
December 13, 2020 Third Sunday of Advent



Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Community
A Covenant Community

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A detailed illustration in a classic, etched style. It depicts John the Baptist standing on a rocky outcrop in a desert landscape, surrounded by palm trees. He is wearing a simple, dark robe and has a halo around his head. He holds a cross in his right hand and points upwards with his left hand. A large crowd of people, including men, women, and children, is gathered around him, some looking up at him with interest. The background shows a vast, open landscape with more palm trees under a bright, hazy sky.

**3rd SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

John answered them, “I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.” - Jn 1:26-27

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Worship Aid and Bulletin

Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Community Covenant Prayer

Father, you have called us to be a People of the Covenant. You sent your only begotten Son to be our Savior so that we might praise You, proclaim your Word, encounter You in the sacraments, welcome each other, share our faith, bring our sacrifices and be strengthened for your service.

We pray that we might be a source of compassion toward the poor, justice for the oppressed, peace for the troubled, healing for the wounded, and wisdom for the searching.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that we might live the mystery of your love and fulfill the covenant we celebrate in the Eucharist. Father, we ask this Jesus' name. Amen

Introductory Rites

Entrance Antiphon

**“Rejoice in the Lord, always, again I say rejoice!
Indeed, the Lord is near.”**

ADVENT LITANY

Michael R. Prendergast and Rick Modlin

Ma-ra-na-tha, ma - ra-na-tha. Come, O Lord, and set us free.

Verses available in accompaniment books. Setting of full Gathering Rite available in octavo 30106259.
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Greeting

Penitential Rite and Confiteor:

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,

[All strike their breast three times]
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

The Word of the Lord

R: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Luke 1



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1. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:

3. He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy.

2. the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

The Word of the Lord

R: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the

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Christ.” So they asked him, “What are you then? Are you Elijah?” And he said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” He answered, “No.” So they said to him, “Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?” He said:

“I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,
‘make straight the way of the Lord,’”
as Isaiah the prophet said.”

Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.” This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Music during the Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts

Instrumental

The offertory baskets will not be passed, instead we ask that you give your offering on your way in or on your way out in the contactless drop baskets.

To maintain the brevity of the Mass and protection of all during this pandemic, the Eucharistic Acclamations will be recited.

Preface Dialogue

Preface Acclamation

Memorial Acclamation

The Great Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Rite

Communion Antiphon

**“Say to the Faint of heart, be strong and do not fear.
Behold our God will come, and he will save us.”**

Meditation: Blessed and Holy, Bernadette Farrell



An Act of Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



During Communion: The direction for communion is the opposite of what we used to do. We will be using the side aisles to receive and return on the opposite aisle.

The outside sections go first and then the center sections. Center sections, please remain kneeling until it is your turn.

Please use the markings on the floor to maintain 6ft from other families in the communion aisle out of care for our community.

Concluding Rite

Blessing

Solemn Dismissal

Sending Forth **Instrumental: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

Please be patient as you leave and avoid crowding the aisles by using all church exits. Thank you for worshipping with us today, and we are praying for you and your family!

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Bulletin for December 13, 2020 Third Sunday of Advent



Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil—4:30 p.m.

Sunday— 8:00 a.m. in the church; 10:45 a.m. In church or in your car *live-streamed at 10:45 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube*

Weekday Mass

Mon—8 a.m. Eucharistic Service (in the church)

Tues-Sat—8 a.m. (in the church)

live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube

Click here to [Sign up for Mass](#)



Dear Brothers and Sisters,



Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, is also known as “Rejoice” Sunday, as we are more than halfway through Advent and the Scriptures remind us today to REJOICE at the coming birth of the Messiah and his return at the end of time. Liturgically, it is also symbolized by the wearing of rose vestments.

In the Gospel, the arrival of John the Baptist and his announcement of the coming of the Messiah caused considerable interest and even some anxiety among the religious leaders at that time! One can understand the confusion that John’s preaching might have caused.

But John is not put off by the challenges to his mission. He is adamant that the one coming after him has been sent by GOD. As we relive this moment through the liturgy, we are confronted by the same question: Are WE ready to accept the Lord with his message for repentance, or would we rather just avoid the work of being a disciple altogether?

Let us pray. God of all ages and every nation, you awaken in our hearts a desire for mercy and you bring light to the darkness of the world. May the Advent of your Son dispel the darkness and refresh our conviction to live with a deeper faith in his love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God continue to abundantly bless you this Advent Season!

