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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) to find the registration link.

UPDATED SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Tuesday, July 7

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

Wednesday, July 8

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

Thursday, July 9

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

Friday, July 10

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

Saturday, July 11

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

Sunday, July 12

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.

DEPENDENTLY INDEPENDENT

We commemorate this weekend the adoption of the Declaration of Independence 244 years ago. With this declaration, the Continental Congress declared to the British Throne and to the world that the 13 American Colonies regarded themselves as a new nation, a nation we now know as home – the United States of America.

The preamble to the Declaration of Independence includes what might be considered the most famous and important words in American History.

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

It is good for us to reflect on these words – these self-evident truths and their source in Almighty God. It is good for us to recognize that we are not self-made nor are our rights. We receive everything from our Creator.

Given the state of affairs today, it is also good to turn our attention to the end of the Declaration. After justifying the right of the colonies to throw off an oppressive government, and after listing the King of Great Britain’s repeated injuries against the colonies, and after noting the prior attempts of the colonies to redress and rectify these injuries, the Declaration concludes with these words (emphasis added):

“We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, **appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions**, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, **with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence**, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.”

There are in this paragraph two references to a most important disposition –

- That of appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions
- That of a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, mutually pledging to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.

First, while the Declaration does not name Jesus by name, it recognizes “the Supreme Judge of the world.” We know this to be Jesus Christ, who will come again to judge the living and the dead. Jesus tells us about this judgment when he says, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate

them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats” (Matthew 25:31-32).

The founders of our nation recognized the reality of divine judgment and therefore called upon the one who will judge. They appealed to the Lord for that which would help them fare well at the judgment — rectitude of their intentions. They asked the Lord that whatsoever they intended and desired to bring about was morally correct. Righteous. Good.

We could use some more of that today. More recognition that the Lord is a judge who holds us accountable for what we do. And more recognition that the same Lord is a savior and redeemer who offers us what we need for salvation.

Second, the Declaration cites a “firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence.” To rely on something is to depend on or trust in that something. To have firm reliance in something is to have strong dependence or trust in that something. Providence is God’s wise and loving plan for the world. The founders cite strong dependence and trust in God’s plan. They recognized that they could not bring about what they desired unless it be permitted by God.

In this, we can hear echoes of the Psalmist:

“Unless the Lord build the house,
they labor in vain who build it.
Unless the Lord guard the city,
in vain does the guard keep vigil.
It is vain for you to rise early
or put off your rest,
You that eat hard-earned bread,
for he gives to his beloved in sleep” (Psalm 127:1-2).

Separating our endeavors, our actions, from the Lord – attempting to act apart from him – is vanity. Foolishness. Pointlessness. Futility. The founders of this nation seemed to understand this, and so in the Declaration of Independence, they declared their dependence on God.

As Catholics, we understand this to be the path to freedom — living in accord with God and his will for us. For us to have any chance at attaining life, liberty, and happiness, we must appeal to and rely upon the Lord. Any attempt to separate ourselves from God and his law is an attempt to separate ourselves from Truth and Goodness. Separation from what is good and true does not lead to freedom and fulfillment, but to slavery and emptiness and tyranny.

Please join me in praying for our country, that through renewed appeal to Jesus Christ for the rectitude of our intentions and with firm in our reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, life, liberty, and happiness will flourish in our land.

SAVE THE DATES: THE FOUR LAST THINGS

I am hopeful that you will join me and my good friend, Father Lenny Andrie, for a two-part presentation on the Four Last Things. The sessions will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, and Tuesday, July 21, at Saint Therese in Deephaven. They will also be livestreamed. Stay tuned for more information.

PRISM AT GOLDEN VALLEY & NEW HOPE FARMER'S MARKETS

It's official—summer is here. At the end of June, local farmers markets in New Hope and Golden Valley will begin again, bringing a variety of fresh produce, protein, and positivity into the area. Please consider supporting and celebrating the efforts of fellow community members.

PRISM, a local non-profit keen on eradicating food insecurity, will be present at both farmers markets to allow members of the community who qualify for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to use their allotted funds towards SNAP eligible items. To increase purchasing power, the Hunger Solutions program matches dollar-for-dollar the amount an individual household uses at the farmers market, up to \$10. (For example: If someone draws \$30 for grocery shopping, they will receive an additional \$10; if someone draws \$5, they receive \$5 on top of the amount they requested.)

From June 21 through October 4, 2020, Market in the Valley will occur on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Market in the Valley is located at 7800 Golden Valley Road (Under the Water Tower).

From June 20 through October 3, 2020, New Hope Community Farmers Market will occur on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. New Hope Community Farmers Market is located at 4401 Xylon Ave N, New Hope, MN 55428 (By New Hope City Hall).

DONATION DRIVE AND PRAYER WALK

In response to the death of George Floyd on Memorial Day and the unrest that followed throughout the Twin Cities, as well as the hardships suffered by many of our brothers and sisters due to the pandemic, we will be collecting non-food essential items and monetary donations to distribute to families that reside in the Lake Street area of South Minneapolis.

Donations will be collected the weekends of July 10-12 and July 17-19. On Saturday, July 25, we will gather to load up and deliver the donations to South Minneapolis. Then, we will hold a prayer walk through parts of South Minneapolis to lift up our brothers and sisters spiritually during this time. All are invited to help deliver items and join in our prayer walk. Further details about the day are forthcoming.

Here is a list of items identified as needed at this time:

- Body soap
- Shampoo
- Hand soap
- Maxi pads
- Baby wipes
- Diapers (all sizes, especially size 6 and pull-ups)
- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap (please no dishwasher soap)
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper

THANK YOU!

A heartfelt thank you to our Good Shepherd family. Our family and I thank you all for the many cards and beautiful notes you sent to us during Tom's illness and death. Your prayers and concern were and are so uplifting to all of us. You are all a family to me and have been for the past 50 years. Thank You all. Bunny Fox and Family

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. 7/5	8:30 am	† Tom Fox
	10:30 am	All Parishioners
Tues. 7/7	7:30 am	† Edward Winter
Wed. 7/8	7:30 am	† Dick Kostick
Thurs. 7/9	7:30 am	Dennis & † Dorraine Johnson
Fri. 7/10	7:30 am	† Charles Hinken
Sat. 7/11	5:00 pm	† Mary Elder
Sun. 7/12	8:30 am	† Paul & Noreen Stratman
	10:30 am	All Parishioners

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 5, 2020

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
Monday:	Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 [9a]/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [4b]/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 [4b]/Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 [17b]/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

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