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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 26

**NO MORNING MASS OR CONFESSIONS**

#### Wednesday, January 27

7:30 a.m. + Mass  
8:15 to 9:15 a.m. + Confessions & Adoration  
Time TBD + First Holy Communion Parent Meeting (via Zoom)

#### Thursday, January 28

7:30 a.m. + Mass

#### Friday, January 29

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

#### Saturday, January 30

8:00 a.m. + Mass  
8:45 to 10:00 a.m. + Confessions & Adoration  
11 a.m. + Sung Requiem Mass in the Extraordinary Form  
5:00 p.m. + Mass

#### Sunday, January 31

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.

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.

**PRAYING FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY**

Earlier this week, Joseph Biden recited the presidential oath of office, solemnly swearing to faithfully execute the office of President of the United States and to the best of his ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States. President Biden is just one of many elected or appointed officials who are beginning or continuing their positions of authority in our government. And he is just one of many elected or appointed leaders who are both favored and disfavored by the people of our nation. That reality has played out in very public and extreme fashion throughout the last year, and in particular in the last month.

I propose today, as I have before, that we earnestly, boldly, and frequently pray for those in authority. This is what we are called to do as Christians (see 1 Timothy 2:1-4).

We pray for those we voted for and those we voted against, those whose policies we endorse and those whose policies we abhor, those who share our faith and those who do not. We pray for all in authority.

Such prayer is a great alternative to the vitriolic discourse that we so often encounter; for the gossip, detraction, and name calling; for the violence and bad behavior.

Praying for those in authority is a way for us to heed Saint Paul, who tells us that all bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, reviling, and malice must be removed from us. It is a way for us to be kind, compassionate, and forgiving (see Ephesians 4:31-32).

Praying for those in authority is a way for us to exercise charity — to love others, even those we consider our enemies, as Jesus calls us to do (see Matthew 5:43-48).

What do we pray for? First and foremost, we pray that all in authority would come to a deeper love of Jesus Christ and a greater desire to please God in all things. We pray for their salvation. This is God's desire for all people. It should be our desire, too. Plus, the more firmly planted in Christ Jesus our leaders become, the better leaders they will be.

There are many other reasons we pray for them. We pray for those in authority for their sake:

- They wield great power, and we want them to use it well. We want them to faithfully discharge the duties of their office in a manner that makes them pleasing to God.
- Because of their authority, they are subject to great temptation and pressure, and we want them to stay anchored in what is true and good and just, and not to be swept away by what is popular or convenient or beneficial to their status.
- And, they are exposed to many dangers. Positions of authority come with great risks — defamation of character, bodily harm, even loss of life. And so, we pray for their protection.

We also pray for those in authority for our sake:

- Praying for them can temper our anger. It is more difficult to think or speak or write poorly about those in authority if we are praying for them.

- Praying for them can help us take stock of our own lives. As we pray that those in authority might cling to what is good and avoid what is evil, we can see in ourselves the need for the same.
- Praying for them can remind us that change and conversion of heart are possible. And this can bring us hope that the sins and mistakes from our past need not define us for all time.

We also pray for those in authority for what may result. Namely, as Saint Paul tells us, so that we may lead quiet and tranquil lives in all devotion and dignity (see 1 Timothy 2:1-4).

Here, we might consider how human happiness and authentic prosperity depend so much on good order. Where order is lacking — where there is violence, oppression, tyranny, war, corruption, or vulgar displays of power — human flourishing can be difficult to attain. Human dignity can be swiftly trampled underfoot.

Those in authority have great influence over the presence or absence of order in society. They can chart our local, national, and world courses for good or for ill. Additionally, their decisions impact the devotional life, the life of faith. They can either protect the free exercise of religion or they can make it more difficult.

And so, we pray that those in authority will enact laws and policies that promote human flourishing, true peace, freedom of religion, and the common good. We pray that they will aim to please God in all things. If they pursue and promote these things, then right order will follow.

I've attempted to make praying for those in authority a bit easier with a handout available in the gathering space and online. I encourage you to get one and use it daily.

The handout includes a list of people in authority — our president and vice president, our state and federal representatives and senators, the justices of the U.S. Supreme Court, our governor and lieutenant governor, our mayor, and more. One side of the handout, as best as I can tell, names the officials who have been elected or appointed to serve us here at Good Shepherd. The other side includes a link to help you identify who serves where you live and space to write in their names. The handout concludes with the prayer from Pope Saint Clement asking God to grant those in authority the grace to govern in a way pleasing to him.

