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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, Wednesday & Friday:
8:15 to 9:15 a.m.
» Saturday: 8:45 to 10:00 a.m.

Confession:
» Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:
8:15 to 9:15 a.m.
» Saturday: 8:45 to 10:00 a.m.
» By appointment: Please call the pastor

Baptisms & Weddings
» Please call the parish office

MASSES DURING TIME OF PANDEMIC

Face masks are **REQUIRED** for all those who come for Mass, Confession, and Adoration, with the exception of children under the age of five. Use your mask properly, **COVERING BOTH YOUR MOUTH AND YOUR NOSE.**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 22

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

Wednesday, December 23

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

PLEASE NOTE: BECAUSE OF PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS, ONLY THOSE WHO REGISTER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES WILL BE GUARANTEED A PLACE AT MASS. IF YOU DO NOT REGISTER, YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ENTER FOR MASS.

Thursday, December 24:

4:00 p.m. + Christmas: Vigil Mass
6:00 p.m. + Christmas: Vigil Mass
10:00 p.m. + Christmas: Mass During the Night

Friday, December 25

8:00 a.m. + Christmas: Mass at Dawn
10:00 a.m. + Christmas: Mass at Dawn
12:00 p.m. + Christmas: Mass During the Day

Saturday, December 26

8:00 a.m. + Mass
8:45 to 10:00 a.m. + Confessions & Adoration
5:00 p.m. + Mass: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sunday, December 20

8:30 a.m. + Mass: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
10:30 a.m. + Mass: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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.

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.



Annunciation by Nicolas Poussin (c. 1655).

OUR GOSPEL TODAY brings us to a pivotal point in human history — the Annunciation. This is the moment when the Archangel Gabriel announces God's saving plan to Mary. She is to conceive in her womb and bear a son, and she is to name him Jesus. I offer two readings for your consideration. The first, from Saint Bernard, puts us into that moment between Gabriel's proposal and Mary's answer. It's one of my favorite meditations. The second, from Saint Irenaeus, explores the significance of Mary's role. I pray that you will read them and benefit from the wisdom they offer.

THE WHOLE WORLD AWAITS MARY'S REPLY

ON THE ANNUNCIATION AND MARY'S "FIAT"
 SAINT BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

You have heard, O Virgin, that you will conceive and bear a son; you have heard that it will not be by man but by the Holy Spirit. The angel awaits an answer; it is time for him to return to God who sent him. We too are waiting, O Lady, for your word of compassion; the sentence of condemnation weighs heavily upon us.

The price of our salvation is offered to you. We shall be set free at once if you consent. In the eternal Word of God we all came to be, and behold, we die. In your brief response we are to be remade in order to be recalled to life.

Tearful Adam with his sorrowing family begs this of you, O loving Virgin, in their exile from Paradise. Abraham begs it, David begs it. All the other holy patriarchs, your ancestors, ask it of you, as they dwell in the country of the shadow of death. This is what the whole earth waits for, prostrate at your feet. It is right in doing so, for on your word depends comfort for the wretched, ransom for the captive, freedom for the condemned, indeed, salvation for all the sons of Adam, the whole of your race.

Answer quickly, O Virgin. Reply in haste to the angel, or rather through the angel to the Lord. Answer with a word, receive the Word of God. Speak your own word, conceive the divine Word. Breathe a passing word, embrace the eternal Word.

Why do you delay, why are you afraid? Believe, give praise, and receive. Let humility be bold, let modesty be confident. This is no time for virginal simplicity to forget prudence. In this matter alone, O prudent Virgin, do not fear to be presumptuous. Though modest silence is pleasing, dutiful speech is now more necessary. Open your heart to faith, O blessed Virgin, your lips to praise, your womb to the Creator. See, the desired of all nations is at your door, knocking to enter. If he should pass by because of your delay, in sorrow you would begin to seek him afresh, the One whom your soul loves. Arise, hasten, open. Arise in faith, hasten in devotion, open in praise and thanksgiving.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord, she says, be it done to me according to your word.

EVE AND MARY

FROM A TREATISE AGAINST HERESIES
 SAINT IRENAEUS

The Lord, coming into his own creation in visible form, was sustained by his own creation which he himself sustains in being. His obedience on the tree of the cross reversed the disobedience at the tree in Eden; the good news of the truth announced by an angel to Mary, a virgin subject to a husband, undid the evil lie that seduced Eve, a virgin espoused to a husband.

