

# Puzzle!

After completing this Easter crossword, unscramble the circled letters to discover a special word:

1. What Jesus was wrapped in
2. The site of Jesus' crucifixion
3. One of the rulers who questioned Jesus
4. He washed his hands of Jesus
5. Followers of Jesus
6. He denied Christ
7. A large hill
8. The feast celebrating escape from Egypt
9. Jesus' mother
10. A Jewish teacher
11. The doubting disciple
12. Jesus was mistaken for this
13. One of Peter's other names

Answers: 1. cloth, 2. Golgotha, 3. Herod, 4. Pilate, 5. disciples, 6. Peter, 7. mountain, 8. Passover, 9. Mary, 10. rabbi, 11. Thomas, 12. gardener, 13. Simon; resurrection

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## COMMUNITY LIFE, NEWS & EVENTS



It's time to turn in your  
**CRS RICE BOWL DONATIONS!**

The collection box is in the Commons. Please convert all coins to cash or check. Thank you for helping our brothers and sisters in need.

### 15TH EASTERN VICARIATE HAITI TWINNING MINISTRY GATHERING



Saturday, April 29, 2023

9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Saint Gregory the Great Catholic Church.

The guest speaker will be Maggie Keenan / Ed. D, Director of Planned Giving, Catholic Community. We will be sharing fellowship, formation, and news pertaining to twinning. There is a \$10.00 donation at the door to defray the cost of breakfast and lunch refreshments. RSVP by April 9th to dave.maltby@gmail.com

We would like to wish everyone with a birthday or an anniversary in the month of **APRIL** a day filled with joy and wonderful surprises.



May you be blessed with good health and happiness in the coming year.

**Happy Birthday!**  
**Happy Anniversary!**

### Divine Mercy Sunday

**"Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to God's mercy"** - a quote from the diary of St. Faustina, given to her by Jesus.



Please plan to join us for the celebration of this great feast of Divine Mercy, the Sunday after Easter, **April 16, 2023**.

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM followed by Adoration, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction.



### The 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal "Sharing His Love with Others"

Give to our Annual Diocesan Appeal so that others may find hope in him this Easter.

**As of 3/27/2023:**

Goal	\$ 16,540.00
Pledges & Cash	\$ 12,195.00
% of Goal	74%
Donors	25

We would like to thank all those who have already donated to the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal. Thanks for your support!



The parish office will be **CLOSED** from  
**Noon Thursday, April 6—Monday, April 10**  
for Easter.

## FAITH FORMATION

### Adult Faith Formation "Apologetics for non-dummies"



AFF will resume on Monday, April 17, 2023 from 7-8:15 PM. There will be a total of five weeks for this topic. Sign up sheets will be available in the commons for those who are interested in attending this formation.

### Children's Easter Play



The Children's Easter Play will be on Friday, April 21 at 6:30 PM. Please join us for a wonderful lesson on evangelization as well as a moving retelling of the Resurrection story. A small reception will follow. Thank you for supporting the young members of our faith community.

### Easter Egg Hunt



There is an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 9, 2023 after Mass for all children grades 5 and younger. Older children are welcome to help hide the eggs before Mass. We will have Easter bags for the first 50 children who sign up. Sign up sheets will be available in the Commons on Easter day.

### Works of Mary Book Club

The next gatherings for the *Works of Mary Book Club* will be:

Part 1—May 3 & 17  
June 7 & 21  
July 5 & 19

from 7:15PM-8:15PM to discuss:

***Hail, Holy Queen: The Mother of God in the Word of God***  
by Scott Hahn

(ISBN:978-0385501699)

If you have any questions, please see Johanna Arocho.

### Happy 39th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood Fr. Tony!



Congratulations Fr. Tony Yllana on this great milestone in your priesthood.

Many thanks for your many years of dedication and care in your priestly ministry. May God continue to bless you and be with you in all you do.



### All Easter Egg orders have been filled!

Pick up and pay for your eggs today or they will be restocked. LIMITED eggs are available for purchase.

### Food Pantry Needs for the Week of April 2 CANNED FRUIT



# The Church of the Good Shepherd

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Mass Times: Saturday—5PM & Sunday—9AM  
Weekday Mass Times: Tuesday—Friday at Noon  
Adoration is on the 1st & 3rd Friday of each month.



