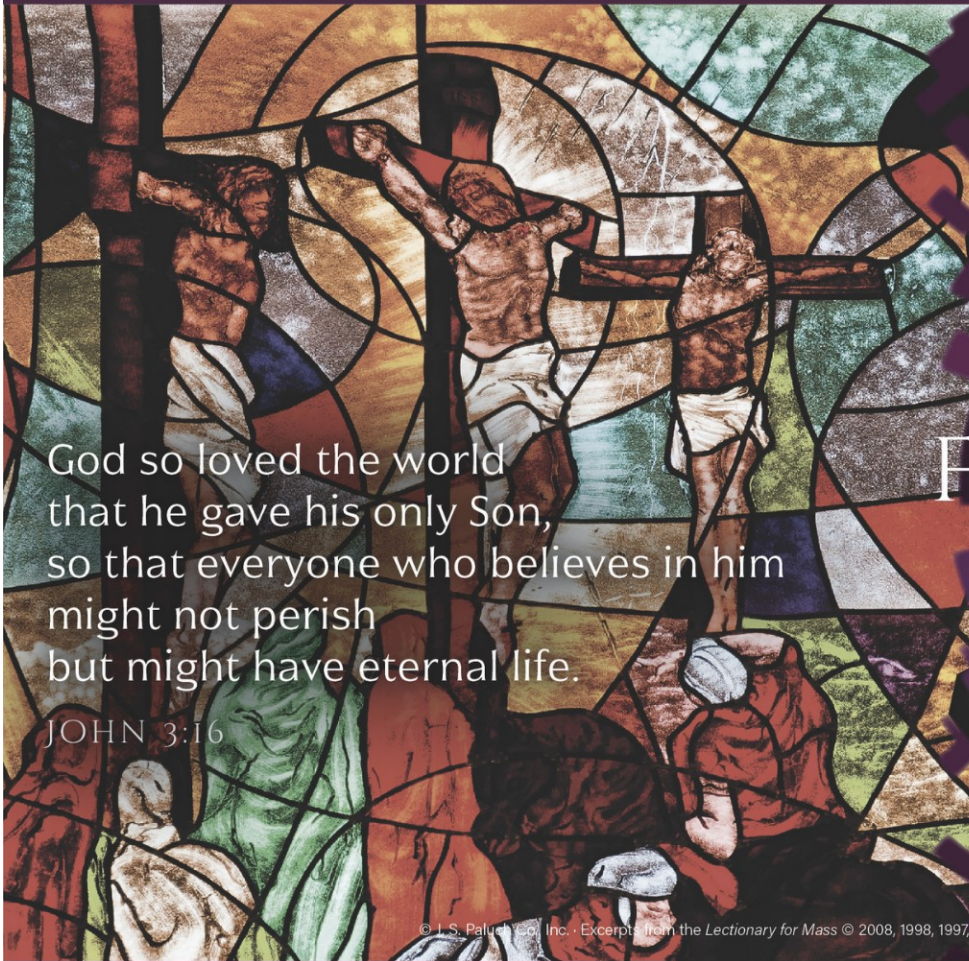




GOOD SHEPHERD

Catholic Community



God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
might not perish
but might have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 14, 2021

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BE DISCIPLES. MAKE DISCIPLES.

IN WELCOMING ALL, WE FORM DISCIPLES WHO KNOW, LOVE, AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR.

Welcome! We're so glad you're here.

At Good Shepherd, we seek to foster a lifestyle of discipleship focused on the five characteristics of a disciple: **welcome**, **encounter**, **grow**, **serve**, and **share**. Learn more at gsc.net/disciples

If you are visiting, we hope you will stop by our Welcome Desk in the Narthex for a gift! If you'd like to become a member, visit gsc.net/register. To learn more about becoming Catholic, visit gsc.net/becomingcatholic

Weekend Masses:

Sat: 5:00pm | Sun: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, & 4:00pm

Daily Masses:

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat: 8:30am

Tues: 7:00am | Wed: 7:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Mon: 9:00am | Wed: 6:00pm | Thurs: 7:00pm

Sat: 3:30 - 4:30pm

By appointment: 817-421-1387

Sacrament of Anointing: Please see a priest after Mass or contact the parish office: 817-421-1387

Sacrament of Baptism: To register for Pre-Baptism Class, visit gsc.net

Sacrament of Matrimony: Before scheduling your wedding, contact the parish office to begin preparing for the Sacrament at least eight months prior.

