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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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2022

Sunday, August 7 @ 8:30AM & 10:00 AM

*Sunday morning Holy Eucharist
(Blessing of the Book Bags at 10:00 AM)*

Sunday, August 14 @ 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM

Sunday morning Holy Eucharist

Monday, August 15 @ 12:15 PM (Red Letter Lunchtime)

Feast Day of the Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord

Sunday, August 21 @ 8:30 AM or 10:00 AM

Sunday morning Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, August 24 @ 12:15 PM (Red Letter Lunchtime)

Feast Day of St. Bartholomew the Apostle

Sunday, August 28 @ 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM

Sunday morning Holy Eucharist

PLEASE NOTE: Our YouTube channel is located at
www.YouTube.com/GoodShepherdMet. Each Sunday
morning, we livestream our 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist on
our channel.

FROM THE RECTOR'S STUDY

The lazy days of summer are definitely here and before we know it, we'll have our eyes on Autumn. In fact, kids will be going back to school this month. As such, Good Shepherd Church will continue our annual tradition of the **Blessing of the Book Bags**. We'll hold the special blessing as part of our **10:00 AM** Holy Eucharist on **Sunday, August 7** and we invite all students, regardless of age and grade, to participate and receive a back to school blessing!



We also have some new things going on in August. After some pandemic-related time off, our men's group has reformed and have changed their name from the **Men's Club** to **The Brotherhood**. **The Brotherhood** will be hosting **free pancake breakfast** on **Saturday, August 27**. In addition to serving breakfast, The Brotherhood will offer



the Office of Morning Prayer followed by an encouraging message from a guest speaker. Please see page 5 of this month's newsletter for more information from The Brotherhood

Another new happening at Good Shepherd Church this month is our launch of "**Red Letter Lunchtime Services**" on special dates. What's a Red Letter Lunchtime Service? It's a brief church service that we will offer on **weekdays at 12:15 PM** on what the Book of Common Prayer calls Red Letter Holy Days—days that commemorate Feast Days of the Church based on the ancient Church Calendar. Please see page our new newsletter column called "By

The Book" on page 4 of this newsletter for more information on the two August dates for Red Letter Lunchtime Services.

Finally, I'd like to take a moment to offer my sincerest thanks to **two groups** in our parish. The first is all who helped make our July Vacation Bible School a great success. This was our first VBS since 2018 and it is good to have gotten this important program back. I'd also like to thank those who have been working all summer on our

ByLaws Committee. This has been a tedious but important undertaking and is moving us toward having written bylaws that are congruent with the constitution, canon, and bylaws of our province (Anglican Church in North America) and our diocese (Anglican Diocese of the Western Gulf Coast). The committee is working diligently to get this new bylaws completed in enough time for submission to Fr. Michael Dearman, Esq, Diocesan Chancellor in advance of the new bylaws being presented and ratified by the membership of Good Shepherd Church at our annual congregation meeting in early 2023.

Until next month, let your light shine!

Fr. Randall M. Graf, Rector



NOTES FROM RINDA

This month marks four years since I began serving as Music Director at Good Shepherd Church. I've said it before and I will continue to say that I am absolutely sure that I am where God wants me to be. It is a privilege to be a part of such a loving congregation.

We have just completed our Vacation Bible School (Cruise). I can't say enough about the dedication of the volunteers and the enthusiasm of the children. I'm not sure who got more out of the week! We look forward to next year's adventures.

Even though we are in the midst of summer's heat, we know that Saints Training Camp will be starting soon, and then we will be cheering them on during the season and hopefully, the playoffs! Our choir has had a well deserved break, and will be returning to rehearsals soon. This year we are going to have our own Training Camp beginning on August 10. For a couple of weeks we will have a crash course in music reading. Most of our choir members have little experience in reading the notes and symbols that are part of the anthems and hymns. In spite of that, they are the most dedicated group of singers I have ever worked with. This will be a great time to join us. We would love to have you!

Love and blessings to you!

