

18TH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich,
one's life does not consist of possessions." Luke 12:15



There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest ...

Welcome to
Good Shepherd Parish
August 3, 2025

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH VISION STATEMENT

Good Shepherd Parish strives to be a vibrant, welcoming community where every person can experience the Father's love. Through the Gospel proclamation, prayer, and joyous sacramental celebration, Good Shepherd Parish will inspire parishioners to discern and live out their vocations and to actively evangelize the world. As we bear witness to the Risen Christ, Our Lord and Savior, we aspire to serve our parish community. We will seek to welcome home the new, the lost, and the disheartened by using the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit..

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Roman Catholic community of Good Shepherd Parish, strive to be a living sign of Christ's love in and for the world.

In response to our Baptismal call, nourished by the Eucharist and guided by the values of the Second Vatican Council, we seek to continue the mission of Jesus Christ by welcoming, supporting and guiding all through prayer, sacramental celebration, service and education.

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ST. ANN CHURCH, 134 COCHITUATE RD, WAYLAND, MA



ST. ZEPHERIN CHURCH, 99 MAIN ST, WAYLAND, MA

Mass Times

Saturday, 4:00 PM St. Ann
Sunday, 8:30 AM St. Zepherin
Sunday, 10:30 AM St. Ann

Confession

Saturday, 3:00 –3:45 PM
St. Ann
(or by appointment)

Weekday Masses

Monday—Tuesday
9:00 AM St. Ann
Wednesday—Friday
9:00 AM St. Zepherin

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2
4:00 PM

EDWARD TAMULYNAS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

8:30 AM
PEOPLE OF
GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

10:30 AM
ANN BERNARDO

MONDAY, AUGUST 4
9:00 AM

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
MEMORIAL SOCIETY
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

9:00 AM
MILLIE CHOINSKI &
RUTH (CHOINSKI) FORNES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

9:00 AM
THOMAS COSGROVE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

9:00 AM
RICHARD KANE, JR.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

9:00 AM
VARKEY VATTAPPARA

Parish Calendar

MONDAY, AUGUST 4
10 AM—2 PM

NURSE JEAN
PARISH CENTER

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

10 AM—2 PM

NURSE JEAN
PARISH CENTER

1 PM: WALK WITH HER!

7—11 AM

MY BROTHERS' TABLE
FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION
ST. ANN'S HALL

1—3 PM

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
PARISH CENTER

7—8 PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. ANN'S HALL

PARISH OFFICE: (508) 650—3545

"It's Good For Us to Be Here" . . .

One of the best westerns ever made is Sergio Leone's *Once Upon A Time in the West*. Throughout the movie, periodically, there'd be a flashback scene when the Charles Bronson character was remembering a scene from his youth. It was always the same image: a man slowly strolling forward toward the camera. At first, he's way in the background and the picture is blurred. As the movie unfolds, though, with each re-introduction of the flashback, the man is closer and the image is sharper. By the end of the movie, when he walks right into the foreground, the image is perfectly in focus, and we see that it's the Henry Fonda character. At this point, the rest of the scene plays out and we finally learn why Charles Bronson has been hunting Fonda down all this time. (I won't spoil the movie for you by giving away the ending—it's worth watching.)

For most of us, this is how we develop our relationship with Christ. It's slow . . . gradual . . . we encounter Him in broad strokes, either via word-of-mouth from our parents or grandparents, or else from the sketch the evangelists give us in the Gospels. It's through prayer, meditation on the Gospel passages, contemplation of the scenes we see in the Scriptures that we come, bit by bit, to sharpen our appreciation of who Jesus is. The guidance of the Church through Her teaching aids us in this lifelong project of fleshing Jesus out, so that we come to understand more and more perfectly the beauty and goodness of this Man who happens also to be God.

