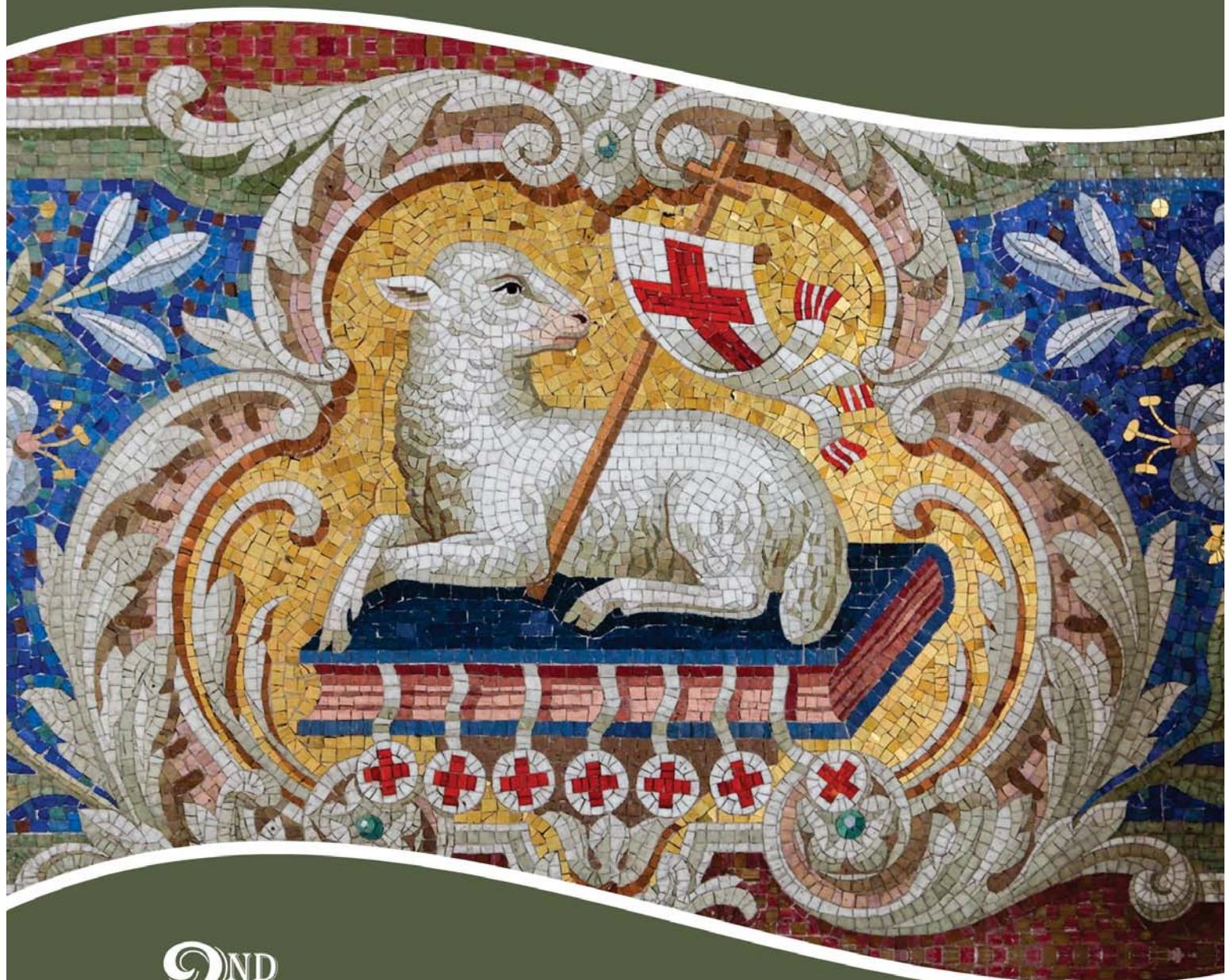


Welcome to Good Shepherd Parish

January 18, 2026



2ND
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

JOHN THE BAPTIST'S TESTIMONY TO JESUS

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." John 1:29

Parish Office: (508) 650—3545**99 Main Street, Wayland, MA****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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9 AM—3 PM
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ST. ANN CHURCH, 134 COCHITUATE RD, WAYLAND, MA



