

FEBRUARY 2021

Shepherd's Voice



The monthly parish newsletter of
GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

WHAT WE BELIEVE...

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down
from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the
Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance
with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver
of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son
who with the Father and the Son is wor-
shiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the for-
giveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

It was just one year ago this month that many began to pay attention to something known as a corona virus seemingly moving around the globe. Truth be told, many of us really didn't pay close attention until March of 2020.

Yet here we are in February 2021 and we continue in the midst of a global pandemic—a pandemic that has seemingly left no one untouched. Even if you personally know no one who has been sickened by this virus, you have been touched by the influence of our behavioral changes. Our pews remain roped off to so as to force social distancing. We all where masks during worship and elsewhere about in public.

Yet, there seems to be a proverbial light at the end of the tunnel. Vaccinations have begun. Several in our congregation have completed their vaccines and many others have either begun the process or at least are on waiting lists to receive their first vaccine. This is indeed good news.

We also begin the month of February with a slightly modified ecclesiastical identity. At the annual congregational meeting of our church, held on Sunday, January 31, 2021, the flock vote unanimously to move ourselves from a "fellowship parish" to a "parish in full membership" of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) in the Diocese of the Western Gulf Coast (DWGC). This is exciting news as our family of faith has found and aligned itself with a denomination and faith tradition that we believe to be congruent with God's calling upon us and who it is He would like us to be.

Soli Deo Gloria and until next month, let your light shine!

Fr. Randall Graf+

ENTERING INTO A HOLY LENT

On **Ash Wednesday, February 17**, we enter into the penitential season of Lent in the Christian Church. We will have two chances for receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday with services at **12:15 PM** and **6:30 PM**. Each service will last approximately 30 minutes. If you are unable to attend indoor, socially distant services due to a health concern, please contact Fr. Randall Graf via email or phone if you would like to make arrangements to receive the imposition of ashes privately at a different time on Ash Wednesday.

On the **first Sunday of Lent**, we will also pray the **Great Litany** during our Sunday Holy Eucharist and we will also offer the **element of consecrated wine** during Holy Communion of the service. This will be our first time offering “the cup of salvation” to worshippers since our pandemic protocols were enacted. Until such time as we are no longer under those protocols, the offering of the Body of our Lord (i.e., consecrated bread only), will be the norm. We will also live-stream (online only) the praying of the Great Litany each Friday during Lent at 12:15 PM.



SERVICES SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2022

Tuesday, February 2 @ 12:15 PM—Midday Prayer (online only)

Wednesday, February 3 @ 12:15 PM—Midday Prayer (online only)

Friday, February 5 @ 9:00 PM—Office of Compline (online only)

Sunday, February 7 @ 8:30AM & 10:00 AM—Sunday morning Holy Eucharist (Epiphanytide 5)

Tuesday, February 9 @ 12:15 PM—Midday Prayer (online only)

Wednesday, February 10 @ 12:15 PM—Midday Prayer (online only)

Friday, February 12 @ 9:00 PM—Office of Compline (online only)

Sunday, February 14 @ 8:30AM & 10:00 AM—Sunday morning Holy Eucharist (Epiphanytide 6)

Tuesday, February 16 @ 12:15 PM—Midday Prayer (online only)

~~**Wednesday, February 17 @ 12:15 PM**—Midday Prayer (online only)~~

Wednesday, February 17 @ 12:15 PM or 6:30 PM—Ash Wednesday Service

Friday, February 19 @ 12:15 PM—Praying the Great Litany (online only)

Friday, February 19 @ 9:00 PM—Office of Compline (online only)

Sunday, February 21 @ 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM—Sunday morning Holy Eucharist (Lent 1)

Tuesday, February 23 @ 12:15 PM—Midday Prayer (online only)

Wednesday, February 24 @ 12:15 PM—Midday Prayer (online only)

Friday, February 26 @ 12:15 PM—Praying the Great Litany (online only)

Friday, February 26 @ 9:00 PM—Office of Compline (online only)

Sunday, February 28 @ 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM—Sunday morning Holy Eucharist (Lent 2)

PLEASE NOTE: As a reminder, all services are held in-person unless otherwise noted as “online only” and all in-person services require mask and appropriate social distancing. In addition to being offered in-person, our Sunday morning Holy Eucharist at 10:00 AM is also live-streamed. Our YouTube channel is located at www.YouTube.com/GoodShepherdMet.

LASAGNA LUNCH FUNDRAISER

On Sunday, February 28, Good Shepherd Church will hold a Lasagna Lunch Fundraiser. Please help up make this fundraiser a great success by advance selling tickets to your friends, neighbors, family, and coworkers!

Each lunch is only \$12 for an adult and \$8 for children age 10 and under. Lunches will only be offered as "to go" orders which can be picked up curbside in the church parking lot between noon and 1:30 PM. (Good Shepherd Church members will be able to pick up their advanced ticket sale orders a bit earlier than noon if they so choose to try to beat the rush.)

You can pick up your own tickets and tickets to sell by seeing Margaret or Mel Aucoin! And by the way, the recipe for this meal is the exact recipe of Good Shepherd Church's very own Ms. Maria! Bon Appetit!

Ms. Maria's Lasagna

Good Shepherd Church
5122 W. Esplanade, Metairie LA.
Sunday, **Feb. 28**, 2021



TO GO!
Pick-up Time
12-1:30

Lasagna, Vegetable, Salad, and Garlic Bread
Children 10 & Under \$8.00,
Adults \$12.00

ADULT \$12, CHILD \$8



NOTES FROM RINDA

February is the shortest month of the year, but it always seems to be one of the busiest.

The church year enters the season of Lent, a time of reflection before the joyous celebration of the Resurrection.

On one of the Sundays during February, the choir will sing a setting of an ancient Hebrew text:

***"The world is sustained by three things,
by truth, by justice, and by peace."***

During this troubled time, it is good for us to ponder these words that are as relevant today as they were thousands of years ago.

Shalom!

Rinda Coleman
GSC Music Director



KEEP UP ONLINE

You can always check out what's on the Good Shepherd Church calendar by visiting our online calendar page. Go to www.GSCMet.com and from there click "Resources" and then "Church Calendar."

And while you're on the website, if you have not yet signed up for our weekly e-newsletter, go ahead and do so!

You'll receive our weekly e-news in your inbox every Thursday morning and our GSC TV GUIDE (with listings and links for all of our online offerings) every Friday.



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WORSHIP SERVICES

Holy Eucharist

8:30 AM & 10:00 AM every Sunday

Service of Midday Prayer

12:15 PM Tuesday & Wednesday (online only)

Service of Compline

9:00 PM Friday (online only)