

THE Shepherd's Fold

March 31, 2024

Easter Day

NOT YET!

As I am sitting here in the midst of Holy Week, I want to be writing a piece for *The Shepherd's Fold* that begins: "He is Risen!," but that would be a tremendous disservice to Good Shepherd. It is true that Easter is the highpoint of the Christian year, and without Jesus' resurrection on that first Easter morning, there would be no Christian faith. As Paul says, if Jesus had not been raised, "we are of all people most to be pitied." (1 Cor. 15.18) However, the power of Easter rests first with Good Friday, and we must not skip over it to get to Easter.

Good Friday is the day that we learn how much God loves us: that the second person of the Godhead, the eternal Word, would empty himself, become a fully human being, suffer for us, and give his life for us, the very people who are crucifying him. That is truly love beyond measure. We cannot fully appreciate that love if we do not first recall that awful day, recall how humanity (that is us) shouted "crucify him," and hear how Jesus went to the cross on our behalf nonetheless. Good Friday, like no other day, humbles me, shames me, yet it also uplifts me knowing that Jesus did this out of love for me and all humanity. Only when I have gone to the depths of Good Friday am I fully prepared to celebrate Jesus' resurrection where the power of God's love defeats death itself.

We always have two services on Good Friday: noon and 7:00 PM. My prayer for you is that you will be present in church on Good Friday so that you may experience the joy of Easter as it is meant to be.

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PARISH REGISTERS

Yvonne Hollingsworth passed away on Tuesday, **March 26th**. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. The funeral will be at 11 am on **Wednesday, April 3rd** in the church. A visitation will be held in the parish house at 10 am.

PARISH NEWS

The Church office will be closed Easter Monday, **April 1st**.

There will be no breakfast or Christain Formation on Easter Sunday. Both resume **April 21st**.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Quarterly Financial Statements will be emailed and mailed next week based on preference. So be on the lookout for it in your email inbox and/or mailbox!

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



Easter Sunday at **GOOD SHEPHERD**

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 31, 2024

8:00 am

Celebrant..... Joe Bowden
PreacherTed Clarkson
OrganistJim Nord
Lay ReaderJim Price, Bobbie Ingenito

9:00 am

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
PreacherTed Clarkson
Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord
Lay ReadersBob Nesbit, Kelley Norris
Cissy Bowden, Andrew Austin
Ushers John Stewart, Kevin McDougal
Matt Matson, Peter Martinez
Verger..... Stovall Walker
Acolytes.... Clayton Adams, Porter Adams, Rob Tracy
Merritt Jones, Bridges Trotter, Crawford McDougal
Camille Jones, South Bryan, Wynn Prosser
Claire Norris, Wiley Trotter

11:15 am

Celebrant..... Joe Bowden
PreacherTed Clarkson
OrganistJim Nord
Lay Readers Heather Wheeler, Jennie Haynes
Yvonne Harrison, Anne Floyd
Ushers Jack Dugan, John Manton
Trey Hargrove
Verger.....Jerry Woods
Acolytes.....Jackson Evans, Jack Manton
Anabelle Wilkes, Milly Manton, Wells Linder
Lillian Wilkes

6:00 pm

Preacher & Celebrant.....Ted Clarkson
OrganistNick Lowery
Lay Readers Faith Moore, Anne Floyd

All Services

Altar GuildTeam V
Vestry Person of the Day Mark Pritchett

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 Easter and Masters Week, Youth Group and Christian Formation will resume on **April 21st**.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Mark your calendars for this Sunday, March 31st at 10 am for the annual Easter Egg Hunt! Still have Easter eggs to drop off? Please return filled eggs to the Church Office. Open Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm or bring them with you before the 9am Easter Service.

HOLY WEEK NURSERY SCHEDULE: The nursery is available for the following services: **Maundy Thursday at 7pm, Saturday Easter Vigil at 7pm, Easter Sunday at 9am and 11:15am.** Both nurseries for infants and toddlers are directly off the Parish Hall in rooms 101 and 102. Email Jinny with any questions.

