

January 31, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time



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A Covenant Community


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An artistic, textured painting of Jesus' face, rendered in warm, golden-yellow and brown tones. A large, semi-transparent blue circle is overlaid on the lower-left portion of the face, containing the number "4th" in white. Below the circle, the text "SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME" is written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. Underneath that, a quote from the Gospel of Mark is written in white. At the bottom of the image, there is a small copyright notice and a logo.

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**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
All were amazed and asked one another,  
"What is this? A new teaching with authority.  
He commands even the unclean spirits and  
they obey him." - Mk 1:27

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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

**“Save us O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations,  
To give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.”**

**Introductory Rites**

Greeting  
Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Opening Prayer

**Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

Moses spoke to all the people, saying: “A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.’”

The Word of the Lord

**R: Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm: 95



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1. Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.  
2. Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God,

and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

3. Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert. Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

The Word of the Lord

**R: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation:



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## Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they

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obey him.”

His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

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: All is Well With My Soul** (Carey Landry)

*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

## Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer  
Lamb of God  
Communion Antiphon

“Let your face shine, on your servant. Save me, in your merciful love,  
Oh Lord let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.”

Meditation: **Here I am, Lord** by Dan Schutte

Refrain



Be not a-fraid. I go be-fore you al-ways. Come fol-low  
me, and I will give you rest.



### 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 spiritual-ly 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

Rite of Light for First Holy Communicants

Blessing

Solemn Dismissal

Sending Forth **Instrumental: Lead Me Lord** (John D. Becker)

*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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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](#)



**JGS continues to offer Sunday Mass and Weekday Masses via livestream, either on our Facebook Page or on our Youtube page. Don't miss out. Like us on Facebook or join our YouTube Channel.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



I hope this finds you well and staying healthy. As I write this, it seems that the news is “mixed” regarding the pandemic. On one hand, our health protocols seem to have positive results. In addition, the vaccine for COVID-19 is becoming more locally available. However, there are new strains or “variants” of the virus.

As I shared at the Masses last weekend, I was fortunate to have received several weeks ago the first of two of the vaccines for COVID-19. I received the second vaccine in a couple of weeks. When I went for my vaccine, I found the process amazingly smooth and efficient. Second, my experience has been similar to others: I exhibited no symptoms and I had no, what is called, “after” effects. I highly recommend that you sign up for your vaccine to take advantage of it when it is your time to receive it.

As the old saying goes, “Patience is golden.” There appears to be light at the end of the tunnel while we navigate the next month or two. We all need to continue to be patient. As St. Paul reminds us, “Love is patient; love is kind.” When we are patient, we are more loving. And as the song goes that we occasionally sing at Mass, “They’ll know we are Christians by our love.”

As a community of faith, let us continue to pray for one another, for those who do have COVID-19 and those in our community who have lost loved ones because of the virus. We pray that God will give us peace as we stay close to Him in prayer and in the Eucharist – whether we celebrate Mass virtually or in person.

*Let us pray. Jesus, Holy One of God, you cast out evil in today's Gospel. In so doing, you begin the kingdom of your Father. Inspire us to have faith and courage in the face of whatever evil today, including the pandemic, that confronts us. We draw our strength from you, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Father Mike

Weekend Mass Intentions for January 30-31, 2021	
4:30 PM Vigil	For the repose of the soul of Milena Fosco at the request of the Scott family; and for the repose of the soul of Ray Wenderlich, husband of Vicki, at the request of Mike and Barbara Hotchkiss
8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Aldo Murer at the request of the Lemieux Family
10:45 AM	For the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Ann Hebb, mother of Eileen Smith, at the request of the JGS Martha and Mary Ministry

**Mass Intentions for February 1-6, 2021**

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Mon	2/1	8 AM	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Tues	2/2	8 AM	For the repose of the soul of Brian Smith, grandson of Ralph and Pam Smith at the request of Carolyn Austin
Wed	2/3	8 AM	For the poor souls in purgatory (Murphy)
Thurs	2/4	8 AM	For the repose of the soul of Charles "Chuck" Rentz, Jr. at the request of George and Ann Klein
Fri	2/5	8 AM	For the repose of the soul of Timothy Joseph Shaw, father of Amy Rosasco, at the request of Sheryl and Craig Fischer.
Sat	2/6	8 AM	In thanksgiving for prayers answered

## Ministry Schedule

Mass	Eucharistic Support	Lector	Greeter	Sanitizing Volunteer
4:30 PM Vigil	<p><b>Please volunteer on MSP! Help is needed at ALL Masses</b></p> <p><b>Contact Sheryl Fischer in the church office at <a href="mailto:receptionist@ccjgs.org">receptionist@ccjgs.org</a></b></p>			
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](http://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, March 14, 2021 in the Centre following the 10:45 Mass. Masks required.