Marriage Validations: To have your marriage validated as a sacrament by the Church, contact Tammy Sandoval: 817-421-1387

Funeral Rites: Before making arrangements with the funeral director, contact Brian Bacon: 817-421-1387

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday through Saturday: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Wednesday, Sunday: 5:30-8:30pm

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Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs: 8:00am - 5:00pm | Fri: 8:00am - 2:00pm

Sat: 9:00am - 5:00pm | Sun: 8:00am - 5:00pm

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This Week at a Glance

A = Adults | Y = Youth | P = Parish-Wide (varied ages)

Monday, March 15

- **A// RCIA 7:00pm** (Rooms St. Maria Goretti & St. Elizabeth of Hungary)
- **A// DivorceCare 7:00pm** (via Zoom)

Tuesday, March 16

- **A// Faith & Focus Men's Study 5:30am** (Parish Hall)
- **A// Parish Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm** (Church)
- **A// Women's Choral Rehearsal 7:00pm** (Church)
- **A// Men's Scripture Study 9:30 am** (St. Maria Goretti & St. Elizabeth of Hungary)
- **A// Schola Cantorum Rehearsal 8:00pm** (Church)

Wednesday, March 17

- **A// Wednesday Evening Scripture Class 7:00pm** (Online)
- **P// Lent: A Time of Spiritual Renewal 7:30pm** (Church and Live-streamed)

Thursday, March 18

- **A// Thursday Morning Scripture Study 10:00am** (Online)
- **A// Modern Worship Rehearsal 3:00pm** (Church)
- **A// Singles 40+ 7:00pm** (via Zoom)
- **A// GriefShare 7:00pm** (via Zoom)
- **A// Explore Small Church Communities 7:00pm** (via Zoom)

Friday, March 19

- **A// Stations of the Cross 6:00pm** (Church)

Visit gsc.net/bulletin to access an interactive version of this bulletin with live links to all web pages mentioned.

Special Collection

This week, we take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection to help Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide struggling communities with relief and support and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. One fourth of all funds collected in the Diocese of Fort Worth stay here to support local poverty efforts. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.

Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Last Weekend's Mass Attendance

In Person Masses

5:00pm: 427 | 7:00am: 104 | 9:00am: 492 | 11:00am: 466 | 4:00pm: 328

Total: 1,817

Has your contact information or address changed?

Email Bryan Trachier: btrachier@gsc.net

Weekly Reflection

Fourth Sunday in Lent | March 14



GOD'S MERCY

Today's reading from the second book of Chronicles contains a sort of "mini-history" of Israel. It highlights God's mercies in choosing Cyrus the Persian to be an instrument of

deliverance when the people were in captivity in Babylon. Despite their sinfulness and the deserved punishment they were undergoing, God's mercy was lavished on the people in the form of a miraculous act of liberation. The Letter to the Ephesians, in much more theological terms, gives a similar account of a God "who brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved." The author stresses that it was when we were "dead in our transgressions" that God saved us, an act of pure grace. He emphasizes that it is not our own efforts that freed us from sin ("this is not from you"); rather, "it is the gift of God." This, of course, is the heart of the entire Pauline corpus, that salvation comes to us by faith in God's mercy, revealed in the death of Jesus. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Mass Readings & Intentions: 3/15 - 3/21

Mon 8:30am	Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54 +Deborah Doggett by Maynard & Michelle Baker
Tues 7:00am 8:30am	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16 +Zachary Osih by the Agboje family +Dolores Moeller by the Upperman family
Wed 8:30am 7:00pm	Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30 +Bill Sherlock by the Upperman family +Patricia Schroeder by Grief Share Friends
Thurs 8:30am	Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47 Nicki & Tony Stephens (anniv) by the Stephen family
Fri 8:30am	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a +Deacon Ed Maron by the Ross family
Sat 8:30am	Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53 +Joshua Weber by Susan Cawley

SUNDAY

Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Sat 5:00pm	Living & Deceased of our Parish by the Pastor
Sun 7:00am	+Henry Borbolla, Jr. by Maynard & Michelle Baker
Sun 9:00am	+Leona Wesley by the Kain family
Sun 11:00am	+Gilbert Pevler by Maynard & Michelle Baker
Sun 4:00pm	John J. & John M. Impenf by Pat Impenf

Reminder Regarding In-Person Mass

At this time the faithful are still dispensed in charity from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. In addition to in-person Masses, weekend Masses will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook until all restrictions have been lifted. All attending Mass are asked to do so with patience and understanding. Please follow the directions given by the parish staff and liturgical disciples before and after Mass.

