



PUZZLE

GIVE PRAISE

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, underline the word that doesn't belong. Then write the underlined words on the lines below.

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Give
Take
Grab | 2. peanut
praise
pear | 3. temple
house
LORD | 4. proclaim
past
present | 5. name
boy
lad | 6. ruin
destroy
make |
| 7. pine
acorn
known | 8. train
nations
bus | 9. done
donut
muffin | 10. Sing
Sleep
Yawn | 11. she
him
girl | 12. sun
praise
moon |
| 13. tell
fast
slow | 14. red
all
blue | 15. horrible
dreadful
wonderful | 16. acts
sisters
aunts | | |

“ _____ to the _____, _____ his _____ ;
 _____ among the _____ what he has _____ .
 _____ to _____, sing _____ to him; _____ of _____ his
 _____ .” PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

Answers: 1. Give, 2. praise, 3. LORD, 4. proclaim, 5. name, 6. make, 7. known, 8. nations, 9. done, 10. Sing, 11. him, 12. praise, 13. tell, 14. all, 15. wonderful, 16. acts
 Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. (Psalm 105:1-2, NIV)

COMMUNITY LIFE, NEWS & EVENTS



Ministry To The Sick Training

May 9, 16 & 23, 2023

7:00 PM—9:00 PM

If you are interested in participating in this important ministry, contact Deacon Stan to register at deaconstan4@gmail.com or 276-220-5545.



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

Today, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples in the breaking of the bread. We cannot experience him so utterly in any way than the Eucharist. It makes a sacred union possible: god with man, man with God, one in both soul and body. What a mysterious exchange. Please support our Annual Diocesan Appeal so that we can share the delightful news that God is here and ready to commune with those who hunger and thirst for him. Our local community's salvation is counting on us to reach out to help them. Please generously join our Appeal. Please help him reach them!

As of 4/17/2023:

Goal	\$ 16,540.00
Pledges & Cash	\$ 18,044.00
% of Goal	109%
Donors	36

We would like to thank all those who have already donated to the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal and assisting us with meeting our goal. Donations are still be accepted. See the thank you message to Good Shepherd on social media through the CCF's facebook page (facebook@rvaccf).

Prayer

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me and I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself and the fact that I think I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But, I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You. And, I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And, I know that if I do this You will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, will I trust You always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for You are ever with me and You will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen.

~Thomas Merton
 (4lpi.com/blog/who-travels-with-you?)

FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation "Apologetics for non-dummies"



AFF has resumed and will continue on Monday evenings from 7-8:30 PM through May 15th. Come and join us as we discuss our faith.



Mark your calendar! Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 19-23, 2023

Shine a light on Jesus' love!
 It is going to be out-of-this-world!

Register at: <https://vbspro.events/p/goodshepherdvbs2023>

Hopping for Haiti Thank You



The Religious Education classes would like to "thank" all the parishioners and committees, especially Parish Life and Youth Group, who donated time, resources and/or money to help make our 'Hopping for Haiti' Lenten Service Project a success. So far, we raised over \$500.00 with funds still coming in; 100% of which will go to our sister parish in Haiti to help those in great need. We appreciate all of you! God Bless and Happy Easter!

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.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament April 28, 2023 at 11:30 AM

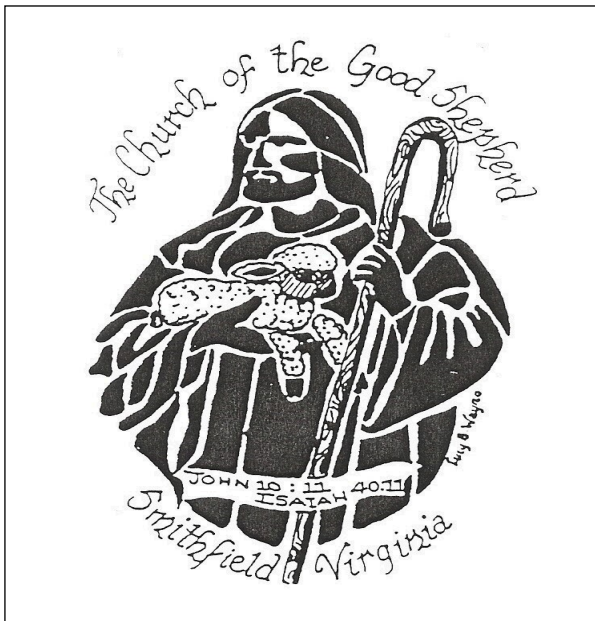
Followed by 12:00 PM (Noon) Mass.
 Come and spend some time with Jesus!



Food Pantry Needs for the Week of April 23 CEREAL OR OATMEAL



"Lord, you will show us the path of life." (Psalm 16)



The Church of the Good Shepherd

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 Facebook: www.facebook.com/cgsparish
 Father Tony's Email: pastor@cgsparish.org
 Office: (757) 365-0579 Fax: (757) 365-0994 Rectory: (757) 542-3879
 Office Hours: Monday—Friday 10 AM to 3 PM
 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
Admin Assistant - Vicki Dobbins, admin@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
Ladies' Guild - Margaret Hickman
Men's Club - Bill Knapp, 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.