So, it's no wonder that Peter, James, and John were flabbergasted when they were treated to the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor. All at once—BOOM!—the splendor of the God-Man is unveiled before their eyes and they see Him in the full radiance of His divinity. I often wonder how they recognized that the two cats flanking Him in this moment were Moses and Elijah—I mean, it's not like there were any pictures of these two guys floating around in readymade history books or anything. But the light of God illuminated more than just Jesus's face and robes; it also shone on the three disciples' hearts and minds. Suddenly, they realized the fullness of salvation history centered around Jesus Christ; it became clear as creek water what they were witnessing, what they themselves were a part of.

As they come down from the mountain afterwards, with Jesus's radiant splendor tucked back into His commonplace humanity, this clarity begins to fade as their senses return to the mundane, familiar world that they're so used to and

they think they understand so well. But all the confusion, doubt, rationalization fumbling partial logic that dims our eyes to the mystery of God's presence with us creeps back in. Ironically, it's precisely in the world we think we know how to navigate our way through that we lose sight of the transcendent meaning of life.

And so it was with the disciples. Jesus tells them not to reveal the experience of the Transfiguration until after He has risen from the dead, and they start whispering among themselves what rising from the dead might mean. The old familiar logic obscures the clarity of the revelation—despite how plainly Jesus spoke about rising from the dead, they can't help but think this is just another parable, a figure-of-speech that's meant to symbolize something else altogether. How different from the pure certainty of their earlier recognition of Moses and Elijah! (And curiously, they don't even ask Jesus to explain Himself, as they had done so often before when they didn't understand His parables.)

This coming Wednesday is the Feast of the Transfiguration, when the Church recalls especially this privileged glimpse of Jesus as He really is. We're reminded that Jesus's divinity was not a product of His Resurrection but was His very nature right from the beginning. But it also reminds us that transfiguration is not transformation: when Jesus was transfigured, only His appearance changed, revealing Himself fully; but He Himself didn't change. For our own part, the grace that comes to us through the gift of the Risen Christ transforms us, changing us from what we are to what we're called to be—sharers in God's nature by participation in the life of Christ. What is the Lord's by right and nature is offered to us as a gift. Lest we lose sight of this splendid invitation to be transformed, allowing our senses to be reduced to the merely ordinary and mundane, we should make sure always to lift our hearts in gratitude to God, who reveals Himself to us and gives us His love. We should say with Simon Peter, "Lord, it is good for us to be here."

~ Fr. Ren



St. Catherine's Monastery, mosaic of the Transfiguration, Sinai

Catechist Meeting Grades K-9

Tuesday, August 26th
at St. Zepherin Parish Center
from 7:30-8:30 pm.

OR

Tuesday, September 2nd
at St. Ann Hall
from 7:30-8:30 pm.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2025-2026



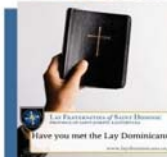
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"Be who God
meant you to
be, and you will
set the whole
world on fire."

- St. Catherine of Siena
patroness of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic

TO PRAISE,
BLESS,
PREACH



Meetings take place
once a month
at St. Ann's Hall

Visitors welcome.
Contact Mikayla Dalton, O.P.
(fraternity president)
for more information:
mikayla.v.dalton@gmail.com

Prayer Requests

Please email your prayer requests to:
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OR CALL :
(508) 650 - 3545 EXT. 11

**GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
PRAYER LINE:**

As a faith community, we're here to share in each others' experiences and to lift each other in prayer. Whatever you're facing - whether it's a cause for joy, a challenge weighing you down, or a particular intention you're holding close to your heart - we want to join you in prayer.



+St. Martin
de Porres,
pray for us!+

Parent Meeting

Thursday, Aug. 28th
On Zoom

From 7:00-8:00pm



Readings To-Go!

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 3, 2025

Scan QR code to see
this week's readings!

