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OUR MISSION

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

SACRAMENTS

Visit us during office hours (Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm)
or call: 910-425-1590

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.

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

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.

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

"The seed sown on rich soil
is the one who hears
the word and understands it."

— Matthew 13:23



15th SUNDAY

ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

JULY 12, 2026

Isaiah 55: 10-11; Psalm 65;
Romans 8: 18-23; Matthew 13: 1-23

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

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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FAITH FORMATION

CATECHISTS & ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We need catechists and assistants!
All materials will be provided, so no experience is necessary. Answer the call to serve and call today.

To learn more or to volunteer, please contact Barb Chapman:
gccdre@gmail.com, 910-425-1590, ext. 200

Together, let us proclaim the Good News and build the Church as One family in Christ.

REGISTER NOW FOR FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Registration Forms are on the Welcome Table in the Gathering Area.
Knowing how many students in each grade will help us prepare better.

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Safe Environment Training and Renewals:

A 30-minute online training renewal is required every year. If you have been certified in the past and need your annual renewal, you should receive an email from the diocese with your link. If you need first-time training, there are online training sessions available on the Diocese of Raleigh website, under Calendar, Diocesan events. For any inquiries, please email: gccdre@gmail.com



Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for July 2026:

For respect for Human Life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from

Parish Prayer List

~For our parishioners~

Rosemonde Angrand, The Bardon Family, Nick & Elaine Caras, Ginny French, Father Gaul, Kelly Hilliard, Joan Hosking, Billie King, Amanda Marshall, Barbara Martin, Billy McCammit, Jimmy Phelps, Karen Phillips, Maryann Poprik, Lori Schneider, Martin Durkot, Alex Savant, Vicki Start, Donald Taylor, John Weber, Norma Williams, Erika Worley.

~For living & deceased priests/deacons in our diocese, & deceased parish members & loved ones~

~Friends & Family who need our prayers~

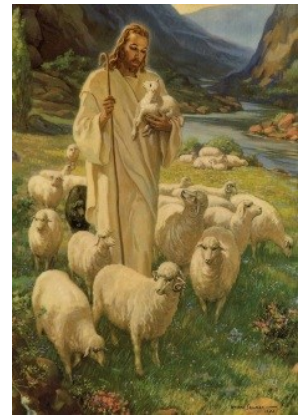
Marilyn Angeli, Jennifer Bigler, Susan Brancaccio, Brooke Bruguier, Mary Cushen, Frankie "Skip" Follette Jr., Dave Grupy, Andee Handeland, Dorothy Hinrichs, Anastasius Kim, Fr Phillip Leach, Mason Douglas Marvel, Susanna McLamb, Theresa Moore, Margaret, Steven, Craig & Manda Nicol, Nancy O'Bryan, Margaret O'Connor, Tom Pynkala, Scott Redinger, Linda & Hank Richards, Maya Rivera, Filomena Samuels, Mr & Mrs Tom Sanford, Reinhilde Summers, Edward Thompson, Walker Family Grandchildren Ruby & Grace, Elvert Zarate, the lost sheep of parish families.

~For Family & Loved ones serving in the military or first response teams ~

Welcome to the Flock

We welcome the following new parishioners:

- ◇ Zachary & Marie Gunther Family
- ◇ Ian Jacob & Charry Dizon Family
- ◇ Keith & Hannah Eakin Family
- ◇ Glenn & Mikenzie McKimmie Family
- ◇ Joshua Peters
- ◇ Bryson Dexter



Please note: At Good Shepherd, we have a Welcome Lunch every few months for our new parishioners. (We just had one on June 28th.) When you receive your invitation, be sure to join us for a special lunch in your honor!

May you be blessed by your active participation in your Good Shepherd Parish!

Baptisms

We congratulate these parents on the baptisms of their children:

- ◇ Keith & Hannah Eakin - son Earl McIlwain & daughter Clarabett Christine
- ◇ Austin & Charlene Hawkins - son Waylon Lee
- ◇ Austin & Aliyah Krien - daughter Elizabeth Rose
- ◇ Glenn & Mikenzie McKimmie - son Clark Douglas & daughter Claire Marion

May the joy of receiving the Sacrament of Initiation in Baptism bring many graces to these children!

July is the Month of the Precious Blood

After the intense seasons of Lent, Easter, Pentecost, and Corpus Christi, July offers a quieter month to meditate on **the sacrificial love behind the Eucharist**—the Blood poured out for us. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

(catholicculture.org)

From Pope Saint Clement I, in his First Epistle to the Corinthians, written around 96 A.D., and is thought by many to be the oldest surviving Christian writing outside of the New Testament: *"Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious It is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world."*

Question: The *First Epistle of Clement* was written before several books in the Bible, including the *Second Letter of Peter* and the *Gospel of John*. Why was Clement's epistle left out of the Bible?

Extra Credit: What was the epistle about and why did Pope Clement feel a need to write it?



We ended June celebrating a dear friend's retirement:

Jan Carnahan, congratulations!



Jan first came to serve at Good Shepherd in 1996, as director of the Catechetical Program for Pre-K to High School. Although she retired in 2015, Jan answered the call to serve our parish again as DRE when Father Arul reached out to her in 2022, for what was supposed to be a one-year stint to "fill-the-gap."

It is hard to replace excellence, however, and so she stayed longer, and finally retiring at the end of this June, 2026.

All in all, Jan spent 50 years as a catechist and 23 years total as a Director of Religious Education, 11 of those years as DRE Coordinator for the Fayetteville Deanery.

Jan continues to serve Good Shepherd Parish through the Thriving Parishes Project— a three year program for which we were awarded a grant through Jan's efforts, totally funding the entire program. So keep a look out for Jan and introduce yourself.

Father Arul presented an angavastram to Jan on her final Sunday as DRE, June 28th, 2026.

An *angavastram* is a traditional Indian ceremonial shawl given as a sign of honor.



250TH INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION!

Parish 250th INDEPENDENCE Celebration!

WHAT: Parish 250th Independence Celebration

WHERE: 11:30 Mass and Social Hall at 1pm Good Shepherd Parish

WHEN: Sunday, July 5th

HOW: Adults and Middle/High School youth are encouraged to wear red, white and blue to Mass and the Celebration!

★ CHILDREN ★
are encouraged to participate in the **COSTUME CONTEST!**
Come to Mass and the Celebration wearing your costume!

BOYS
Come dressed as **UNCLE SAM!**

GIRLS
Come dressed as **LADY LIBERTY!**

★ AT THE 1PM CELEBRATION, we will have ALL-AMERICAN hot dogs and chips! ★

★ The costumes will be "judged" and winners announced. ★ ★ ★

Come to Mass. Stay for the Celebration. LET'S CELEBRATE FAITH, FREEDOM & COMMUNITY!

If we took your photo at the Photo Wall and would like copy, email gsbulletinedit@gmail.com



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 family. 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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