



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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MASS READINGS

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 25

Philippians 2: 1-11; Matthew 21: 28-32

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Twenty-Sixth 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 **For Ebonie Breisch & In Loving Memory of Leonard Scott**, given by Janice Scott.

ALTAR FLOWERS this week were donated **In Thanksgiving**, given by Rosemonde Angrand.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Sep 26	5:00pm ✝ John S. Dzurick
Sun. Sep 27	8:30am ✝ Scott Tyree
	11:30am People of Good Shepherd
Mon. Sep 28	No Mass
Tue. Sep 29	9:00am Intentions Rosemonde Angrand
Wed. Sep 30	6:30am ✝ Bill Reeves
Thur. Oct 1	9:00am ✝ Nicholas Gandara
Fri. Oct 2	12:00pm Intentions of Ebonie Breisch ✝ Leonard D. Scott
Sat. Oct 3	9:00am ✝ Rebecca Anne Edwards
	5:00p In Thanksgiving
Sun. Oct 4	8:30a ✝ Mary, William & Robert Dantes
	11:30a People of Good Shepherd



Offertory for September 20th 2026

Offertory received for the week:	-	\$5,159.00
5:00pm Mass	-	\$1,490.00
8:30am Mass	-	\$1,047.00
11:30am Mass	-	\$1,261.00
Mail-In offertory	-	\$155.00
Online giving	-	\$1,206.00
FUNDS NEEDED TO MEET THE PARISH BUDGET:	-	\$7,156.27
Unfavorable	-	(\$1,997.00)

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!



SAFE ENVIRONMENT



ONSITE TRAINING

This Tuesday,
September 29th at
6:30-8:30pm in
Gathering Area.

Please bring your Application Form with references. To register, please email gscddre@gmail.com.

Our Parish This Week

Sunday, September 27 - *Twenty-Fifth Sunday, Ordinary Time*

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

Monday, September 28 - *St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions*

6:00pm - Legion of Mary, Room 2

Tuesday, September 29 - *Sts Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael*

9:00am - Mass
1:00pm - Divine Mercy Group, GA

Wed. September 30 - *St. Jerome*

10:30am - Morning Scripture Enrichment, Room 2
5:30pm - Confessions & Eucharistic Adoration
6:30pm - Mass
7:00pm - Reflections on the Word, Gathering Area

Thurs. Oct 1 - *St Therese of the Child Jesus*

9:00am - Mass
10:00am - Holy Stitchers, Classroom 6 Social Hall
10:00am - Thriving Parish, CAP Room
7:00am Knights of Columbus, CAP Room

Friday, October 2 - *Holy Guardian Angels*

11:00am - *Funeral Visitation, Gathering Area*
12:00pm - *Funeral Mass (Barbara Martin)*

First Friday Adoration follows

5:30pm - Choir Practice, Music Room
7:00pm - Youth Group Adoration
8:00-10:00pm - Youth Fellowship in the Social Hall

Saturday, October 3 - *First Saturday*

9:00am - Mass
10:45am - Baptismal Preparation Class, Room 4
4:00pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday, Oct. 4 - *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30am - Mass
9:45am - **FIRST DAY Faith Formation Classes K-5**
10:00am - **Adult Faith Formation with Deacon Josh on "Catholic Social Teaching", CAP Room**
11:30am - Mass (Children's Dismissal)
1:00pm - **FIRST DAY Faith Formation Classes 6-12**
4:45pm - Youth Group serves at Hope House

This Friday, October 2nd, 2026, a Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon for **Lieselotte Barbara Martin**.

Everyone is invited to participate. Visitation will be at 11am in the Gathering Area, and a reception with the family will be in the Social Hall after Mass. The family invites everyone to come celebrate Barbara's life and commend her soul to God.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—OCTOBER 2nd, after the Mass at 12 noon and concluding at 8pm.

Please sign up on the board.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS & ROSARY-OCTOBER 3rd, at 9am, followed by a Rosary Making Class with the Legion of Mary.

FAITH FORMATION

PARENTS, STUDENTS & CATECHISTS

THIS SUNDAY IS *YOUR* DAY!

