



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

Sirach 27:30-28:7; Psalm 103
Romans 14: 7-9; Matthew 18: 21-35

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Twenty-Fourth 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

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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THE SANCTUARY LAMP will illuminate the Blessed Sacrament **In Loving Memory of Patrick Colletti**, given by Mary Ann Colletti.

ALTAR FLOWERS this week were donated **In Loving Memory of Al Grupy & For EMT's, Firefighters & Police**, given by Camille Grupy.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Sep 12	5:00p	✠ Patrick Colletti
Sun. Sep 13	8:30a	Intentions of Ferdinand Aponte
	11:30a	People of Good Shepherd
Mon. Sep 14	No Mass	
Tue. Sep 15	No Mass	
Wed. Sep 16	No Mass	
Thur. Sep 17	No Mass.	
Fri. Sep 18	No Mass	
Sat. Sep 19	5:00p	Intentions of Maria Vaz
Sun. Sep 20	8:30a	✠ Anthony Brancaccio
	11:30a	People of Good Shepherd

A BEAUTIFUL WAY TO HONOR & REMEMBER

Altar Flower & Sanctuary Candle Donations

Please Note:

There are a few open slots to reserve the Sanctuary Lamp and Altar Flowers this year—In Memory of or for Intentions of Loved Ones.

(Suggested donation: \$10 Sanctuary Lamp Illumination; \$75 Altar Flowers. See Maria in the Parish Office.)



Offertory Report for September 6th 2026

...will be reported in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your continued support of the parish



Second Collection next week, September 20th: Share Sunday

Thank you for your generosity

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!

Our Parish This Week

Sunday, September 13 - *Twenty-Fourth Sunday, Ordinary Time*

8:30am - Mass

9:45am - Adult Faith Formation with Deacon Nay, CAP Room

10:00am Catechist Mtg: K-5 Grades, Rm 10

11:30am - Mass

1:00pm Catechist Meeting: 6-8 Grades, Rm 10

3:00pm - Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, CAP Room

Monday, September 14 - *Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

6:00pm - Legion of Mary, Room 2

Tuesday, September 15 - *Our Lady of Sorrows*

9:00am - No Mass/No Communion Service

6:30pm - Lector Training in the Church

Wed. September 16 - *Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian*

10:30am - Morning Scripture Enrichment, Room 2

5:30pm - No Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions

6:30pm - No Mass/No Communion Service

Thurs. Sept 17 - *St Robert Bellarmine, St Hildegard of Bingen*

9:00am - No Mass/No Communion Service

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

7:00am Knights of Columbus, CAP Room

Friday, September 18

12:00pm - No Mass/No Communion Service

5:30pm - Choir Practice, Music Room

Saturday, September 19

11am - Catholic Daughters of America, Gathering Area

4:00pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday, Sept. 20 - *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Catechetical Sunday- Commissioning of Catechists 11:30 Mass

8:30am - Mass

9:45am - OCIA, Room 2

11:30am - Mass (No Children's Dismissal)

1:00pm - Catechist Potluck/Retreat, Social Hall

4:45pm - Youth Group serves at Hope House

Please Note:

Father Arul will be away September 14-18 for the Annual Diocesan Priests' Assembly.

There will be no Mass these days, and no Adoration or Confession on Wednesday.

Please keep our priests in your prayers!

O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear our humble prayers on behalf of your brother priests.

Give them a deep faith, a loyal heart, bright & firm hope, and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of their priestly life. Amen

Liturgical Ministries

LECTOR TRAINING

Tuesday, September 15th, 6:30pm

Sign-up sheets are on the Welcome Table, or use this QR Code. Please sign up if you are interested in learning this ministry!



FAITH FORMATION

CATECHISTS & CLASS ASSISTANTS

These meetings will be in Classroom 10:

This Sunday, Sept. 13th, 9:45-11am: K-5 Grades
 1-2:15pm Middle School

Questions, please contact Barb in the Parish Office:
910-425-1590, gscldre@gmail.com.