If you are planning to attend Mass at Good Shepherd Catholic Community, it is important to know the liturgical adaptations implemented on June 24. For a complete list of requirements, please visit gsc.net/important-announcement.

Out of love and charity to our neighbors, please do not come to Mass if you are showing any symptoms of sickness. Pregnant women and those with pre-existing conditions are highly encouraged to stay at home during this Phase I of re-opening our parish community. Let us all continue to pray for those who have been afflicted by the COVID-19 pandemic through illness, economic hardship, or fear and anxiety.

Vocations Corner



Third Order Regular: Franciscan Rule and Life Chapter VI: The Life of Poverty

21. All the sisters and brothers zealously follow the poverty and humility of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Though rich beyond measure (2 Cor. 8:9), he emptied himself for our sake (Phil. 2:7) and with the holy virgin, His mother, Mary, He chose poverty in this world. Let them be mindful that they should have only those goods of this world which, as the Apostle says, "Provide enough food and sufficient clothing; with these we are content." (1 Tim. 6:8). Let them particularly beware of money. And let them be happy to live among the outcast and despised, among the poor, the weak, the sick, the unwanted, the oppressed and the destitute.

22. The truly poor in spirit, following the example of the Lord, live in this world as pilgrims and strangers (Mt. 10:27-29). They neither appropriate nor defend anything as their own. So excellent is this most high poverty that it makes us heirs and rulers of the kingdom of heaven. It makes us materially poor, but rich in virtue (Jn. 2:5). Let this poverty alone be our portion because it leads to the land of the living (Ps. 141:6). Clinging completely to it let us, for the sake of Our Lord Jesus Christ, never want anything else under heaven.

WELCOME



A disciple WELCOMES God's people.

As a community of faith, we welcome all who come through our doors as Jesus Christ, and we challenge each member of Good Shepherd to practice radical hospitality by actively seeking out and inviting others to Good Shepherd.

Be Disciples. Make Disciples.

Have you been affected by Covid-19?

Have you or your family been affected by COVID-19? Please let us know! Visit gsc.net/affected-by-covid-19 and fill out the form to let our Friars know the impact COVID has had on you or your family. Our Friars wish to help in any way they can!

Lenten Opportunities

Looking for a way to dive more deeply into the Lenten season? Check out our Lenten Opportunities page! There you'll find tons of resources and opportunities both for yourself and your children!

gsc.net/Lenten-opportunities

Stewardship Reflection

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..."
- JOHN 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

Feed Our Friars



Do you like to cook? Our four friars love a homemade meal! Visit gsc.net/FOF to sign up or call Elly Lara: 817-421-1387.

Offer Prayers & Receive Prayers



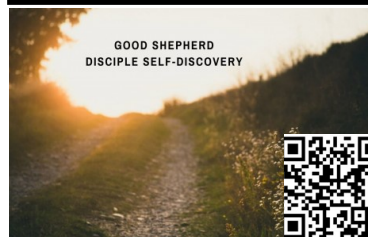
Would you like prayers for a loved one? And/or, would you like to pray for others? Please visit our webpage at gsc.net/prayerrequests to submit a prayer request, and we will send out a

prayer request email to those who have signed up to pray for your loved one. You can also visit this web page to sign up to receive prayer emails so that we can intercede for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Do you have prayers of thanksgiving? Visit the web page above so that we can give thanks to God for blessings received.

Parish E-Newsletter

Are you receiving our weekly e-newsletter? To receive updates on important info and events, visit gsc.net and scroll to the footer on any page to sign up!

New OR Longtime Parishioner? Start Here!



Good Shepherd exists to call each of our members, wherever they are, to a lifestyle of discipleship that involves WELCOMING God's people, ENCOUNTERING Jesus Christ, GROWING in Jesus Christ, SERVING

God's people, and SHARING the Gospel. As we seek to live out these five characteristics of a disciple, we may find that we are a new, growing, or missionary disciple. Visit gsc.net/disciplesroadmap to take our Disciple Self-Discovery to see where YOU are on your journey as a disciple of Jesus. Your results will offer practical suggestions for taking the next step forward as a disciple.