Father Mike

JGS continues to offer Sunday Mass and Weekday Masses via livestream, either on our Facebook Page or on our Youtube page. Christmas Eve Mass will also be livestreamed. Don’t miss out. Like us on Facebook or join our YouTube Channel.



Weekend Mass Intentions for December 12-13, 2020	
4:30 PM Vigil	For the repose of the soul of AnnaMaria Radosevic at the request of Terry and Jennifer Griffith
8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Austin Packard, on the anniversary of his death, at the request of Rick and Martha Packard
10:45 AM	For the repose of the soul of Jerry Brown, brother-in-law of Don Poudrier at the request of the JGS Mens Club

Mass Intentions for December 14-19, 2020			
Mon	12/14	8 AM	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Tues	12/15	8 AM	For the repose of the soul of Ileana Kerasidis at the request of Tom and Jeannette Reinecker
Wed	12/16	8 AM	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thurs	12/17	8 AM	For the repose of the soul of Ray Wenderlich, husband of Vicki, at the request of Francis and Judy Langley
Fri	12/18	8 AM	For the repose of the soul of Ray Wenderlich, husband of Vicki, at the request of Vicki and Bill Thorne
Sat	12/19	8 AM	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

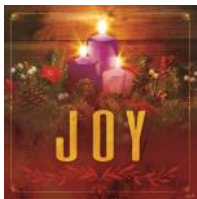
Mass	Eucharistic Support	Lector	Greeter	Sanitizing Volunteer
4:30 PM Vigil	Please volunteer on MSP! Help is needed at ALL Masses Contact Sheryl Fischer in the church office at receptionist@ccjgs.org			
8:00 a.m.				
10:45 a.m.				

New to JGS?



NEW MEMBERS—Are you new to Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Community? WELCOME! The registration form for JGS is available on the JGS website by clicking here: ccjgs.org and scrolling down. We would like to welcome you in person. You and your family are invited to our next New Member gathering on Sunday, January 10, 2021 in the Centre following the 10:45 Mass. Masks required.

Upcoming Events

TODAY WE LIGHT THE THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT. How is your Advent going? Are you choosing Advent? This week, Choose Joy. Look for a flocknote Sunday evening with tips on how to Choose Joy this week.



If you haven't already, please:

- sign up for Flocknote, by clicking the logo 
- sign up for Formed.org
- like us on Facebook 



Christmas Decorating TODAY!—your help is needed: Dec. 13 after the 8am and 10:45am Masses, we need volunteers to carry the decorations down from the attic. 20 minutes and some muscles go a long way! **Help is needed TODAY! Meet in the Centre! Don't delay!**

Christmas Decorating Sunday December 20th: All Christmas decorating will be done on Sunday December 20, and we need helpers to make the church Merry and Brite! Won't you give of your time this advent! This is a fun way to give back with your family! Please let Cynthia know by emailing her at: cynthiawagenhofer@comcast.net

Sunday December 20 from 12:00-2:00pm Shift 1
Sunday December 20 from 4:00-6:00pm Shift 2



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/PENANCE DURING ADVENT:

Third Sunday of Advent, December 13, 4 – 5:30 p.m.**

Advent Tuesdays, December 1, 8*, 15, 22*; 10-11 a.m.

Advent Saturdays, December 5, 12, 19; 3- 4 p.m.

*2 priests will be present.

** extra priests will be present. For your convenience, this time slot is daylight, in late afternoon, but before dinnertime and not in the evening darkness.



What is the Advent Jesse Tree? "The Jesse tree helps us connect the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading to Jesus' birth. The Jesse tree is named from Isaiah 11:1:

"A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots."

Jesse was the father of King David. We adorn a Jesse tree with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The ornaments of the Jesse tree tell the story of God in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history."

- Loyola Press <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/the-jesse-tree/>

The Jesse Tree will remain in the back corner of the church near the sound closet and is sponsored by the JGS Children's Choir, who made the crafts!

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS JOY!

December 24 - Christmas Eve

3:00pm Mass outside at the Pavilion

Car spots also available. After Mass all are welcome to stay for physically distanced fellowship by the firepit. Hot cocoa and cider will be served. And, who knows, we may have a surprise visitor!!!

