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AUGUST 17, 2025 20th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat: 8:30am

Tues: 7:00am | Thurs: 7:00pm

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Mon: 9:00am | Thurs: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Sat: 3:30 - 4:30pm

By appointment: 817-421-1387

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday-Thursday*: 9:00am - 9:00pm

*Thursday Family Adoration: 5:30pm - 6:00pm

Friday & Saturday: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Sunday: 5:00pm - 9:00pm

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1514-1515) teaches that this sacrament is not only for those at the point of death, but for anyone seriously ill or facing serious surgery. In fact, it is preferred that parishioners entering the hospital for surgery should ask the priest for this sacrament before being admitted. Parishioners should never wait until the last minute to call. We encourage parishioners facing surgery to let the parish priest know of their condition before entering the hospital so that they can be anointed before admission.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading

Jeremiah is punished for criticizing the wealthy for their corruption and their injustice to the poor. (Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10)

Psalm

A prayer for God's help (Psalm 40:2-4,18)

Second Reading

Let us persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus. (Hebrews 12:1-4)

Gospel

Jesus has come not only to bring peace but also division. (Luke 12:49-53)

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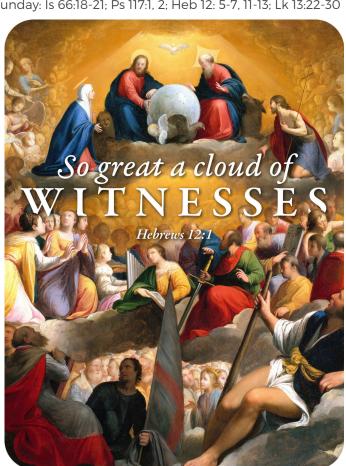
W E E K L Y R E A D I N G S

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30 Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16 Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12 Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30





Shepherd's Corner

I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me

I once read an interesting book called *A Century of Catholic Converts*. This book was filled with short biographies of people who were not born into the Catholic faith but chose to become Catholic later in life. One of these stories was about an American actor who considered himself a Presbyterian. He was married three times to Catholic women, and he raised all his children as Catholics. It was only on his deathbed that he was received into the Catholic Church. Who was this actor? It was the legendary actor, John Wayne.

My Dad liked Westerns, so I heard a lot about people like John Wayne. I think it was my father who told me that John Wayne once said, "A man's got to have a code, a creed to live by no matter his job." My Dad was trying to teach me that I shouldn't simply go along with the crowds. Rather (using another Western metaphor), I was to "stick to my guns" and live out what I said I believed.

This memory came to mind with the readings today because taking a stand for what we believe in can be difficult. In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah was thrown into a cistern to die because he spoke God's message to the people. Short history here: God told Jeremiah to tell the people they should surrender to the army that was besieging Jerusalem so that the people would not be slaughtered by the enemy. That's not what the people wanted to hear! They wanted to hear "we will be victorious," not "we need to surrender." I wonder what Jeremiah thought as he sank in the mud of the cistern. Perhaps he thought something along the lines of Saint Teresa of Avila when she said, "God, if this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few of them." Perhaps Jeremiah questioned whether he heard God correctly. Yet, because he was faithful to what God asked, God reached out and saved him.

In our life, not everyone will agree with us on everything. Sometimes, I think we find it easier for us NOT to say something than to express what we believe. No one really likes to create conflict, but Jesus is reminding his followers that, even within our own families, if we live by his laws we may see conflict. I've seen tension in families when parents tell their children not to live together before marriage. I've witnessed the destruction pornography causes. One spouse feels the love and trust in their marriage is being destroyed, but they fail to speak up; walls between the two begin to be built and the honest communication between the two fails.

I'm not suggesting we go out and point fingers at one another, but perhaps it's about taking a good honest look at ourselves. "A man's got to have a code, a creed to live by no matter his job." Do people see us living by our Creed, or do they see us following the belief system of the world around us?

Peace and Blessings, Fr. Mike



THIS WEEK

AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

- Men's Club Meeting with Rod Marinelli | 6:30pm | Parish Hall
- OCIA | 7:00pm | Upper Room

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

- Safe Environment Renewal | 6:30pm | gscc.net/set for registration and details
- An Introduction to Inner Healing | 7:00pm | Upper Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

- · Vocations Rosary | 6:30pm | Church
- Sack Lunch Project | 7:00pm | GSCC Outreach Center
- GriefShare | 7:00pm | St. Maria Goretti

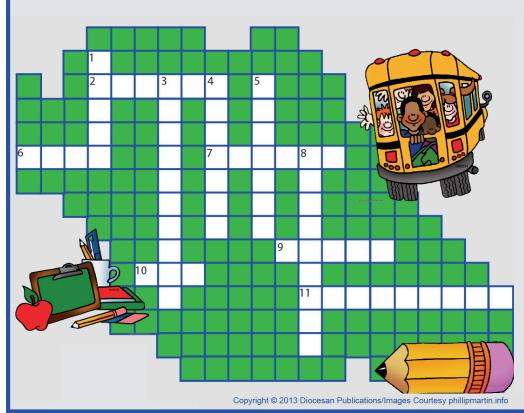
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

- Men's Rosary & Discipleship | 7:00am | Daily Chapel
- Blessing for the New School Year | At 5:00pm Mass | Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

- Blessing for the New School Year | At All Masses | Church
- Back to School Breakfast | After 9:00am & 11:00am Masses | Parish Hall

God Bless OUR STUDENTS & TEACHERS



Across

- 2. Used for writing; and has an eraser.
- 6. Used for sticking things together, usually in art class.
- 7. Playtime on the playground.
- 9. What you read and learn with.
- 10. Painting, drawing, coloring
- 11. The bag students use to carry belongings to and from school.

