

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH MARTHA'S VINEYARD

4th Sunday of Lent • March 10, 2024

St. Augustine's Church
56 Franklin Street
Vineyard Haven

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church
22 Massasoit Avenue
Oak Bluffs

St. Elizabeth's Church
86 Main Street
Edgartown



I am the vine... You are the branches...

The Catholic Community of The Good Shepherd on Martha's Vineyard

Our Lady Star of the Sea-OB

St. Elizabeth's-EDG

St. Augustine's-VH

**A Parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fall River
Most Rev. Edgar da Cunha, Bishop**

Good Shepherd Parish

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(Closed for Winter Schedule)

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St. Elizabeth's Church

86 Main Street, Edgartown
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission: Knowing that all things in this world are gifts of God, presented to us so that we can know God more easily and make a return of love more readily; recognizing God as the Origin of Life, the giver of freedom and the source of all that we have and are and will be; knowing ourselves to be recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts; grateful for all that we have received; eager to cultivate our gifts out of love for God and one another. The Mission of the Good Shepherd Parish is to give witness and to celebrate the Risen Christ's Presence in the life of each person.

To accomplish this goal we ask our parishioners and visitors to recommit themselves to being disciples of Jesus and in so doing we will strengthen our community and help one another to live our faith in the fullest possible way.

**"in necessary things, unity; in doubtful things,
freedom; and in all things, charity." Augustine**

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Augustine's Church

**Saturday 4pm & (7pm Portuguese)
Sunday 9:00am**

St. Elizabeth's Church

Sunday 11am

**Mass may still be viewed on our Website
via the Church webcam images.
Please go to our website to view
<https://www.goodshepherdmv.com>**

Daily Mass

Monday thru Friday

**8am St. Elizabeth's Church
Followed by Sacrament of Penance**

**First Friday/First Saturday- 8am
St. Augustine's Church, VH**

**24 Hour Perpetual Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament at
St. Augustine's Chapel
Followed by Sacrament of Penance**

Portuguese Mass

**7pm First Fridays
St. Augustine's Church**

Reconciliation

St. Augustine's Church

Saturday 3pm

St. Elizabeth's Church

Daily 8:30am - 9am

Prayer For Our Parish

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God, our Father, bless our Parish of the Good Shepherd. Help us to welcome all who come to worship, adore and praise You, the One true God and Father of us all. Jesus, be with us, as we celebrate your life, death and resurrection in Word and Sacrament. Holy Spirit, fill our parish family with your love. Help us to love one another in our parish and in our family. Guide us in your holy will for the present and the future of our Parish of the Good Shepherd. **AMEN.**

## Baptism Policy

For all parishioners - Brazilian and American

- 1) As soon as possible after birth, call the office to set up a date and time for Baptism
- 2) You will be given a book to read: "Everything is Sacred" An introduction to the Sacrament of Baptism by Thomas J. Schirghi, SJ and/or the Baptism series of videos to watch on Formed.org



## Reconciliation

This sacrament is held on Saturdays at 3pm (St. Augustine's Church).  
Daily (Monday - Friday) 8:30am to 9am at (St. Elizabeth's Church).

## Anointing of the Sick

This is a sacrament of healing. Do not hesitate to call the office if you or a member of your family wishes to receive this sacrament in your home, at the hospital or nursing home.

## Care of the Sick or Homebound

Please notify the Parish Office when you or a member of your family is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Eucharist.

## Hospital Visitation

If you are a patient in the hospital and wish to be visited and/or receive Communion or the Anointing of the Sick, you must inform the hospital of your wishes. You or a family member must request a chaplain visit or we cannot visit you.

## Marriage

Please make arrangements at least one year in advance by calling the Parish Office.

