

Welcome to
Good Shepherd Parish

February 22, 2026

1st
Sunday of Lent

*One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.*

Matthew 4:4



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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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
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

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
4:00 PM
JOE LOGUE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22
8:30 AM
PEOPLE OF
GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
10:30 AM
JANE ROMAN
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23
9:00 AM
EILEEN BIRCH
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
9:00 AM
EVELYN COUGHLIN
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
9:00 AM
MILLIE CHOINSKI &
RUTH (CHOINSKI) FORNES
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27
9:00 AM
GRETTA ROZZARIO

Parish Calendar

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
BIBLE STUDY WITH PHEME
10:00 AM
PARISH CENTER

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
EMMAUS READERS GROUP
7:00 PM
ST. ANN LIBRARY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
7:00 PM
ST. ANN CHURCH

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:00 PM—8:00 PM
ST. ANN CHURCH

Create a Clean Heart in Me, O Lord, and Renew in Me a Steadfast Spirit . . .

“That man is you!”

This revelation to King David marks the climax of one of the most dramatic scenes in Sacred Scripture.

In the Second Book of Samuel, the prophet Nathan approaches David and brings before him a hypothetical case to judge: a rich man with a large flock of sheep, and his neighbor, a poor man with only one little ewe lamb that he cherished like his own child. When a guest came to visit the rich man, he took his neighbor's lamb and slaughtered it for a feast. David seethes with anger when he hears the story—“As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die! He shall restore the lamb fourfold because he did this thing, and because had no pity.”

Then comes the whammy. “That man is you!”

David had had a liaison with Bathsheba, the wife of one of his soldiers while the army was out on maneuvers. When Bathsheba tells him that she has a bun in the oven, David summons her husband, Uriah, back and tries to entice him to ... well ... you know... Uriah declines as a show of solidarity with his brothers-in-arms, and in desperation David sends him back to the front lines with a sealed order for the commander. The order is to put Uriah in the vanguard where the fighting was the fiercest, and then to have the rest of the Israelite army pull back, leaving Uriah to get killed. With the husband conveniently out of the way, David thought himself free to marry Bathsheba, and so cover up his adultery.

No such luck. Nathan's little parable did the trick to open David's eyes to the true horror of his sin—and to remind him that God sees everything, even the stuff one smugly thinks successfully hidden from the prying eye of the world.

Today's psalm is the product of David's subsequent self-examination. The awareness of how he compounded folly on folly, deceit on indiscretion, treason and finally murder on lustful decadence weighed heavy on the king's mind, and we can hear that in Psalm 51. *My sin is before me always.* The disgrace of his betrayal of his duty to his people, to his office, to his identity, and above all, to his God stands exposed in front of his eyes. Always. His pride, thinking he can get away with whatever he pleases ... his exploitation of Bathsheba, whose integrity he

should have defended as if a daughter, but who instead he uses for his own gratification ... his chicanery toward her husband—and ultimately, his conniving Uriah's death ... all an abuse of the power that God had entrusted him with.

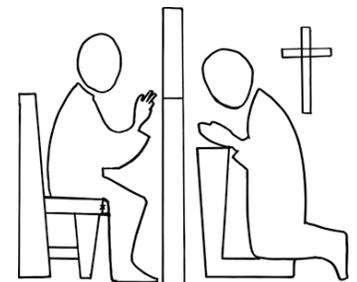
But as horrified as he was of his behavior, as much as that package of sins lay exposed before him in the full magnitude of its repulsiveness, the amazing thing about this psalm is how David ultimately reaches up to God in confidence of His tender mercy.

This season laid out before us for the next six weeks presents us with the opportunity to develop this same trust in God's mercy. David's appeal becomes our appeal. The season of Lent functions for us in the role that Nathan served for David: to awaken our conscience, to sharpen our self-understanding, to take responsibility for our failures at being disciples of the Lord—and we all come up short in that department, in some way or another.

But it's also a season for us to remember that our God is the living God, the God of mercy, and to trust in that. When God revealed His full Name to Moses in the Book of Exodus, the very first attribute God proclaims of Himself is “a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.” Mercy, grace, abundant fidelity and steadfast love is His very identity. Over these next forty days, we come before Him with our sacrifices and increased prayers, not mindlessly, not as a yearly routine, but with the recognition that Lent gives us the opportunity to be made new by God.

In 2 Samuel, David fasts from all food and drink, prostrates himself continuously on the cold ground, and beseeched God's mercy. His contrition took the form of more than just the lyrics of a psalm; it was a physical penance. For us, the sacrament of Reconciliation embodies the words of Psalm 51. It's the way we bring our sins before the God of mercy, and to experience again the joy of salvation.

- *Fr. Ren*



EMMAUS READERS

Deepening our faith, one book at a time



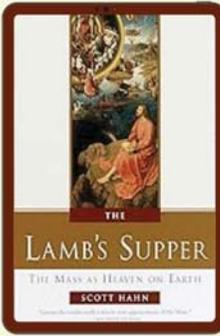
CLICK LINK IN WEEKLY EMAIL!

