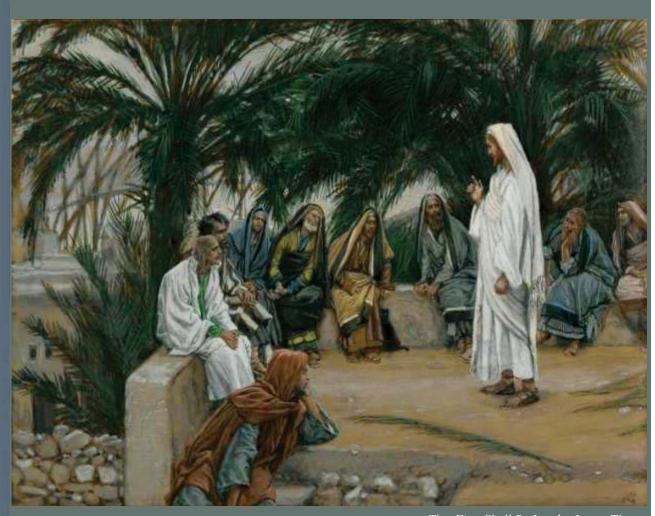
# Welcome to Good Shepherd Parish August 24, 2025



The First Shall Be Last by James Tissot

"For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." Luke 13:30

#### **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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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 23
4:00 PM
PEOPLE OF
GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
SUNDAY, AUGUST 24
8:30 AM

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MONDAY, AUGUST 25 10 AM—2 PM NURSE JEAN PARISH CENTER

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27 7—8 PM SILVER ROSE SERVICE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28 10 AM—2 PM NURSE JEAN PARISH CENTER 1 PM Walk With Her!

7 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ST. ANN CHURCH

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 & MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 OFFICE CLOSED—LABOR DAY

#### Four Loves (Part Three) . . .

Raymond Carver, one of my favorite American authors, has a short story called *What We Talk About When We Talk About Love*. I was tempted to rip him off and use that for the title of this article, because this week's installment deals with what we usually mean when we talk about love: romantic love.

Romance is such a gigantic fascination in our society that even the Greek word for it is familiar to us. I'd be surprised if many of you had ever heard of *storge* or *philia* before; but *eros* might ring a bell or two in your ears. It's where we get the English word "erotic" from.

But *eros* is not blind sensuality—far from it. C.S. Lewis, as he usually does, offers a wonderful insight into this form of love. Whereas lust desires the act, *eros* desires the beloved: it wants the specific person. *Eros* draws us out of ourselves, so that our attention, our energies, are on the one we love. To quote Lewis, the one smitten with *eros* is "love's contemplative"—(s)he enjoys simply the thought of the beloved.

This may sound surprising, but *eros* actually comes closer to what we might call "unconditional love" than *philia* or the natural love *storge* do. It's loving the person because (s)he is who (s)he is. Remove the idiosyncrasies, the quirks, any facet of the beloved's personality; replace it with some other trait, and even in the same body with the same attractiveness, the love collapses. It is this one particular person, in a way that no one else possibly could, who strikes the soul of the lover. The Old-Testament book the *Song of Songs* captures the nature of *eros* beautifully. It's a love-poem about a lover and his beloved searching for each other. No other will do; each is entranced by the other: the lover for his beloved, and the beloved for her lover.

Eros is how poetry is made. Not just love sonnets, but all poetry is the attempt to capture in words the ineffable experience of being in love. This is how metaphors, similes, allegories, and all other creative uses of language were invented: to communicate the singular impression that the lover feels in the presence of the beloved. Granted, in the end it can't be spoken of, precisely because it's so unique and personal between these two specific people. But no matter: the poet still needs to try to sing of it, because singing is the voice of this sort of love.

With *eros* it's about the journey, not the destination. Maybe that's why we describe it as "romance"—a word that more literally means "adventure." Each day the lover and the beloved discover more about each other. I've been told by reliable authorities that it's this adventure—the always-deepening fascination with one another over years—that elevates the marital act itself. The act becomes more satisfying the more it is a gift of self to the other.

As wondrous as this fascination is between a man and a woman, it's positively mind-blowing when we stop to consider that it's also the love that God has for each of us. The Lord created each one of us uniquely and unrepeatably. We're not just the product of a biological process that He set in motion eons ago; we don't just speak of God as our Creator in a vague way of tracing our origin back to His prehistoric blueprints. He created each one of us specially and breathed a personal soul into our being. You and I, and every other human being ever conceived, was *loved* into existence. And not just with the familiar love the Greeks called *storge*; but truly with the mysterious, soul-moving love that is *eros*.

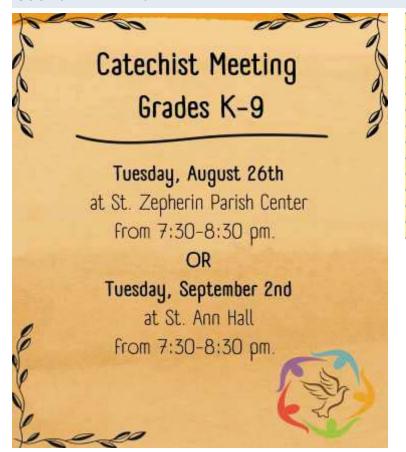
And this likewise explains the mystery of the Eucharist. C.S. Lewis writes of the *eros* between man and woman:

If we had not all experienced this, if we were mere logicians, we might boggle at the conception of desiring a human being, as distinct from desiring any pleasure, comfort, or service that human being can give. And it is certainly hard to explain. Lovers themselves are trying to express part of it (not much) when they say they would like to 'eat' one another.

This may be a metaphor coming from merely human lovers. But God Himself makes it a literal reality when He invests His entire Self—body, blood, soul, and divinity—into the Blessed Sacrament for us to consume. That's how much God loves us—that's *eros*!