## Marriage Preparation

In the Diocese of Fall River, Marriage Preparation includes 1) an initial meeting with the priest who is preparing you for Marriage (fill out pre-marital investigation forms), 2) Obtain new copies of Sacramental Certificates, 3) get letter of delegation from your home parish 4) have priest obtain any dispensations needed from that Diocese 5) the FOCCUS profile, 6) Register for Pre-Cana, 7) the FOCCUS evaluation, 8) Attend Pre-Cana (Certificate of Completion, 9) Plan Wedding Liturgy (Together For Life), 10) Last visit with priest, 11) Rehearsal (Present marriage license and 12) Your Wedding. Since the Island is a very popular place for weddings, we need to schedule a date at least a year in advance to avoid being disappointed and then begin the preparation process 8 months in advance. Please contact the Parish Office 508-693-0342.

## Sacred Heart Cemetery

Please call the Parish Office if interested in purchasing cemetery plots or obtaining any other information in regards to the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

## New Parishioners

The Good Shepherd Parish welcomes all who join us for Masses. All are invited to register. Please call the office at 508-693-0342.

## Parish Registration Forms

Forms are available at the office, or on our website.

## Moving

Please notify the Parish Office when you move.

## St. Vincent De Paul Society

"Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me" We strive to see the face of Jesus in the poor that we serve. All Holy Day collections go to the St. Vincent De Paul Society. If you or someone you know is in need, please contact the Parish Office at 508-693-0342

## Prayer Groups of Good Shepherd Parish

**Holy Rosary** - after Daily Mass (St. Elizabeth's Church)

**Charismatic Prayer Group** (Portuguese) - Every Monday at 7pm (St. Augustine's Chapel)

**Pro-Life Adoration** - First Monday of each month - 12Noon (St. Augustine's Chapel)

**Wednesday Morning Book Group** - Meets every Wednesday from 10:15am to 11:15am

**The new book is: "The Cries of Jesus from the Cross" An Anthology by Fulton J. Sheen.** You are welcome to join at anytime as the books are read and discussed at each gathering. Reminder: Book Group is now meeting via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:15am. For more information contact Carol Shilakes at [carolshilakes@gmail.com](mailto:carolshilakes@gmail.com)

**Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction** (Portuguese) - on the third Monday of each month at 7pm (St. Augustine's Chapel)

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** - First Friday/First Saturday - 8am ( St. Augustine's Church) - 24 Hour Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Augustine's Chapel, Followed by Sacrament of Penance

**Men's Rosary (Brazilian Community) Terco Dos Homens** - Every Tuesday at 7pm (St. Augustine's Chapel)







**Sunday, March 10, 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Online Streaming Schedule**  
**All Masses can still be viewed on our church webcams**  
**Please go to our website to view**  
**<https://www.goodshepherdmv.com>**  
**Click on the "church webcam" image**

**St. Augustine's Church**

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| Sat Mar | 9  | 4pm | William Dias, Jr.                                                      |
|         |    | 7pm | (Portuguese)                                                           |
| Sun Mar | 10 | 9am | Peg & Charlie Downs,<br>Charlie, Jr., Jerry, John, Curt & Andrew Downs |

**St. Elizabeth's Church**

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| Sun Mar | 10 | 11am | Edwin F. Gould,<br>Louise & Frances Griffin |
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**St. Elizabeth's Church**  
**Daily Mass Intentions**  
**(Monday thru Friday) - 8am**

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|-----|-----|----|-------------------------------------|
| Mon | Mar | 11 | Leigh Rogers                        |
| Tue | Mar | 12 | Frank Jardin                        |
| Wed | Mar | 13 | Alison Piazza                       |
| Thu | Mar | 14 | Robert Van Sciver<br>Amy Van Sciver |
| Fri | Mar | 15 | Edwin A. Bettencourt                |

Daily Mass is followed by a Rosary  
Confessions Daily from 8:30am - 9am

Confessions on Saturdays at 3pm  
St. Augustine's Church

**Private Prayer:**

St. Augustine's Chapel open daily with code  
St. Elizabeth's open 7 to 7 every day

**MASS INTENTIONS program online**

You can now schedule **Mass Intentions** within our parish easily online. Please go to our website ([goodshepherdmv.com](https://www.goodshepherdmv.com)). Once there, click on the Mass Intentions page on the top (not the drop down). Review the page for directions on how to use the program. Look for the link in the content that will take you directly to the Request a Mass Intention page. The stipend for the mass is still \$10 and can be mailed in or left in offertory basket at Mass marked for Intention.