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

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

4:00 PM

NORA MULROONEY (LIVING)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

8:30 AM

RAYMOND PAGEAU

10:30 AM

PEOPLE OF

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

5:30 PM

WALTER BYRON

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

9:00 AM

JEANETTE GHAREEB

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

9:00 AM

JANE ELIZABETH CONAWAY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

9:00 AM

FRANCES RUSSO

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

9:00 AM

MILLIE CHOINSKI &

RUTH (CHOINSKI) FORNES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

9:00 AM

LAURIE HOJLO (LIVING)

Mass Times

Saturday, 4:00 PM St. Ann
Sunday, 8:30 AM St. Zepherin
Sunday, 10:30 AM St. Ann
Sunday, 5:30 PM St. Zepherin

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

Parish Calendar

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
MLK JR. OBSERVANCE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026
BIBLE STUDY WITH PHEME RESUMES
10:00 AM
PARISH CENTER
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026
BIBLE STUDY GROUP
7:00 PM
PARISH CENTER
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
7:00 PM
ST. ANN CHURCH
FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026
HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE
7:00 PM
ST. ANN CHURCH
(DEACONS FOR LIFE)
National March for Life
January 23, 2026
Washington, D.C.

The Evangelical Counsels and the Beatitudes (Part I) . . .

There are certain things a house needs in order to be a house. Walls, support beams, a roof, insulation, doors, windows, floors . . . these are requisite for a house. Window curtains, wall-to-wall carpeting, crown molding, a kitchen island . . . these things aren't essential, but they make a house warm and more perfectly what it should be: a home.

Comparably, there are certain habits and disciplines that are non-negotiable for eternal life. Obeying the Ten Commandments is necessary for obtaining Heaven. However, there also are virtues that go beyond the minimum requirements, dispositions that perfect us in holiness and prepare us more fully for the life of grace—habits that develop more expansively our love for God and love for neighbor.

Jesus often challenged His followers to a more radically holy lifestyle, and the choices He challenged them to make can be boiled down to three basic principles: poverty, chastity, and obedience. In traditional Catholic parlance these are known as the evangelical counsels. They are virtues that, if embraced and practiced with seriousness-of-purpose, perfect the human person so (s)he becomes more completely what (s)he is called to be—a child of God, marked by holiness of life. In a word: a saint.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit," Jesus declares in the Sermon on the Mount; "for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven." There's the paradox of possessing an entire Kingdom by means of dispossessing oneself of stuff: the mystery of the King of kings who came to serve, not to be served. Later in His mission, Jesus invites a rich young man to embrace this ethic. When the cat asks what he must do to inherit eternal life (or in other words, obtain the Kingdom of Heaven), Jesus tells him to obey the Commandments. When the kid says he has done this his whole life long, indicating that he's hungering for greater holiness, Jesus tells him to sell all his belongings and to follow Him. The Lord was inviting him to embrace the evangelical counsel of poverty.

Now, let's be clear here. There's poverty, and then there's poverty. When we speak of poverty in the ordinary sense—meaning deprivation and want; lack of necessities, that destitute condition which diminishes the basic dignity of the human person—that's a bad thing. It's a grave injustice and a serious evil that demands us to alleviate it.

But the evangelical counsel of poverty is the willing choice to live a spartan existence. When St. Ignatius of Loyola speaks of detachment in his spiritual exercises, he's talking about the evangelical counsel of poverty. It's the recognition that "man does not live on bread alone."