8:00pm Mass in the church

12:00am Midnight Mass in the church

December 25 - Christmas Day

9:30am Mass in the church



Signups are now available at: ccjgs.org/virtual-resources

NOTES FOR THE 3:00 P.M. OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS MASS: This Mass will take place rain for shine. There will be a tent on the lawn next to the pavilion for additional covered seating. Please bring your own chair. Plan to dress for the weather.



FEED YOUR SOUL Looking for an On Demand service that deepens your faith and feeds your soul?

FREE On Demand service through JGS.

- Learn about the Saints
- Participate in a bible study
- Watch a series that deepens your faith, increases your joy and delivers hope! **JOIN TODAY! Click on the link <https://formed.org/signup>**

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE OF ALL AGES!



EMPLOYEE DEPARTING: After having served at Jesus the Good Shepherd and Cardinal Hickey Academy for about 10 years, we announce that Mr. Eddie Adams resigned his position in November.

In the course of his time with us, Eddie was a devoted employee. He worked very hard, put in long hours and paid attention to the many details and challenges of maintaining our large facility. He definitely leaves Jesus the Good Shepherd and Cardinal Hickey Academy in better shape! We are eternally grateful to him.

If any parishioner would like to drop him a card of thanks and appreciation, you are certainly encouraged and welcome to do so. Please send them to the church office and they will be forwarded.

Our community sends Eddie off with the support of our prayers and best wishes for his future!



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS in the name of a loved one can be made using the red poinsettia envelopes found in the vestibule. Please put the envelopes in the mail slot of the church office. Please write legibly.



Children's Faith Formation Children's Faith Formation classes (Pre-K4 through 8th) are currently meeting online. Upcoming class dates are Dec 13, Dec 20, Jan 10, and Jan 24. There will no longer be a Parent Meeting on Jan. 2. **Please pick up a fun Advent Activity Booklet from the church Centre before/after Mass or during office hours.**

Interested in volunteering, now or later? The VIRTUS Child Protection workshop is currently being offered via Zoom. The steps for becoming a volunteer have never been easier. Attend the workshop once and it never expires. To sign up, contact Casey Esser (religioused@ccjgs.org), Tammy Genelin (religiouaide@ccjgs.org) or Pam Huseman (accounting@ccjgs.org).



Active Catholic Teens ACT youth group meets from 6:20 to 7:30pm in the Youth Room and Gym. Upcoming sessions are Dec 20, Jan 10, and Jan 24. All high school teens are invited to join us to play games, make friends, and grow in faith. Registration is helpful but not required and is available at ccjgs.org/youthministry. Questions? Contact Casey Esser at youth@ccjgs.org.



Confirmation Preparation Confirmation prep is over two years, typically 8th grade and 9th grade. Our 9th grade Confirmation Preparation this year includes an online group and an in person group. Upcoming sessions are Dec 20, Jan 10, and Jan 24

Virtue of Spirituality

We pray for all the members of the United States Military. We pray that all are kept from harm, especially:

<i>Staff Sergeant Christopher R. Skirchak; LT Jg Matthew Schwartz; Steve Looney; Billy Looney; Will Jones; Michael Hardy; LT. Alex Scott; Nicholas Majers; David Keffer; James Lanson Weeks; Captain Robert Patterson, USMC; LT Nadila Khan, USN; Ross Noon; Col Phil Noltemeyer; Sr A Matthew Cullens; William Ryan Thayer; LT. Col. Brian Genelin; Michael Parker; Mi-</i>	<i>chael Henry Thayer; LT. Col. Gerald Cullens; Noah Pirner; Scott Mega; Capt. Kal Bassma; Mark Smith; Jacob Floyd; Joseph Masoero; Christopher Kuczek; Tyler Menoche; Tim Addison; Dylan Rayfield; Joshua Snyder; Brennan McConnell; Ian Torr</i>
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Please contact the church office to have a name added to this list.



JOURNEY TOWARDS CHRIST! Are you ready to learn more about the Catholic Faith? Do you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Discover the love Jesus has for you and the critical role Catholicism plays in this incredible faith journey! RCIA begins in just a couple weeks! For more information, contact Liz Parker at adultfaith@ccjgs.org.