A disciple ENCOUNTERS Jesus Christ.

We desire that parishioners, seekers, and guests experience the love of God the Father through a transformative encounter with Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, leading them to commit their lives to Jesus as disciples.
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ENCOUNTER



Stations of the Cross



STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Fridays during Lent (Mar. 5, 12, 19)
6:00pm in the Church and Livestreamed

Join us as our Deacons lead us in "Everyone's Way of the Cross" by Clarence Enzler and

published by Ave Maria Press. Booklets will not be available, but all will participate by using the screens in the Church.

Lent: A Time of Spiritual Renewal



LENT: A TIME OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Wednesdays during Lent 7:30pm in the Church and Live-streamed

Join Fr. Mike on Wednesday evenings during Lent, following the 7:00pm Mass, as he

discusses the Five Elements of Franciscan Spirituality and how they are pillars for your spiritual renewal during this special season of Lent.

March 17 - Mary

March 24 - Our Father

Weekly Lenten Reflection

"Rise, take up your mat, and walk." - John 5:8

Returning from the Holy Land a month before the pandemic struck, my friend mourned the paltry few minutes he was allowed to spend at the places that were part of Jesus' life. "We were hustled through quickly because of the massive crowds," he said. It seems strange in our world of social distancing to think of pressing crowds. But crowds or not, I imagine that it would be hard to say good-bye to the places where Jesus walked, talked, and healed, even after hours or days there. But just as we'd like to keep our kids small and innocent forever, we know we can't. Jesus calls us to rise, take up our mats, and walk. Where do you need Jesus' help to move forward today?

Family Prayer

All respond after each line: ***The Lord is my shepherd.***

Lord God, no matter where we go, you guide us in the ways to know.

In the car or on a train...

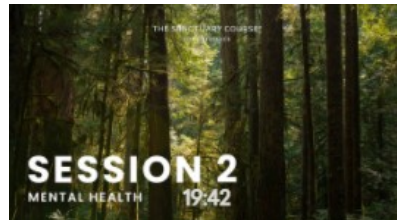
Riding bikes or on a plane...

When we walk in dark or light, you keep your path within our sight.

The above excerpt is taken from "Lent for Families: A New Kind of Hope"*

Weekly Faith Resources

Check out this featured video on Formed.org this week!
For more resources, visit gsc.net/resources



The Sanctuary Session 2: Mental Health

Over the course of our lives, we will all experience periods of flourishing and languishing mental

health—a reality that helpfully frames our understanding of mental health, mental illness, and suffering. In this film you will meet Kasey, who lives with anxiety and depression. Listen to her story, and learn about the mental health continuum and its implications for your faith community.

<https://watch.formed.org/the-sanctuary-course-for-catholics/videos/session-2-mental-health>



Lent with Brother Francis

Learn and pray with Brother Francis this Lent. This 4-part series will help children learn more about what Lent is all about and why it is so important. A new

episode will be released each of the first 4 Sundays of Lent. Plus, join Brother Francis in praying a special Stations of the Cross for children. <https://watch.formed.org/lent-with-brother-francis-4-part>

Explore Small Church Communities



March 18 & 25 at 7:00pm - Virtual

March 21 at 10:00am - In Person

March 22 at 9:30am - In Person

Are you curious about how Small Church Communities can help you get plugged in to our parish community? Are you seeking a way to get involved that is smaller and more intimate? Join us for in-person or virtual information sessions! We'll go over what Small Church Communities are and give you a glimpse of what's to come as we dive in to Formed.org's *The Search* series. For more details, visit gsc.net/scc.

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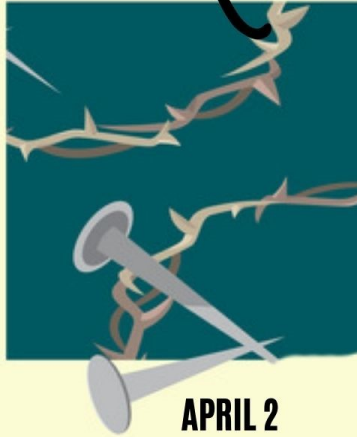
Holy Week



MARCH 28
PASSION SUNDAY
5PM, 7AM, 9AM,
11AM & 4PM



APRIL 1
HOLY THURSDAY
7PM MASS



APRIL 2
GOOD FRIDAY
7PM CELEBRATION OF
THE LORD'S PASSION



APRIL 3
HOLY SATURDAY
8:30PM MASS

Easter

April 3 - Easter Vigil Mass
8:30pm

April 4 - Easter Sunday Masses
7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, & 1:00pm

A disciple GROWS in Jesus Christ.

