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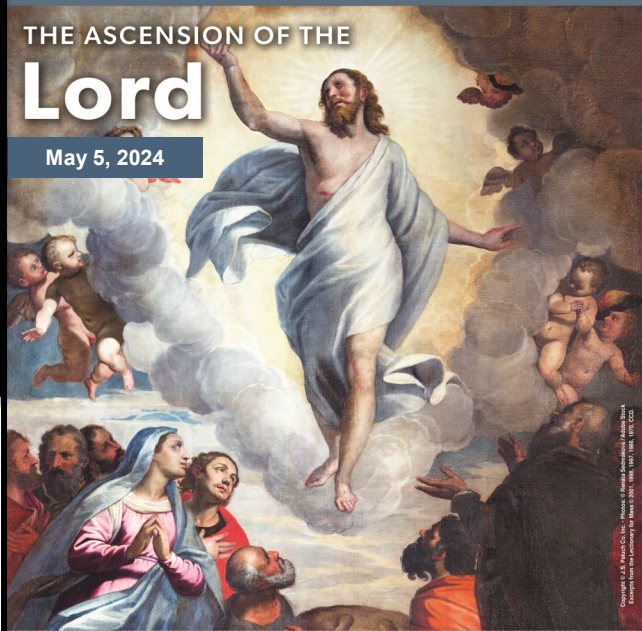
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THE ASCENSION OF THE Lord

May 5, 2024

Go into the whole world and
proclaim the gospel to every creature.

Mark 16:15

Acts 1: 1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1: 17-23;
Mk 16: 15-20



OUR MISSION

The People of Good Shepherd are dedicated to Preaching the Word of the Kingdom of God by Service to the Community and Sanctifying the One Family of Faith.

SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick: Call the Parish Office to schedule.

Marriage: Couples are asked not to set a date for their wedding until an initial meeting with the Pastor.

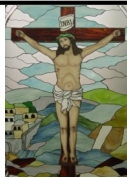
Diocesan requirements mandate a minimum six-month period of preparation. For Marriage Prep or Annulments, please contact Deacon Joshua Klickman: 919-632-7379
Joshua.Klickman@raldioc.org

Baptism: Parental participation in a program to prepare parents is required. Contact the Parish Office at least three months in advance of your desired baptismal date to make the proper arrangements. **Baptismal Prep Sessions are the first Saturday of each month at 10:45am in Room 4.**



San Isidro Catholic Church Mission Parish of Good Shepherd

4733 Macedonia Church Road
Fayetteville, NC 28312
(910) 424-2698 www.siccnc.org



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	.....	5:00pm
Sunday	.....	8:30am & 11:30am
Holy Days	.....	12:00pm & 6:30pm
First Saturday	.....	9:00am
Monday	.....	No Mass
Tuesday	.....	9:00am
Wednesday Evening Services		
Holy Hour	.....	5:30pm
(Adoration & Evening Prayer)		
Mass	.....	6:30pm
Thursday	.....	9:00am
Friday	.....	12:00pm

Mass at Carolina Rehab of Cumberland
Second Thursday of each month, 11:15am

Reconciliation Times

Saturday	.....	4:00-4:45pm
Wednesday	.....	5:30-6:20pm
		Or by Appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Each Wednesday evening at 5:30pm and
First Fridays of each month following Mass at
12 Noon, with Benediction at 9:00pm



SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will illuminate the Blessed Sacrament this week **In Loving Memory of David Bazunu**, given by **Sonia Nwoke**.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers were donated in **In Loving Memory of Kaye O'Connor, Mary Bane O'Connor and Mary Splawn; In Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mary, Leigh Anne O'Connor, Traci Bracey, Sandra O'Connor, Sage Layton & Bre Rubenstein.**

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	5:00p	† Mothers' Day Novena, Day VIII
Sunday	8:30a	† Mothers' Day Novena, Day IX
	11:30a	People of Good Shepherd Parish
Monday	No Mass	
Tuesday	9:00a	In Honor of Kim Ngan Nguyen
Wed.	6:30p	† Lucena Pintac † Deceased Liriano & Fernandez Family Members In Honor of Roy & Teresa Divinagracia's 26th Wedding Anniversary
Thurs	9:00a	† Franklin Jon Cruz & Agapito Santos
Friday	12:00p	† James & Wake Taylor † Manuel B. Perez, Sr.

