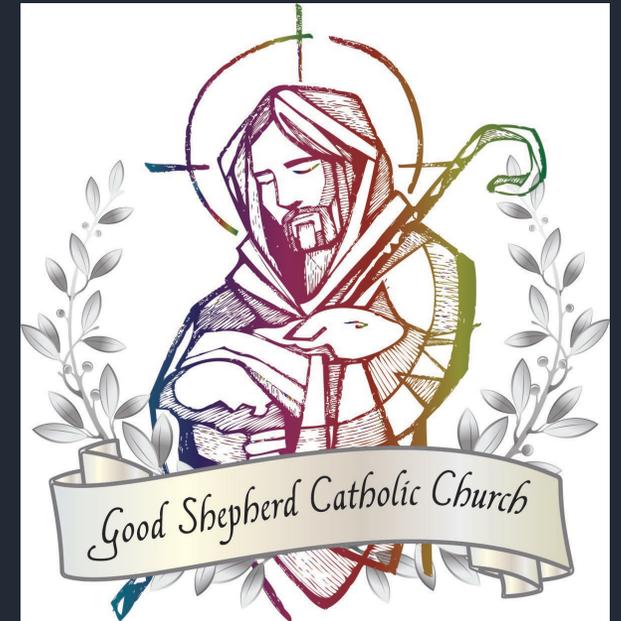


Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Celebration of Mass

March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday



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Entrance: To the Desert Follow Me

*To the desert follow me,
For I am God, who is your hope.
To the desert follow me.*

I will renew your weary heart
and keep you always in my sight;
give you a spirit that is new;
restore the joy of your salvation.

*To the desert follow me,
For I am God, who is your hope.
To the desert follow me.*

Penitential Act: *Confiteor*

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kyrie, eléison
Christe eléison
Kyrie eléison

Liturgy of the Word

Readings from USCCB

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Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things
visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only
Begotten Son of God, born of the Father
before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God
from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father; through him
all things were made. For us men and for
our salvation he came down from heaven,

(Bow your heads)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of
the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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.

I 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 adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Preparation of the Gifts: Open My Eyes

Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see your face.

Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see.

Abre mis ojos,
Que quiero ver como tú.

Abre mis ojos,
Ayúdame a ver.

Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear
your voice.

Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear.

Abre mis oídos,
Que quiero oír
como tú.

Abre mis oídos,
Ayúdame a oír.

Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love
like you.

Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to hear.

Abre mi corazón,
Que quiero amar
como tú.

Abre mi corazón,
Ayúdame a amar.

And the first shall be last,
and our eyes are opened,
and we'll hear like never before.

And we'll speak in new ways,
and we'll see God's face
in places we've never known.

*Dame la alegría de tu salvación,
crea en mí un corazón puro.*

*No me arrojes lejos de tu rostro, Señor,
no me quites tu santo espíritu.*

I live within you.
Deep in your heart,
O Love.
I live within you.
Rest now in me.

Ven y descansa
en mi corazón.
Ven y descansa
te alivia ré.

Preparation of the Gifts: Christ the Lord

Darkness hangs, the world is aching,
Yearning for the coming light.

In his rising, hope awaking,
Love has come to steal the night.
In our hearts true east we're facing,
Toward the coming of our Lord.
Morning rising, gloom now fleeing;
Christ returned! His word is true!

As we wait with hope for rescue
Love descends and all is well.
Prophets tell, "Your God is with us.
Heaven's gift, Emmanuel."
He is here, but hid as lowly
In the poor and mystery.
Where the bread and wine are offered
He is here: our God and King.

Parting clouds reveal his wonder:

Mighty King in victory.

Trembling earth and rolling thunder,

Blazing sun and quaking sea.

Now he comes, our King, in glory;

Saints rejoice and darkness flees.

Rising rays of light his chariot,

Christ the Lord has made us free.

On us now the Son is shining,
Lifting us to his embrace.
Shame is cursed, no more confounding;
Lift your head and know his face.
Love incarnate, breath indwelling,
Now in truth is truth made known.
We are his and he forever
Is our God and he alone.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Holy (Mass of St. Timothy)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

Save Us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross
and Resurrection you have set us free,
You have set us free.

Amen (Mass of St. Timothy)

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen, amen.

