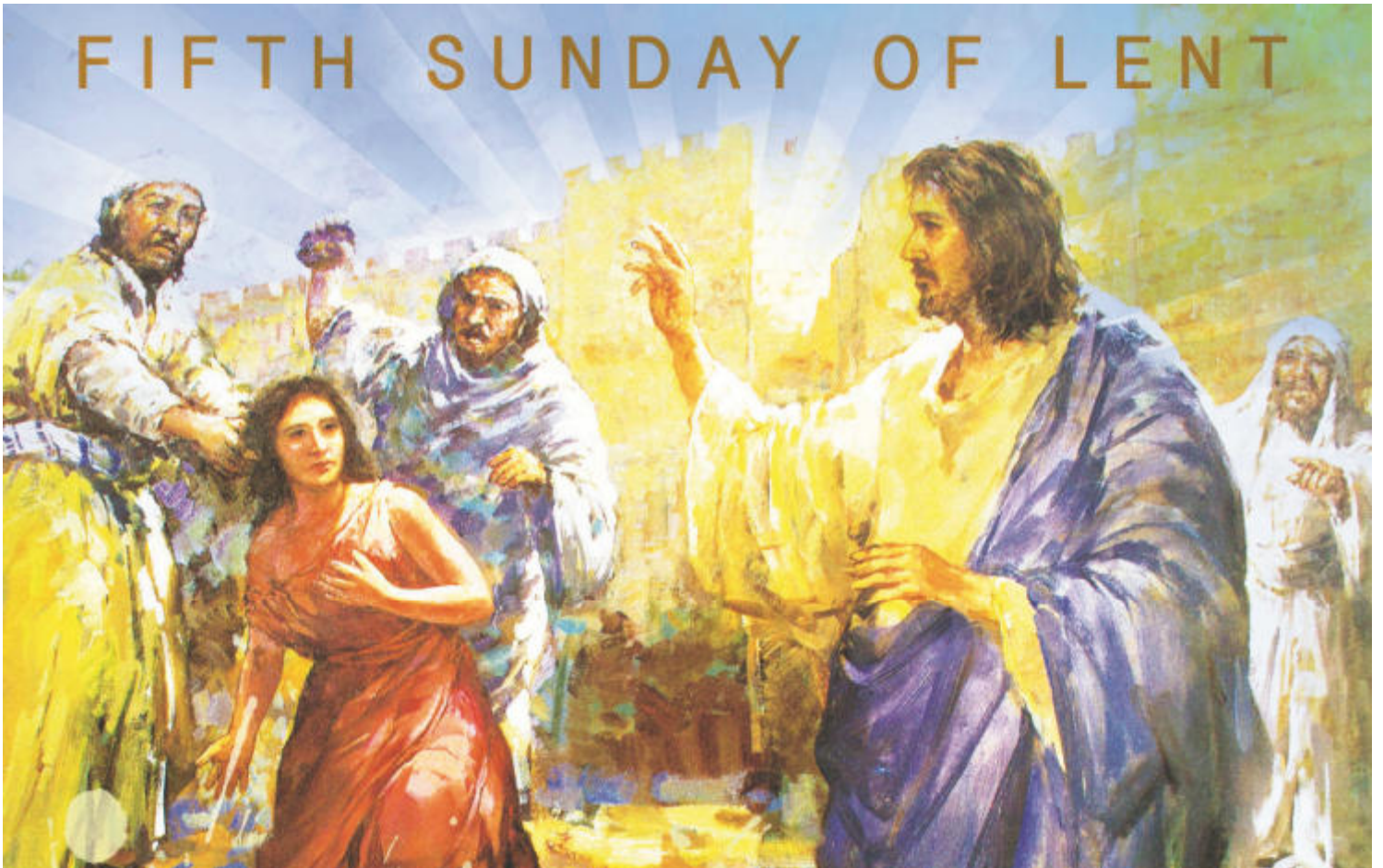


Good Shepherd Catholic Church

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekends

Saturday: 6:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Daily

Mass (Tuesday & Friday): 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 10:00-11:00 AM
(At St. Augustine 3:00-3:45 PM)

Holy Day Masses:

As announced

If you are a visitor or if you are new to our parish, we welcome you. If you would like to become a member of our parish, you may call the parish office, contact us by e-mail or return this form by mail or by placing it in the offertory collection.

This form may also be used for change of address or to request a call from a member of our staff.