This Week's Parish Schedule

Sunday, May 12 - *The Ascension of the Lord*

Mother's Day

No OCIA Inquiry

8:30a - Mass

11:30a - Mass

3:00p - Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, Social Hall

Monday, May 13 - *Our Lady of Fatima*

6:00p - Legion of Mary, Rm. 2

Tuesday, May 14 - *St. Matthias, Apostle*

9:00a - Mass

6:30p - Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 15 - *St. Isidore*

10:30a - Bible Study, Rm. 2

5:30p - Confessions / Holy Hour

6:30p - Mass

Thursday, May 16

9:00a - Mass

10:00a - Holy Stitches, Classroom 6, downstairs Social Hall

6:30p - Apostles of Divine Mercy, Gathering Area

6:30p - Confirmation Practice, Church

Friday, May 17

12:00p - Mass

6:00p - Choir Practice, Music Rm.

Saturday, May 18 - *St. John I*

4:00p - Confessions

5:00p - Vigil Mass

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME | TALENT | TREASURE



Fiscal Year July 2023– June 2024

Offertory received for May 5.....\$4,822.00

EFT Offertory received for April.....\$5,640.83

Remaining Offertory needed Fiscal Year..... \$68,069.00

Second Collections:

New Liturgical Items.....\$1,193.00

Capital Improvement via April EFT\$1,162.00



Donating online is easy

Visit our website, good-shepherd-church.org and click on the Online Giving Button and follow the instructions.

EFT donations are reported monthly.

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Parish Capital Improvement Campaign

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The best way to donate is online at: givetobaa.org Select Good Shepherd Parish, Hope Mills in the "Select Parish" dropdown menu

Our Good Shepherd 2024 BAA Goal is: **\$51,304.79**

To date, our parish committed donations = **\$40,439**

If you have not yet given to the BAA, it is not too late! Go online or pick up an envelope today!

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Father Arul, Parish and Finance Councils, and Staff wish all Mothers a

Happy Mother's Day!



BARBARA WATSON SCHOLARSHIP

High school seniors who will attend a two or four year college in the fall is encouraged to apply for this Parish Scholarship Award. Applications are located on the Welcome Table and must be returned **no later than May 19th.**



BACCALAUREATE MASS

June 2, 2024



Seniors are invited to wear their graduation gowns and participate in the liturgy during the Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, June 2nd at 11:30am.

If you are a graduating senior this year, and would like to participate, please complete the form available on the Welcome Table and return to Parish Office or in the Offertory Basket no later than May 21st.

FROM THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION



**PLEASE PRAY
FOR OUR
CONFIRMATION
CANDIDATES:**

Katey Beasley
Mya Cornejo
Xavier Pelletant
Lori Re
Lilianne Weibl

Elijah Chase
Riley Novak
Lora Re
Brenna Reilly
James Woolums

**PRACTICE FOR CONFIRMATION WILL BE
THURSDAY, MAY 16th, 6:30-7:30pm IN THE
CHURCH.**

The Confirmation Rite will be May 19th
at the 11:30 Mass.

WE LIKE SAVING MONEY and think you do too - In order to take advantage of discounts offered in May on textbook orders, **registration for the '24-'25 Catechetical Classes has begun.** Registration forms are available on the Welcome Table in the Gathering Area, on the parish website and from the Office of Faith Formation. Families must register every year as about one-third of the parish relocates each summer, so we do not know who will be here.



Cost - \$40 per child, \$85 per family with three or more children

INQUIRY

KNOW SOMEONE WHO

HAS QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Inquiry Sessions will begin Sunday, May 19, 9:45 - 11:15am in the Library. The sessions are led by friendly and knowledgeable catechists who welcome any questions participants may have. For more info, contact Jan Carnahan at gscldre@gmail.com or 910-425-5617.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE!

Last Sunday, the following children received our Lord for the first time in Holy Communion:

Kirsten Annan, Santiago Carvajal-Vargas, Adam Kersey, Mia Krites, Carson McNulty, Elara Miller, Kateri Odenbaugh and Olivia Zamudio.