Pray For... *The sick:* Tammy Pierce, Jay Roque, Elizabeth Ann Hebb, James Richardson, Sr., Steve Collins; Verna Jurawicz; Greg Bodenhorn; Sandi Bressi; Bev Ganley; Christopher Crandall; Louis Johnson; Doreen Dardzinski; Katie Lakie; Elaine Shelby; Mary Ann Harlan; Keith Hanagriff; Tim Connors; Alma Marie Streicker; Frank Santora; Sue Baczynski; Anne Brophy; Duke Dusseau; Buddy Curtis; Bob Adams; Marsha Dunn; Janet Cleary; Pat Conway; Leslie Hill. For the repose of the soul of Brian Andrew Smith, grandson of Pam and Ralph Smith. Friends/relatives in need of prayer and for those who have died contact the church office monthly to include them in our bulletin.

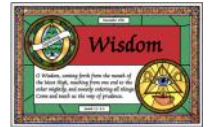
Readings for the week of December 13, 2020
Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
Next 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 ©LPI

The "O Antiphons" of Advent

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah. <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/the-o-antiphons-of-advent>
You are invited to say the antiphon before your evening meal. It is a particularly rich ritual to say with children. After saying the "O Antiphon" ask your children what the name might mean. (The images below are by Look and Learn Catholic Visuals, which has beautiful Advent and Christmas family resources.)

December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!



December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!



December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!



December 20

O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!



December 21

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.



December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!



December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!



Virtue of Stewardship



On Wednesday, November 25th, 574.6 pounds of donated food were delivered to the Ladies of Charity Food Pantry. Many thanks for your generosity to our neighbors in need at this difficult time!



LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

What gives you joy? Joy is discovered when we connect with something or someone very deeply and experience a dimension of ourselves that material or secular possessions cannot bring. Joy is stumbled upon when we see our newly born child for the first time, get caught up in the vastness of a mountain landscape, and are led out into infinity gazing at an ocean's horizon, or being lovingly present with someone when they are vulnerable and in need. Joy is a profound experience that in its uniqueness grounds us in ultimate truth. Did you know that all authentic, profound, and memorable moments of joy mirror the eternal joy we desire from God? We can have glimpses of this eternal Divine joy as we embark upon our earthly journey, mirrored in our human connections with joy, but experienced directly during moments of deep prayer. God is the joy of my soul. Ponder those intense words! You will know moments of true and real joy by paying attention to your response to the experience. You will find yourself rejoicing and saying thank you. @LPI



50/50 Lion Raffle is here! We are requesting families sell/purchase 2 tickets. Ask a relative, neighbor or friend if they would like a chance at some \$\$\$. Makes a great gift! The purchaser does not need to be affiliated with CHA. Please contact the office to request tickets

office@cardinalhickeyacademy.org .

Cardinal Hickey Academy "Lion Raffle"

Know anyone who could use more money?

Only 200 Tickets will be sold @ \$50 per ticket

50% goes directly to CHA

50% to a Lucky Winner!

If 200 tickets are not sold, winner receives 50% of purse.

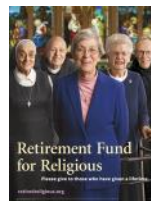
Will Be Drawn January 15, 2021

Lion Raffle gives anyone a chance to win!



THANK YOU

for your generosity



SECOND COLLECTION FOR RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS—THIS WEEKEND! Make a difference.

"Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement

Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.



December Share Food Distribution will be held Sat, Dec 19th from 9-10:30am. We will again have a no-contact drive thru set up by the pavilion. Picking up your groceries is as easy as pulling up and popping the trunk. And remember -- anyone can order!!

COVID-19 UPDATE

Because we love our neighbor, JGS has been operating at a capacity of 25% in the church.



Even though our max capacity is 500, given the shape of the venue, and the pews, we could not safely increase our capacity beyond 125 while keeping 6-ft distances.

With the current pandemic restrictions changing due to COVID numbers going up, please know that we are maintaining this 25% capacity of 125 for each mass, with overflow in the Centre set at 75.

If current conditions concern you, please remember that you can participate in Mass by listening on your car radio at both 8:00am and 10:45am Masses and receive Holy Communion outside.

Contact Laura Cleary at 410-257-3810 (secretary@ccjgs.org) for Mass Cards/Intentions; Sponsor Certificates (for Sacraments) or to place bulletin announcements. *Deadline for bulletin items is Thursday at noon, 10 days before the weekend you want your article to appear. Thank you!*

SACRIFICIAL GIVING for the weekend of December 6, 2020:

Weekly Offertory \$ 8,522

We need \$7,000 weekly in the offertory to stay afloat

November Faith Direct offertory \$ 37,535

We need \$32,500 monthly in Faith Direct to stay afloat

*Egiving through FaithDirect is calculated monthly.