**Gospel: (John 3:16-21)**

[Jesus said to Nicodemus:]

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

**Reflection**

Nicodemus is a Pharisee. Although Nicodemus confesses his faith in Jesus, he comes to Jesus under the cover of darkness. Perhaps he does not want anyone to see him, for fear that he would be associated with Jesus. Jesus challenges him with an analogy of light and darkness. Although Nicodemus' words state that he believes Jesus is the Son of God, he hides his faith in the darkness. We are all called to be children of the light. Let us ask ourselves to think of a time when we kept our faith "under the cover of darkness" and reflect on why we felt the need to hide our faith. How might we grow in our ability to share our faith.

***Do what  
is true.***

*Jn 3:21*



**Facebook Live** Edivar Ribeiro  
**Website** [www.goodshepherdmv.com](http://www.goodshepherdmv.com)  
**Free Resources** [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) Parish code JZF6XD

**Reconciliation**  
**St. Elizabeth's 8:30am - 9am**  
**Monday - Friday**  
**St. Augustine's - 3pm**  
**Saturday**

### **Online Giving Set Up Instructions:**

In your browser, go to <https://goodshepherdmv.com/> - On welcome page go to Online Giving Tab on Left - Click on the link under the Parish Soft Giving Logo - Hit the Sign In Button at the top - Click on Register for an Account—Fill in the Form—Once registered you will need to put in your banking information (Payment Profiles), select the funds that you want to contribute to and put in the amount. **Underneath that there is a small box that says (make this gift recurring) You can set this up so that you do not need to go to the website every week.**

If you need help with this, please call Beth and she can help you with the set up process.

**Please note that we have added a fund for the “Food Programs”**

**Please note that we have added a fund for the “Rel. Ed. Program Fees”**



### **March 10 Catholic Relief Services**

This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.

### **March 17 Diocesan Tax Assessment**

### **Good Shepherd Parish Tax Donation Statements**

**Statements for Tax Year 2023 will be issued by request only this year.**

**If you are interested in receiving this document for your taxes, please call the office at 508-693-0342.**

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**National Eucharistic Congress:** As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, there will be a National Eucharistic Congress July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis, IN; the first congress of its kind in 83 years in our country. The Diocese is working to secure discounted group rates for individuals from our diocese to attend, which would include: Congress Registration, which includes full-access to all venues and programming; 4-night stay at an Indianapolis hotel, including breakfast; Round-trip flights from Boston; Transportation to and from the airports. Those interested and wanting to receive more information can visit <https://bit.ly/NEC2024>.

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time!**

Any married couple that desires a richer, fuller life together deserves a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple share together, whether they have been married a short time or many years.

To apply, contact Joe & Ginny Vatile at 978-870-5646  
March 15-17, 2024 (Saint Gabriel the Archangel Church)  
151 Mendon Street, Upton, MA 01568

**Why is it important to go to Mass?** The Eucharist is the supreme act of worshipping God because it is Christ offering Himself to the Father on our behalf. It is the sacrifice at Calvary 2,000 years ago made present here and now. By participating at Mass, we make Christ's sacrifice our own and receive the grace of salvation anew. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive Jesus Himself. We also have an obligation to worship the Creator. It would be an insult to receive all the gifts we have received from God (our eyesight, our health, nice home, etc.) and then give Him nothing in return.