We are delighted to celebrate with them and their families and continue to hold them in our prayers.



**Youth Group Feed the Hungry
Bring Food; Come
Serve, or Both!**



When: Sunday May 19,
4:45-5:40pm

Location: Hope House,, 3907
Ellison St, Hope Mills

Vacation Bible School 2024

**Faith and Friendship Journey Together
Music, Physical Activity, Crafts and
Learning!**

***** DATE:** July 8-11

***** TIME:** 6:30pm - 8:30pm

There is something for **EVERYONE:**
Classes for PreK—5th Grades
Camp Counselors—6th-12th Grades
Adult Class

Service Project: Kids Assistance Program

Last day will include a
Family Potluck with Kids'
Performance and Family
Water Fight (bring your
squirt guns!)

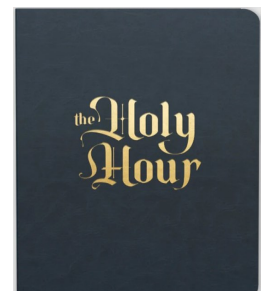


**HOLY HOUR EVERY
WEDNESDAY 5:30pm**

**Divine Office
Evening Prayer and
Exposition of the
Most Blessed
Sacrament.**

Pray in communion with others
and spend some private time
with Our Lord in
Eucharistic Adoration.

**Confession: 5:30pm
Holy Hour: 5:30pm
Mass: 6:30pm**





Special Feast Days of the Church

Ascension of the Lord Sunday— May 12: Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain

Pentecost Sunday— May 19: The Holy Spirit, whom Christ the head pours out on his members, builds, animates, and sanctifies the Church. *The tradition is to wear red this Sunday.*

The Most Holy Trinity—May 26: The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself.

Corpus Christi—June 2: The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. This day reminds us that we partake of Jesus in the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus—June 7: Within the sacred heart of Jesus, pierced for love of humankind, is contained the full depth of the divine treasures of love and mercy, grace and salvation.

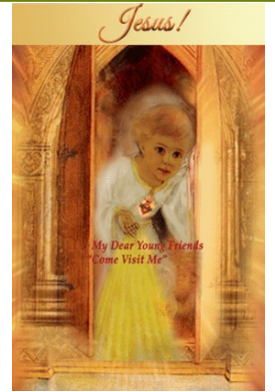
HOST A HOLY HOUR IN YOUR HOME WITH YOUR FAMILY!

Our priest or deacon is willing to bring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to *your* family home! If your family would like to host Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for a Holy Hour, there will be an opportunity every **second Thursday of each month from 6:30pm-7:30pm.**

A sign-up sheet is available on the Welcome Table in the Gathering Area.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your family, Our Lord's Domestic Church, to gather, pray, and experience together Jesus' love for the family.

"I urge priests, religious and lay people to continue and redouble their efforts to teach the younger generation the meaning and value of Eucharistic Adoration and devotion. How will young people be able to know the Lord if they are not introduced to the mystery of His Presence." - Saint John Paul II



Memorial Day Observance

The weekend of May 25/26, we will present the Colors. If you are active duty or retired military and would like to participate for one of the Masses, please contact the Office, (910)425-1590.



Monday, May 27th, the Parish Office will be closed.

The Widows' Watch Ministry is collecting donations for Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America strives to ensure that no veteran's sacrifice is forgotten.

Remember the fallen. Honor those who serve. Teach the next generation the value of freedom. It's the mission of Wreaths Across America.

This year, Wreaths Across America Day will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery at 12 Noon.

Help the Widows' Watch ensure that every veteran will have a wreath placement.

Cost: \$17 for one / \$34 for three
Cash, or Check (payable to Good Shepherd Church)

Other Special Days in the Church

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church—May 20: Mary gave birth to Christ, the Head of the Church, and became Mother of the Church, his Mystical Body.

Feast of Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary— May 31: Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, bringing Christ to her and John the Baptist. They recognize Jesus as cause of our joy. We are also called to bring Jesus to others.

Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary—June 8: It was through Mary's Immaculate Heart, a gift from God, that the Sacred Heart of Jesus was made manifest. The love of her heart is to be a model for the way we should love God.

