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SACRAMENTS

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES TO OUR SCHEDULE DURING THIS TIME OF SUSPENDED PUBLIC LITURGIES

Weekend Mass Schedule:
» Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
» Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule:
» Tuesday to Friday: 7:30 a.m.
» Saturday: 8:00 a.m. (*ad orientem*)

Eucharistic Adoration (in the church):
» Tuesday to Friday: 8:15 to 9:15 a.m.
» Saturday: 8:45 to 10:00 a.m.

Confession:
» Tuesday to Friday: 8:15 to 9:15 a.m.
» Saturday: 8:45 to 9:45 a.m.
» By appointment: Please call the pastor

Baptisms & Weddings
» Please call the parish office

GOOD SHEPHERD, PHASE II, AND CAPACITY

The initial Phase II directives for Mass during the pandemic allowed for 25 percent capacity in our church. At Good Shepherd, this meant roughly 96 people. The updated directives allow for 50 percent capacity, provided that proper social distancing be maintained. Given the size and layout of our church, the updated capacity guidelines do not change our numbers. For the present, our capacity for Masses will remain at 96 people.

To ensure that we comply with the given directives, we will continue to require registration for our Sunday Masses. Daily Masses do not require registration. To register for a Sunday Mass, which you can do from the preceding Tuesday until the time of Mass, please call the parish office (telephone registrations will end at Noon on Friday) or visit our website (www.goodshepherdgv.org) to find the registration link.

UPDATED SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Tuesday, June 23

7:30 a.m. + Mass
8:15 to 9:15 a.m. + Confessions & Adoration

Wednesday, June 24

7:30 a.m. + Mass
8:15 to 9:15 a.m. + Confessions & Adoration

Thursday, June 25

7:30 a.m. + Mass
8:15 to 9:15 a.m. + Confessions & Adoration

Friday, June 26

7:30 a.m. + Mass
8:15 to 9:15 a.m. + Confessions & Adoration

Saturday, June 27

8:00 a.m. + Mass
8:45 to 10:00 a.m. + Confessions & Adoration
5:00 p.m. + Mass (requires registration)

Sunday, June 28

8:30 a.m. + Mass (requires registration)
10:30 a.m. + Mass (requires registration)

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation continues to be suspended as long as the pandemic continues. This means that you are not presently obligated to attend Mass. You should only come to Mass if you feel comfortable doing so.

All COVID-19 positive persons, those who are symptomatic, and those living with them, must stay home.

Persons over age 65 and those with preexisting health conditions should continue to stay home during Phase II and avoid public gatherings, including in church.

Face masks are strongly urged for all those who come for Mass, Confession, and Adoration.

NOW, WHERE WERE WE?

Today is the Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Our last Sunday in Ordinary Time was February 23, some 18 weeks ago. Since then, we've experienced the Lent and Holy Week, Easter Sunday and the Easter Season, the Ascension and Pentecost, and the Solemnities of The Most Holy Trinity and the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On top of these liturgical and spiritual realities, we've endured pandemic and civil unrest, both of which have proven to be physically, emotionally, and spiritually trying.

As we step back into Ordinary Time and our journey through the Gospel of Matthew, we might want to ask, "Now, where were we?" It's sort of like starting up part way through a novel or movie or television series after a long and eventful break. We need to remember where we've been so we can enter in more fully. With that idea in mind, here is a recap of the Gospel of Matthew thus far:

Chapters 1, 2, and 3 The first three chapters of Matthew's Gospel present us with the genealogy of Jesus, the birth of Jesus, the visit of the magi, the escape of the Holy Family to Egypt and their return home, the preaching of John the Baptist, and the Baptism of the Lord. We learn that Jesus enters into our human history, into a lineage that includes both the righteous and the sinful. We learn that Jesus, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary, was both lauded and feared even at his birth — adored by some and despised by others. And we learn that Jesus, who was recognized by John as the messiah, was claimed by God as his beloved Son with whom he is well pleased.

Chapter 4 In the next chapter, we encounter the temptation of Jesus, by which he shows us how to lean into Sacred Scripture and our true identity in our battle against the enemy and temptation. After this, the Lord begins his public ministry by preaching repentance; calls his first disciples, who leave everything to follow him; and experiences growing popularity as he begins to cure the sick and possessed.

Chapters 5, 6, and 7 These three chapters make up what is known as the Sermon on the Mount — our Lord's teaching on many subjects. He begins with the Beatitudes; the call for his followers to be salt of the earth and light of the world; his mission not to abolish but bring to fulfillment the law and the prophets; and new teachings on anger, adultery, divorce, oaths, retaliation, and love of enemies. He continues with instructions for how to give alms, pray, and fast (which we hear on Ash Wednesday); a warning to store treasures on heaven and not on earth; a reminder that we cannot serve both God and money; and the exhortation to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. He urges us to look at ourselves and our own faults before we look at the faults of others; to prayerfully ask so as to receive, seek so as to find, and knock so as to have the door opened to us; to do unto others as we would have them do unto us; and to strive to enter through the narrow gate, for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction. He concludes by emphasizing the importance of doing the will of his Father in heaven — that to avoid collapse and complete ruin we must be not only listen to his words but also act on them. When he finished his words, the crowds were astonished at his teaching.