We accompany all who have made a commitment to follow Christ as intentional disciples, walking with them and encouraging them to grow in divine intimacy with God.
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GROW

Statement of Faith: Noah



Growing up I was baptized and confirmed in the United Methodist Church. I was very involved in the church and was head of the youth group for three years. I even spent three weeks in Russia as an ambassador for the church before my senior year of high school. After high school I lost my way and turned away from religion. I stopped going to church and, in hindsight, was spiritually lost. In the fall of 1998 I met my wife, Catherine, who was a cradle Catholic, during our first semester of grad school at George Washington Univ. We were married in June 2001 at a Catholic Church in Florida. During our almost 20 years of marriage, she's always picked the church's we attended. I should say, she attended. Over the years, my attendance at mass was occasionally, at best, to never, at worst. My thinking was I couldn't take communion so why go. We moved to Texas in 2014 for my job. My wife found a job as a KG teacher at the parish Catholic school, Holy Trinity, where our son Daniel was in 2nd grade and our daughter Penelope was in Pre-K. While volunteering at school, I met many great parents that were "on fire" with their faith. I was astounded at how much some of the dads knew about their faith. Once I told them I wasn't Catholic, almost all of them would ask one of two questions, "Why not?" or "Do you want to be?" My answer was almost always, "No, I plan on going to back the Methodist Church." I was still only rarely going to mass. My son eventually asked my wife why dad didn't have to go. There really wasn't a good reason. In September 2019, a good friend's mom passed away. The funeral was held at Good Shepherd. I sat with some friends from Holy Trinity. Something happened that day that had never happened before. I felt the need

to receive a blessing during communion. Since I had never done it before I didn't know what to do. I think the Eucharistic Minister actually blessed me twice. I don't know why I was moved. My only explanation is the Holy Spirit was working in me. Not long after that we joined a Small Church Community with three other families from GSCC and HTCS. I eventually told them about what happened at the funeral. Everyone also thought it was amazing and that the Holy Spirit was working on me. The next day, I received a text from one of the husbands saying it's our duty as a husband and father to get our family to heaven. It was at that moment that I decided I needed to explore joining the Catholic Church. In early 2020, I started Inquiry and eventually progressed into RCIA. During this time, my perspective and outlook on life, and the world in general, has really changed. I pray almost every morning as soon as I wake up. It's how I start my day. Thanks to Breaking Open the Word (BOW), I read the daily scriptures and reflections. I have started attending the Men's Rosary on Saturday mornings. I've read books by Fr. Jacques Philippe, Bishop Robert Barron, Matthew Kelly and Catholic converts Scott Hahn and Trent Horn. My spiritual growth and learning of the Catholic faith have been a great help in dealing with the crazy year of 2020. I would say RCIA has brought calm and peace during a very uncertain period of time. This emergence of faith in my life over the past year or so has also brought perspective. It shows that I'm not in control. We actually just discussed this in our small church group. As much as I want to be in control, I am not. As I prepare to fully enter the Catholic Church, I'm excited to receive the Holy Eucharist and continue my faith journey as I grow deeper in my understanding.

**Noah came into full communion with the Catholic church at the 8:30am Mass on Saturday, January 23rd, 2021.*

Got Life Questions?



Bring your questions and join us for **Inquiry**, an 11-week "no obligation" dip into the basics of Spirituality. All ages are welcome! You can jump in anytime since the standalone topics repeat every 11 weeks. We gather Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the St. Louis of France room (enter through the West parking lot door - masks required). If you choose, you can then continue on an in-depth journey into Catholic beliefs through our Catholic education study group which also meets Monday evenings. For more details, visit <https://gsc.net/sacraments-rites/rcia> or contact Father Ronald 817-421-1387 / rmohnickey@gsc.net