## Staff

**Pastor** - Fr. Tony Yllana, [pastor@cgsparish.org](mailto:pastor@cgsparish.org)  
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## Ministries

**Ministry to the Sick** - Deacon Stanley Stefanowicz  
**Pastoral Council** - Joe Campo  
**Finance Council** - Dan Falbe  
**Money Counters** - Margaret Hickman  
**Building** - Hart Smith and Tom Quick  
**Grounds** - Tom Quick  
**Liturgical Ministries Head** - Mark Lieberman  
**Altar Servers** - Joshua Arocho  
**Children's Liturgy** – Kathleen Day  
**Eucharistic Min (Sat)** - Joan Nagy  
**Eucharistic Min (Sun)** - Mark Lieberman  
**Funeral Mass Coordinator**—Joan Nagy  
**Lectors** - Michelle Romanello  
**Sacristan** - Hart Smith  
**Ushers** - Steve Reznick  
**Knights of Columbus** - Brendan Wesdock, [bwesdock@gmail.com](mailto:bwesdock@gmail.com)  
**Ladies' Guild** - Margaret Hickman  
**Men's Club** - Bill Knapp, [billknapp1985@yahoo.com](mailto:billknapp1985@yahoo.com)  
**Parish Community Life** - Debbi Gatti and Pearl Stokes  
**Justice & Peace** - Mary Ellen Bebermeyer  
**Haiti Committee & E-Bulletin Board** - Dave Maltby  
**Divine Mercy Cenacle** - Dara Murphy  
**Special Needs Ministry** - Sue Ellebracht  
**\*If you are interested in any Ministries, please contact the parish office.**

## Mission Statement

*We, as diverse members of the Body of Christ, come together to serve God, the Catholic Church, and our community. We celebrate God in the Eucharist and the word, as we help each other in the growth of our faith, share our gifts and welcome everyone.*

## Vision Statement

*To know and love God and grow in the Kingdom Of God together.*

**Inclement Weather** - Fr. Tony plans to be at church to celebrate Mass. However, you are not obligated to come if travel is unsafe for you.

**Parish Registration and Changes** – Registration forms are available on the Church website. You may notify the office if you wish to register with, or be removed from the parish records, or if you have a change of address, telephone number, or email.

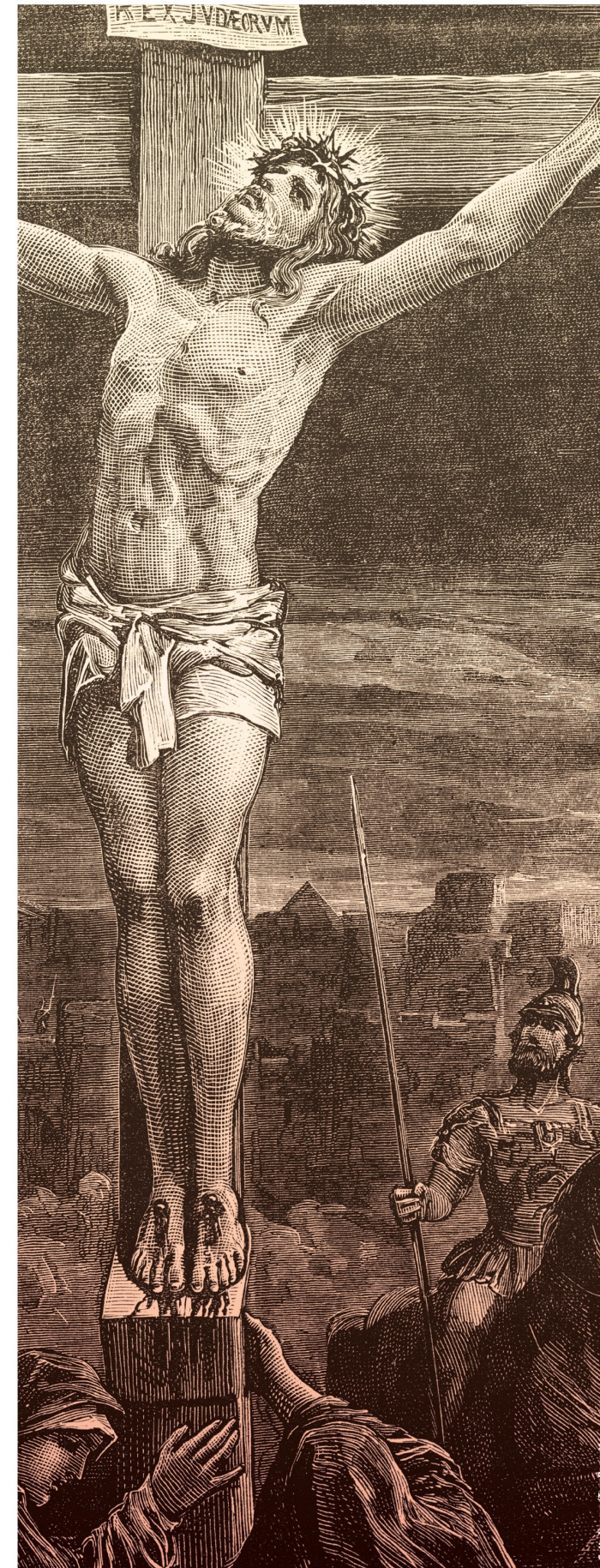
**Baptisms** – A preparation class for parents is required. Contact Lara Detrich at the church office to register.