Here's an analogy: Let's say God gave a man \$168 dollars to live on each week. The man had to pay \$56 in rent and \$56 for food and living expenses. The remaining \$56 would be his to spend in any way. Then let's say that God asked for just \$1 of the remaining \$56. Wouldn't it be really selfish if the poor man said "no" to giving God the \$1 He requested?

Well, God gives us 168 hours of life each week. We have to go to school or work for approximately 56 hours each week, and we have to sleep another 56 hours. But then we have 56 hours to do whatever we want! Isn't it selfish if we will not give Him at least one hour of worship each week?

(Taken from: Did Adam & Eve Have Belly Buttons? By Matthew J. Pinto)

**This Lent, enter more deeply into the practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving with these episodes on FORMED**

**The Three Temptations:** Reflect with Dr. Brant Pitre on the temptations of Jesus in the desert as he gets to the heart of the meaning of Lent.

**The Sorrowful Mysteries / Mysteries of the Rosary / Paradisus Dei:** Travel with Mark Hartfiel and over twenty guest speakers to the Holy Land on a journey to enter into the Mysteries of the Rosary. Mysteries of the Rosary integrates deeply reflective insights into the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories together with breathtaking scenery, illuminating sacred art, and inspiring music. By filming on location in the Holy Land, our aspiration is to make the Rosary come alive in the hearts and minds of the participants. This first season is focused upon the Sorrowful Mysteries.

**Where Are You? / Forgiven / Session 1:** Have you ever felt lost and alone, isolated in guilt? Like the Prodigal Son among the pigs, we know that we have sinned. But God won't leave us there—he searches for us and runs to welcome us home in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Lent and New Life in Christ: The Gift of Grace and Almsgiving:** Join Dr. Michael Barber as he discusses the transformative power of grace and almsgiving.

**For Families**

**New on FORMED: The Catholic Parent**

Do you ever feel like it is impossible to raise Holy kids who love God (and sit still in Mass!) in our modern world? You're not alone. This six-episode series features real Catholic families like yours sharing their daily struggles and victories (Sunday Mass, praying as a family, Confession, sacrifice, generosity, and more). Created by the Augustine Institute and Catholic Sprouts, The Catholic Parent aims to encourage you as a mom or dad as you embrace your God-given role to form your family in the richness of the Catholic faith.

**Drawing Closer to God:** FORMED is excited to continue its latest series to assist families in living liturgically with their children. In this season, kids of all ages can walk through Lent with Catholic art teacher Ms. Kim as she teaches them how to draw scenes from Scripture and Tradition. With 10 engaging new episodes like the *Temptation of Jesus in the Desert*, *the Woman at the Well*, *Palm Sunday*, and *Good Friday*. As they draw along with Ms. Kim and encounter the Lord in these stories, children are also invited to apply what they learn to their everyday life. From prayer and fasting to the joy of Easter, families can see how God calls them to deepen their relationship with him.

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**UPCOMING DATES FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION/CELEBRATION**

**Meditations for Reconciliation, held at the Parish Center 10:30-11:30 am; an adult/parent must attend with child.**

Sun., March 17<sup>th</sup>      The Healing of the Paralytic miracle and review of the Rite of Reconciliation

**First Communion Retreat includes Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Begins with the 9:00 am Mass then in St. A's hall until 3:00 pm; one parent/adult must attend with student**

Sun., April 28<sup>th</sup>      Calling by Name, Practice procession and receiving Communion, decorate candle, history of bread, parable of Wedding Feast, Centurion Servant miracle, the Nicene Creed, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (lunch provided)

**Celebration of First Communion**

Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>      during the 9:00 am Mass

*Heavenly Father, we have among us some young people who are preparing to go to Reconciliation and to receive the Eucharist for the first time. They are a sign to us of the continuing faith of this community. Stir the Holy Spirit within us and help their parents deepen their own relationship with you and the Church. Help us as a parish community to embrace and support this formation process. Make us good examples of faith and open our hearts to all. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen*