THERE ARE A FEW BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

JOIN OUR ADULT BOOK GROUP

A 6 week session focusing on fellowship, prayer, and enriching discussion.

When: Wednesdays 7- 8pm
Beginning Feb. 25 for our Lenten Read



Where: St. Ann's Church library

LINK TO REGISTER ON WEBSITE!

Offer a Mass for a Loved One

The Mass is a beautiful celebration of Christ's love for us. What better way to honor someone than to have a Mass offered in their name.

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a special occasion, on behalf of a family member, a friend, or a deceased loved one, please submit a Mass Request to us.

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Parish email:
parish@goodshepherdwayland.org

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.




THE TABERNACLE CANDLES BURN IN LOVING MEMORY OF **MANNY MEDEIROS** FEB.27 - MARCH 5

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

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of *Aloysius "Al" Stachelek*
Whose funeral Mass was recently celebrated at our parish



"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them"
The Requiem Prayer



St Zepherin Church is open for weekday prayer

Monday - Thursday
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday
9:00 AM - 12 noon

Prayer Requests



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

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

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OR CALL THE NEW LINE
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READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY Feb 22	1st Sunday of Lent Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
MONDAY Feb 23	Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
TUESDAY Feb 24	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
WEDNESDAY Feb 25	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-1/Lk 11:29-32
THURSDAY Feb 26	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/ Mt 7:7-12
FRIDAY Feb 27	Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
SATURDAY Feb 28	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
SUNDAY Mar 1	2nd Sunday of Lent Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/ Mt 17:1-9

Pilot Bulletins



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS IN LENT

7 P.M. St. Ann Church
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27

MARCH 13 – PARISH FISH FRY
6 P.M. FOLLOWED BY STATIONS AT 7 P.M.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE



MONDAY AND TUESDAY

9 AM @ ST. ANN

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY

9 AM @ ST. ZEPHERIN

(for holiday schedules: check our website & bulletin!)

The Son of Man Came to Seek and Save What Was Lost

More and more young adults are looking for meaning and stability in their life, but sadly aren't sure where to go to find it. The richness of beauty and truth of our Catholic Faith has been a source of strength and purpose for countless people. Our young people deserve to have us share it with them.

What can we do?

- Pray the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, or make a Holy Hour for them
- Offer small sacrifices (fast from dessert, or meat, or TV) and offer it for their return
- Invite a young person to reach out to Father Ren for a friendly, open conversation. Sometimes a simple chat can plant the seeds of grace.
(frren@goodshepherdwayland.org; 508.650.3545, ext. 14)

Let's unite in faith and hope, trusting that God hears our prayers and will touch the hearts of those who have wandered.



"Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep." – Luke 15:6

EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

Did God forget to fence off that super-attractive tree in the center of paradise? After all the humans were brand-new. Eve hadn't even been created when God told Adam not to touch that tree. Surely God knew that his serpent creature, "most cunning of all the animals", was like the toddler who gets into anything. Or like the spokesperson charged with transforming bad news into a "win" for the firm. We protect the kids from situations they are not yet mature enough to handle. Or bail them out if that fails. Some years ago, my god-daughter, who lost her mom to cancer at age 10, wanted to know why we'd never been mad at her. "Simple, all the dumb things you did were age appropriate."

Did God set up the situation that would entice his human creatures to ignore the warning? Today's reading (Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7) only gives the initial disobedience, not God's appearance and parental judgment, expulsion from paradise into the world of clothes, labor, illness, death – and dangerous snakes! The rest of the Bible will be about humans and their experiences with God. For all the wisdom of prophets, sages, and God's Law, the human story is stuck in the sin/transgression column as Paul observes (Rom 5:12-19). So, God's got a surprise in store: the faithful death of His Son will bring a gift of eternal life for believers.

Before Jesus' can begin his ministry, he has to replay the temptation story. This time the stakes are "make a deal with the devil" for "all the kingdoms of the world" (Matt 4:1-11). A version of "become like gods who know good and evil", perhaps. But Jesus responds with the knowledge of good and evil that is found in God's word. He rebuffs each suggestion with a quote from Torah (Deut 8:3; Deut 6:16; Deut 6:13). The final word distinguishes Israel from all those other nations, only ONE God. So that's a task for Lent: getting our divided hearts focused on God alone.

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



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

HOLY HOUR

"The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He plead but for an Hour of companionship."

-Ven. Archbishop
Fulton Sheen



February 26th at St. Ann

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



Readings To-Go!

1st Sunday of Lent
February 22, 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)

<http://whdh.com/storm-closings-delays/>

Channel 10 (NBC Boston)

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

Fox 25 (WFXT)

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**GOOD SHEPHERD
PARISH**

UPCOMING EVENTS

LENT

**FEB. 20, 27,
MARCH 6, 13, 20, 27**

**STATIONS
OF THE
CROSS**

Fridays during
Lent - St. Ann
7 PM

MARCH 2-4

**PARISH
LENTEN
MISSION**

Fr. Paul Sullivan,
the Asst. Spiritual Director
at St. John's Seminary
will lead our mission!
Mon & Tues 7 PM at St. Zepherin
Wed 7 PM at St. Ann

MARCH 13

FISH FRY

Prior to the Stations,
this Friday our combined
ministries will serve
an appropriate Friday meal

MARCH 4

**PARISH
PENANCE
SERVICE**

Prepare for Holy Week
by receiving the
sacrament of
reconciliation on the
final night of our
mission!