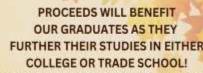


- Fr. Ren











### Parent Meeting

Thursday, Aug. 28th On Zoom From 7:00-8:00pm



#### READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2025 YEAR C

21st SUNDAY Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-

Aug 24

Saint Louis of France: Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest MONDAY 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a+9b/Mt Aug 25

23:13-22

TUESDAY 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26 Aug 26

WEDNESDAY Saint Monica

Aug 27 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

THURSDAY Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Aug 28 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-4, 12-13, 14+17/Mt 24:42-51

FRIDAY The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

Aug 29 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1+2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29

SATURDAY

1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30 Aug 30

22ND SUNDAY Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Heb

12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14 Aug 31



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Thursday, August 21
Will Not Be Available Parish Nurse Event in Braintree
Monday, August 25
10 AM - 2 PM
Thursday, August 28
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Monday, September 1

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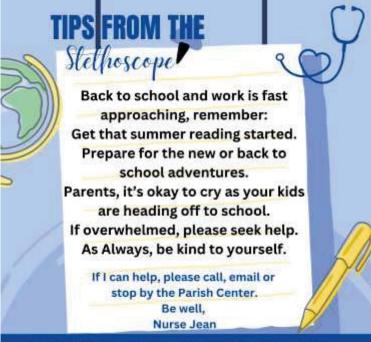
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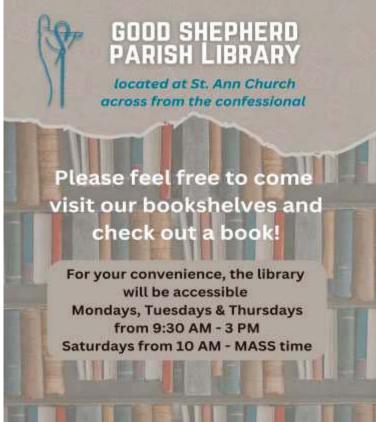




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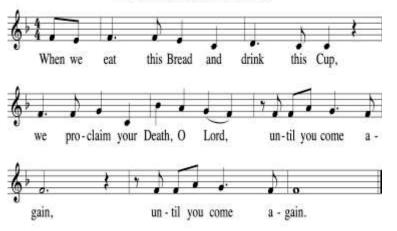
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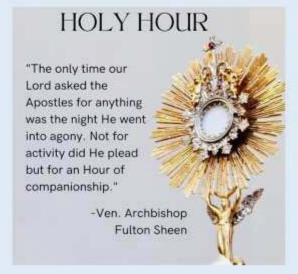
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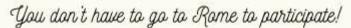
"he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? " Matthew 26: 40



#### August 28th at St. Ann Church COME SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every 2nd Thursday at St Zepherin ~ 7:00-8:00 PM Every 4th Thursday at St Ann ~ 7:00-8:00 PM





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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, August 27th St. Ann's 7:00 PM

Join us for a beautiful evening of prayer and devotion as we honor Our Lady of Guadalupe through the Knights of Collumbus Silver Rose program.

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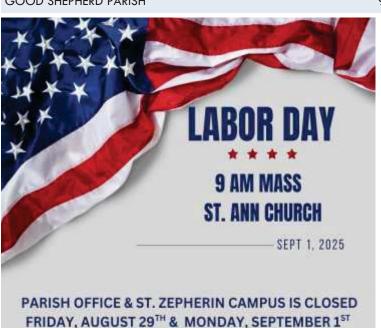
Today planning a 5-year old's birthday party involves more than channeling all that energy if we have to take it inside. So many kids have special food requirements that menu consultation is also a given. Fruit chunks on wood skewers a current favorite this summer. Given the logistics, a short list of the "invited" can be preferred! What about that voice from the crowd in today's gospel shouting out, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" (Lk 13:23). Is that anxiety over what God's banquet could provide? Or over whether those invited will show up?

Jesus doesn't consult responses to Evite email. Instead, he challenges the questioner. Look to yourself. The preparation sounds ominous: Look for the "narrow gate" to salvation. (At age 5 bringing a present which they would so love to have themselves.) Why? Because there is a "door closed" for this party. In today's house with Ring camera surveillance, the master can lock/unlock the gate from a smart phone. No shouting through the locked door! Casual familiarity with the host isn't enough to get into this party. With some humor, Jesus says that when the party video gets posted, "evil doers" will be weeping and wailing – eternally (vv. 27-28).

Does that mean God's banquet will be sparsely attended? Hardly. Jesus concludes by supplementing references to those ancestral witnesses of faith with promises of salvation from Isaiah 66:18-21. The Evite list goes out to all the peoples in the world, not just Israel or those making their way to Jerusalem with Jesus. For that audience, opinions were divided. Some thought that Jews spread throughout the world would bring "the nations" to worship God as source of peace and justice. Others thought the problem was lack of serious commitment to holiness. Only an elite minority who obeyed Mosaic Law scrupulously would get in. Jesus is on the universalist side. He adds a reminder that God's salvation reverses human categories. The lowly, invisible people will be at the head table.

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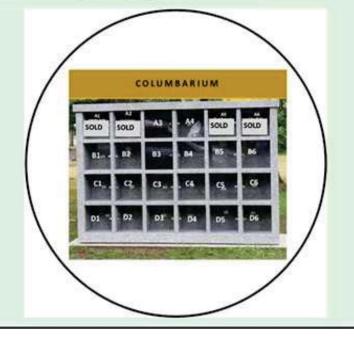


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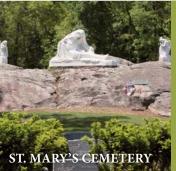
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