As Eve was seduced by the word of an angel and so fled from God after disobeying his word, Mary in her turn was given the good news by the word of an angel, and bore God in obedience to his word. As Eve was seduced into disobedience to God, so Mary was persuaded into obedience to God; thus the Virgin Mary became the advocate of the virgin Eve.

Christ gathered all things into one, by gathering them into himself. He declared war against our enemy, crushed him who at the beginning had taken us captive in Adam, and trampled on his head, in accordance with God's words to the serpent in Genesis: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall lie in wait for your head, and you shall lie in wait for his heel."

The one lying in wait for the serpent's head is the one who was born in the likeness of Adam from the woman, the Virgin. This is the seed spoken of by Paul in the letter to the Galatians: "The law of works was in force until the seed should come to whom the promise was made."

He shows this even more clearly in the same letter when he says: "When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman." The enemy would not have been defeated fairly if his vanquisher had not been born of a woman, because it was through a woman that he had gained mastery over man in the beginning, and set himself up as man's adversary.

That is why the Lord proclaims himself the Son of Man, the one who renews in himself that first man from whom the race born of woman was formed; as by a man's defeat our race fell into the bondage of death, so by a man's victory we were to rise again to life.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER
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Sally Walton
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Norbert Winter*

END-OF-THE YEAR GIVING

As you begin to prepare your year-end charitable donations, we ask that you consider a gift to Good Shepherd. We are hopeful that with your continued support and increased support, we will be able to do more to help make Jesus Christ known, loved, and served.

In order to be counted for the 2020 calendar year, contributions must be received in the parish office on or before THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2020. If the parish office is closed when you come with your donation, please slide it through the mail slot. All contributions received by 11:59 p.m. on December 31 will be included in your contribution records for 2020. Contributions received after this date, including Mass on January 1, 2021, will be recorded as 2021 contributions.

**RESPECT LIFE
COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER**

The Good Shepherd Respect Life Committee will have the new 2020 Christmas ornaments available to purchase before and after Masses in the gathering space **this weekend**. The star shaped ceramic ornaments are adorned with the image of Mary and Baby Jesus. The minimum donation is \$10 per ornament. **New this year**, the ornaments will be sold self-serve, pick your bubble wrapped ornament up and place your exact change/donation or check (made payable to Good Shepherd Church) in the box marked for ornament donations.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. 12/20 8:30 am † Paul & Noreen Stratman
10:30 am All Parishioners
Tues. 12/22 7:30 am † Janine Lessor
Wed. 12/23 7:30 am † Earl Witcraft
Thurs. 12/24 4:00 pm † Aloysious & Barb Thraen
6:00 pm
10:00 pm All Parishioners
Fri. 12/25 8:00 am † Norbert Winter
10:00 am
12:00 pm All Parishioners
Sat. 12/26 5:00 pm † Greg Hanson
Sun. 12/27 8:30 am All Parishioners
10:30 am † Matthew Harries

ARE YOU HURTING?

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our weekend retreat. The next **Rachel's Vineyard** Twin Cities' retreat is January 8-10, 2021. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@vineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313 or see www.rvineyardmn.org.

These last months have been incredibly difficult on all of us and marriages have suffered! Please let us help you to find enrichment, joy, and hope in your relationship. Register for the January 9-10 **Marriage Encounter**. Weekends are held at Mt. Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for additional information or call 651.454.3238.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2020

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd]/Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
Thursday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Friday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. *Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. *Day:* Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

Prayer Chain612.599.5739
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Southwest Options for Women
Pregnant? Need Help?952.938.4496
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Archdiocese's Victim Assistance Program651.291.4497

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

TODAY, DECEMBER 20
4:00 TO 5:00 PM

WE WILL TAKE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS
AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING.

REGISTER NOW FOR CHRISTMAS

Please note that in order for you to guarantee a spot at Christmas Mass this year, you will need to register in advance. This will help ensure that we do everything possible to keep people safe and to accommodate social distancing. This will also help avoid having to turn people away due to limited capacity.

To help accommodate as many people as possible, we are planning six Christmas Masses this year. Out of courtesy to others, we are asking that people only register for one of the six Masses. We will add Masses if necessary.

You can register your household for one Christmas Mass by calling the office at 763.544.0416, 810, or by visiting www.goodshepherdgv.org/christmas2020.

CHRISTMAS 2020 SCHEDULE

- + Christmas Eve, December 24: 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 10 p.m.
- + Christmas Day, December 25: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m.

HEY ALTAR SERVERS!

If you and your family are comfortable with you returning to service during Mass, please contact the parish office. We look forward to getting you back into the rotation.



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