**For event
details,
please visit:**

WWW.GOODSHEPHERDWAYLAND.ORG

Lent Gospel Acclamation

Text: ICEL

Music: Christopher Walker

All
Praise and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

Holy, holy

Text: ICEL

Music: Christopher Walker

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

Heav - en and earth are full of your glory.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

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When We Eat This Bread

Christopher Walker
Belmont Mass

Priest: The my - ste - ry of faith. Alt: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

we pro - claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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Amen

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All:
A - men, a - men.

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Lamb of God

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Music: Christopher Walker

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,

(repeat as necessary)
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sins of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Psalm 51: Be Merciful, O Lord

Val Parker

Be mer - ci - ful O Lord for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt, and of my sin cleanse me.
2. For I acknowledge my offense, and my sin is before me always. "Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.
3. A clean heart create for me, O God; and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.
4. Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain within me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Reminder: Our Livestreamed Masses may be accessed via our website: goodshepherdwayland.org and our YouTube channel: Good Shepherd Wayland

MY BROTHER'S TABLE

AT GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

Please contact Laurie Hojlo at happyhojlos@verizon.net on how to volunteer at our food pantry or if you are in need of services!

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Parish event coming up?

Please submit bulletin announcements to kholmstrom@goodshepherdwayland.org by Fridays at noon two weeks prior 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.

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AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE

PRESENTED BY JONATHAN TEIXEIRA FOR THE FOCUS BLOG



WHEN
FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

ABSTINENCE

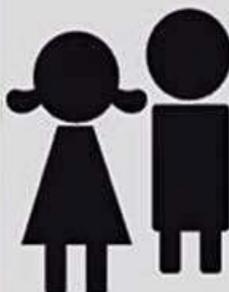
WHO



CATHOLICS
14+
ARE OBLIGED TO PRACTICE ABSTINENCE



CATHOLICS
18-59
ARE OBLIGED TO FAST



THOSE OUTSIDE THE AGE LIMITS
and those whose state in life (e.g. pregnant women, manual laborers, those who are ill) may be excused from the requirements of fasting and abstinence, but are encouraged to take up some other form of penitence or acts of charity or piety.

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"He has risen." Matt 28:6

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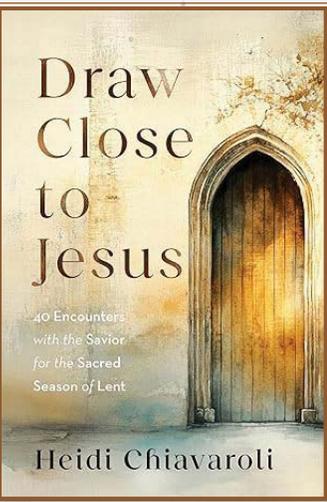
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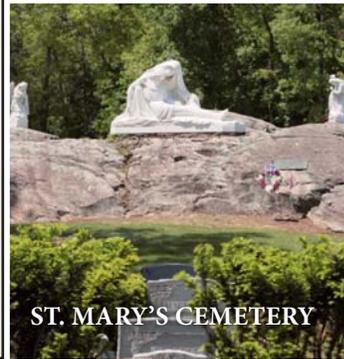


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St Mary's Cemetery in Needham, founded in the 1870's, is the parish cemetery of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes. The Cemetery is a reverent resting place for those awaiting reunion with the Risen Lord. The decision to pre-plan and purchase interment rights is a responsible and thoughtful gesture, sparing loved ones the stress of making difficult decisions during a time of grief and loss.

For information, call the cemetery staff at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church at **781-235-1841**.
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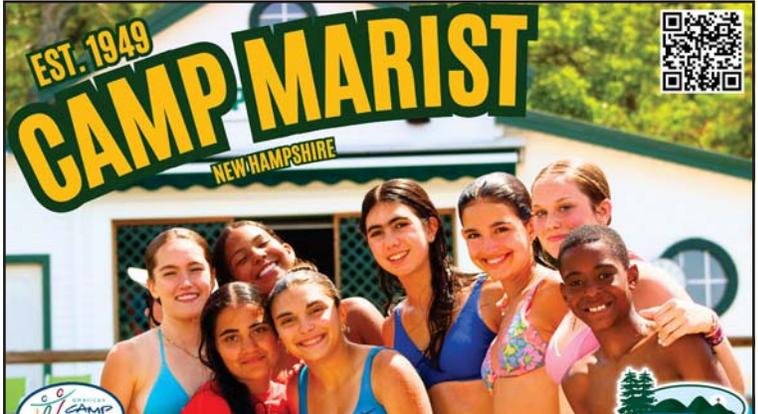
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