**Funerals** – Contact the office if you would like to schedule a Funeral Service. The date and time must be approved by the priest.

**Marriage** – Registered parishioners must contact the parish at least 6 months prior to the intended date.

**Reconciliation** – Before Saturday Vigil Mass or by appointment.

**Visitation of the Sick** – Please call the office to arrange for communion, anointing of the sick, or when someone is ill or hospitalized.



April 2, 2023

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Is 50:4-7 | Phil 2:6-11 | Mt 26:14—27:66

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE

PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

As we begin Holy Week, we hear Matthew's account of the Passion. We see Jesus' humanity as he experiences *sorrow and distress* in the hours before his death. Three times, he asks the Father to "let this cup pass from me, yet, not as I will, but as you will." In our own human experience, I am guessing many of us have asked the Father to "let this cup pass" – for in addition to life's joys, we will all experience setbacks, struggles, and suffering. By example, Jesus shows us that we can turn to our Father, trusting in his will for us. Let this be a reminder in this holiest of weeks that we can bring our suffering and our doubts to the Father, knowing that the joy of Easter will come.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The final words of today's Gospel [shorter version] are those of the centurion and the men keeping watch over Jesus: "Truly this was the Son of God!" Let us keep in mind this central proclamation of our faith while attending Triduum services this week. On Holy Thursday, we remember the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood, celebrating Christ's outpouring of love for us. On Good Friday we venerate the cross as we solemnly recall the passion and death of Jesus. And of course at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday, we celebrate the story of our salvation, culminating in Jesus' resurrection. As Christians, we know that the cross will give way to the empty tomb and the promise of new life in Christ. Let our voices be strong this week as we echo the centurion's words above, and may Jesus' name be praised forever!

**PRAY** Praying the Stations of the Cross allows us to walk with Jesus through his passion and death. Make that journey with Jesus this week.

## LITURGY AND MINISTRY

### Today's Readings:

The congregation's last words in today's communal Gospel reading are those of the centurion: *Truly, this was the Son of God!* This is the central proclamation of our faith that we strive to profess more fully this Holy Week – that the one whom we follow is God's own Son, and God himself. May his name be praised forever.

### Gospel Focus:

Truly, Jesus Christ is the Son of God.



*"Encounter the Joy of the Gospel and Set the World Ablaze"*

**EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...**

Have an active personal and communal prayer life.

### FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

**Adults:** How will you try to imitate the obedience and humility of Christ during this Holy Week?

**Children:** What could you do to show respect for Jesus this week as the Church remembers his Death and Resurrection?

## PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of April



**Evangelization:** *For a culture of peace and non violence*

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

### Pope Tweets:

"Just as we recognize a tree by its fruit, so a life filled with good deeds is enlightening and carries the fragrance of Christ into the world."



### Please Remember in Prayer:

*Barbara & Jim Bonney, Gene Chappell, Leila Chevalier, Justin Evans, Ann Fjell, Ellen Gauthier, Leslie Lunger, Anne Miller, Christopher Morris, Shirley Mutter, Alice Reece, Jean Wechsler, Marilyn Wise, Thomas Wunder and Brandon Zakaras*

### A Few Words About Holy Week

In the first century, the early Christians celebrated every Sunday in commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus. By the second century, they established a particular day for the celebration of the resurrection, which was connected to the Jewish Passover.

Their observance began at sundown on Saturday evening. They called it the Night of the Great Vigil, a time of remembrance and expectation that lasted throughout the night so they could sing "Alleluia" at dawn on Easter morning. It was during the Night of the Great Vigil that new Christians were received into the Church.