The world we live in today is marked by materialism and an obsession with comfort. Pope Leo XIV—following his immediate predecessors Francis, Benedict XVI, and John Paul II—has spoken out against the radical capitalism that fuels this sort of lifestyle. Not to be confused with a free-market economy (of which they expressly approve), when these pontiffs criticize capitalism, they're cautioning humanity about a worldview that reduces every aspect of life to an exchange in the marketplace. People are treated purely as consumers, as if that were our essential identity; the culture perpetuates the lie that material comfort and possessions are the basis for a happy life and personal fulfillment. I worry that AI will only further this delusion as it generates automatic answers to any query—thereby eliminating the true appropriation of

knowledge that comes only with a deep interrogation of the most fundamental questions of life. therefore, fabricates illusionary relationships, it will turn even personal interactions into the utilization of a commodity; after all, an "AI companion" doesn't have any rights or dignity, and therefore doesn't require our respect, so can be used and manipulated at our convenience without pangs of conscience.

But this sort of instant gratification, custom tailoring of life to ideally suit one's own tastes, and the notion that the good life can be put on my credit card only limits our engagement with reality to the surface-most level. When we indulge our senses with new innovations, the latest gizmo, and the next novel form of stimulation, we leave the deepest and most diaphanous part of our self unattended. Our soul—that most precious and beautiful aspect of our humanity, that which makes each of us a unique person—goes unnourished. It's rather akin to taking shallow breaths: yes, it keeps us alive and maintains the cycle of exhaling carbon dioxide while inhaling oxygen; but that doesn't fill our lungs like expansive, deep breathing does. So too when we focus on our sensuous nature in neglect of our soul, we restrict our life to its thinnest veneer.

Evangelical poverty, the conscious and willing detachment of our affections from the things of this world, counters this spiritual impoverishment. In the first place, reducing the inventory of possessions in our life allows more resources for us to extend to those in material poverty. The less we accumulate for ourselves, the more we have to assist those in true need. We recognize the true riches of this world are human beings being able to flourish in the fullness of their humanity.

But equally important, evangelical poverty clears space in our heart and mind for the finer things of life. It gives us time to read, to expose ourselves to the great works of civilization that reveal to us more profoundly what it means to be human. It opens a field in which we have room to pray: to sit quietly and still so we can lift our minds to God. We slow down and take time to contemplate beauty, either in nature or in art; we turn our attention to reflection on the Word of God; I go deep within my inner-most self to explore who I am at my core and to lift this true self up to God in silent prayer.

Evangelical poverty doesn't mean we need to live like paupers. We can enjoy the good things this world has to offer; but evangelical poverty does liberate us from needing the baubles that the world around us insists are the things that will make our life rich. We can use our possessions in proper moderation, without letting our attachment to them get out of hand and become essential to our happiness.

In short, evangelical poverty allows us to manage our own life, rather than let the busy-ness of life to control us. And it frees us to recognize what is true, good, and beautiful, and to arrange our life so that truth, goodness, and beauty are our central occupation. It empties our arms of stuff so that we can embrace the Kingdom of Heaven that is ours if we reach out for it.



~ Fr. Ren

Christ and the Rich Young Ruler by Heinrich Hofmann, 1889

UPDATE ON THE ST. ANN HOUSING PROJECT

The developers have cleared all the permits with the town and state.

Now we're waiting on the Archdiocese's blessing to proceed.

We have a meeting scheduled with Archbishop Henning for April to discuss the project.

More information will follow as we have news to report!



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BURN
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OF
PAUL LYONS
JAN. 16 - 22, 2026

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.
JOHN 8:12



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 Dec. 3rd & 10th
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 St. Zepherin Parish Center
 7:00 - 8:30 PM



Prayer Requests



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READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY Jan 18	<i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
MONDAY Jan 19	<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21+23/Mk 2:18-22
TUESDAY Jan 20	<i>Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr</i> 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
WEDNESDAY Jan 21	<i>Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</i> 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51/Ps 144:1b,2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
THURSDAY Jan 22	<i>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</i> 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
FRIDAY Jan 23	<i>Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope</i> 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6+11/Mk 3:13-19
SATURDAY Jan 24	<i>Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
SUNDAY Jan 25	<i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Pilot Bulletins



