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SACRAMENTS

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES TO OUR SCHEDULE

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, January 19

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

Wednesday, January 20

7:30 a.m. + Mass
8:15 to 9:15 a.m. + Confessions & Adoration
5:30 to 8:00 p.m. + Confirmation Night

Thursday, January 21

7:30 a.m. + Mass

Friday, January 22

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

Saturday, January 23

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

Sunday, January 24

8:30 a.m. + Mass
10:30 a.m. + Mass

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.

A PRAYER FOR CIVIC LEADERS

God our Father,
You guide everything in wisdom and love.
Accept the prayers we offer for our nation.
In your goodness,
watch over those in authority
so that people everywhere
may enjoy freedom, security, and peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

AD ORIENTEM ROUNDUP: FEEDBACK FROM FELLOW PARISHIONERS

During Advent and the Octave of Christmas, our Masses at Good Shepherd were celebrated *ad orientem* (to the East), with the priest and people facing the same direction during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. When I introduced the celebration of Masses in this way, both in my homily and pastoral letter, I requested that people wait to share their feedback until the completion of this time period. Thank you for honoring that request.

Last week, I hosted two "Ad Orientem Roundup" discussions via Zoom. Additionally, a few folks have talked to me directly or sent emails with their thoughts. The feedback has been overwhelmingly favorable. Below, I have included the text from the two emails I have received as well as some quotes from the online conversations. If you have something to add to the conversation, please let me know.

From a letter:

"I began ... almost ambivalent toward *ad orientem*. It did give me some direction actually at home and praying to the east, which I've enjoyed. When you stopped *ad orientem* after Christmas, I was taken aback and experienced it as a loss! It's very difficult to express what I felt, but I realized that you were leading us in the only way to go and we were to follow. Our praise was given directly to God as we all faced Him. It was good!"

From another letter:

"Since before I entered kindergarten, the Mass has been the same. Every week, year after year, through attending school, working, marrying, having children, seeing my father decline and die, being with my mother as she has become frailer and frailer, and now seeing my children date and marry, there has been the consistency and familiarity of Mass. So much is unfamiliar and uncertain this year. The Mass has remained the same. Except at Good Shepherd. There may be people who just love the *ad orientem* Mass. Fine. Is it necessary to have all Masses be *ad orientem*? Especially this year? Especially when so much that is familiar has been set aside?"

From the Zoom discussions:

+ This comes from a participant who was new to *ad orientem* and was disappointed when we turned back around. He said: "You're facing the direction of God when talking to God and us when talking to us. I didn't realize how much doing it *versus populum* feels wrong. It's a feeling, but now somewhat profound in the way I feel it. Now that you're praying to God while facing us again, it just doesn't feel right. The connection is hindered or blocked in my perception of it. That's at the heart of it. To me, [*ad orientem*] feels right.

+ This comes from a participant who was not expecting to like *ad orientem*. She said, "I liked it, too, and it's interesting because of conversations with older folks who had it when they were young and didn't like it. So, I didn't think I would like it. It wasn't as different as I thought it would be."

+ Another participant said: "I appreciated when you turned and faced east ... whatever the Latin term is for that. And I

don't know why. That's how I grew up, but that changed a long time ago. It seemed prayer-wise to work better for me, as far as communicating with God. It seemed like I was part of you, or through you, I went there."

+ Another participant appreciated how much of the Mass was the same as usual. She said: "My guess is that when you announced or planned that you were going to do it during Advent, people our age or older automatically thought, 'Oh, you're going to do it in Latin?' If I know that ahead of time and am prepared for it, that's OK. But I enter in through the prayers. So, having them loud and in English made it OK. I liked the idea that it was the direction of prayer. It was very comfortable to me."

+ Another participant also noted the confusion that might come with using the Latin term: "Seeing the phrase '*ad orientem*' might make people think the Mass is in Latin. That might be something to consider if you are marketing Masses. You wouldn't want people to not come because they don't want to come to a Latin Mass when that's not what it is." Earlier in the conversation, he had said: "I've been to and seen some of the Extraordinary Form Masses. The contrast there ... there is distraction for me during the Extraordinary Form because so much is different – the language and the different movements and the altar serving. Those are liturgically distracting when you're not used to them. That wasn't the case [with *ad orientem*], because we know the Mass."

+ One participant polled his family about the experience. His older in-laws are not fans, his young children are indifferent, and his wife finds value in both ways of celebrating. This is his take: "I knew where I was looking. I fully realized how true it is that my eyes are usually on you. It was very much observable, that my attention was now being placed elsewhere. It was good that you asked us to wait to talk. But I was sold after one Mass. It oriented me where I should have been oriented the whole time."

+ A participant who entered the Church at a parish that often celebrated *ad orientem* said: "I've always been fond of *ad orientem*. Over the last month, it was interesting to me, that in terms of the actual Mass experience, it made almost no difference to me. Sometimes, I would not even notice which way we were facing until we were through the Gloria. I'd see it, but it wouldn't occur to me. In terms of the symbolism, I prefer it ... the long church history, that it emphasizes the sacrificial nature." Later, he said: "My whole take is that it is a tool with a lot of very powerful symbolism, and so I really like it. And I respect that other people don't. Why not do it sometimes? Or always during Advent? It's not something that we have to do all the time."