Chapters 8 and 9 After he finishes the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus begins manifesting his power and authority over the natural and supernatural orders. He heals a leper, the centurion's son, Peter's mother-in-law, the woman with a hemorrhage, the paralytic brought to him by his friends, and many others. He gives sight to blind men, makes a mute person speak, and raises a girl from the dead. He calms the sea. And he drives out many demons and forgives sins. With all of this, he shows us that nothing is beyond his power or authority. And all the while, he continues to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom and draw more and more disciples to himself.

Chapter 10 This chapter begins with Jesus giving the twelve apostles authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness. He sends them out to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. Before they leave, he warns them to be prepared for persecutions — that they will be handed over and scourged and hated by all because of his name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved.

This is where we pick it up today, and this is what gives context to the words Jesus speaks. He is addressing those he is sending out. Having warned them that they will suffer, he exhorts them not to be afraid of those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Their concern should be with the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. And as such, they should strive at all times — no matter what the trial or difficulty in front of them — to acknowledge him. If they acknowledge him before others, he will acknowledge them before his heavenly Father. But if they deny him before others, he will deny them before his heavenly Father. Jesus has high expectations of those he sends in his name.

OK, so now what? This is all a lot to take in. And I am hopeful that we will. I am hopeful that we will take some of this Ordinary Time to spend ample time with Matthew's Gospel, contemplating who Jesus is, what he offers us, what he expects of us, and what we should expect as we follow him. Entering into Sacred Scripture is crucial for the life of faith. Becoming intimate with the Gospel is necessary for the Christian life. For only when we truly recognize what the Lord offers us will we be willing to suffer for it; only when we truly recognize the glorious and eternal end he desires for us will we be willing to let go of the earthly and temporary attachments that keep us from living fully as his disciples; only when we know what Jesus teaches can we live accordingly; and only when we know Jesus and what he asks of us will we see that we are called to greatness — to a love and a life that are anything but comfortable, mediocre, or conformed to the world.

Our world stands in great need of authentic disciples, of men and women dedicated to our Lord and willing to love as he loves, forgive as he forgives, resist temptation as he taught us to resist, suffer with patience and charity as he suffered, and do the will of the Father in all things as he did. The world needs us to be like Jesus. The gospels show us what he looks like and the life he set out for us. They give us entry into his mind and heart. Please spend time there. Please enter in.

Many blessings to all the Good Shepherd students receiving the Sacrament of First Communion

PRAY FOR COVID-19 ANOINTING CORPS, PATIENTS, FAMILIES, AND MEDICAL SUPPORT TEAMS

Parishioners across the Archdiocese are invited to prayerfully support those who are suffering most intensely, usually in sterile isolation, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Text archspm-anointing to 55321 or visit eva.us/archspm-anointing to receive a text each time a COVID-19 Anointing Corps Priest is dispatched to give the Last Rites. Upon receipt of the text, those in this ministry commit to take a moment to pray:

- † One Our Father for the patient who is in danger of death, as they prepare to meet our Heavenly Father face-to-face;
- † One Hail Mary for the patient's family and friends, asking the Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Sorrows, to intercede to comfort them; and
- † One Glory Be in thanksgiving for the priest and for his protection, as well as the medical team attending to the patient.

For more ways to pray for those affected by COVID-19, visit archspm.org/covid19prayers.

GIVING IN A TIME OF NEED

The uncertainty of this pandemic, the volatility in the markets, the furloughs and unemployment many people are facing, our inability to gather as a worshipping community, feelings of sadness and distress — all of these factors and others might put continuing your contributions to Good Shepherd low on your list of priorities. And yet we dare to ask you to be generous with your giving. Please consider continuing your regular contributions to Good Shepherd, which is first and foremost a sign of gratitude to the Lord for his many blessings — giving back to God a small portion of what he has given us.

To give using your envelopes, please mail them or drop them at the parish office. If the office is closed, you can put them in the mail slot.

You might also use this opportunity to switch to electronic giving. We have two ways to do this: automated giving and online giving.

Automated giving uses your checking or savings account to make monthly or semi-monthly payments. To set up automated giving from your checking and savings, please visit our website to download and print a paper form that you can submit to us.

Online giving uses your credit or debit card and can be set up for one-time or recurring donations. To set up online giving, please visit our website and click on the green "Give Online" button.

Text-to-Give allows you to give by mobile phone. Text the dollar amount you wish to contribute to: 833.793.0575. You'll receive a link to complete your contribution.

Thank you for your continued support of Good Shepherd!



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Father Marquard will celebrate Masses for these intentions even on days when he is away.

Sun. 6/21	8:30 am	† Earl Witcraft
	10:30 am	All Parishioners
Tues. 6/23	7:30 am	† Janine Lessor
Wed. 6/24	7:30 am	† Tom Fox
Thurs. 6/25	7:30 am	Spencer Nelson
Fri. 6/26	7:30 am	† Richard Franzen
Sat. 6/27	5:00 pm	† Mary Elder
Sun. 6/28	8:30 am	† John & Mary Korman
	10:30 am	All Parishioners

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK (JUNE 21-28)

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8:15 to 9:15 a.m. — Confessions and Adoration

Saturday, June 27

8:00 a.m. — Mass
8:45 to 10:00 a.m. — Confessions
5:00 p.m. — Mass (registration required)

Sunday, June 28

8:30 a.m. — Mass (registration required)
10:30 a.m. — Mass (registration required)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 21, 2020

Sunday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 [14c]/ Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33
Monday:	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 [7b]/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2- 3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 [cf. 9d]/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17. Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Thursday:	2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Mt 7:21- 29
Friday:	2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Mt 8:1-4
Saturday:	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20- 21 [19b]/Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday:	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

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