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GSCC Singles 40+



March 12, 18, 26
7:00 - 9:00pm
Single Adults 40+ will meet via Zoom on the first and third Thursdays at 7:00pm to discuss the Readings for the upcoming Sunday Mass. On the second and

fourth Fridays will be social get-togethers via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. with the option of meeting at a restaurant with an outdoor patio or open space. For details, email Claudia or Kate at singleadultsfortyplus@gsc.net or check out gsc.net/singles

Archangel Moms



Archangel Moms Mass & Moms Night out
Wednesday, March 24 at 7:00pm
Mass @ GSCC followed by dinner at Black Walnut Café in Colleyville

Let's celebrate Wednesday evening Mass together followed by some time to get to know each other better at dinner.
gsc.net/archangelmoms

DivorceCare

DIVORCED? SEPARATED?
WE CAN HELP

DivorceCare is a weekly seminar/support group that will help you heal from the hurt. It's a warm, caring environment led by people who understand what you are going through. Gain hope for your future!

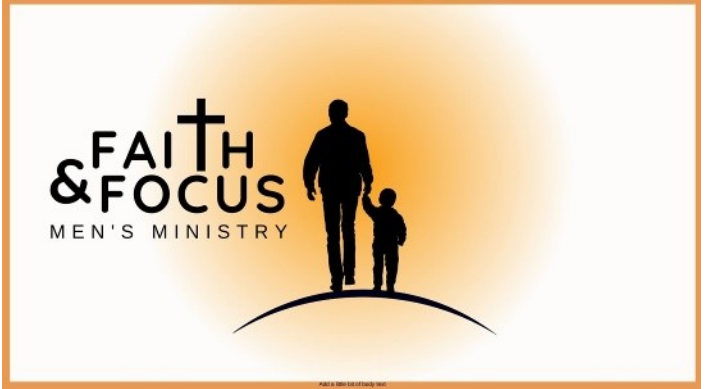
Contact us today for more information

Deborah Petasky, 817-421-1387
dpetasky@gsc.net
Register at www.divorcecare.org/groups/129957
Begins March 1 at 7 PM
via Zoom Invite

Find Help • Discover Hope
Experience Healing



Men's Faith & Focus



Tuesdays, Jan. 19 - May 18
5:30am in the Parish Hall

Topic: The Bible and the Virgin Mary. Written by Dr. Scott Hahn

Matthew Leonard captivates your attention. Scott Hahn yanks at your heartstrings with his perfectly spoken scripture readings. This week's lesson is called "The Handmaid of the Lord". We hear about the power of devotion to prayer. Also, why we are called the Apostles Church. You will see all the miraculous births throughout salvation history and why Jesus' birth is called the last and the greatest!

gsc.net/faithandfocus

Young Catholic Professionals



YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS
FORT WORTH

Thursday, March 25
7:00pm-9:00pm

Texas Title (1751 River Run, Suite 205, Fort Worth, TX 76107)

Our guest speaker will be Douglas Allen, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. This is a free, monthly event open to the public in which executives share their professional and faith journeys with young professionals, challenging them to 'Work in Witness for Christ!' Come meet other young pros in their 20's and 30's over complimentary beer, wine, and appetizers before and after the evening's speaker.

(P.S. Don't miss out! To keep up on the latest YCP news and upcoming events be sure to like and follow our FB page: <https://facebook.com/ycpfortworth/>).

Holy Trinity Catholic School Presents: Matt Maher LIVE at GSCC!

Matt Maher
Live!
Saturday, April 10
8:00P.M.
Good Shepherd Catholic Community
Upper Room
A Benefit Concert For
HOLY TRINITY
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

In lieu of our annual Gala, Holy Trinity Catholic School is excited to announce **Matt Maher Live in Concert!** Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 8:00pm. The proceeds from the concert will benefit Holy Trinity Catholic School. Matt will be performing live at Good Shepherd Catholic Community's Upper Room. Seating will be limited and there will only be 139 tickets available. *Tickets are guaranteed with a committed sponsorship by March 7, 2021.* Remaining tickets available will be sold online. For those not attending the in-person concert, a Live Stream Pass will be available for purchase.

Silent Auction

Our Holy Trinity Catholic School annual silent auction will be held Saturday, April 10 - Sunday April 11, 2021. Golden Tickets and Grand Raffle Tickets can be purchased starting March 8, 2021. Visit [HTCS GALA21](https://www.holytrinitycatholic.org/HTCS-GALA21) to learn more.

