

Thanksgiving

*For wealth and plenty in the land,
For faith in God's sustaining hand,
For every blessing great and small
We thank the giver of it all.*



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Celebration of The Eucharist

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am
Thursday: 12:00 noon

Eucharistic Adoration (First Friday - following the 8:30 am Mass and closing with Solemn Benediction at 12:00 noon)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Second Sunday of the Month
By appointment only.

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment only - Contact the pastor at least one year in advance.
An approved preparation course is mandatory.

Parish School

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCT. 12, 2025



Oct. 14th – Oct. 18th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Steven Cheung †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Teresa Chan Young †

Thurs. Noon - Jose Fernan Gomez †

Fri. 8:30 am - Manuel Fernandes †

Sat. 4:30 pm - Deceased Member of Knights of Columbus – Good Shepherd Council 8340 †

READINGS FOR – Oct. 12th

1st Reading: Exodus 17.8-13

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3.14-4.2

Gospel: Luke 18.1-8



October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary in the Catholic Church. This tradition stems from the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on

October 7th. The feast was established by Pope St. Pius V in 1571 to commemorate the victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto, which was attributed to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary through the Rosary. Pray the Holy Rosary with devotion to honor the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary during this special month dedicated to Her.



World Mission Sunday October 19

There will be a second collection for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses.

We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support of this important work.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

“Get up...; your faith has made you well.”

There are many messages in today's Gospel: the power of God to heal, the compassion of Jesus for those in need, the fact that a despised foreigner (the Samaritan) is the only one who recognizes what has been done, the role of faith and the importance of thanking God for gifts received. But because this Gospel is twinned with part of the story of Naaman the leper, the idea that the Church brings out most clearly is that of thanksgiving, or acknowledging what has been given to us. From an early age we are taught to say “Thank You” – to recognize that someone has gone out of their way to give us something or do something for us. Our thanks strengthen the relationship that binds us together and it is the same with God. As we recognize the good things that come from God, so our faith is deepened and the bond of the Covenant in Christ Jesus is strengthened.

We all need to be more grateful to God every day of our lives—more grateful than we have been. He has not only given us life on this earth with its joys and its sorrows, but He has prepared for us a future life where there will be no admixture of sorrows. It is for that life that we are working. It is because there is a heaven after death that we are Christians. God has already done His part in preparing this heaven for us. He is assisting us daily to get there. We need a lot of that assistance and one of the surest ways of getting further benefits from God (as well as from men) is to show true gratitude for the benefits already received.



GOOD SHEPHERD
MINISTRIES

CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass on Oct. 18/19. Good Shepherd Ministries remain at the service of the poor and homeless of our city. Heartfelt thanks to those who have faithfully supported this program.

**MONDAY
OCTOBER 13**





YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT CHOIR

If you are eager to use your gifts and talents, and to serve with a purpose, come join the church choir. Inviting youth to join for the 9:00 a.m. Mass and adults for the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Practices are:

Thursday Evenings:

7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for Youth

7:30 – 9:00 p.m. for Adults

Please contact Eugenie at 647-828-3884 or email evlandrychoir@yahoo.com for more information.

COFFEE WEEKEND OCTOBER 18/19

The CWL invite all to join them after each Mass for some light refreshments in the parish hall. A wonderful time to be in community, unite and welcome new parishioners.



Catholic Women's League 2026 Membership Renewal October 18 & 19

We are extending an invitation to all the women of the Parish, who would either like to join the CWL or who wish to renew their membership for next year, to sign up on the weekend of October 18th & 19th. Kindly give your envelope in at the 'sign up table' in the foyer after all the Masses. You may use the blue envelope found in your box of Offertory Envelopes, "CWL Annual Membership" or a plain envelope. **Please provide your contact information on the front of the envelope and enclose the renewal fee of \$40, to be paid by cash or cheque.** Please make the cheque payable to: The Catholic Women's League-Good Shepherd Parish. The CWL helps us to grow in our Faith, serve those less fortunate and support Social Justice.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, of Whose mercies there is no number, and of Whose goodness the treasure is infinite; we render thanks to Your most gracious majesty for the gifts You have bestowed upon us, evermore beseeching Your clemency, that as You grant the petitions of them that ask You, You will never forsake them, but will prepare for the reward to come. Through Christ our Lord.



CWL's Thanksgiving Soap and Sock Drive October 4th and 5th

Heartfelt thanks to all who donated last weekend. We received an abundance of items donated to Good Shepherd Mission. Thank you for helping those less fortunate.



First Holy Communion May 31, 2026

Good Shepherd Parish welcomes parents to register children in Grade 2 or older who are ready to receive their sacraments of First Reconciliation and Communion. Registration for the course must be submitted by December 15, 2025. Information and registration forms are available through the parish office. Registration requirements include:

- the completed registration forms
- photocopy of your child's baptism certificate
- \$50 payment (cash or cheque written out to Good Shepherd) for course material.

First Communion will be celebrated at Good Shepherd on **Sunday June 15, 2025 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.**

2026 CONFIRMATION

The date has been set for May 24, 2026. Confirmation Registration and class information will be available soon.





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and God abides in him.**

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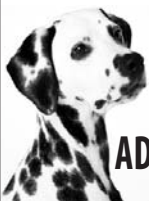
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