Down

- 1. Popular fruit given to a teacher as a gift.
- 3. Large green area on the wall of a classroom.
- 4. The school room where all the books are.
- 5. The adult who helps you learn throughout the year.
- 8. The yellow vehicle used to take children to and from school.

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STAY UP TO DATE

Are you receiving our weekly e-newsletter? To receive updates on important info and events, visit gscc.net and scroll to the footer on any page to sign up!



ARCHANGEL MOMS MEETINGS



Monday, August 25 | Thursday, August 28 9:30am - Frassati Room | 7:30pm - St. Augustine

Archangel Moms is for mothers of all ages and stages. Our mission is to embrace and support each other in our holy vocation of motherhood through relevant prayer and dialogue. Join us at our meetings this semester for fellowship, short reflections, and discussion. Morning and evening meeting times are offered to fit your schedule. You are encouraged to bring a journal and pen. Come to give, to receive, and to grow in grace and love.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING WITH ROD MARINELLI

Monday, August 18 6:30pm | Parish Hall

The Men's Club is excited to announce that Rod Marinelli will



join us at our next monthly meeting. Rod is the former Assistant Head Coach & Defensive Line Coach for the Super Bowl-winning Tampa Bay Buccaneers and has coached for the Detroit Lions, Chicago Bears, Las Vegas Raiders, and our very own Dallas Cowboys. We gather at 6:30pm for conversation and beverages. A meal is served at 7:00pm (\$5 donation appreciated), followed by club announcements. Coach Marinelli will then speak to us on **Football 101 and Life**. Please register at **gscc.net/mensclub** to provide a headcount for seating and food.

G 23/24

BLESSING FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Saturday, August 23 & Sunday, August 24 At All Masses | Church

As we begin a new academic year, we invite all teachers, students, and young adults beginning a

new journey in military service to join us for a special blessing. This blessing is a fitting way for us to acknowledge that all human wisdom and knowledge have God as our source.



VUG 24

BACK TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Sunday, August 24

After 9:00am & 11:00am Masses | Parish Hall

The GSCC Men's Club invites you to the annual Back To School Breakfast. Join us for pancakes, sausage links, scrambled eggs, and hash browns. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children, and free for ages 2 and under, with a \$25 max per family.



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Wednesday, August 27th

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Calling all Women of GSCC!

Join us for the Women's Group Kick-Off Gathering! It's a time to come together, share a meal, and connect with familiar faces and new friends.

Have you felt God calling you to share your gifts? Are you curious about the many ways women can grow and build community here at Good Shepherd? Come and discover the beautiful variety of spiritual, educational, social, and service opportunities available through our women's ministries. Whether you're new or have been with us for years, there's a place for you here.

Let's gather, grow, and walk this journey of faith—together.



SEEKING NEW MEMBERS:

YOUTH ORCHESTRA

The GSCC Youth Orchestra is entering its 17th season this fall and we are looking for new members. If you are in grades 7-12 and in a school band program, you are eligible to join! The Youth Orchestra meets on Sundays, 12:30-2:00pm, in St. Cecilia. Clarinets and flutes are especially needed, but all are welcome. The orchestra plays at Mass at least once a month and participates in many other exciting concerts.

If you are interested in joining this fun group, contact Bernadette Vigiletti at bvigiletti@gscc.net or visit gscc.net/musicministry.

We hope you will join for our first rehearsal on September 7!



Marriage on Tap offers engaged couples and married spouses time away with one another to reflect on their vocation, learn practical tools for strengthening their marriage, and build community with other couples seeking to do the same.

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6 SEPT

COMMUNICATING WITH CARE

Learn how to communicate well to help build trust and set healthy boundaries.

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OUR IDENTITY IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

Let's explore how, as a married couple, we identify ourselves in the image of God.

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PLAN OF LIFE IN MARRIAGE

Discover how to develop a personal, marriage and family prayer routine according to your current season of life.

6 DEC

TRIVIA NIGHT

Unleash your wit, wisdom, and whimsy during an epic trivia showdown.

Come and enjoy appetizers, beer and wine, speakers, and activities from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Childcare is available.

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All parishioners are invited to join us for a traveling family rosary through our parish school followed by a potluck dinner together!

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Prayer Night

Tues, September 9 | 6-7:30 pm

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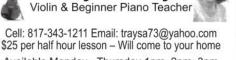
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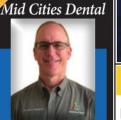
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