Bring your Potluck Dish to the Social Hall before or after 11:30 Mass. After Mass, we will share potluck together. Afterwards, you can meet your kids' catechists (upstairs Social Hall).

Classes begin next Sunday, October 4th.

MORNING SESSION 9:45-11:15am
KINDERGARTEN through ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

AFTERNOON SESSION 1:00-2:30pm
MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL (6-12)

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

SAFE ENVIRONMENT



CAN'T MAKE THE
ONSITE TRAINING
THIS WEEK?

The Diocese of Raleigh will also have an online webinar training: Tuesday, October 13, 7:00pm.

Dioceseofraleigh.org/event/safe-environment-training-295

Please let us know if you plan to attend this webinar: gscddre@gmail.com or shortrich1@gmail.com.
(Please type "SET" in the Subject Line.)

Sundays,
During the
Liturgy of the
Word,
11:30am Mass

Two groups:
3-5
And 6-8

Children's Liturgy of the Word



Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Register Now

PARENTS:

Please check the class lists in the Gathering Area. If you do not see your child's name, they are not registered for

Faith Formation Class yet. To register, please complete the form provided there and bring it to the DRE Office with your registration fee payment.

Thank you! Classes start October 4th.

If your kids are registered and you still need to pay your Faith Formation fee, please stop by the DRE Office or place payment in the Offertory Basket during Mass.
(Remember to include your children's names and note that it is for "Faith Formation".)

FEEES



Thank you!



Don't miss this opportunity to learn about the *Social Justice Teachings* of our Catholic Church.

All adults are invited to join our OCIA group and Deacon Josh Klickman *next* Sunday, October 4th, at 10am in the CAP Room ("Children & Parents Room") of the Social Hall.

Catholic Social Justice teachings are our *moral compass* for today's society. What does human dignity mean in a digital world? How do we respond to poverty, racism, and immigration?

Instead of being formed by social media, workplace pressures, weekly news cycles and political parties, seek to form your faith towards a closer relationship with Christ, and a credible witness of the *Good News*.



FALL FESTIVAL

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15th, 2026,
1-4pm**

**SAVE THE DATE!
ALL SAINTS DAY**



Pathways
TOWARD A
**THRIVING
PARISH**

What IS a Thriving Parish?

"One that is spiritually active, mission-driven, and deeply engaged with both its members and the surrounding community, rather than one that is merely struggling to keep its doors open."

"One that is a welcoming family where every member lives out their God-given mission with joy and purpose, where faith blossoms and spiritual renewal takes root, where members and leaders listen with open hearts to help all thrive, and where each person's unique gifts are woven together to create a beautiful whole."

How would YOU describe a Thriving Parish?

GOOD SHEPHERD YOUTH GROUP

Looking for Service Hours to complete you Middle School and High School requirements?
Join the Youth Group!



Remind What will YOU bring to the table?

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

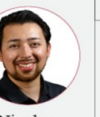
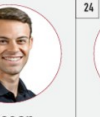
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Use Code @4a278d jeanettehubbard1969@gmail.com

Meet the 2026-2027 seminarians

On Aug. 6, 2026, the seminarians of the Diocese of Raleigh convened ahead of their return to formation at their seminaries. To support and encourage them throughout the year, and for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, the diocese has provided this prayer. Please pray it every day!

October 2026 Prayer Calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Scan the QR Code for the seminarian prayer.						
						
						
						
						



FATHER, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love. Give the Church more priests, Worthy ministers for your altars and ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel. Grant also to us an increase in vocations to the religious life. May more of your people respond to your call in a spirit of joyful generosity. May they serve your people in love by following in the footsteps of Christ, your Son, and provide by their way of life a convincing sign of your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. Amen.

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.

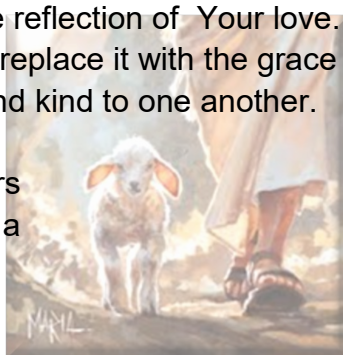
Most of all, **please join us! We would love to meet you!**

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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