If you have any questions about our sponsorship levels or would like to donate an item to our live auction, please contact Lindsay Casey, Special Events Coordinator at lcasey@holytrinitycatholic.org.

GSCC Students

GSCC STUDENTS
[SCHOLARSHIPS]

Good Shepherd has a number of great scholarship opportunities available for parish seniors in high school. These scholarships are sponsored by:



Learn more about each scholarship as well as eligibility criteria by visiting gsc.net/scholarships
Application Deadline: April 5, 2021 at 5:00pm

HTCS Open House



**PK & KINDERGARTEN
OPEN HOUSE**
March 24, 6:00 - 7:30 PM



Full Day PK 4 (3 day & 5 day) • Full Day Kindergarten • Tenured Teachers
Accelerated Math Program • Spanish, Art, PE, Music & Library
On-site Before and After Care • Chef-prepared lunches • TCCB ED Accreditation

ADMISSIONS@HOLYTCS.ORG / 817-421-8000 X121

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SERVE

A disciple SERVES God's people.

We give our grateful response to God's gifts through a life of service to God and neighbor by daily personal prayer, by generously supporting the needs of the Church, and by participating in parish ministries and initiatives.

Be Disciples. Make Disciples.

Stephen Ministry

EXHAUSTED BY THE PANDEMIC?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO FACE IT ALONE.

A Stephen Minister can walk alongside you or a loved one to offer support and care—and it's free and confidential.

To learn more, please contact *Keith or Jody Taylor* at stephenministry@gsc.net



Prayer Shawls for Comfort & Support



Who Needs a Prayer Shawl?

This ministry is a wonderful way to demonstrate God's love, comfort, and mercy to people experiencing difficult times.

Members meet to knit and/or crochet as a group and pray over the shawls and lap blankets. If you prefer to knit or crochet on your own and then bring shawls to our ministry to pray over, simply bring your creations to the Parish Office and complete a donation card. As well, donations of regular worsted yarn are appreciated! You do not need to be a parishioner to receive a prayer shawl or blanket.

Visit gsc.net/prayershawlministry to learn more or contact prayershawl@gsc.net to request a prayer shawl.

Annual Easter Basket Collection



Saturday, March 27 | 9:00am-12:00pm

Good Shepherd Catholic Outreach Center on HWY 26

Share your Easter joy by providing a WRAPPED Easter basket for a child who might not otherwise receive one. GSCC will donate Easter baskets to infants, children, and teens served by Catholic Charities Fort Worth, GRACE, SafeHaven of Tarrant County, St. John's Baby World, & Union Gospel Mission-Tarrant County. The most needed ages are:

- 2 to 6 year old Boys and Girls
- 7 to 12 year old Boys and Girls
- Teen Boys and Teen Girls
- Infants

Please bring wrapped Easter baskets to the Good Shepherd Catholic Outreach Center on Hwy 26 between 9am and noon. Thank you so much for your generosity!

gsc.net/easterbasket

Mission Outreach Spotlight

Union Gospel Mission

UGM is more than a place to get a nutritious meal and place to sleep for the homeless. It's also a place that provides the opportunity for new beginnings through programs like the Mission Services Women's Program which help participants build the skills they need to return to the community as independent, productive members.

Below is the story of Deon – reading her story will provide a good overview of what UGM is all about.



After battling long-term drug addiction and living in her daughter's car for two years, Deon knew it was time to change her life. She had successfully completed a detox program, but was still homeless. Staff at the detox center referred her to Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County. "I had no idea what it was going to be like," Deon recalls, "but the spirit in the building was perfect. Everybody I came in contact with were beautiful people!"

Right away, Deon immersed herself in the program. "Everything gets you back in touch with yourself. I really love Skill Building and Financial Literacy. They teach you how to do your banking and savings. I'm 53 and I thought I'd never get to learn that! To have somebody take time and teach me things is awesome."

Chapel and Bible study have also been a big part of Deon's experience at UGM-TC. "I truly believe it was God's doing that I got in here," she says. "This place has made it possible for me to be with my family again!"

Deon is working on her long-term goals, which include finding a job, buying a car, making a home for herself – and learning to love herself again. "It feels good to be sober," she admits. "I'd forgotten how it felt because I'd been in my addiction for so long. They actually saved my life. To God be the glory for all He has done, because I know He has placed these people in my life."

Last year, 2020, amid the pandemic, UGM had 696 residents in program and celebrated 173 graduates.

