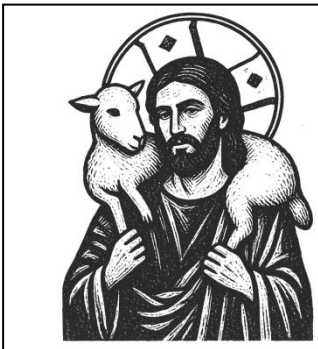




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**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**  
**Monday – Saturday:**  
 9:15am - Good Shepherd  
**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**  
**Saturday:** 6:00pm - Good Shepherd  
**Sunday:** 9:00am - St Carlo Borromeo  
 11:00am - Good Shepherd  
 5:00pm - Good Shepherd

**ADORATION & BENEDICTION**  
 At Good Shepherd Church on the first Friday of the month after morning Mass & Wednesday at 6:00pm.

**MARIAN NOVENA**  
 Wednesday at 6:30pm preceded by Adoration/Confession at 6:00pm

**CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION**  
**Wed-Fri:** 8:45am - 9:05am  
**Wed:** 6:00pm - 6:30pm  
**Saturday:** 9:45am - 10:15pm  
 5:15pm - 5:50pm

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**  
 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 6:00pm.  
 Bookings essential.

**WEDDING PREPARATION**  
 Bookings to be made 6 months prior to wedding date. Bookings made through Parish Office.

## Pentecost Sunday

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the [Second Sunday of Easter](#) this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

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