Name _____

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New parishioner Change of address Please contact me

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 **Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday, March 20
6:00 PM Margaret Barron (5th anniv) by her family
Sunday, March 21
9:00 AM Raymond Gervais by his family
 Knights of Columbus Mumford Council
Tuesday, March 23
9:00 AM David Ruscitti & Albert Sayles by Joyce P.
Friday, March 26
9:00AM Ronald White (25th anniv.) by his wife
Saturday, March 27
6:00 PM The People of Good Shepherd
Sunday, March 28
9:00 AM Joe Bartlett by Joe & Christine Bartlett
 Paul Finnegan (1st anniv.) by his family

Liturgical Roles March 27 & 28

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

6:00 PM L. Roberts
9:00 AM J. Hauge

Lectors

6:00 PM M. Landry, J. Paquette
9:00 AM P. Joanis, S. Joanis

Altar Servers

6:00 PM V. Jordan
9:00 AM A. Kay

Ushers/Greeters

6:00 PM L. Carter, P. & K. Jordan
9:00 AM D. & MB Guertin, R. Poulin

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent

Good Shepherd
9:30 am

St. Augustine
7:00 pm



Good Shepherd

Holy Thursday, April 1 at 7:00pm—Mass of the Last Supper
 Good Friday, April 2 at 9:00am—Stations of the Cross
 Good Friday, April 2 at 3:00pm—Passion of the Lord
 Easter Vigil, April 3 at 9:00pm
 Easter Sunday, April 4 at 9:00am

St. Augustine

Holy Thursday, April 1 at 5:00 pm—Mass of the Last Supper
 Good Friday, April 2 at 7:00 pm—Passion of the Lord
 Easter Vigil, April 3 at 6:00pm
 Easter Sunday, April 4 at 11:00am

 **CALENDAR**

Sunday, March 21	9:00 AM	Mass
Tuesday, March 23	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Mass TOPS (Church Hall)
Thursday, March 25	7:00 PM	Bible Study (Church Hall)
Friday, March 26	9:00 AM 9:30 AM	Mass Stations of the Cross (Church)
Saturday, March 27	10:00 AM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions Bible Study (Church Hall) Mass
Sunday, March 28	9:00 AM	Mass



Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls

Rice Bowls are available at all church entrances. Please take one home and throughout Lent, drop in your spare change or currency. All contributions are forwarded to Catholic Relief Services, which provides life-saving assistance in nearly 100 countries. CRS works on our behalf to care for the poorest of the poor in our world and to end global poverty. CRS also funds agricultural and water projects and mother and child health projects. The CRS Rice Bowl Project asks us to: **Pray** to deepen our relationship with God and to reflect on what type of person He calls us to be. **Fast** to remove the things that get between us and God and to live in solidarity with those in need. **Give Alms** to our brothers and sisters in need, honoring Jesus' call to serve our neighbor.

Readings for the week of March 21, 2021

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/
 Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/
 Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/
 Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/
 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/
 Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/
 Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/
 Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/
 Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9,
 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/
 Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

2021 Knights of Columbus Senior Scholarship

For more than 10 years, the Knights of Columbus Council 365 has awarded qualified High School Seniors scholarships for university, college and secondary education. Last year eight students were awarded a \$500 scholarship for educational expenses. To be eligible, you need to be a member, or have an eligible relative (father, grandfather, uncle or deceased family member) of Knights of Columbus Council 365 to sponsor your application, which can be found at our website: www.kofc365.org. The deadline for submission of applications has been extended to May 1, 2021.

Not a member of the Knights of Columbus, that problem can be solved. Just view our website and leave a request to join our membership. We'll contact you with the necessary paperwork to start the initiation process right away.

5th Sunday of Lent

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

Weekend of March 13 & 14

Regular \$1944; Electronic \$463;
Parish Savings \$237; Living Faith Booklets \$2;
Easter Flowers \$190

Other

Latin America \$25
Total Envelopes: 67
Thank you!

*(The participation of all is very important
and is appreciated by the whole community)*



First Eucharist Preparation
March 21, 28 (Palm Sunday)

April 11, 25

10:00 am—10:45 am

in the Church

First Eucharist will be held on
Sunday, May 8, 2021 at 11:00 am

PARTNER'S IN CHARITY
FAITH IN ACTION

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2021 *Partner's in Charity Appeal, Faith in Action*. Good Shepherd has received **\$10,420.00** towards our goal of **\$40,200.00** with **43** gifts. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, you may send in your check either by mail or place in the collection basket clearly marked *Partner's in Charity* on the envelope or visit www.partners-charity.net to give online. Thank you!



There is a sign-up sheet in the sacristy for Holy Week and Easter weekend. Please volunteer to serve in your ministry.

Food Pantry and New Day Outreach



**"...I assure you, as often as you did it
for one of my least brothers, you did it for me."**
Matthew 26:40

On the last full weekend of each month, we have an opportunity to respond to Jesus' call for us to help those in need. Next weekend, **March 27 & 28**, is our Food Pantry and New Day Outreach weekend.

Food Pantry

This month our donations will go to the **People First Food Pantry**. Please purchase an extra item or two when you do your shopping this week and bring them to church next weekend. Just a note: Food pantries are not allowed to distribute any food items that have expired; they have to throw them away. Please check expiration dates carefully if you bring an item from your home!

New Day

Monies received in the Good Shepherd Church replica on the last weekend of each month are used to help individuals and families from our parish, and also to support various community causes. Your generosity each month enables us to continue to help those in need.

We welcome to God's world and to our parish family **Eira Evangelynn Ahern**, who was baptized here last weekend. May God bless her and her family as she walks on her journey back to Him.

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