

THE Shepherd's Fold

February 25, 2024

The Second Sunday in Lent

BIRTHDAY FLOWERS

When you compare the pain of childbirth with the pain of old age, the pain of childbirth is a piece of birthday cake.

Every year on my birthday I send flowers to my mother. Usually, I write something on the card like “Thanks for having me”. This past Monday, my birthday, my waking thought was the above. So, I wrote that on the card that I sent with the spring flower arrangement. The card seemed appropriate because recently Mama, Daddy, and I have been lamenting the aches and pains of old age. Now, you might ask what any of this has to do with Jesus. Nothing, I suppose. But in my wandering mind I did come up with a thought.

The gift of life comes with great pain to the one who bears you. Not only at the time of birth, but often throughout our lifetimes. The words we say to hurt our parents. The disappointing things we do that cause them great worry and frustration. But there are times of great joy. Times of sacrifice and devotion that warm the heart of every parent. Times when a child says or does something that brings tears of love to even the sternest of parents.

In recalling the bearing and rearing of my two boys, I am struck by the fact that I remember the sweet things, the thoughtful things, the loving things they did. When I remember the crazy things they did, the things that hurt me or made me worry, I remember those moments with laughter and with the advantage of a broader perspective. Not seeing just that action in that moment but seeing it over the course of time. A perspective which offers more insight into what they might have been thinking in that moment. (Although, in some cases, I don't think they were thinking at all.) I guess what I mean is that the joy they have given and continue to give me more than makes up for the times they hurt me. I hope that Mama and Daddy feel that that way, too!

Our gift of eternal life came with great pain to Jesus. He suffered physically, emotionally, and spiritually to give us everlasting life with God, the Three in One. I pray that I have given God some joy over the course of my life. But I live in sure and certain hope that God, with his great perspective, will look kindly on my indiscretions and just take me in his arms and tell me he loves me.

Keep on keeping on...

Sunny+

PARISH NEWS

Our thoughts and prayers are with Lou and Mason McKnight; Marshall, Mindy, Becker, and Joseph McKnight; and Matt, Virginia, Wilson, Bess, and Mac McKnight; upon the death of their mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Inez McWhorter.



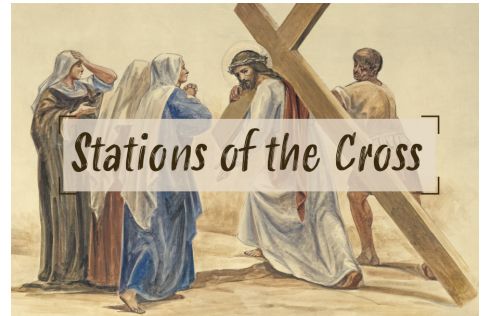
COGS AT HABITAT

Thanks to the COGS volunteers that worked at the Habitat Restore facility this past Saturday. The manager expressed gratitude for the work that was done to support efforts in our community to provide affordable housing to those who need it. Stay tuned for more COGS volunteer opportunities on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

FAMILY PROMISE

Our next hosting week will begin on **March 3rd**, and Family Promise now has a static location at **4211 Wheeler Rd Martinez, GA 30907**. All food and meals will now be delivered to this address with no more hosting at the individual churches. Food donations can still be dropped off & stored

in the kitchen at Good Shepherd. A refrigerator and counter space will be labeled for Family Promise. Dinner meals should be delivered to the Family Promise House by 5:30 each evening. We will have sign-up sheets available in the Parish House this weekend. We will receive dietary restrictions from the case manager as soon as they are available.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us every Friday in Lent at 12:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

BACK TO THE BIBLE

For the monthly readings pick up a bookmark or navigate to our B2B page: goodshepherd-augusta.org/b2b.



