare thoughtful Mother's Day gifts for the mothers of our parish and create beautiful baptismal bibs for the newest members of our faith community.

This ministry is open to all parishioners — whether you are an experienced crafter or simply interested in learning how to sew. By welcoming new members, the Holy Stitches can expand their creativity, share skills, and increase the number of families they are able to bless.

If you enjoy crafting, want to learn new skills, or simply wish to serve in a warm, creative environment, the Holy Stitches would be happy to have you. Every person who joins brings fresh ideas, new friendships, and more opportunities to share Christ's love through the work of their hands. Come be part of a ministry where creativity becomes service and fellowship grows through shared purpose.

Contact: Lee Pappa, leep1063@aol.com

DIOCESE OF RALEIGH EVENT

Gathered in Faith: African Heritage

Join Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama for the Annual Diocesan African Heritage Mass and Celebration on Sunday, August 23, 2026, at 4:30pm at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral. Reverend Kenneth Ujunwa Oguzie will serve as homilist.

Come celebrate the rich faith traditions of the diocese's African Ancestry communities. All are welcome. A reception in the parish center will follow Mass.

Location: Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral
715 Nazareth St., Raleigh NC 27606

Date/Time: Sunday, August 23, 2026,
4:30pm-6:00pm

Event Contact: Jennifer Jones
984-900-3417
aamenandnac@aamendor.org



Want to join us?

Pick up a Welcome Packet or come see us in the Parish Office

If you come here to Mass every week, please register in the parish. Our membership database helps us plan for everyone's needs. Also, registration & active membership are required to receive these sacraments: Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage.

What is **Active Membership**?

1) Registration in the parish for a sufficient period of time and use of the envelope or EFT system in support of the parish; 2) Faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days; and 3) Volunteer and participate in Parish activities with time, talent, and treasure as means permit.

Sick, Homebound, Hospitalized: Please notify the Parish Office when someone is ill and unable to attend Mass for any significant length of time and would like to receive Holy Communion.

Bulletin Deadline: Requests must be received 14 **business** days **prior** to the weekend bulletin is to be published. E-mail your request to: **gsbulletinedit@gmail.com**.

If you are moving out of the area or have any other change of life status, please contact the Office so we can update the membership database.

A Welcome Lunch for new parishioners is sponsored by the Women of Charity about every three months. When you receive your invitation, please respond if you will or will not be able to attend, so the ladies can plan properly.

Most of all, **please join us! We would love to meet you!**

PRAYER TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Lord Jesus, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon our parish. Transform our hearts and open our hands, that we may become a true reflection of Your love. Remove all judgment and replace it with the grace to be patient, welcoming and kind to one another. May our actions draw others to You, making our parish a beacon of Your peace. Amen. ✚



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