



Good Shepherd

Catholic Church

MISSION STATEMENT

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(unless otherwise posted)

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MASS READINGS

Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 145

Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20: 1-16a

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Twenty-Fifth 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 Thanksgiving**, given by Rosemonde Angrand.

ALTAR FLOWERS this week were donated **In Loving Memory of Barbara Martin**, given by Good Shepherd Parish.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Sep 19	5:00pm Intentions of Maria Vaz
Sun. Sep 20	8:30am ✙ Anthony Brancaccio
	11:30am People of Good Shepherd
Mon. Sep 21	No Mass
Tue. Sep 22	9:00am Intentions Lahn Nguyen-Dom Vo Family
Wed. Sep 23	6:30am For All Priests and Religious
Thur. Sep 24	9:00am ✙ Molly (Gill) Colbeth
Fri. Sep 25	12:00pm ✙ Msgr. Jeffrey Ingham
Sat. Sep 26	5:00p ✙ John S. Dzurick
Sun. Sep 27	8:30a ✙ Scott Tyree
	11:30a People of Good Shepherd



Offertory for September 6th 2026

Offertory received for the week:	-	\$5,786.00
5:00pm Mass	-	\$2,193.00
8:30am Mass	-	\$1,844.00
11:30am Mass	-	\$984.00
Mail-In offertory	-	\$335.00
Online giving	-	\$430.00

FUNDS NEEDED TO MEET THE PARISH BUDGET: - **\$7,156.27**
Unfavorable - **(\$1,370.27)**

Offertory Report for September 13th 2026

Offertory received for the week:	-	\$8,711.58
5:00pm Mass	-	\$2,731.00
8:30am Mass	-	\$1,541.00
11:30am Mass	-	\$1,325.00
Mail-In offertory	-	\$50.00
Online giving	-	\$3,064.58

FUNDS NEEDED TO MEET THE PARISH BUDGET: - **\$7,156.27**
Favorable - **\$1,555.31**

Thank you for your continued support of the parish

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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 20 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday, Ordinary Time

8:30am - Mass
 9:45am - OCIA, Room 2
 11:30am - Mass (No Children's Dismissal), **Catechist Commissioning**
 1:30pm - Catechist Potluck & Retreat, Social Hall
 4:45pm - Youth Group at Hope House

Monday, September 21 - St Matthew, Apostle

6:00pm - Legion of Mary, Room 2

Tuesday, September 22

9:00am - Mass

Wed. September 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina

10:30am - Scripture Study, Room 2
 5:30pm - Confessions & Eucharistic Adoration
 6:30pm - Mass

Thurs, September 24

9:00am - Mass
 10:00am - Holy Stitches, Classroom 6 Social Hall

Friday, September 25

12:00pm - Mass
 5:30pm - Choir Practice, Music Room

Saturday, September 26 - Sts Cosmas & Damian

8:00am - 2:00pm Legion of Mary function, Social Hall
 10:45am - Baptismal Preparation Class, Room 4
 4:00pm - Confessions
 5:00pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday, Sept. 27 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am - Mass
 9:45am - OCIA, Room 2
 11:30am - Mass (Children's Dismissal)
 1:00-3:00pm Families Meet 'N Greet Your Catechist Potluck, Social Hall

Thank you to the parishioners who donated the Smart TV located in the Gathering Area. Stay tuned for parish news, events and more!

FAITH FORMATION

CATECHISTS & CLASS ASSISTANTS

THIS SUNDAY IS YOUR DAY!

Bring your Potluck Dish to the Social Hall before or after Mass.

Your COMMISSIONING will be during the 11:30 Mass, so please attend that Mass this weekend. After the 11:30am Mass, we will meet in the Social Hall to share a Potluck lunch and then have a retreat to start this Faith Formation year.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Sept 27, 1:30pm Parents/Catechists Meet 'n' Greet Potluck! **(Families bring Potluck!)**
- Classes begin Sunday, October 4th

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

"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!

PARENTS:

Please check the class lists for your children's names and which classes they are assigned. If you don't see their names, please contact the DRE Office to register and pay the fees.
Classes start October 4th.

Also, your Families' Meet 'N' Greet Your Catechists & Potluck is next Sunday, September 27, 1:30pm in the Social Hall. Please bring a dish to share. You can drop it off in the Social Hall before or after Mass.
Thank you!

NO CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

This Sunday during the 11:30 Mass when the Catechists will receive their Commissioning from Father Arul.

A Prayer for Catechists

Catechetical Sunday 2026



Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

USCCB 2026

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, 10:30am-12:00pm in Room 2. Something wholesome to enrich your day! Join us as we study Genesis. In the beginning....

REFLECTIONS ON THE WORD

A warm, midweek space for anyone who wants to slow down, breathe a little, and talk together about the day's Mass readings. Our Scripture Circle, *REFLECTIONS ON THE WORD*, is a **relaxed, comfortable, and friendly gathering** where everyone is welcome—no prior knowledge needed, no pressure to "have the right answer." We simply read the day's Scriptures, share what we notice, and talk about two gentle questions:

- **What was God's message to the people of that time?**
- **What does that same message mean for us today in our everyday lives?**

It's easy, conversational, and rooted in friendship and faith. Bring your curiosity and your real life experiences. Come join the Circle—everyone has something to offer, and everyone has something to receive.

Join us for an hour of friendship and peace - Gathering Area on Wednesday evenings at 7pm, after Mass.

We offer our heartfelt prayers and condolences to the family and friends of **Lieselotte Barbara Martin**. Barbara was an active long-time parishioner who sang in the choir for many years before becoming homebound. Parishioners visited her every week for years, becoming like family with Barbara's children and grandchildren, and Barbara considered Good Shepherd Parish to be her family also. She passed on September 12, 2026.



Here at Good Shepherd, a Visitation will be at 11am and Funeral Mass at 12 noon on Friday, October 2nd, followed by a reception in the Social Hall. Everyone is welcome to join Barbara's family in commending her soul to God and in celebrating her life.

*May Barbara rest in eternal peace.
Please continue to keep her and her family
in your prayers.*

GOOD SHEPHERD YOUTH GROUP

**Looking for Service
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School requirements?
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What will YOU bring to the table?

Remind

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

FIRST FRIDAY & SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Friday October 2nd

**Eucharistic Adoration
will begin after the 12pm
Funeral Mass until 8pm.**

**Please use the Sign-Up
Board. We need all
time slots covered.**



Saturday, October 3rd

9am Mass, followed by the Most Holy Rosary.

October is the Month of the Rosary

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

"Padre Pio"

Feast: September 23

✝ Pray with Faith

✝ Live with Love

✝ Trust in God

*Pray, hope,
and don't worry."*

LEGION OF MARY ROSARY-MAKING CLASS/WORKSHOP

Come with friends & family to
rediscover the Rosary!
10am Saturday, October 3rd
Gathering Area
Refreshments will be provided



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.

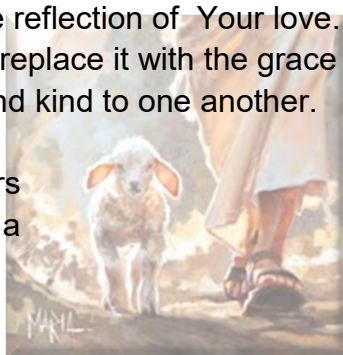
Most of all, **please join us! We would love to meet you!**

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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