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

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COMPLIMENTARY SERVICE
FOR YOU,
OUR PARISH, &
OUR COMMUNITY



Monday, August 4
10 AM - 2 PM

Thursday, August 7
10 AM - 2 PM

1 PM walk! meet on the plaza

Monday, August 11
10 AM - 2 PM

Thursday, August 14
10 AM - 2 PM

1 PM walk! meet on the plaza

Monday, August 18
10 AM - 2 PM

Thursday, August 21
10 AM - 2 PM

1 PM walk! meet on the plaza

Blood Pressure Clinic
Sunday, August 24
Parish Center 9:30 AM

- Blood Pressure checks
- Prescription medication review
- Monthly medical presentations
- Referrals
- Remembrance ministry
- Walk with her!

TIPS FROM THE
Stethoscope

Warm summer days continue, remember:

Wear Sunscreen.

Check in on your neighbors.

Relax and refresh.

Participate in an outdoor local event.

As Always, be kind to yourself.

If I can help with anything, please contact me
by calling the parish office or emailing me.

Be well,
Nurse Jean

jgifford@goodshepherdwayland.org

508-650-3545 ext 25

MY BROTHER'S
TABLE
AT GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

Volunteers needed! We meet for 3 1/2 hours, one
Thursday morning a month at St. Ann Church. Contact
Laurie at happyhojlos@verizon.net.

Prayer Shawl
Ministry

Please contact the Parish
Office if there is someone
you would like to
recommend to receive one
of the blessed shawls!
(508) 650-3545

Next date:
August 7th
1st Thursdays
1:00 - 3:00 PM

Where:
St. Zepherin Parish Center
All are welcome!
Coming together
to knit for others. You may
bring your own projects, also.

Contact:
Joanne Berry
(508 524-8630)
or
Regina Kennedy
(508 358-7684)

The Pleasure of Your Company is
requested at the Parish Center
after the 8:30 Mass on
August 24th for:



Coffee and Donuts
with the Hospitality
Committee

and:

Blood pressure
checks
with Nurse Jean

All are welcome!



Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry!

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al - might-y Fa - ther. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you take a - way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. A - men.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION B

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a - gain, un - til you come a - gain.

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AMEN



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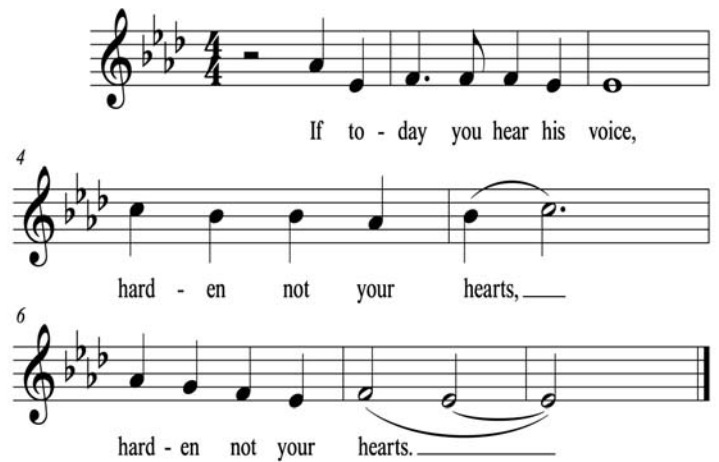
LAMB OF GOD



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Psalm 90: If today you hear His voice

Timothy R. Smith



Verses:

1. You return us to dust, saying,
"Return, O children to earth."
For to you a thousand years are like
yesterday passed,
Or as a watch of the night.
2. You sweep us away in a dream,
At dawn we are like morning grass that
Rises to the morning sun,
Then withers and fades.
3. Teach us to treasure our days,
Give wisdom to our hearts.
Return, O Lord, how long must we wait?
Pity your servants.
4. Fill our daybreak with your love
That we may rejoice in song.
May your gracious eye watch over us
And the work of our hands.