**Stations of the Cross during Lent**  
**St. Augustine's Church**

**Tuesdays at 6pm - Fr. Paul Fedak**  
*followed by confessions*

**Fridays at 6pm - Fr. Edivar DaSilva**  
*followed by confessions*

*"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions,  
 and thanksgivings be made for all people."  
 ~1 Timothy 2:1*

Wednesday, February 14, began another Lenten season and how appropriate it should begin on a day associated with love. No act in history showed greater love for another as Jesus' dying upon the Cross for the salvation of our souls. As we read in St. John's Gospel, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (15:13).

Every Lent we are encouraged to participate in some way in the three tenets of Lent - prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (charity). St. Paul reminds us of the important role God has placed upon prayer in the life of the faithful. "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" (Philippians 1:3-5).

This year I would like to propose something that gives those acts even more meaning this Lent. What if we each choose three special intentions for which every prayer, every sacrifice, and every act of charity was offered.

Imagine the fruit of these 40-plus days if we focused our attention upon those things we most desire for our family, our community, our nation, or even our world! I recommend writing down your three most important intentions, and each day spending time in prayer with the Lord asking for His graces in each situation or circumstance.

Again, I draw inspiration and encouragement for my Lenten message from St. Paul, who writes, "we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:9-10).

As you proceed throughout your day, as you help others, as you pray, or abstain from either meat or whatever penitential offering you are making this Lent, do so purposely attaching your prayer, your sacrifice, your penance, your act of charity for those intentions. Ask the Lord to take any merit or grace found in these Lenten moments toward your three special intentions.

Remember, there is no greater love we can show others by denying our own needs and desires, and offering our work, sacrifices, prayer, and charity for the good of another. Turning once more to leave you with the wisdom of St. Paul, "We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)

May your 2024 Lent be like no other as you journey thorough these 40 days with prayerful purpose and renewed hope. Please know my prayers are with you all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
 Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.  
 Bishop of Fall River



## *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Religious Formation for children ages 3-12*

### **For God so loved the world that He gave His Only Son: “Love one another as I have loved you.”**

by Father Hugh Barbour, <https://www.catholic.com/magazine/online-edition/the-true-meaning-of-that-famous-verse>

This is certainly the most cited verse of the New Testament in current American culture: on posters held up from the crowd at sporting events, on the bottom rim of In-N-Out Burger drinking cups, on the eye-black of Tim Tebow, and for the ladies, on the shopping bags of Forever 21. One finds it on bracelets, posters, country road signs, all over. More authoritatively, the words are now part of the rite of the Mass in the form of the Roman Rite approved under Pope Benedict for the communities of the Anglican Ordinariate, as part of the so-called “comfortable words” spoken by the priest or deacon in connection with the general confession of sins. Most Christians, one can safely suppose, whether Catholic or not, can recite at least this verse of Scripture, even if they know no other by heart.

What is the deepest meaning of these words, which can explain their intuitive attractiveness to Christians? Let’s consider first of all that in our religion, which is that of Jesus Christ, we are commanded to love God with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength, and we are told that loving our neighbor as ourselves is a commandment just like the first: the love of God. This is so true that Our Lord sums up both commandments of love in one commandment, which he calls a “new commandment”: *Love one another as I have loved you*.

How does God love us? Well, he is the very source and model of the commandment of love. This means that God loves us as he loves himself. He would not give us, who are made in his image and likeness, this commandment of love, if he himself did not exemplify it. After all, St. John the beloved disciple tells us that “*God is love*.”

So how does God love himself? By the procession of his only Son, and of their Holy Spirit in an infinite communion of love called the Blessed Trinity. This supreme goodness and life and beauty has chosen to share that infinite life with angels and men. So when we say that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish, but might have eternal life, we mean that God loves us as he loves himself, with the love of the Father for the Son, which is their Holy Spirit. In this sense, then, God models the fulfillment of this commandment of love of God and neighbor by giving us himself in the Holy Trinity as our life and happiness, that is, by loving us as he loves himself.