By the fourth century, it became customary for people to make pilgrimages to Jerusalem to celebrate what was called the "Great Week," which included Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. The diary of a woman named Egeria in 381 contains the first accounts of the special rites, prayers and devotions that took place in Jerusalem during the Great Week.

Over time, the practice of observing Holy Week spread throughout the Christian world, with prayers, historical re-enactments and special liturgies. During the Middle Ages, the celebration of the Easter Vigil gradually fell out of practice. The important days of the week were Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

In 1955, the Vatican re-established the Easter Vigil as an important part of Holy Week observances. During the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), the bishops called for the restoration of the early Christian rituals for receiving new Christians into the Church at the Easter Vigil. In 1988, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults was issued.

Today, Easter Vigil with the Easter fire, the lighting of the paschal candle, the reading of salvation history, the celebration of the sacraments of initiation for catechumens and renewal of baptismal promises for the faithful is once again an integral part of Holy Week celebrations. ([simplycatholic.com/your-guide-to-holy-week/](http://simplycatholic.com/your-guide-to-holy-week/))

### Holy Week Schedule

**Thursday, April 6 7:00 PM**  
Mass—*Holy Thursday*

**Friday, April 7 3:00 PM & 7:00 PM**  
*Good Friday Veneration of the Cross*

**Saturday, April 8 8:00 PM**  
Mass—*Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord*

**Sunday, April 9 9:00 AM**  
Mass—*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

### Considering a call to the priesthood?

"...He opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled..." Prayer and reflection are essential to discerning a vocation. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Father Brian W. Capuano or write: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

*"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" (Psalm 22)*

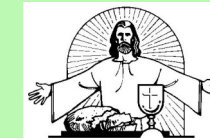


Holy Week



April 2, 2023

## Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord



### Readings for the Week

#### Monday, April 3

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

#### Tuesday, April 4

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

#### Wednesday, April 5

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

#### Thursday, April 6—Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

#### Friday, April 7—Good Friday

Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

#### Saturday, April 8—Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil

Gn 1:1—2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14;

Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28;

Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10

#### Sunday, April 9—The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9



### Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Mon.	April 3	No Mass	
Tues.	April 4	Noon	Available
Wed.	April 5	Noon	Available
Thurs.	April 6	7:00 pm	Available
Fri.	April 7	3 & 7:00 pm	Veneration of the Cross
Sat	April 8	8:00 pm	Available
Sun.	April 9	9:00 am	Good Shepherd Comm.

Parishioners are invited to remember their loved ones in a special way through prayers. If you would like to have a Mass celebrated in memory of a loved one or a special intention, please contact the parish office. **Stipends may be turned in with the collection or mailed to the office. Checks should be made out to Church of the Good Shepherd. Please write "mass intention" on the memo line of your check. Thank you.**



### Church open for personal prayer:

Monday – Thursday 10AM to 2PM



Online Giving

### We invite you to check out our

On-Line Giving Program.

Visit our parish website: [www.cgsparish.org](http://www.cgsparish.org)

click on 'Give' then 'On-Line Giving'

### Upcoming Special Collections

April 7—*Holy Land*

April 9—*Easter*

Your quarterly **ALTAR FLOWER** donations provide flowers and green plants for our church in the seasons of Easter, Christmas and Ordinary Time. Our next collection is April 23. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



### Parish Life This Week

#### Monday, April 3

5:00 PM Good Grief!!!

6:00 PM Chrim Mass (Richmond)

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

#### Wednesday, April 5

6:00 PM OCIA

#### Thursday, April 6

*Holy Thursday*

#### Friday, April 7

*Good Friday*

*Office Closed*

#### Saturday, April 8

*Easter Vigil*

#### Sunday, April 9

*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

10:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt



This week at our Church



### Weekly Offering for:

March 25 & 26, 2023

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 5,865.38

(The following totals include E-Giving)

### OFFERTORY:

Regular Offertory	\$ 6,336.54
Palm Sunday/Easter	\$ 150.00
Holy Land/Good Friday	\$ 50.00

### ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Mortgage	\$ 345.00
Haiti	\$ 135.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 48.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 247.00
Men's Club	\$ 3,691.75
Ladies' Guild	\$ 996.00
R.E.—"Hopping for Haiti"	\$ 175.00
Roof Repair Fund	\$ 163.85
Other	\$ 110.00

### DIOCESAN COLLECTION:

Catholic Relief Services	\$ 150.00
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**Mortgage Balance** \$ 29,024.31

### MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	105
Sunday	200



Thanks for Your Support!

Thank you for your continued support of the Church of the Good Shepherd!

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!