Solemnity of Nativity of Saint John the Baptist— June 24: St. John the Baptist is our model for living a good Christian life and fulfilling our baptismal vows. We must evangelize, sharing the good news of our salvation through Jesus Christ. We must decrease, so *HE* will increase.

Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles—June 29: Holy Mother Church was built upon the rock of Peter, to whom Jesus gave the keys of his kingdom on earth. St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, labored to bring all peoples to Christ through His Church. Both saints were martyred in Rome.



Welcome to our Community!

Take a Welcome Packet from the **Welcome Table** in the Gathering Area, visit the Parish Office, or go online: www.good-shepherd-church.org.

Though a simple act, registration is a sign of one's commitment and responsibility to the parish and allows the parish to know how many families live in the parish. It also provides an official record of your **Active membership** and is **essential for participation** in parish programs and sacraments.

What is an **Active Membership**? Three points determine active membership:

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

Please note: The Facilities and Services of Good Shepherd Church are available to active members.

Sick and 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 10 days **prior** to the weekend the announcement is to be published. E-mail your request to: gbulletinedit@gmail.com.

Special Needs: Handicapped accessible doors are located on the left side of the Gathering Area.

Wheelchair seating is available in the front row of **chairs** in the Church. Cars must display a valid handicap sticker or placard to park in the reserved handicap spaces in the Church parking lot.

Moving? Please contact the Office and let us know.

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PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

Almighty God, my parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly if I am. It will be holy if I am. Its pews will be filled if I help fill them. It will do great work if I work. It will be prayerful if I pray. It will make a generous gift for so many causes if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship if I invite and bring them. It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, fearlessness and faith, compassion, charity, and mercy if I — who make it what it is — am filled with the same qualities. Therefore, with the help of God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be. Bless my journey, Lord God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be. Bless my journey, Lord God that I might follow Jesus and build the Church for your glory. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Father, we're your people, the work of your hands. So precious are we in your sight that you sent your Son, Jesus.



Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted, to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those who despair, and to rejoice in your steadfast love. We, the baptized, realize our call to serve. Help us to know how. Call forth from among us priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers. With our hearts you continue to love your people. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

(USCCB Prayers for Vocations)

NC Rally and March for Life

26th Annual Rally & March for Life

WE WELCOME ALL PRO-LIFERS TO ATTEND THIS FREE EVENT!

May 18, 2024

Location: Halifax Mall, the grassy area behind the NC General Assembly Building

Start Time: 12:45pm , Youth Rally

Free Parking Addresses:

Green Square Parking Deck

120 W Edenton St.

Raleigh, NC 27603

NC Museum/Government

Center Parking Lot

101 N Wilmington St

Raleigh, NC 27601

Event website: <https://www.ncrtl.org/rallyandmarch>

Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreat

June 14-16, 2024

If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat June 14-16, 2024, in the Raleigh area.

The weekend retreat 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.

For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at: project.rachel@raldioc.org or call (919) 852-1021.

The website is: rachelinc.org.

Cost is \$200 for lodging, meals, and all retreat materials. Discount of \$50 for early registration. Discount of \$50 if you register before May 10.

Spanish and English speakers are welcome. If there is a financial burden, assistance is always available.

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St. Ann Catholic School in Fayetteville, North Carolina is seeking a dynamic, highly motivated and qualified principal to lead a growing school academically and spiritually and to serve its approximately 140 students.

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To learn more about this position and to apply, please visit:

<https://dioceseofraleigh.org/employment/st-ann-catholic-school/principal>



Holy Hour for Vocations

Friday May 31, 2024
07:00PM–08:00PM

Please join Bishop Zarama as he leads a Holy Hour to pray for our priests and for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life. A reception to follow the Holy Hour at the Cathedral Parish Center.

Location:

Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral
715 Nazareth Street
Raleigh, NC 27606

Event Contact:

Vocations Office
vocations@raldioc.org

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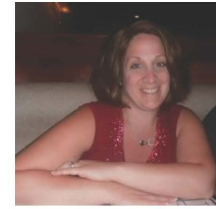
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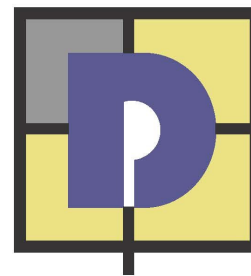
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