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FEAST AND FELLOWSHIP

Join us Sunday, **March 3**, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall to share fried chicken and any dish you would like to bring. Drinks will be provided. The purpose of Feast & Fellowship is to get to know fellow parishioners in a casual, relaxed setting by sharing a simple meal and having fun. Couple and singles are welcome. Our purpose is to gather monthly in smaller groups and socialize over dinner. There are

many ways to do this according to each group's preference. We will be discussing this in detail and asking for your suggestions. Please try to join us and enter to win a surprise door prize! If you can't come and want to be part of a group, email Jan Jackson **infauxcus2001@gmail.com**, Laura Rollins **lhrollins@icloud.com**, or Bobbie Ingenito **bobeee8@gmail.com**. Include your name(s), email, street address, and phone number. Looking forward to seeing you on March 3. Bring friends!



WAGS

Keeping with the theme of Lent, WAGS this Lent will focus on the story of *Les Miserables*, an epic tale of sin, forgiveness, and redemption. We will be watching the movie in five parts (there will be five WAGS

suppers in Lent), and then discussing the themes illuminated in the portion of the movie that we just watched. Whether you know it by heart or have never encountered it, Victor Hugo's examination of what it means to be Christian is more instructive to us today than ever. Sign up with the QR code. Dinner is Chicken fajitas and Oreo delight for dessert.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Contribute to the altar flowers at Easter by completing and returning the form below. Make your gifts payable to Good Shepherd marked as Easter Lilies. Forms must be received by March 18 in order to appear in the order of service.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Enclosed Amount: _____

In honor of/memory of (circle one) _____

By: _____

Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, February 25, 2024

8:00 am

Celebrant.....Ted Clarkson
PreacherBunny Simon Williams
Organist Wayne Lord
Lay Reader Bobbie Ingenito, David Lentz

9:00 am

Celebrant.....Ted Clarkson
PreacherBunny Simon Williams
Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord
Lay Readers Katie Holt, Jennie Haynes
Ushers Zim Trulock, Matthew Norris
Verger..... Stovall Walker
Acolytes..... Rob Tracy, Kate Tracy, Camille Jones
Merritt Jones, Gray O'Meara

11:15 am

Celebrant.....Ted Clarkson
PreacherBunny Simon Williams
OrganistJim Nord
Lay Readers Heather Wheeler, Yvonne Harrison
UshersJames Jones, John Stewart
Verger.....Jerry Woods
Acolytes..... Jack Helton, Hamp Helton, Lucy Roche
Anne Ross Roche, May Roche, Darby Martin

6:00 pm

Preacher & Celebrant.....Sonia Sullivan Clifton
OrganistNick Lowery
Lay Readers Carleton Vaughn, Faith Moore

All Services

Altar Guild Team II
Breakfast Ministry Team VIII
Vestry Person of the DayAlyson Getchell

YOUTH NEWS

Head to the Shell Newsletter for details & to sign-up for up coming events. For any questions, email Mary Grace Wynn at mgwynn@goodshepherd-augusta.org.

YOUTH GROUP: Youth Group continues this Sunday, **February 25th!** We look forward to a fun evening of fellowship, games, and dinner! Youth Group schedule is as follows:

- **5:00 - 6:00 PM: RITE-13:** Meet in Youth Lounge (Room 303)
- **6:00 - 6:30 PM: RITE-13 & J2A:** Gather for Dinner in Small Parish Hall
- **6:30 - 7:30 PM: J2A:** Meet in Youth Lounge (Room 303)

WAGS RESUMES: The Lenten WAGS Series begins tomorrow evening, 2/21. For youth in grades 6th-12th, we will be staying for the program in the Parish Hall throughout this series as we watch and discuss Les Miserables as a group. Come join us!

YG LOCK-IN: Students in grades 6th-12th are invited to an overnight Lock-In on March 9th starting at 6pm. Pick-up will be after Eucharist and breakfast Sunday morning. Friends are welcome! RSVP to Mary Grace Wynn.

EASTER ACOLYTES: Head over to the SHELL to sign up to acolyte for the Easter Vigil, on **March 30th** at 7 pm, or on Easter Sunday, **March 31st** at the 9 am or 11:15 am services. Thank you for volunteering!