I am currently evaluating the parishioner feedback, which is largely represented above, as well as continuing to pray with what role *ad orientem* Masses will have at Good Shepherd in the future. For the present, we will continue to celebrate *versus populum* with the exception of Saturday mornings and a few other Masses here and there. Additionally, we will return in February to our practice of celebrating morning Masses on First Saturdays in the Extraordinary Form.

CHANGE FOR LIFE

Good Shepherd Church and the Respect Life Committee support the life-affirming work of *Southwest Options for Women*. Annually, the Respect Life Committee has a baby bottle campaign and provides bottles that parishioners may take home to collect loose or leftover change. The proceeds are then donated to *Southwest Options for Women*, which supports women and families making life-affirming choices despite challenging circumstances. **The Respect Life Committee will have bottles to take home after Masses this weekend and January 23/24 in the Gathering Space.** Thank you for your generosity in this ministry.

PRISM FOOD DRIVE

The **January PRISM Food Drive** is scheduled for the weekend of **January 30/31**. Our items for **January** are: peanut butter & jelly, breakfast & protein bars, applesauce, and other snack items.

ADORATION CHAPEL

We are moving forward with designs for some renovations to our Eucharistic Adoration chapel at the Parish Center. The goals of the renovations are 1) to have a place on campus where people can come and pray with our Eucharistic Lord throughout the day (while maintaining the security of our school building), and 2) to provide a place for the celebration of smaller Masses, such as wedding convalidations, initiations, and private funerals. We will keep you posted on the progress. If you have questions or would like to donate to these efforts, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

HELP NEEDED: ALTAR LINENS

We are looking for one additional volunteer to help wash and iron the **Purificator** and **Lavabo** towels for the months of April and July. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, please contact Renee at 763.544.0416, ext. 810.

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.

BEST LENT EVER

It's time again to help you experience your BEST LENT EVER! BEST LENT EVER is a free email program that sends daily inspirational videos directly to your inbox. This acclaimed program will help prepare your heart and mind during the season of Lent for the coming of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. Don't give up chocolate this Lent. Unlock your God-given potential with BEST LENT EVER!

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. 1/17	8:30 am	† Jill Korman
	10:30 am	All Parishioners
Tues. 1/19	7:30 am	Mark Kostick
Wed. 1/20	7:30 am	† Mike & LaVera Schramel
Thurs. 1/21	7:30 am	† Dick Kostick
Fri. 1/22	7:30 am	† Bill Schindler
Sat. 1/23	5:00 pm	† Joe & Gen Piazza
Sun. 1/24	8:30 am	All Parishioners
	10:30 am	† MaryLou Fox

VIRTUAL ASCEND CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG ADULTS JANUARY 21-23

This free conference for young adults will take you on a deep dive into what it means to be "created for worship." Register at ascendspo.org.

ARCHBISHOP'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT JANUARY 29 & 30 | VIRTUAL EVENT

Have you thought that maybe God is calling you to be a Catholic priest? This annual weekend retreat is for Catholic men who are Juniors in High School up to age 24 and who have not complete a college degree. For more information, see 10000vocations.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

We are scheduling Mass Intentions for 2021. Please stop in or call the Parish Office to schedule Masses.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2021

Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
Monday:	Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

Prayer Chain	612.599.5739
PRISM	763.529.1350
Southwest Options for Women	
Pregnant? Need Help?	952.938.4496
Befrienders	763.544.0416
Archdiocese's Victim Assistance Program	651.291.4497

2020 Collections	December 2020	December 2019	Year over Year	Fiscal Year to Date	Prior Year through December	Year over Year
Envelopes	\$129,269	\$96,928	\$32,341	\$412,845	\$395,735	\$17,110
Plate	\$427	\$5,353	\$(4,926)	\$2,015	\$17,630	\$(15,615)
Total	\$129,696	\$102,281	\$27,416	\$414,860	\$413,365	\$1,495
Sunday giving keeps the lights on, pays for repairs, supports the parish's investment in the school, and funds all ministries and operations. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.						

A PRAYER FOR GOVERNMENT

Archbishop John Carroll, the first bishop of the United States, wrote the following prayer for our newly formed government on November 10, 1791. He advocated for this prayer to be recited in parishes throughout the nation. It is a fitting prayer this week, as we prepare for the inauguration of our 46th president, Joseph Biden.

WE PRAY, O ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, who through Jesus Christ has revealed your glory to all nations, to preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name.

We pray Thee, who alone are good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal, and sanctity of life, our chief bishop, Pope Francis, the vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of his Church; our own bishop, Bernard, all other bishops, prelates, and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise among us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct your people into the ways of salvation.

We pray, O God of might, wisdom, and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the president of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality.

Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for his excellency, the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by your powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to your unbounded mercy, all our brothers and sisters and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to you, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of your servants departed, who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives, and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech you, a place of refreshment, light, and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.



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The Fourth Graders are starting a science unit on Structures and Functions. They did a fun STEM project to learn about all the different parts of a flower and their functions. Then they created scrap flowers and labeled all the parts.



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