9 AM DAILY MASS

will be celebrated

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

JANUARY 19, 2026

I HAVE A DREAM

Parish Office Closed
Friday, Jan. 16 - Monday, Jan. 19



MY BROTHER'S
TABLE

AT GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

CATHOLIC TEACHING:

Promoting and Protecting Human Life

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY WELCOMES

MONSIGNOR BRYAN HEHIR

FOR A PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON
QUESTIONS RELATED TO PROMOTING AND
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All are welcome and
encouraged to come and
engage in these important life
issues with one of America's
foremost scholars.

January, 22 @ 7pm
St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Parish Center Hall

RSVPs are appreciated at
socialjustice@avcatholic.org



MSGR. HEHIR CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON. UNTIL 2021, HE WAS A PROFESSOR OF RELIGION AND PUBLIC LIFE AT HARVARD'S JFK SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT FOR 20 YEARS. HE LEAD THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS' INTERNATIONAL BRANCH OF THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE AND PEACE AND WAS ALSO THE HEAD OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA.

MSGR. HEHIR WILL DISCUSS THE EXPANSIVENESS OF THE CHURCH'S TEACHING THAT SPANS SEVERAL ISSUES THAT ALL RESPECT LIFE. DURING HIS PRESENTATION, YOU WILL HEAR HIM OFFER HIS THOUGHTS ON:

- "JUST" WAR TEACHING
- ECONOMIC JUSTICE
- ABORTION AND ASSISTED SUICIDE
- IMMIGRATION

DESIGN FLAWS?

At every Mass, the priest extends an invitation to Communion with the words, “*Behold, the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.*” In today’s gospel when John the Baptist, sees Jesus approaching and says to those around him, “*Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world*” (Jn 1:19), we already have an idea of how this system is designed. John 3:16 has “*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*” And in John 10:14-18 Jesus proclaims that he is the Good Shepherd beloved by God because he willingly lays down his life for the sheep.

As a kid I protested that dead shepherds increased the possibility of dead sheep. After learning Greek in school, oddities of John 1:19 emerged. The Greek *kosmos* sometimes means the whole human community, but usually it refers to order, to ornamentation, or to a part of creation not exactly heaven and earth. And *hamartia*, “sin”, to missing the mark, making a mistake or getting things wrong in a broader sense than breaking God’s rules. Is Jesus like the astronaut repairing flaws in the Hubble Telescope?

Questions about whether God is playing with the “go fast and break things” Musk school of engineering show up in the Bible. God’s suffering servant/prophet asked it in Isa 49. In an episode of self-doubt he feels that his mission has been useless, a complete waste of strength (v. 4). The reading for Sunday leaves that verse out! God’s reply expands the servant’s mission (vv. 5-6). Suffering rejection by the people furthers a much grander vision than returning post-exilic Judah to glory among nations. That’s what those mocking Jesus on the cross thought the “messiah” would do. Definitely design flaws if that’s the mission. Instead, the task is nothing less than a global embrace, salvation for everyone.

Pheme Perkins, Ph.D.
Joseph Professor
Of Catholic Spirituality
Boston College



“*BY STANDING BEFORE
THE EUCHARISTIC CHRIST,
WE BECOME HOLY*”

ST. CARLO ACUTIS



NEXT DATE: January 22ND at St. ANN

COME SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00—8:00 PM

2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS AT GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

2ND THURSDAYS AT ST ZEPHERIN CHURCH

4TH THURSDAYS AT ST ANN CHURCH

Readings To-Go!

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 18, 2026

Scan QR code to see
this week's readings!

In the event of inclement weather:

When the local schools are closed during the week, so are we. There will be no daily Mass. The following stations provide closing and delay information on-screen as well as on-line.