Rinda Coleman
GSC Music Director



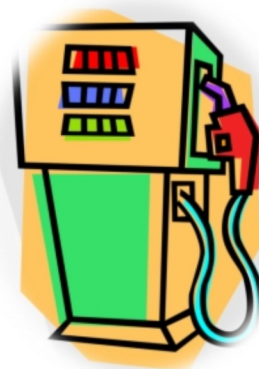
GAS CARDS RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to Joe Edwards and Thais Lacrouts, winners of Good Shepherd's Gas Card Give Away!

Joe and Thais had the lucky winning tickets that netted them each a \$250 gas card. The winning tickets were drawn at the close of our Vacation Bible School on Friday, July 15, 2022.

Thanks to all who sold raffle tickets for this fund raising event and very special thanks to Ms. Sandy Graci of Graci Real Estate and Appraisal, LLC for making this fundraiser possible!

When you see Joe and Thais, make sure you congratulate them on their winnings and when you see Ms. Sandy, make sure you thank her!



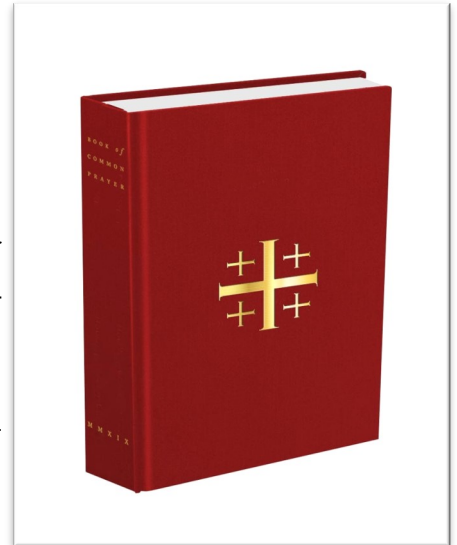
BY THE BOOK

Welcome to the first edition of **"By The Book"** in the Shepherd's Voice Newsletter!

What is "By The Book" you ask? It's an opportunity to share the richness of the **Book of Common Prayer** (BCP) each month in the newsletter.

On pages 691-712 of the BCP, the reader will find these **"Calendar of Holy Days and Commemorations In the Anglican Church Year in North America."**

For each month of the year, so-called **"Red Letter Holy Days"** are listed in the first column of the tables for each month of the year. Beginning in August, we will begin holding **"Red Letter Lunchtime Services"** at **12:15 PM** in the sanctuary. The services will allow for parishioners and visitors to attend church over their lunch hour on this special days set aside by the Church. The services will be **designed to last less than 40 minutes** in order to allow worshippers a block of time from their workday to receive the grace and blessing of the Holy Eucharist on these important dates on the Church calendar.



In August, the BCP lists two Red Letter Holy Days. The first is on **August 15** and commemorates the **Feast Day of The Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ**. The second date listed for **August** is on the **24th**, which commemorates the **Feast Day of St. Bartholomew the Apostle**.

Of course, the lover of Church History will also note that those tables also have two other columns. The second column lists the dates of "Optional Anglican Commemorations" and column three lists "Optional Ecumenical Commemorations."

We look forward to worshipping on weekday afternoons for these special "Red Letter" dates from column one and hope that we can attract a devoted following for these special services of worship.



PATSY ENGLS NEW ADDRESS

Earlier this summer, Good Shepherd Church member Patsy Engles moved into a new residence. She is now living at Inspired Living Kenner. If you would like to visit Patsy or send her a note or card, her new address is:

Patsy Engles
Inspired Living Kenner
3801 Loyola Ave Unit #107
Kenner, LA 70065

MEN'S CLUB IS NOW THE BROTHERHOOD

The Good Shepherd Church **Men's Club is back**, and **with a new name, the Men's Brotherhood!** We had our first meeting on Saturday, July 9th, and are very excited to share how we will be serving Good Shepherd and the Kingdom of God.

We elected Noah Huntley as President and David Whaley as Secretary. On **August 27th**, we will be hosting a **community breakfast in fellowship hall**. This will be an opportunity for the Brotherhood to cook our church family breakfast, offer the Office of Morning Prayer, and then listen to a guest speaker share a message. This will be an awesome event, all are welcome, so invite your family and friends.