Our nation needs healing. Our nation needs peace. Our leaders need divine help from above. Prayer can help bring all of these things. We pray for all in authority because it is pleasing to God, beneficial to us and to them, and can lead to quiet and tranquil lives of devotion and dignity. Let us pray:

Grant to them, Lord, health, peace, concord, and stability, so that they may exercise without offense the sovereignty that you have given them. Direct, Lord, their counsel, following what is pleasing and acceptable in your sight, so that by exercising with devotion and in peace and gentleness the power that you have given to them, they may find favor with you. Amen.

## 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 in the Gathering Space.** Thank you for your generosity in this ministry.

## ABOUT ASH WEDNESDAY 2021: FEBRUARY 17, 2021

With our restrictions being what they are, **we are asking families to sign up for Ash Wednesday Mass this year.** To help accommodate with this request, we are planning to hold three Ash Wednesday Masses. They will be held at 7:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

To register, call the parish office (763.544.0416, 810) or visit our SignUpGenius page:

+ [signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4cfa72eabf94-ashwednesday](https://signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4cfa72eabf94-ashwednesday)

In order for us to accommodate social distancing, to adhere to current regulations, and to leave space for our families who do not use online signups, we will allow up to 120 people to register for each Mass. We will add a Mass if necessary. When you sign up, please be sure to sign up each member of your household individually.

## 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!

## PRAYER PLANS FOR 2021:

### ALL FOR JESUS THROUGH MARY AND JOSEPH

In this new year we can go deeper in prayer! There are two resources Deacon Gunderson mentioned in Sunday's homily: *33 Days to Morning Glory* by Father Michael Gaitley and *Consecration to Saint Joseph* by Father Donald Calloway. Both books are available on [www.shopmercy.org](http://www.shopmercy.org).

This year is dedicated to Saint Joseph, and the 33 days of prayer with Saint Joseph begins February 15. You still have time to order your book and prepare to come to know and love Joseph in a deeper way. If you have any additional questions, please find Deacon Gunderson after Mass or email him at [egunderson@epiphanymn.org](mailto:egunderson@epiphanymn.org).

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Feeling disconnected? Every married couple deserves the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! The next virtual weekends will be held February 12-14 and 18-28 2021. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [twincitieswwme.org](http://twincitieswwme.org) or contact Brent & Tracy at [applications@twincitieswwme.org](mailto:applications@twincitieswwme.org) or 612-756-8720.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sun. 1/24</b>	8:30 am	All Parishioners
	10:30 am	† MaryLou Fox
<b>Tues. 1/26</b>	7:30 am	† Frank Fignar
<b>Wed. 1/27</b>	7:30 am	† Joseph & Hattie Winter
<b>Thurs. 1/28</b>	7:30 am	† Ray, Jackie & Rick Bendel
<b>Fri. 1/29</b>	7:30 am	† Tony Schaffer
<b>Sat. 1/30</b>	5:00 pm	† Janine Lessor
<b>Sun. 1/31</b>	8:30 am	All Parishioners
	10:30 am	† MaryLou Fox

## 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](http://10000vocations.org).

## 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.

## 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!

You can sign up at <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever.html>

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021

Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

## ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

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Pregnant? Need Help? .....	952.938.4496
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Archdiocese's Victim Assistance Program .....	651.291.4497

# LIGHT THE LOT

**JOIN GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH AND SCHOOL  
AS WE KICK OFF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!**

- + Next Sunday, January 31
- + 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- + Good Shepherd Parking Lot

Join us for a prayer walk along an illuminated route as we pray for Good Shepherd, our students and families, our faculty and staff, and our own intentions.

You are invited to decorate a luminary bag with your prayer intentions. They will be available after Masses beginning this weekend.

We will also collect hats, mittens, and socks to donate locally. You can bring your donations to Light the Lot on January 31 or to the school or parish offices any time during Catholic Schools Week (February 1-5).

We will practice social distancing and wear face masks.

Hot cocoa to follow!

## HAVE MERCY ON US AND ON THE WHOLE WORLD

In our first reading today (see Jonah 3), we see all the people of Nineveh, great and small, pray, fast, do penance, and turn from their evil ways. They do this in order to atone for their offenses against the Lord. In doing so, they are making reparation for their own sins and for the sins of others. This is something that we do well to practice today — to pray, fast, do penance, and turn from our evil ways with the intention of asking God's mercy upon us and the whole world.