The on-line links are:

Channel 4 (WBZ)

<http://boston.cbslocal.com/closings/>

Channel 5 (WCVB)

www.wcvb.com/weather/closings

Channel 7 (NBC) & Channel 56 (CW)

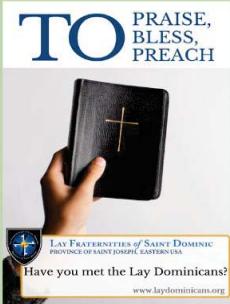
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Channel 10 (NBC Boston)

<http://www.nbcBoston.com/weather/school-closings/>

Fox 25 (WFXT)

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Lay Dominicans are members of the faithful who commit ourselves to living the four pillars of Prayer, Study, Community, and Apostolate-- to preach for the salvation of souls and to build up the Kingdom of God, according to the charisms of our founder, St. Dominic.

Next meeting: JAN. 18, 2026
St. Ann's Hall

Visitors are always welcome. It is helpful if you do notify the group in advance.

Visit boston3op.com for information or email Mrs. Mikayla Dalton, O.P. (fraternity president) at mikayla.v.dalton@gmail.com



The vision of St. Dominic receiving the Rosary from the Virgin by Bernardo Cavallino, c. 1640. Public domain.



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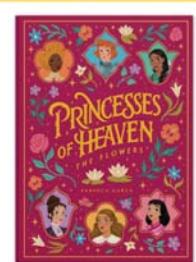
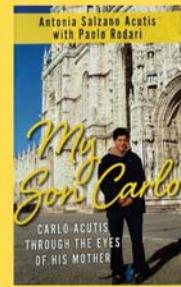
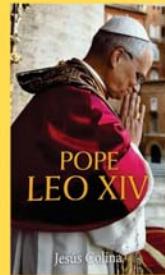
IT'S NOT HOW MUCH
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MOTHER TERESA



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 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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 A - men, a - men, a - men.

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LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sins of the world, grant us peace.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Parish event coming up?

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 to when you would like it advertised!

P.S. Please make sure there are no conflicts on our parish
 calendars! Vina will be glad to assist you with this.



Good Shepherd Parish welcomes
 our new Music Director:
 Bethany Crochet Ratcliff

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PSALM 40: HERE I AM/
 GOD, MY GOD, COME TO MY AID

Rory Cooney

Refrain

Here I am, Lord, here I am. I come to do your will.

Alternate Refrain

God, my God, come to my aid, come to my

aid, come to my aid; come

1. Long was I waiting for God, and then he heard my cry. It was he who taught this song to me, a song of praise to God.
2. You asked me not for sacrifice, for slaughtered goats or lambs. No, my heart, you gave me ears to hear you, then I said, "Here I am."
3. You wrote it in the scrolls of law what you would have me do. Doing that is what has made me happy, your law is in my heart.
4. I spoke before your holy people, the good news that you save. Now you know that I will not be silent, I'll always sing your praise.

Bethany's journey in sacred music began unexpectedly when she joined the music ministry as a cantor and guitarist, stepping in during a temporary absence of the music director at her home church, St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. This experience ignited a passion within her, leading her to serve in several churches throughout her undergraduate years.

After earning her bachelor's degree in music with a focus on bassoon and organ from the University of Southern Mississippi, Bethany continued her service at her home church in Louisiana as a cantor as well as serving as the organist/pianist at Houma First United Methodist Church. Balancing her ministry work, Bethany spent three years sharing her love of music as an elementary music teacher in Baton Rouge, LA.

Guided by faith and prayer, Bethany's path led her to New England, where she is currently completing her master's degree in sacred music at Rider University. She shares her life with her supportive husband, Noah, and their three cats,

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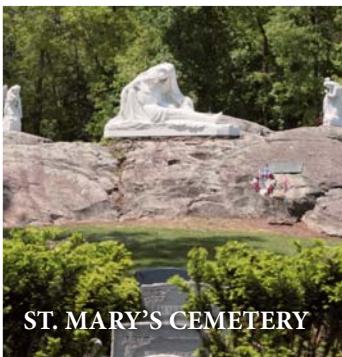
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