

THE Shepherd's Fold

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

THE SOUL OF HUMANKIND

I do believe every soul has a tendency towards God. Dorothy Day

During my recent bout with the flu, I had a lot of time to just lie there in bed and think. I also spent a lot of time feeling sorry for myself. Anyway, I thought a lot about the human body and what a miraculous piece of machinery it is. I have always been fascinated by the anatomy and physiology of the body. The way the pieces fit and work together. The way a hormone is released and then a process begins. The mechanics of our heartbeat. How our brain runs the show. The process of aging. Not to mention the whole reproductive process.

We have so many unanswered questions about ourselves. Why are we here? What is our purpose? From whence did we come? Did we crawl on our bellies from a pond of sludge? Did we evolve from the monkey until we were able to stand upright? Was there just a Big Bang and, voila, there we were? Or, as Genesis tells us, God formed man from the dust and Eve from his rib?

Each of these questions can be addressed in myriad ways...scientifically, theologically, logically, morally, etc. I can believe that we developed over millions of years. Or I can believe the Genesis story. But in trusting any theory other than the Genesis version, there is one question that must be addressed. The matter of our souls. I can buy that we may have evolved from a sludge pond or from monkeys, but what about the soul? I truly believe, no, I KNOW that no matter how humankind got here, God had a hand in it. Whether he formed us from dust or created the beginning that started the process of evolution, God had to breathe his breath of life into us.

And while evolution may have had its genesis in a sludge pit or with a big explosion, the only provenience from which a soul can be given is from the hand of God.

keep on keeping on...

Bunny+

PARISH REGISTERS

Our thoughts and prayers are with Ralph and Nancy Kitchens upon the death of Ralph's brother, George Gray Kitchens, January 21, 2024.

WAGS CONTINUES!

On **February 7th**, we will discuss the role of light in sacred art. Join us for these 'light' sessions that are both fun and informative!

Dinner: 6 pm, Program: 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm. Cost is \$6 (ages 11 +), \$4 children ages 4-10, children 3 and under eat free. The family max price is \$25. Youth meet in the 3rd floor Youth Lounge after dinner. Children meet Jinny in the Parish Hall after dinner. Pk-2nd Grade will go to Room 209 and 3rd - 5th will go to Room 302. Dinner will include baked "million dollar" spaghetti, bread, salad and dessert.



BACK TO THE BIBLE

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



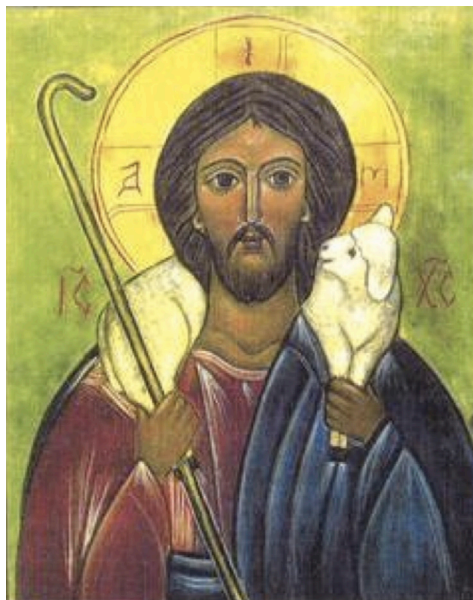
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Join us for one of our Ash Wednesday services, **February 14**, 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 7:00 pm. The 7 pm service will be livestreamed and the nursery will be available.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Our next COGS volunteer project will be on **February 17th** at the Habitat for Humanity Restore facility, **3112 Washington Road**. We will be organizing, cleaning, and restocking donated items for affordable purchase by those in need of home supplies. Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit housing organization working in local communities over 50 states and 70 countries. Habitat's vision is a world where everyone has a decent and affordable place to live. We will have 2 shifts working from 10:00 am to 11:30 am and 11:30am to 1pm. If you can volunteer, please e-mail Lynn Tyson **ltyson517@gmail.com** with the shift you can work. All of those volunteering must be at least 16 years of age per requirements of the organization. We will have snacks. For any questions you can contact Lynn **706-833-7415**. Thanks to everyone for support of this ministry.



Solemn Communion is a milestone between Baptism and Confirmation and focuses on a review of the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist and the introduction of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

If you are interested in having your second or third grader participate in preparation for Solemn Communion, please complete the registration form or contact Jinny.

Matthew Petersen

WINTER RECITAL

Featuring works by Liszt, Chopin, Ravel, and more.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

3:00 PM

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, February 4, 2024

8:00 am

Celebrant..... Joe Bowden
PreacherTed Clarkson
Organist Wayne Lord
Lay ReaderLynn Tyson, Camilla Davis

9:00 am

Celebrant..... Joe Bowden
PreacherTed Clarkson
Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord
Lay Readers Mitzi McCoy, Cissy Bowden
Ushers John Manton, Paul Trotter
Verger..... Gene Rollins
Acolytes..... Kate Lee Smith, Merritt Jones
Lucy Stewart

11:15 am

Celebrant..... Joe Bowden
PreacherTed Clarkson
OrganistJim Nord
Lay ReadersLynn Smith, Andrew Austin
UshersMark Pritchett, Drew Daniel
Verger..... Rob Dennis
Acolytes..... Jackson Evans, Spencer Weston, Annie
Weston, Jack Manton, Milly Manton, Si Williams

6:00 pm

Preacher & Celebrant.....Ted Clarkson
OrganistNick Lowery
Lay Readers Anne Floyd, Jim Price

All Services

Altar GuildTeam I
Breakfast Ministry Team III
Vestry Person of the Day Matt Tracy

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

Due to the annual Ski Trip this weekend, we will not be gathering for Youth Group this Sunday, February 4th. **We will meet again next Sunday, February 11th**, for a Youth Group Super Bowl Party. Head to the Shell Newsletter for more details!

SAVE THE DATE:

February 2-4: Ski Trip
February 11: Super Bowl Party
March 9: Overnight Lock-In

