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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

### MASSES DURING TIME OF PANDEMIC

The Phase II directives for Mass during the pandemic allow for 50 percent capacity, provided that proper social distancing be maintained. Given the size and layout of our church, our capacity for Masses is roughly 96 people.

To ensure that we comply with the given directives, and that we do not have to turn people away from Mass, we are requesting 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](http://www.goodshepherdgv.org)) to find the registration link.

### UPDATED SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

#### Tuesday, June 30

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

#### Wednesday, July 1

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

#### Thursday, July 2

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

#### Friday, July 3

7:30 a.m. + Mass  
8:15 to 9:15 a.m. + Confessions & Adoration  
7:00 to 8:00 p.m. + First Friday Adoration & Devotions

#### Saturday, July 4

8:00 to 8:45 a.m. + Confessions & Adoration  
9:00 a.m. + Mass  
5:00 p.m. + Mass (registration requested)

#### Sunday, July 5

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

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.

## THE GOLDEN RULE

On Tuesday of this week, our Gospel presented us with what is often called the Golden Rule. In Matthew's Gospel, this injunction comes toward the end of the Sermon on the Mount and is formulated like this: "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you" (7:12). Luke puts it like this: "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (6:31).

This rule presents the sum total of Christian morality in a single statement. As such, it is so much more than how it is often read or interpreted — be nice to other people. It is a universal ethical standard that serves as a summary of biblical morality that is expressed in similar ways in the Old Testament and in Jewish and pagan sources, both earlier and later than the gospel. We can hear in the Golden Rule the second-greatest commandment, which comes later in Matthew's gospel: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (22:39).

It's a good rule and worthy of our attention, especially because it seems as if we as a society could do a much better job living it these days. When we live this rule well, we more readily experience peace and concord. When we fail to live it well, we more readily experience hatred, injustice, oppression, violence, and all of the other terrible ways we treat one another. Examples abound in our world, and likely in our families and personal interactions, of such failure — of people doing to others what they would never have others do to them.

We see such failures, in part, because treating others well — loving them well — is not easy. Treating others well requires putting into practice things like humility, patience, gentleness, goodness, kindness, generosity, chastity, and self-control. And these can be difficult to practice in times of frustration, anger, anxiety, fear, and high emotion. Here, I'm hopeful that we can see how much we need the help of the Holy Spirit to provide us with strength beyond our own, fill us with virtues, and help the Fruits of the Spirit to blossom in our lives.

Another reason that living the Golden Rule is difficult is that we often don't do such a good job of loving or taking care of ourselves. Sometimes, at least, we have a hard time believing that we are worthy of being treated well. And if I don't love myself very well or take very good care of myself, it can be hard to love others well and take good care of them.

I like what Jordan Peterson says about the Golden Rule in his Biblical Series (Lecture 7: Walking with God, Noah and the Flood). In order to help the rule play out well, he encourages us to first consider how we would treat ourselves if we were treating ourselves well. "Conceptualize how things could be great if they were great for you, if you were taking care of yourself, and then work to make that the case for everyone else." Here, the question is, "What would it look like if I were taking care of myself as if I have value?" Because we do have value. Great value. It's important for us to recognize that. And when I determine what this looks like, I then work to extend the same to others.

This is really worth thinking about. So, too, is considering how we would like to be treated. With that in mind, I encourage you to take some time with the Golden Rule putting the following questions before yourself and the Lord:

- What would I have others do to me?
- What would I have others do to me if I really wanted what was best for myself?
- What would I have others do to me if I truly cared about myself and my holiness and happiness and salvation?

I spent some time with these questions and came up with my own list. It's not exhaustive, but it's a start. I'm interested in where you land when you ponder those questions. If you feel so moved, please send your answers way. Here's where I've landed. Perhaps some of these will resonate with you.

- I want to be seen, not overlooked or passed over.
- I want to be acknowledged, not ignored.
- I want to be heard, as if what I am saying matters.
- I want to be understood, even if that takes some effort.
- I want to be known.
- I want to be loved, not merely tolerated or put up with.
- I want to be loved even in my weakness and failure.
- I want to be told what is expected of me. And I want to be held to these expectations, provided they are reasonable and attainable.
- I want to be encouraged when I am doing well.
- I want to be corrected, gently and charitably and privately, when I am doing poorly.
- I want to be told what I could be doing better. And I want to be taught how to do better if I do not know how.
- I want to be told when my behavior is destructive to others or to myself. And I want help changing my harmful thoughts, words, and deeds.
- I want to be forgiven when I have hurt others.
- I want to be given the opportunity to do better, to grow, to repent, for conversion. And I want to be afforded patience as this happens.

So, that's a start anyway. And it's a lot. But it's worth thinking about. Because if I have some idea of what I would have others do to me, for my good and my holiness and my happiness and my salvation, then I have a good starting place for what I should do to others.

In the end, this boils down to love. We have within us the desire to be loved. We have before us, then, the moral duty to love others. We can more readily fulfill this duty when we take the time to recognize how we would like to be loved. And we are strengthened to love others in this way when we open ourselves to the grace of Jesus Christ and the help of the Holy Spirit.

In the Eucharist, we find a reminder that we are worthy of love. That God loves us so much he sent his Son, Jesus, to be our savior. And that Jesus loves us so much he gave his life on the Cross and gives us his very Body and Blood so that we might have life. This same Eucharist strengthens us in love. The Eucharist helps us to do to others whatever we would have them to do us. Even more, the Eucharist helps us to love others as Jesus loves us. Let's pray that through our reception of the Eucharist, we can fulfill the Golden Rule.

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**INDEPENDENCE DAY: SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2020**

Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on July 4.



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sun. 6/28</b>	8:30 am	† John & Mary Korman
	10:30 am	All Parishioners
<b>Tues. 6/30</b>	7:30 am	† Greg Hanson
<b>Wed. 7/1</b>	7:30 am	† Joe Caspers
<b>Thurs. 7/2</b>	7:30 am	† Eleanor Dale & Family
<b>Fri. 7/3</b>	7:30 am	† Tom Fox
<b>Sat. 7/4</b>	5:00 pm	† Joe & Gen Piazza
<b>Sun. 7/5</b>	8:30 am	† Tom Fox
	10:30 am	All Parishioners

**SCHEDULE THIS WEEK (JUNE 28-JULY 5)**

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 28, 2020**

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
Monday:	Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5b]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8 [9a]/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday:	Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17 [23b]/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday:	Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10cd]/Mt 9:1-8
Friday:	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29
Saturday:	Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday:	Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 [cf. 1]/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

**ADDITIONAL CONTACTS**

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<b>Archdiocese's Victim Assistance Program</b> .....	651.291.4497

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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.

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