Lamb of God (Mass of St. Timothy)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, *miserere nobis.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, *miserere nobis.*

Angus Dei, you take away the sins of
the world, *dona nobis pacem.*

Pre-Communion Hymn: Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

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Communion I: We Come to You

By your body and blood,
By your life and your love,
Renew us.

May your sacrifice be
Forgiveness in me;
Heal us.

*We come to you. We come to you
Broken, hungry.*

*We come to you. We come to you.
Make us whole again.*

In the body of Christ
We are brought to new life,
restore us.

May the flesh that we eat
And the blood that we drink
save us.

*We come to you. We come to you
Broken, hungry.*

*We come to you. We come to you.
Make us whole again.*

By the faith we profess,
And the sings we confess,
mold us.

We are brought to our knees
At the altar of peace;
change us.

*We come to you. We come to you
Broken, hungry.*

*We come to you. We come to you.
Make us whole again.*

May the Word we receive
Be the faith we believe;
teach us.

With these mysteries
Draw us into the feast;
feed us.

*We come to you. We come to you
Broken, hungry.*

*We come to you. We come to you.
Make us whole again.*

May the sacred prepare
Our hearts here laid bare;
fill us.

By our lives we declare
The Spirit we share;
send us.

*We come to you. We come to you
Broken, hungry.*

*We come to you. We come to you.
Make us whole again.*

By your love,
by your grace,
We are one.

*We come to you. We come to you
Broken, hungry.*

*We come to you. We come to you.
Make us whole again.*

Communion II: The Breastplate of St. Patrick

I bind myself to the power of heaven.

I bind myself to the light of the sun,

the brightness of the moon,

the deepness of the sea;

I bind myself to the power of Christ.

*Christ with me and before me;
Christ behind me and within me;
Christ to the right of me
and to the left of me;
Christ above me and beneath me;
I bind myself to the virtue of Christ.*

I bind myself to the guidance of angels.

I bind myself to the love of the Lamb,
for he alone is peace
and he alone is light.

I bind myself to the guidance of Christ.

*Christ with me and before me;
Christ behind me and within me;
Christ to the right of me
and to the left of me;
Christ above me and beneath me;
I bind myself to the virtue of Christ.*

In the eyes of all who see me,
in the ears of all who hear me,
in the hearts of those who know me;
O God, uphold me.
Uphold me, Lord.

*Christ with me and before me;
Christ behind me and within me;
Christ to the right of me
and to the left of me;
Christ above me and beneath me;
I bind myself to the virtue of Christ.*

Communion III: You Are the Light

You are the light that stands alone
in depth of night and eye of storm.

Where shadows fall, you enter in;
ignite with hope what dark has dimmed.

And though our eyes may fail to see,
it is the heart that's given sight
through night and storm, to trust in you.

Upon our path you are the light.

You are the word that's written deep
within the hearts of all who long
for endless days beyond the skies,
for peace on earth, a kingdom come.
We sing the name that heals our souls,
and share the way, the truth, the life.
For hearts that long, both lost and found,
we speak the word: you are the light.

O you are God who spoke the dawn;
the savior son who came in flesh
to be a lamp for wand'ring hearts,
to steal our darkness by your death.
And as you rose, you gave us peace,
your Spirit gift to kindly lead.
Sweet mystery, how true you guide.
We look to you; you are the light.

Meditation: Lead Us to the Cross

For forty days and forty nights
we fast and pray, we sacrifice.

We pray, O God, that you will make us holy.

From the snare of sin and the grip of vice
we turn away to renew our lives.

We come back to you,
we seek your love and mercy.

*You alone, you are all we need.
You alone, are everything.*

*Lead us to the cross. Lead us to the cross.
Lead us to the cross. Lead us to the cross.*

In solitude we walk with you,
in your love and in your truth.

We must be
the hands and feet of you, Lord.
Help us turn to the lost and poor,
to the naked and the forgotten, Lord,
that we might bring
your compassion and your mercy.

*You alone, you are all we need.
You alone, are everything.*

*Lead us to the cross. Lead us to the cross.
Lead us to the cross. Lead us to the cross.*

O God, renew our hearts and minds;
remove the blindness from our eyes.

And when we falter and we fail,
lead us back to you again.

*Lead us to the cross. Lead us to the cross.
Lead us to the cross. Lead us to the cross.*

Recessional: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

*My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy reigns,
unending love, amazing grace.*

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