

# THE Shepherd's Fold

*March 24, 2024*

*Palm Sunday*

## THE WEEK OF WEEKS

“Are we there yet?” Yes we are! Palm Sunday, the beginning of the “Week of Weeks,” is less than two days away. On that day we will recreate Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem – he is loved by all. The tone of that story turns ugly as “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord” becomes “Crucify him!”

Coming from a non-liturgical church background, I joined Good Shepherd nearly fifty years ago. I don’t recall much emphasis put on Holy Week at those other churches, but at Good Shepherd, under the leadership of Father Allen Clarkson, there were services every day during Holy Week – Father Clarkson expected significant attendance those days! I confess I did not live up to his expectations until I was in the process for Holy Orders. I then came to realize the spiritual force of Holy Week. I came to realize that the power of Easter depends on all the events leading up to that “Day of Days!”

Holy Week invites us, along with Jesus to turn our face to Jerusalem. Holy Week invites us to take every step that Jesus took on his way to Golgotha. Holy Week invites us to experience in some way the reality of Jesus’ intense physical, mental, and emotional suffering.


If you cannot attend the early week services, please read the Gospels for those days. Monday: John 12:1-11, Tuesday: John 12:20-36, and Wednesday: John 13:21-32.

I strongly recommend to you all the Maundy Thursday service. I invite you to personally experience the Foot Washing ceremony. If you do that, Jesus’ words at the end of his washing the disciples feet will have a new meaning, “Love one another as I have loved you.”

There will be two services on Good Friday, the day that Jesus suffered and died. I will be preaching. I will not sugarcoat the despicable things that were done to Jesus!

The final day of Holy Week, Holy Saturday, remembers Jesus' followers holding a vigil for him outside of his tomb. This vigil, in several different forms, has been practiced since the early second century.

Since the point of this little communication has been on Holy Week, I will say only this about Easter Sunday. If you are able to immerse yourself in Holy Week then the first day of the week, the "Day of Days," the hinge pin of our faith and beliefs will have a deeper significance for you.

Peace, 

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**PARISH REGISTERS**

Our thoughts and prayers are with Susan, Ken and Jack Bess; and Mark Hardwick Jr., on the death of their mother and grandmother, Susan Hardwick.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Hibbie Wyatt on the death of her husband, Wyatt E. Theus.

Our prayers are with Nathaniel Simmons and his family on the death of his sister, Brenda Simmons.

Congratulations to Milla and Bill Gibbs on the birth of their grandson, William David Gibbs, III., on March 19th.

**BACK TO THE BIBLE**

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



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**GETHSEMANE WATCH**

The Church will be open all night following the Maundy Thursday, **March 28th**, service until Good Friday morning, **March 29th**. Sit with Jesus before the altar for 30 minutes to an hour. This profound, meaningful time brings you into the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. You can sign up for 30-minute slots at [bit.ly/gethsemanewatch](http://bit.ly/gethsemanewatch).



**KANUGA**

Good Shepherd Parish Retreat,  
**September 20-22, 2024.**  
Registration coming soon!



Easter Eggs needed for Easter Sunday, 3/31. Please drop filled eggs to Church office by March 25th.



## COGS AT DCCM

Thanks to the COGS volunteers that worked at the Downtown Cooperative Church Ministries Food Pantry this past Saturday. Stay tuned for more COGS volunteer opportunities on the 3rd Saturday of each month.



# Holy week at GOOD SHEPHERD

## **PALM SUNDAY**

MARCH 24TH, 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM,  
11:15 AM, AND 6:00 PM

## **MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK**

MARCH 25TH 7:00 AM  
HOLY EUCHARIST

## **TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK**

MARCH 26TH, 7:00 AM  
HOLY EUCHARIST

## **WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK**

MARCH 27TH, 7:00 AM  
HOLY EUCHARIST

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

MARCH 28TH, 7:00 PM, FOLLOWED  
BY ALL-NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL. SIGN  
UP AT [BIT.LY/GETHSEMANEWATCH](http://BIT.LY/GETHSEMANEWATCH)

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

MARCH 29TH, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 1:00 PM

## **THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER**

MARCH 30TH, 7:00 PM

## **EASTER DAY**

MARCH 31ST, 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM  
11:15 AM, 6:00 PM

EGG HUNT AFTER 9:00 AM SERVICE



# Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, March 24, 2024

8:00 am

Celebrant..... Joe Bowden  
Preacher .....Bunny Simon Williams  
Organist ..... Wayne Lord  
Lay Reader .....Bobbie Ingenito, Davide Lentz

9:00 am

Celebrant.....Ted Clarkson  
Preacher .....Bunny Simon Williams  
Organist & Choirmaster .....Jim Nord  
Lay Readers ..... Cissy Bowden, Kelley Norris  
Verger..... Gene Rollins  
Acolytes..... Clayton Adams, Porter Adams  
Emma Sue Getchell, Johnny Getchell

11:15 am

Celebrant..... Joe Bowden  
Preacher .....Bunny Simon Williams  
Organist .....Jim Nord  
Lay Readers ..... Heather Wheeler, Lynn Smith  
Verger..... Rob Dennis  
Acolytes.....Baker Daniel, Raymond Benjamin  
Patrick Broome

6:00 pm

Preacher & Celebrant.....Sonia Sullivan Clifton  
Organist .....Nick Lowery  
Lay Readers ..... Mitzi McCoy, Faith Moore

## All Services

Altar Guild ..... Team IV  
Breakfast Ministry ..... Team VIII  
Vestry Person of the Day ..... Brice Wright

## 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](mailto:mgwynn@goodshepherd-augusta.org).

**YOUTH GROUP:** Youth Group continues this Sunday, **March 24th**. We look forward to a fun evening of fellowship, gym time, and dinner! Dinner will be provided by Leah Gaudin. 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)

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** Mark your calendars for **March 31st** at 10 am for the annual Easter Egg Hunt! In preparation, we are asking for volunteers to provide filled Easter Eggs between March 1st and 25th. Please return filled eggs to the Church Office. Empty eggs that need to be filled can also be picked up from the Church Office. To sign up head over to the SHELL.