RSVP by Sunday, August 14th to gscbrotherhood@gmail.com or use the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

SERVICE AND ASSISTANCE

The brotherhood wants to serve you. If you have a household task that you are unable to accomplish due to physical issues or a lack of time, the brotherhood is here.

Simply reach out to gscbrotherhood@gmail.com with your task, and we will let you know how we can help. For more information, please see Noah Huntley or any other member of the Good Shepherd Church Brotherhood!



WOMEN'S GUILD SUMMER MISSION PROJECT

The Women's Guild will not meet in August, however, we are sponsoring a special summer mission project through the end of August.

Please consider bringing your older towels and blankets to church and place them in a specially marked box in the foyer. After the summer break, Women's Guild will take all donations to Animal Rescue of New Orleans (ARNO) a "No Kill Animal Shelter" in our area, for use in bathing dogs and cats and lining cages in which the animals are kept. There is a great need for these items.

Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13 and we invited all ladies to consider joining us!

Dottie Frilot
Women's Guild President



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UKRAINIAN RELIEF FUND

Over the past few months, Good Shepherd Church collected a little over \$2,000 that was forwarded to the Anglican Relief and Development Fund (ARDF).

ARDF is the mission arm of the Anglican Church in North America and has been provided food, medicine, and other life-saving provisions for war refugees at the Ukrainian border with Poland.

Your charitable generosity is greatly appreciated!

Please continue to pray for peace in the world.



PRAYER REQUESTS

A reminder that you may submit a name or cause to be entered on to the Good Shepherd Church prayer list by completing a prayer card found in the pews and placing the card in the offering plate. Please note that the computer program used to track our prayer listings places a time limit on entries. If a name or cause that was included on the list is no longer listed and you would like it to be, simply complete another prayer card. Likewise, if you would like to update a prayer request and have it removed from the list before it automatically cycles off by reaching its time limit, this too can be done using the pew prayer cards.



SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS & REMEMBRANCES AND ETERNAL FLAME SANCTUARY LAMP

A reminder that each Sunday affords an opportunity to honor, remember, and celebrate people and events. Want us to offer prayers of gratitude for a wedding anniversary or prayers of remembrance for a loved one who has returned home to the Lord or prayers of thanksgiving for a special person's birthday? Let us know by filing out the blue **"Sunday Celebrations, Honors, and Remembrances"** form.

The "Sunday Celebrations, Honors, and Remembrances" form is available in the narthex of the church. By completing the **brief form** with the necessary information (e.g., John and Jane are celebrating 20 years of marriage on June 15 or Mike and Sue wish to honor the memory of Sue's mother, Pauline on what would have been her 100th birthday) and turning it in along with **a small \$5 honorarium**, you can be assured that the Sunday of your choosing includes the publication of your honor in our Sunday bulletin and prayerful remembrance during our Sunday service.



Additionally, the **Eternal Flame Sanctuary Lamp book** still has a few openings for memorials for 2022. If you would like to dedicate the Eternal Flame in memory of a departed loved one, please see the open dates in the red folder in the narthex. The suggested minimum **honorarium for the Eternal Flame Sanctuary Lamp is \$15.**

For more information, please see Fr. Randall.

PRAYING AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Since the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown began, Good Shepherd Church has been streaming our 10:00 AM Sunday morning Service of Holy Eucharist each week. During the distribution of Holy Communion, the lector reads a prayer entitled ***An Act of Spiritual Communion*** for those who are watching at home and are unable to partake in the reception of Holy Communion sacramentally. That beautiful prayer comes from the Book of Common Prayer (pg. 677, ACNA 2019) and can be prayed by a Christian any time they are longing for the grace of Holy Communion but are unable to receive the tangible elements of the sacrament. These are the words to that prayer:

***Dear Jesus, I believe that you
are truly present in the Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to possess you within my soul.
And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart.
I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people
gathered around every altar of your Church,
and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.***



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Holy Eucharist

8:30 AM & 10:00 AM every Sunday

Red Letter Holy Days

12:15 PM

