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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

To ensure that we comply with archdiocesan directives, and that we do not have to turn people away from Mass, we are requesting registration for our Sunday Masses. Preference will be given to those who register. 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. Daily Masses do not require registration.

UPDATED SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Tuesday, July 14

7:30 a.m. + Mass
8:15 to 9:15 a.m. + Confessions & Adoration
6:30 p.m. + The Four Last Things (at Saint Therese, Deephaven)

Wednesday, July 15

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

Thursday, July 16

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

Friday, July 17

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

Saturday, July 18

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

Sunday, July 19

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 FOUR LAST THINGS

One of the more difficult moments of my priesthood came at the end of a presentation on the Four Last Things that I delivered to the parents of some children preparing for their First Holy Communion. It wasn't until after the presentation that I asked a question that I should have asked at the start: "How many of you have heard about this before?" Three hands out of about 40 went up. These were parents who were preparing their children for the sacraments. Many of them were regular at Sunday Mass. And yet, they had either never heard the Church's teaching on what happens to us at and after death, or they had forgotten about it. The reason this was so difficult for me was because it highlighted a great failure on the part of the modern Church — the failure to universally and clearly present, explain, and reinforce some central teachings of the faith.

Given the eternal ramifications of these teachings, we as a people cannot afford to be ignorant about them. Consequently, we as a Church must teach them.

With that in mind, 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 that begins this week. 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. The livestream information will be posted on our parish website.

So, what are the Four Last Things? The Four Last Things are death, judgment, heaven, and hell — four realities that together summarize the Church's teaching on the end of every woman and man. Here's the short of it:

At the moment of death, we will be judged by the Lord. The souls of those who die in God's grace and friendship will go to heaven, either directly or after a period of purgation. The souls of those who die outside of God's grace and friendship will go to hell. Our bodies will remain in the earth until the Last Judgment, when Jesus Christ returns in glory to judge the living (some people will still be alive when he comes again) and the dead. After the final judgment, our bodies and souls will be reunited for all eternity. The joys of heaven will be better with a body; the pains of hell will be worse.

There's a lot there to consider. A lot to unpack. And it's worth considering and unpacking and understanding because every single one of us will experience three of the Four Last Things. The first two are certain. Every single one of us will die. Every single one of us will face judgment. After that, things can go one of two ways. Some people will enter the glory of heaven (either straight-away or after time in purgatory). Some people will enter the agony of hell. The deciding factor will be the state of our soul at the moment of death.

During this presentation, Father Andrie and I will do our best to make these teachings understandable and applicable to our lives. We'll start with creation and the fall. Then, we'll explore the end times and judgment. We'll look closely at death, resurrection, hell, purgatory, and heaven. And we'll discuss living in such a way that we are prepared to die without fear the Lord's judgment. For all of this, we will lean into Sacred Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Church Councils, and the writings of the saints.

Father Andrie is a gifted teacher and man of deep prayer. Saint Therese has facilities that will allow for social distancing, and the drive there is pretty easy. I am confident that this will be a good and beneficial presentation. Please join us.

If you would like a little primer on the Four Last Things, here are some paragraphs from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

DEATH Death is the end of man's earthly pilgrimage, of the time of grace and mercy which God offers him so as to work out his earthly life in keeping with the divine plan, and to decide his ultimate destiny. When "the single course of our earthly life" is completed, we shall not return to other earthly lives: "It is appointed for men to die once." There is no "reincarnation" after death (1013).

In death, the separation of the soul from the body, the human body decays and the soul goes to meet God, while awaiting its reunion with its glorified body. God, in his almighty power, will definitively grant incorruptible life to our bodies by reuniting them with our souls, through the power of Jesus' Resurrection (997).

JUDGMENT Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven — through a purification or immediately, or immediate and everlasting damnation (1022).

HEAVEN Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live for ever with Christ. They are like God for ever, for they "see him as he is," face to face (1023).

This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity — this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed — is called "heaven." Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness (1024).

PURGATORY All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven (1030).

The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire (1031).

HELL Our Lord warns us that we shall be separated from him if we fail to meet the serious needs of the poor and the little ones who are his brethren. To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from him for ever by our own free choice. This state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called "hell" (1033).

The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of hell and its eternity. Immediately after death the souls of those who die in a state of mortal sin descend into hell, where they suffer the punishments of hell, "eternal fire." The chief punishment of hell is eternal separation from God, in whom alone man can possess the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs (1035).

LAST JUDGMENT The Last Judgment will come when Christ returns in glory. Only the Father knows the day and the hour; only he determines the moment of its coming. Then through his Son Jesus Christ he will pronounce the final word on all history. We shall know the ultimate meaning of the whole work of creation and of the entire economy of salvation and understand the marvelous ways by which his Providence led everything towards its final end. The Last Judgment will reveal that God's justice triumphs over all the injustices committed by his creatures and that God's love is stronger than death (1040).

WELCOME

We extend a gracious welcome to the new parishioners who joined Good Shepherd in the month of June:

Andrew & Rachel Johnson
and son James

Eric & Jessica Fleming
and children **Max, Ava & Leo**

Tim & Kelly Oar
and daughter **Adelaide**

Greg & Janet Hermann
and daughter **Evelyn**

Matthew & Amanda Abel
and children **Ava & William**

Peter & Mary Adam
and daughter **Julia**

We welcome those newly baptized in June into the communion of the Church:

Aubriella Rodriguez
Grandchild of Robert & Patricia Tamez

Ezra Taylor Lopez
Grandchild of Robert & Patricia Tamez

Emma Neo Pikul
Child of Terrence & Liv Pikul

Evelyn Meredith Peterson
Child of Paul & Angela Peterson

Sean Jerome Carlson
Child of Joshua & Michelle Carlson

We pray for **Virginia Duwe** who died this past month. May she rest in peace.

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 are on the website or call Alex Schindler at 763.544.0416, ext. 857.

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

Many blessings to all the Good Shepherd students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers that decorate the sanctuary this weekend were donated by families and individuals in memory of their loved ones. This weekend, we remember:

Donald E. Botting

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. 7/12	8:30 am	† Paul & Noreen Stratman
	10:30 am	All Parishioners
Tues. 7/14	7:30 am	† Amy MacMillan
Wed. 7/15	7:30 am	Marge Nelson
Thurs. 7/16	7:30 am	† Ken Kulzer
Fri. 7/17	7:30 am	† Leroy Farrell
Sat. 7/18	5:00 pm	† Barb Thraen
Sun. 7/19	8:30 am	All Parishioners
	10:30 am	† Joe Vroman

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12, 2020

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
Monday:	Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday:	Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16 -18, 19-21 [20b]/Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14 -21
Next Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/ Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

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