Your prayers, donations and volunteer hours make stories like Deon's possible!

Parish Service Day



Saturday, March 27, 2021

8:30am-12:30pm in the Parish Hall

Be the face of Jesus through service projects that help those in need in our community. Slots fill quickly! Learn more online and register today! All volunteers will meet in the Parish Hall at 8:30am for check-in and a blessing before heading to their worksites. gsc.net/parishserviceday

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CRL Monthly Meeting



Tuesday, March 16

6:45pm at the Midcities Women's Clinic

The mission of The Respect Life Ministry of Good Shepherd Catholic Community is to support the Diocese of Fort Worth in encouraging all people to respect life from conception to natural death. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:45 pm to come together as a parish community to further the work of Christ's Gospel through our outreach to our larger community for all LIFE issues. We partner with local entities to respect life through programs and events throughout the year. "Every basic human right draws its authoritative force from the natural law, which confers it and attaches to it its respective duty. Hence, to claim one's rights and ignore one's duties, or only half fulfill them, is like building a house

with one hand and tearing it down with the other." — Pope John XXIII If you have any questions or ideas to share with us please email Jan at catholicrespectlife@gsc.net

Vocations Rosary



**Saturday, March 20
4:30pm | Via Zoom**

Join us for a Vocations Rosary before the 5:00pm Mass. For the Zoom link, please email Kim at Kempker@aol.com

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Emergency Special Collection

Next week, our parish will take up an emergency special collection for **Catholic Charities Fort Worth**. Catholic Charities is unable to accept any new applications for financial assistance at this time. Both COVID-19 and Winter Storm Uri have created a widespread need in our communities, and there are thousands already on their waitlist. To illustrate how truly dire the need is, it would take \$4.2 million to serve their existing clients alone, not counting those who reached out for the first time in the aftermath of the snowstorms in North Texas. If you can, please give next weekend or online at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections> All gifts make a difference to Catholic Charities as they work to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis and recent impacts of a winter storm disaster.

URGENT
We need your help.



Lenten Fish Dinners



The Men's Club Lenten Fish Dinners are back! Join us every Friday in Lent beginning February 19 and pick up your fish dinner either before Stations of the Cross or after. Pick up times are 5:00-6:00pm and

6:30pm-7:00pm. Orders must be pre-ordered and paid through

<https://gscnow.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/704357> by no later than noon on the Friday you wish to pick up.

- Food will be prepared under strict COVID-19 guidelines.
- Food is for take-out only, no dining in the Parish Hall.
- Food can only be ordered online by noon on Friday.
- Men's Club will distribute food directly to cars.
- Food may be consumed in the parking lot in cars.

Adults \$8.00 – includes choice of catfish or tilapia, French fries, coleslaw, green beans, and a cookie.

Children \$5.00 – includes choice of catfish or tilapia, French fries, mac and cheese, and a cookie.

Men's Club



Monday, March 15
6:30pm Parish Hall & via Zoom

COME for FAITH, FELLOWSHIP & FUN! Special The Men's Club will be having their March 15th meeting in person in the Great Hall and virtually on ZOOM. We will hear from our Stephen Ministry leads and our special guest speaker that night is John McLernon. He is a devout Catholic that had his faith tested when he was diagnosed with cancer. Hear his courageous story of Faith, Love and Healing You do not want to miss this testimony.

gsc.net/mensclub

Social Justice



Jesus gave up His life for you? How can you sacrifice in a more genuine and meaningful manner?

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Using Jesus as a model of compassion and agape love (unconditional, selfless, active), how can you change your way of living and fast in the way that God wants?

Volunteer with organizations like GSCC Outreach, GRACE, and Catholic Charities Fort Worth. Contact your local, state, and federal elected officials and advocate for the hungry.

If you perform works of charity and mercy now, what more can you do?

- Support our Bishops' advocacy for human life, dignity, and justice!
 - Help resolve root causes of injustice, e.g., a living wage for all!
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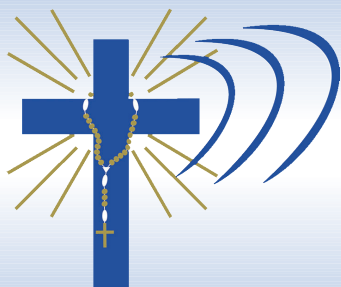


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