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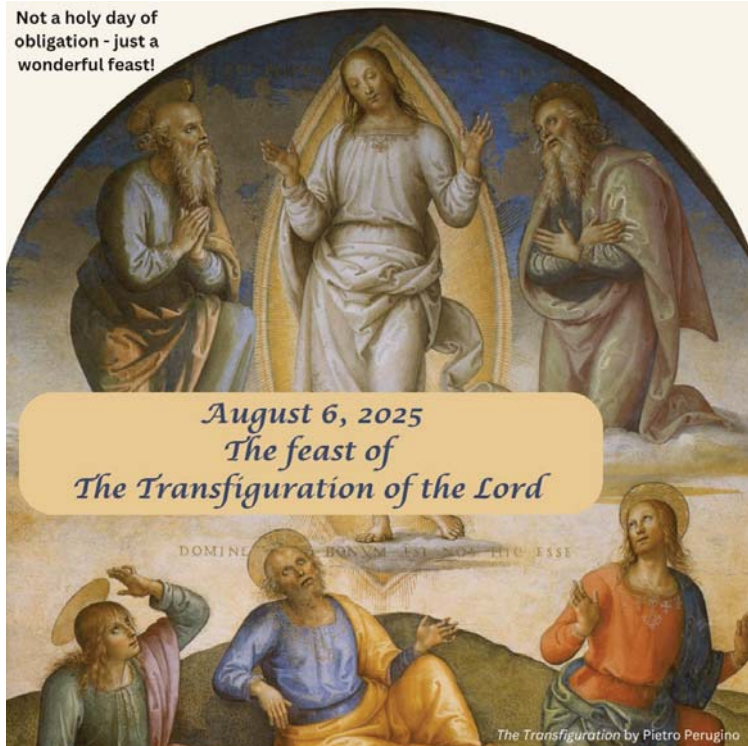


READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2025 YEAR C

18TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Aug 3	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14+17/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
MONDAY Aug 4	<i>St. John Vianney, priest</i> Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21
TUESDAY Aug 5	<i>The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome</i> Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
WEDNESDAY Aug 6	<i>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord</i> Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
THURSDAY Aug 7	<i>St. Sixtus II, pope and martyr, and companions, martyrs</i> <i>St. Cajetan, priest</i> Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23
FRIDAY Aug 8	<i>St. Dominic, priest</i> Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16+21/Mt 16:24-28
SATURDAY Aug 9	<i>St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin and martyr</i> Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47+51/Mt 17:14-20
19TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Aug 10	Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1+12, 18-19, 20-22/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Pilot Bulletins

Not a holy day of
obligation - just a
wonderful feast!



August 6, 2025
The feast of
The Transfiguration of the Lord

The Transfiguration by Pietro Perugino

JUDGE JESUS OR ...?

The local chief or elders respected for wisdom often settle disputes in village cultures. Without citing legal precedents, wise women or men typically support their decisions with proverbs or fables. Asking Jesus to settle an inheritance dispute between brothers is not about some childish squabble over sharing toys (Lk 12:13-21). It signals community respect for Jesus' wisdom. The petitioner's brother must also be there waiting to hear the reply. As he had done when Martha asked him to make Mary help with hospitality (Lk 10:38-42), Jesus refuses the "Judge Judy" enforcer role. But our story does not end there.

Turning to the expectant crowd, Jesus follows his "wrong judge" reply with those expected proverbial examples of wisdom. The caution against identifying one's life with possessions might remind listeners of the "vanity ... what profit ... from all the toil and anxiety of heart" in today's first reading (Eccles 2:21-23). Then Jesus tells a parable to illustrate crazy thinking produced by greed. A farmer concludes that a harvest is so extraordinary that he would have to replace his barns with bigger ones. Life had handed him the ticket to that life of pleasure, "eat, drink and be merry..." an epigram that shows up on Roman tombstones. Its warning to those walking by is that "for tomorrow we die". So, Jesus simply compressed that timing to, "you fool, this night..."

Everyone listening would recognize such an extraordinary harvest as a gift from God. Jews know the story of Joseph in Egypt storing up the bountiful harvest to save the land from starving during the lean years. So, this man's problem was the "it's all mine" greed. The crowd listening to Jesus might even have imagined him as one of those idiots from comic mimes of the day. Without deciding the inheritance dispute, Jesus asks the brothers to reframe true inheritance as becoming "rich in what matters to God." How or even if the brothers resolved their dispute remains open to many possible endings.