Now this is a very deep reality, and it tells us about how we are to love our neighbor. We love our neighbor, as Christians, not only as one for whom we need to observe the Golden Rule, although that is a start, but precisely as one who is, like us, made in the image and likeness of God. We love our neighbor in imitation, in participation of the mysterious community life of God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

This reality gives our loving intentions and actions a power greater than any other in the whole world. It is why St. Paul tells us that, unless we have the love of God in us, all our best qualities and virtues are nothing, and that this love never fails, even though heaven and earth will pass away. Love is what had made us and what keeps us in being and will ultimately save us. This is because it is the very life of God, and our very mysterious destiny in him, who, in the words of St. Paul in today’s second reading, has prepared for us—from all eternity—such good works as we are to walk in on the way to eternal life.

What this share in eternal life will be is utterly beyond our present knowledge. Paul tells us that we are God’s children now, but what we will later come to be, has not yet come to light. When it does, we will know God, as now we are known by him, he tells us. This has something to do with God’s knowing us and loving us as he knows and loves himself.

This love is the source of the great security and consolation that so many have intuitively experienced over the centuries in hearing these “comfortable words” of the Savior. As the apostle says, “*If God is for us, who can be against us?*” If he did not spare his only Son for our sake, will he not give us all good things, namely himself?

In short, we belong to God, we are the effect of his love, and not just of a love for his creatures as lesser beings, but of his love for himself, which is himself. This is not pantheism or Gnosticism or New Age ideology. The fact is that the mysterious way in which God in the Holy Trinity identifies himself with us is far sweeter, and more powerful, and more profound, and more precious to him than it ever could be to us. And whatever it is it will make pantheism seem like some weak conception. That is why God came, taking our very nature so as to become, not only our God, but in the same divine Person the first of our neighbors, and indeed, “*the firstborn of all creation*.”

So let everybody who knows you, know also that you are convinced that there is nothing more secure and more real and more powerful than the love of the Father in Christ Jesus. And see to it by your loving deeds that you have begun to understand just a little bit what it means when we say, “*God so loved the world*...”

**If you have not yet taken the opportunity, please take a prayer card for a child and his/her family preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Eucharist this spring.**

**Cards are located in small baskets at the entrances to both St. Augustine and St. Elizabeth Churches.**

**Pray, fast, and give alms for our Confirmation students who will be confirmed on April 28<sup>th</sup>.**





In collaboration with the Greater Boston Food Bank, Good Shepherd Parish offers since April 2019, food distributions of frozen proteins, along with fresh fruits and vegetables here at the Parish Center, back entrance off School Street for anyone with food insecurity.

| <b>Food Baskets - MV</b>               |             |             |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <i>Located at Good Shepherd Parish</i> |             |             |
| <i>Address: 55 School Street, OB</i>   |             |             |
| <u>Month</u>                           | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> |
| March                                  | 16th        | 10am        |

The first and third Saturdays per month are walk-in shopping only:

Senior Citizens: 9:00am - 10:00am

General Public: 10:00am - 12 noon

Weekly hours on Tuesdays will be:

General Public: 8:00am - 11:00am

Senior Citizens: 11:00am - 12 noon

**Please note:** Only one visit per week, per household. Be sure to have your registration bar-code key tag when you arrive.