Thank you for your generosity!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

ARE YOU ON FAITH DIRECT? Offertory is essential to your JGS church operations! JGS relies heavily on Sunday offertory to maintain operational budgets, staff, and resources for our community. It is essential that, during this isolation time, we continue to give an offering to our church for it to be sustained in the future. Questions? Contact Pam Huseman accounting@ccjgs.org

OFFERTORY WILL BE COLLECTED AS FOLLOWS:

Via FaithDirect • go to ccjgs.org/partners

Online Banking • You can send us your offertory through your personal online banking, just like you pay your bills. Please use the mailing address below.

BY MAIL • You can mail your offertory envelope to the church:

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NEW TO PARISH? – Welcome to our Catholic Community! We encourage you to get involved right away. The best way to connect with us is through Flocknote. **From your phone:** Text: 84576 Keyword: ccjgs **From your computer:** <https://app.flocknote.com/ccjgs>

We are having periodic virtual new members meetings, which are announced via flocknote.

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SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - We rejoice with members who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Please contact our office at least **six months** in advance; otherwise, dates cannot be guaranteed. Please do not set a date before making Church arrangements first. Dates for weddings will not be arranged before a preliminary meeting.

Mission Statement: “We, the Roman Catholic Parish of Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Community, have chosen to serve the Lord by evangelizing through the virtues of Hospitality, Spirituality and Stewardship.” 10

Month of All Souls

November 2020

The following names have been enrolled in our All Souls Remembrance. May the angels lead them into paradise. May the martyrs receive them at their coming and take them to Jerusalem, the Holy City. May the Choirs of the Angels receive them, and may they, with the once poor Lazarus, have rest everlasting. Amen.

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Bernie "Bunny" Gleason, Jr.	Frazier & Pearl Botting	Marilyn Taylor
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Mary Ellen Joda	Edward and Leita Haley	
Charles "David" Kuhn	Joseph & Cora McNelly	
Robert Donaldson	Reverend Richard Smith	
Patsy Holson	Linda Chase	

Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Community

Examination of Conscience

Ask God to help you make a good confession.

In quiet reflection ask yourself: Since my last confession...

- Did I pray to God, daily and from my heart?
- Did I live and witness to my Catholic faith, joyfully and courageously? Did I take God's name in vain? Did I curse anyone or make false oaths? Did I engage in superstitious or occult practices?
- Did I attend and participate actively at Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation? Did I fast & abstain on prescribed days?
- Did I respect people in authority? My employer? Did I honor my parents?
- Was I violent or unnecessarily aggressive (e.g., physically, verbally, psychologically, etc.) with anyone?
- Was I prideful, stubborn, or rude with anyone? Did I hold a grudge?
- Did I abuse alcohol, prescription medications, or illegal drugs? Did I overindulge in food?
- Did I consent to, recommend, advise, or actively take part in an abortion? Did I use abortifacient drugs?
- Did I view pornography, entertain lustful thoughts, conversations or actions?
- Was I unloving to my spouse? Did I engage in adulterous activity (e.g., sexual, emotional, virtual, etc.)? Did I use contraceptives?
- Was I neglectful of the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, or physical needs of my spouse, children, or family?
- Did I steal or damage another's property? Was I honest and just in my business relations? Did I waste time at work?
- Did I contribute to the needs of the spiritually and materially poor with my time and resources?
- Did I engage in gossip? Did I lie? Did I speak poorly of others? Did I judge anyone unfairly? Did I envy anyone? Was I jealous of others or covet another's belongings?



How to Go to Confession

1. The priest gives a blessing or greeting.
2. Make the Sign of the Cross and say, "Bless me father, for I have sinned. My last confession was..." (give weeks, months, or years).
3. Confess all your sins to the priest. (If you are unsure or uneasy, tell him and ask for help.)
4. Say, "I am sorry for these and all my sins."
5. The priest gives a penance and offers advice to help you become a better Catholic Christian.
6. Say an Act of Contrition, expressing your sorrow for your sins.

The priest, acting in the person of Christ, then absolves you from your sins.



Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you; and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell; but most of all, because they offend you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, do penance, and amend my life.

Amen.

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