PHEME PERKINS, Ph.D.
Joseph Professor
Of Catholic Spirituality
Boston College





**Enjoy
SUMMER**



... AND KEEP OUR PARISH IN MIND

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to stay connected or to donate online.

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All Good Shepherd Parish Volunteers who serve in any of our Ministries are required to fill out a CHILD SAFETY packet each year. FY2026 (July 2025-June 2026) packets are available at the church entrances, on our website, at our office or you can access the forms via the QR code.



Please complete and return the forms to the office, 99 Main St., Wayland or via email to parish@goodshepherdwayland.org as soon as possible.

Reminder that a photo id must be verified by a staff member to complete the form.

We thank you for your loyal and kind ministerial service to our parish. If you have questions, please email tcoan@goodshepherdwayland.org.

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

CALENDAR YR2025: HOLY DAY OR SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTIONS

REVISED LIST

Jul. 26/27	CATHOLIC CHARITIES RELIEF to benefit the victims of recent Texas Floods. Please earmark your generous donation as "Texas Flood Relief."
Th. Aug. 15	ASSUMPTION - HOLY DAY (GSP collection)
Aug. 16/17	MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE APPEAL (Propagation of the Faith)
Aug. 30/31	SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS (SMA). Fr. Deo will talk about SMA at all weekend Masses.
Sept. 20/21	CLERGY HEALTH & RETIREMENT TRUST (RCAB Collection)
Oct. 4/5	HOLY FATHER & MISSIONARY EFFORTS (RCAB Collection)
Oct. 18/19	WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (Propagation of Faith)
Nov. 22/23	RETIREMENT FUND FOR WOMEN RELIGIOUS (RCAB collection)
Mon. Dec. 8	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - HOLY DAY (GSP collection)
Dec. 24/25	CHRISTMAS COLLECTION (RCAB collection)

CALENDAR YR2026: HOLY DAY OR SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTIONS

Th. Jan. 1	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD HOLY DAY (GSP collection)
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Help Wanted! Family Promise Metrowest Overnight Shelter Volunteers

Family Promise has several openings for overnight **volunteers** at our shelter this summer. These volunteers fulfill a critical role in the organization, ensuring support for guests in the event of an emergency. Although the shift is typically quiet, the comforting presence of an overnight volunteer in the absence of our Residential Support Specialist is a gift to both families and our staff. You will stay in the private apartment above the FPM shelter where you have access to a full private bath, kitchen, and a full-sized futon for sleeping. While you are free to interact with the families in common areas after your initial check-in with them, they typically have small children and tend to retire early. You are expected to do nothing more than be present in the apartment and get a good night's sleep. You will know who is living in the shelter at the time, and you will have a contact number in the rare case of an emergency.

Each shift is 8:30pm - 8:30am but negotiable in the event you need an earlier start for work/family commitments in the morning. Eligible volunteers are 18+ years old, submit to a background check in advance of serving, and must have completed our online volunteer orientation through our website.

Important Accessibility Note: Overnight volunteers must be able to walk up a full flight of stairs to access the apartment. **Contact Community Engagement Coordinator Judy Dixon to learn more about the dates and details of this opportunity: judith@familypromisemetrowest.org or 508-552-2583.**

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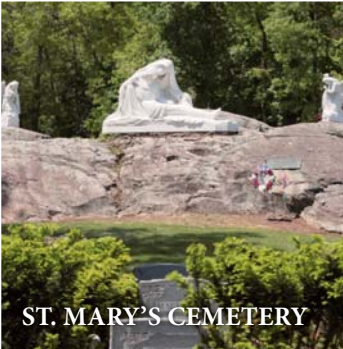
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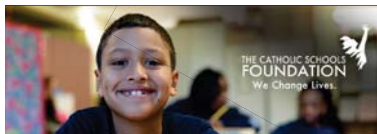
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