**Any parishioners looking to help in the Food Pantry**

**Please contact [sarah@goodshepherdmv.com](mailto:sarah@goodshepherdmv.com)**

**Reminder: All who wish to help should complete a CORI Form**

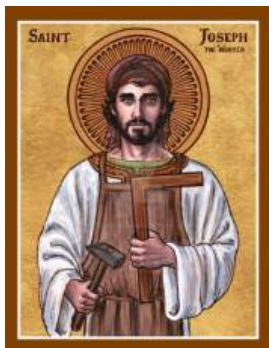
**We would like to thank all who have donated to help with our Food Program!**

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### **GSP/HC Community Suppers**

**St. Augustine's Church Hall, 56 Franklin St., VH**  
**Thursdays, January 4, 2024, thru March 21, 2024, from 5:00pm to 5:30pm**  
**Good Shepherd Parish/MV Hebrew Center - Community Suppers (Take-out)**  
**Call 508-684-6270 by 6:00pm on Monday to record your take-out request.**



### **March - The Month of St. Joseph**

#### **St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father—watch on Formed.org**

While the Gospel has not preserved any of his words, his actions have resounded through the ages. Joseph of Nazareth stands out as the model par excellence of Christian virtue, a brilliant example of obedience to God and trust in Divine Providence. His role as protector of families in the difficulties of life and Patron of the universal Church has never been more clearly needed. Now, the Church is seeking to deepen its understanding of the Guardian of Jesus and of the Holy Family. Featuring interviews with leading experts and theologians, in addition to powerful first-hand testimonials — *St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father* provides viewers with a glimpse into one of the most incredible lives in all of human history — a figure whose spiritual fatherhood remains open to all of us.

**Automated External Defibrillators**

**Good Shepherd Parish purchased new updated HeartSine Defibrillators and we would like to remind everyone that they are located in the entrances to each of the churches (St. Augustine's - St. Elizabeth's - Our Lady Star of the Sea) The Parish Center also has one located in the upstairs hallway.**

**This Week on FORMED**

**Sign up link  
<https://daily.formed.org>**

**Emails will be sent to you daily from Formed**

**Memorial Candle Stand at Good Shepherd Parish**

Please remember your loved ones with a perpetual candle burning in our church along with our prayers for the repose of their soul. The candles stay lit for one year and your offering of \$250 helps our Parish. Sign-up forms are available at the parish office.

**Sanctuary Lights (In Memory Of)**

Please call the office for a Sanctuary Light in Memory of a loved one. These run from a Sunday to a Saturday (\$25). The names will be published within the bulletin at the bottom of the page under our Mass Intentions.

**Love for Life Apostolate**

***Birthright of Falmouth*** located at 320 Gifford St. serves our Island community. Did you know if you or someone you know needs their help, Birthright will pick her and a friend up at the boat and return them too? Contact them at 508-457-0680, <http://birthright.org/en/landingpage/lp-falmouth>. *"It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth ... and the right of every child to be born."* For more information please contact Sue Pagliccia (508-693-0342), or Donna Gazaille (508-627-5095). We are a people of life!

Monthly meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 2:30pm at the Parish Center

**Reminder: For all that shop amazon, you can use [smile.amazon.com/ch-3700872](https://smile.amazon.com/ch-3700872), this gives Good Shepherd Parish a donation from amazon.  
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**MV Cancer Support Group**

This organization provides temporary and emergency financial assistance to year round island cancer patients and their families. The funds provided are used primarily for travel and expenses not covered by insurance. Information is also provided about resources available to the Vineyard cancer patients on the Island and elsewhere in New England. The MVCSG is run completely by volunteers allowing all of the money raised to go directly to the people it serves.

A gift of any amount is always very much appreciated.  
MVCSG, PO Box 2214, VH, MA 02568  
For more information please call 508-627-7958 or visit [mvcancersupport.org](http://mvcancersupport.org)

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| Stewardship<br>Online Giving<br>March 3 | Stewardship<br>Weekly Envelope<br>March 3             |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday Offering: \$2,693                | First Collection: \$3,886<br>(Offertory)              |
| Diocesan Tax Assessment: \$210          | Second Collection: \$845<br>(Diocesan Tax Assessment) |
| TOTAL: \$2,903                          | TOTAL: \$4,731                                        |

**Total = \$7,634**

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