If you haven't already, please:

- sign up for Flocknote, by clicking the logo
- sign up for [Formed.org](http://Formed.org)
- like us on Facebook

### News and Updates

*Our First Communion candidates participated in Jesus Day on January 30th. Please pray for them, that this retreat experience bears fruit in their preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion.*

Grant Andersen	Eamon Kennedy
Audrey Balogh	Mark Kohl
Charlene Bassett	Morgan Lemieux
Madison Beach	Mia Mattera
Aubrey Bowling	Samantha Nkwenji
Ellie Bowling	Emily Oberg
Ryan Brown	Lilia Pasquale
Keira Clancy	Joy Richwine
Gianna Costa	Hudson Ridgeway
Luke Garifo	Abigail Sealey
Mary Grover	Charles Taylor
Rachel Hall	Cassidy Thompson
Aiden Heine	Braylon Trainor
Hanna Hudson	Michael White
Aidan Jakowicz	Eileen Williams



**BLESSED PALM**—It is a catholic tradition to gather blessed palm from past years and burn them, using the ashes for Ash Wednesday. This year, for health reasons, JGS will not be participating in this tradition. If you wish to dispose of blessed palms from your home, you may bury them or safely burn them and spread the ashes outside.

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH SUPPORTS COVID-19 VACCINES:** Both COVID vaccines of *Moderna* and *Pfizer* are in line with previous moral statements by Pope Benedict XVI and the Pontifical Council for Life. Receiving either vaccine is morally permissible and is certainly an important pro-life decision that would help to defend the most vulnerable members who are at the most risk of developing severe coronavirus cases. Because there is usually not a choice in the vaccine one receives when it becomes available, it is morally permissible to take the vaccine in order to protect the lives of those who are most at risk of serious coronavirus.

For those interested in more information, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith [CDF] published a statement on December 17, 2020 at the request of Pope Francis and he ordered its publication on the morality of using some anti-COVID 19 vaccines. It is available on the Vatican website. The statement reinforces material previously published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops [USCCB] and the Catholic Health Association [CHA].

In addition, the Catholic bishops of Maryland, in a December 12, 2020 letter, strongly recommends all Catholics to receive the COVID-19 vaccines. The administration of the vaccines began December 14 to front-line health care workers across the nation and is also being administered to residents of long-term care facilities.

*At this point in time, there is a significant amount of misinformation about the COVID-19 vaccines.* In light of the teaching of the Catholic Church, all parishioners are strongly encouraged to consider the life-saving impact of the vaccine, and to receive the vaccine if and when they are able and when the vaccine becomes locally available.

The health protocol measures taken by Jesus the Good Shepherd [e.g., social-distancing, mask wearing, sign-ups at Masses for contact tracing, disinfecting after each Mass, etc.] as well as the new vaccines, will even more assist to protect the lives of all in our community, surrounding community and beyond.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO KATHRYN SCHMIDT

from our Children's Faith Formation program who is the recipient of the Christian Service Award for the first half of the year! Kathryn volunteered and helped abandoned and neglected horses at Freedom Hill Horse Rescue.

**MEN'S CLUB MONTHLY SATURDAY EVENING DINNER (CURBSIDE!)** - All are invited to sign up via Faithdirect for our next monthly Sat. Evening Dinner on Sat, Feb 6. This will be served via curbside pickup from 5:30-6:30 pm. Sponsored by the JGS Men's Club.



Click here to order: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/6120>

**Menu:** Apple Butter Rubbed Roasted Pork Loin, Rice Pilaf, Herb Green Beans, Artisan Rolls, Crème Brulee, Bottle water

This will be a drive up service again, from 5:30 - 6:30 on Sat, February 6.

\$10 per meal or \$30 per family - 3 or more.

Will need at least 50 individual orders to make this happen.

Please RSVP by Thursday, Feb. 4 at 5:00 p.m.





**CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION CLASSES ARE CURRENTLY MEETING ONLINE.** Classes will meet as scheduled on January 31st.

The schedule of CFF classes is changing beginning February 7th. Online classes will meet simultaneously in morning and evening sessions. Please see details via Flocknote, [ccjgs.org/childrens-faith-formation](http://ccjgs.org/childrens-faith-formation), or contact [religionsaide@ccjgs.org](mailto:religionsaide@ccjgs.org) with questions.

February 7th - Morning sessions will meet, but evening sessions are canceled

February 21st and 28th - Morning and Evening CFF classes meet.

**ACT & CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE:**

February 7th - canceled

February 14th - OFF

February 21st - 6:20-7:30pm: ACT in the Youth Room and Confirmation groups online or in Centre

February 28th - 4:00-5:30pm Confession & Adoration for ACT & Confirmation teens (no evening youth ministry)



**Virtue of Spirituality**



**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! For more information, contact Liz Parker at [adultfaith@ccjgs.org](mailto:adultfaith@ccjgs.org).

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

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;	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;	
Sr A Matthew Cullens; William Ryan Thayer; LT. Col. Brian Genelin; Michael Parker; Mi-	Brennan McConnell; Ian Torr; Michael Metler	

Please contact the church office to have a name added to this list.