The following, from the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, explains the concept of reparation:

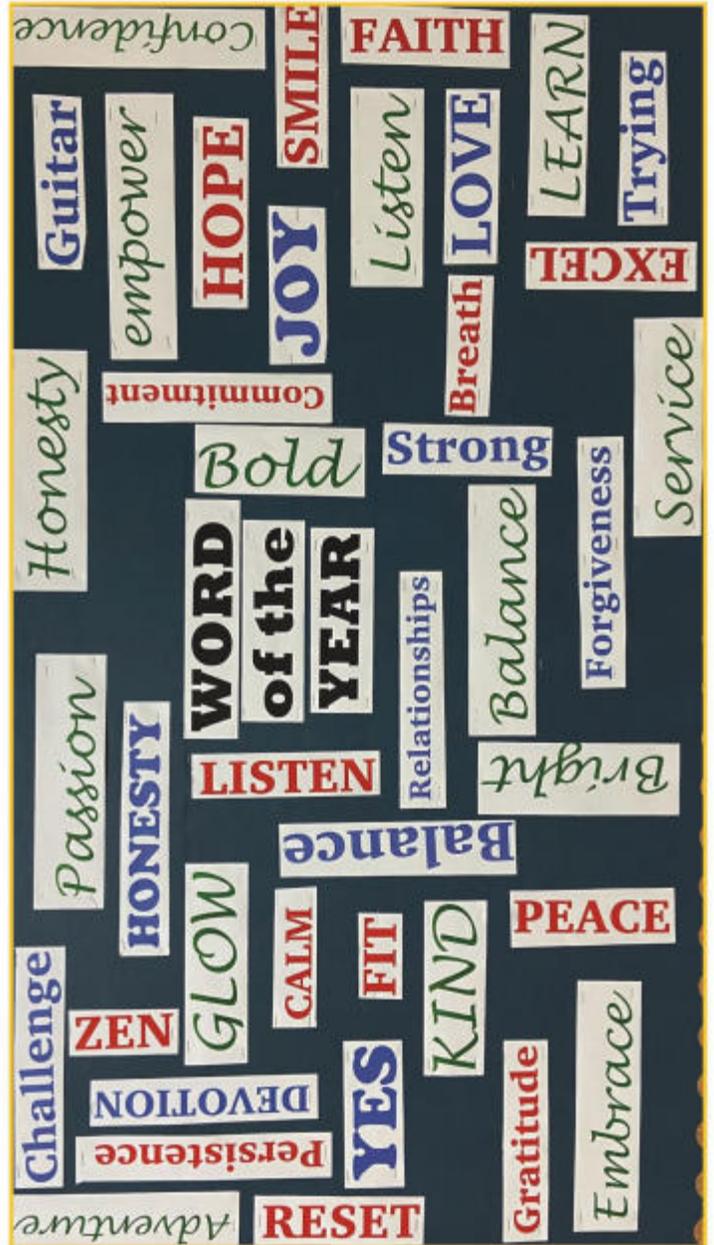
"Reparation is a theological concept closely connected with those of atonement and satisfaction, and thus belonging to some of the deepest mysteries of the Christian Faith. It is the teaching of that Faith that man is a creature who has fallen from an original state of justice in which he was created, and that through the Incarnation, Passion, and Death of the Son of God, he has been redeemed and restored again in a certain degree to the original condition. Although God might have condoned men's offences gratuitously if He had chosen to do so, yet in His Providence He did not do this; He judged it better to demand satisfaction for the injuries which man had done Him. It is better for man's education that wrong doing on his part should entail the necessity of making satisfaction. This satisfaction was made adequately to God by the Sufferings, Passion, and Death of Jesus Christ, made Man for us. By voluntary submission to His Passion and Death on the Cross, Jesus Christ atoned for our disobedience and sin. He thus made reparation to the offended majesty of God for the outrages which the Creator so constantly suffers at the hands of His creatures. We are restored to grace through the merits of Christ's Death, and that grace enables us to add our prayers, labors, and trials to those of Our Lord "and fill up those things that are wanting of the sufferings of Christ" (Colossians 1:24). We can thus make some sort of reparation to the justice of God for our own offences against Him, and by virtue of the Communion of the Saints, the oneness and solidarity of the mystical Body of Christ, we can also make satisfaction and reparation for the sins of others."



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The fifth and sixth graders are focusing on mindfulness as we enter the New Year. The students chose a Word of the Year to help keep themselves centered and striving to be the best version of themselves.



**NOW ENROLLING PRESCHOOL - 6TH GRADE  
COME CHECK US OUT!**

We will be offering small group tours on Tuesday evening, January 26. Please visit [www.gsgvschool.org](http://www.gsgvschool.org) to register for a 4pm, 5pm, or 6pm time slot.

You may also to contact the school office to schedule a tour for another date:

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