Important Dates:

- Commissioning Sunday - Sept. 20, 11:30 Mass
(All Catechists attend).... Followed by the Catechist
Retreat in the Social Hall (**Catechists bring Potluck!**)
 ◇ **No Children's Dismissal on Sept. 20th**
- Parents/Catechists Meet 'n' Greet Potluck!
 Sept 27, 1:30pm
 (**Families bring Potluck!**)
- Classes begin Sunday, October 4th

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to bring good news
to the poor" ~ Thank you for helping renew the Church for
another generation!*

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

Children's Liturgy of the Word



Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Sundays during the 11:30 Mass, children ages 3-8 will be invited to join a catechist to hear the Gospel message for their age. There will be two groups: 3-5 year olds and 6-8 year olds. The children will hear the

Gospel and share their thoughts. They will receive a "kids bulletin" with coloring and activities. The sessions will be about 20 minutes. The children will be dismissed right before the Mass readings and will return to their families during the Creed.

BIBLE STUDY

Morning Scripture Enrichment: Book of Genesis
Each Wednesday, 10:30am, Room 2

Evening Bible Study Group: Scripture for the Day
Begins Wednesday, September 16th, 7:00pm, Room 2

PARENTS:

By now, your children should be registered for Faith Formation classes. If not, please be sure to register them this week. Forms are on the table in the Gathering Area. \$40 per child capped at \$85 per family.

(Please stop by the DRE Office if you have registered and still need to pay. Thank you!)

Also, the Families Meet 'N' Greet Your Catechists & Potluck will be Sunday, September 27, 1:30pm in the Social Hall.

Please bring a dish to share. Thank you!

GOOD SHEPHERD YOUTH GROUP

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



Download the Remind app at...
<https://www.remind.com/join/2g7gahe3>

This link includes your class code, so anyone who has the app can join our group instantly. **Use Code @4a278d**
Jeanette Hubbard: jeanettehubbard1969@gmail.com



Safe Environment Training Renewals & Webinars

Certification renewal is required each year, and a North Carolina background check every other year. If you need to renew and have not received an email from the diocese with your unique link, please contact Karen Richmond at shortrich1@gmail.com or Barbara Chapman at gscldre@gmail.com. The diocesan email will come from this address:

Tech Support <noreply@dioceseofraleigh.safeenvironment.org>
Be sure to check your Spam folder.

Online training webinars are available on the Diocese of Raleigh website. Two sessions are available this week:

Monday, September 14th 9-11:30am. Scan red:



Tuesday, September 15th 7-9:30pm. Scan blue:



A Quarter-Century of Remembrance

September 11, 2026, marked 25 years since the tragic events of 2001.

A quarter-century later, the grief of that day remains a poignant reminder of the fragility of life and the devastating impact of hatred. Yet, as a people of hope, we also remember the incredible acts of courage, selflessness, and unity that emerged from the ashes.

As Catholics, we are called to be instruments of Christ's peace in a broken world. This week, let us pray for the victims, their families, and all those affected by violence globally. May the Holy Spirit transform hearts, dismantle divisions, and inspire us to build a culture of love and mutual respect.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9)



Retreat Weekend

Project Rachel:

Friday, January 8, 2027, 6pm to Sunday, January 10, 1pm

If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a **Project Rachel weekend retreat**. The retreat weekend is strictly confidential for both women and men and includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of the Resurrection.

Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Women and men of any faith (non-denominational) are welcome.

The cost of the weekend is \$350 (\$50 discount if you register before December 10) for lodging, meals and all retreat materials.

If you have a financial burden, some assistance is available. For questions contact Project Rachel at (919) 825-1021 or Project.Rachel@raldioc.org.



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PATROCINADO POR LA CAMPAÑA ANUAL DEL OBISPO



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.

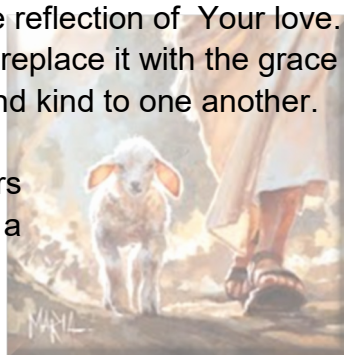
Most of all, **please join us! We would love to meet you!**

PRAYER TO OUR 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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