**Pray For...** The sick: John Hepp; Artie Mills; Laurel Ann Renaud, Nicholas Fain, Marian DeBruyn, Tammy Pierce, Jay Roque, Elizabeth Ann Hebb, James Richardson, Sr., Steve Collins; Verna Jurewicz; Greg Bodenhorn; 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 Art Masoero, father of Daniel and Joe; Gloria Petrucci, sister of Gina Jowers and daughter of Angeline Miller; and David R. Cox, father of Tim Cox 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 January 31, 2021**

**Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28  
**Monday:** Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20  
**Tuesday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
**Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6  
**Thursday:** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13  
**Friday:** Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29  
**Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34  
**Next Sunday:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39 ©LPI

**POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS YEAR DEDICATED TO ST. JOSEPH:** On December 8, 2020, the Holy Father proclaimed a yearlong celebration dedicated to the foster father of Jesus. The pope said Christians can discover in St. Joseph, who often goes unnoticed, "an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble."

As COVID-19 continues to impact our lives – personally and communally – we can approach it one of two ways. One is to react only in fear, to let frustration and gloom dictate how we live. Or, like Mary and Joseph, we can be courageous, rooting our lives in faith in God and move forward with hope in faith and life. We can prayerfully reflect upon how they never wavered in their faith, how they believed, even in their most difficult moments, as we believe – God is ALWAYS with us!



**Prayer to St. Joseph**

*By Pope Francis*

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
 Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
 To you, God entrusted his only Son;  
 in you, Mary placed her trust;  
 with you, Christ became man.  
 Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
 show yourself a father  
 and guide us in the path of life.  
 Obtain for us grace, mercy, and  
 courage,  
 and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.html>



**LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Most of us are not trail blazers. Throughout history though, there have been many folks who tirelessly and persistently pursued the promptings of their hearts without giving any care to what others thought or trends dictated. Jesus is one of them. St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. Francis of Assisi are examples of others. The rest of us are people who take a more measured look at things, want to test the waters, and take our time choosing what path or person to follow. We need credible witnesses of faith. We need the Moses people in our lives to show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose-driven life looks like. They are the pointers to truth, who even though they struggle themselves, seem to embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and caught the attention of the greatest of skeptics. They were astonished. Even though we need our human prophets we can also be somewhat prophetic ourselves by putting integrity and conviction behind our embrace of the Gospel. Perhaps much to our surprise, we all have the power to be a credible witness. Are you willing to give it a try? ©LPI 8





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Even during this 2020-2021 school year, CHA offers in-person classes. Call: 301-812-0404 or cardinalhickeyacademy.org.



**FOR YOUR HUMOR: Little Sayings to Help You on Your Way:**  
*"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?" "Lay up your treasures in heaven where there is NO depreciation!"*

**NEW STIMULUS BILL CONTAINS PROVISIONS THAT WILL HELP IMMIGRANT FAMILIES WHERE AT LEAST ONE ADULT HAS A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.** The stimulus bill signed into law late December allows stimulus funds to be given to families where at least one adult has a Social Security number. (Families with one parent with Social Security and one without documents were denied stimulus funds last year.) The new Economic Impact Payments authorizes not only the \$600 stimulus for an adult this year, but enables families to retroactively receive the \$1200 from last year.

Parishioners who need assistance to claim these benefits are invited to email the Catholic Charities VITA program. This program will assist families to file their taxes and receive this year and last year's stimulus benefit checks. ccvirtualvita@gmail.com Bilingual staff and volunteers are available to assist parishioners

**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](mailto: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!*



**Thank you!** The family-run business from the Holy Land who was here at Jesus the Good Shepherd prior to Christmas extends its gratitude to all those who purchased their beautiful hand-made olive wood carvings. The *Little Bethlehem Christians Group* sent our community a letter on January 16, 2021. Our support of their business goes to maintain their livelihood in the Holy Land of Christ and solidifies a future for their children to stay in their ancestral homeland and to keep their Christian roots, faith and Holy Sites alive. "We will always keep you and all of our Catholic Brothers and Sisters in Christ in our prayers."



**THE 2021 ANNUAL APPEAL IS HERE!** This year's theme is Seeking Christ to remind us in this time of hardship and need that Christ is the one, true source of the healing, unity, and love that we all seek.

Through our collective support of the Annual Appeal, we strengthen the Body of Christ that is our local Church, and we sustain her many charitable works that serve the spiritual and other needs of all those within and beyond our parish boundaries. Parishioners will be asked to make a commitment to the 2021 Annual Appeal next weekend. Your gift will also be credited towards our parish goal. Learn more about the Annual Appeal at [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org).

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING** for the weekend of January 17, 2021:

Weekly Offertory \$ 5,731

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING** for the weekend of January 24, 2021:

Weekly Offertory \$ 5,335

January Faith Direct offertory \$ 33,666

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

December Faith Direct offertory \$ 33,991

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](mailto:accounting@ccjgs.org)

**OFFERTORY WILL BE COLLECTED AS FOLLOWS:**

**Via FaithDirect** • go to [ccjgs.org/partners](http://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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