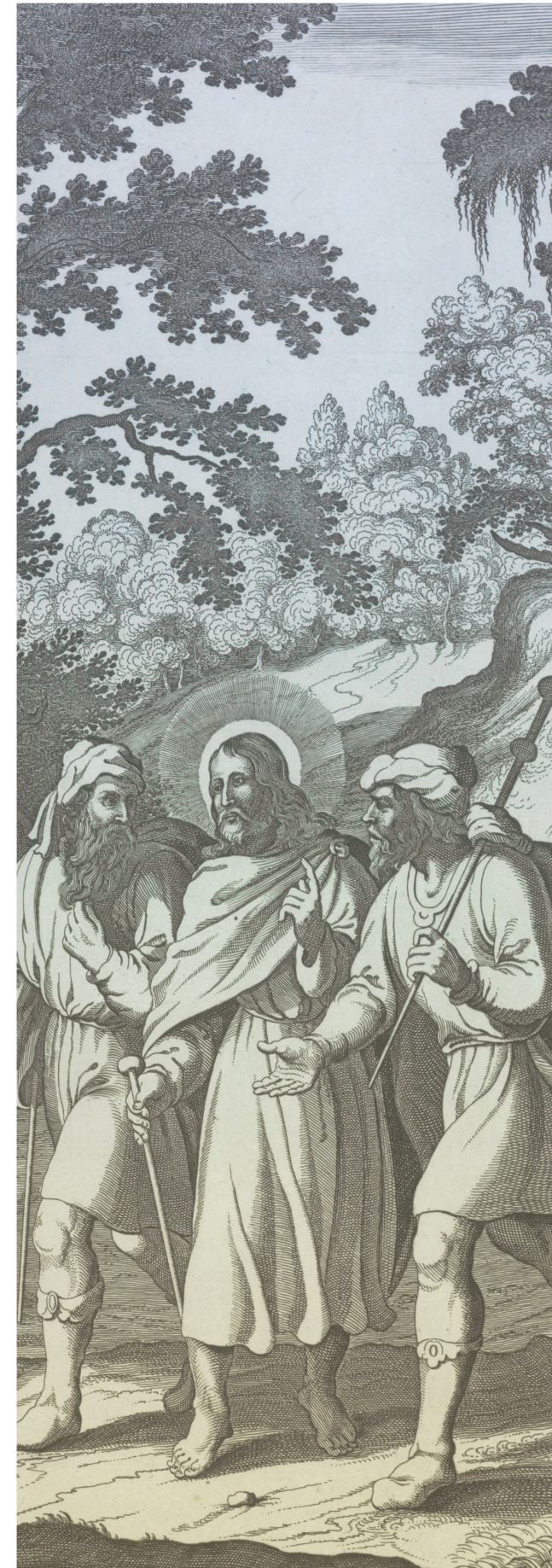
Baptisms – A preparation class for parents is required. Contact Lara Detrich at the church office to register.

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 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33 | 1 Pt 1:17-21 | Lk 24:13-35

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE

PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

The two disciples had every reason and opportunity to see that it was Jesus walking beside them. They knew that the tomb was empty and the women who had discovered it had relayed what the angel had told them: Jesus was alive. It had only been three days since he had died. Yet, even as he was in their midst, the two disciples' eyes were prevented from recognizing it was Jesus. Only when he broke bread with them did they perceive and understand. Jesus walks beside us as well, but perhaps our eyes, like those of the two disciples, are prevented from recognizing him. What clouds our vision? It could be fear, doubt, despair, as on that road to Emmaus. Or maybe it is pride or hardness of heart. Like the early disciples, we must speak to Jesus, and tell him our story. Jesus comes to meet us, and we in turn have an opportunity to encounter him in many ways, most particularly in the breaking of the bread - the Eucharist. No matter how frantic or chaotic our lives may have become, attending Mass serves as an anchor, and a reminder of Jesus' presence with us every day.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It took them a minute to "get it," but once the disciples recognized Jesus they didn't hesitate. They made a hasty return to Jerusalem to share the news with the other disciples: "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Having encountered Jesus in the breaking of the bread, they felt compelled to share the Good News of his resurrection with others. As Catholics, we can ask the Lord for eyes to see Jesus in our daily lives and especially at Mass. Nourished by the Eucharist, we can share our love for Jesus and our hope in the resurrection with others we encounter. Wherever we are and whatever we do, we can rest assured that Jesus walks alongside us.

PRAY Pray with the psalmist: "Lord, you will show us the path of life."

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

God sent his only Son, who would save our souls not through silver or gold but by his own precious blood. The disciples did not always understand this, as much as Jesus had proclaimed it. The risen Christ broke bread and shared it with them, and they began to truly see and comprehend.

Gospel Focus:

Salvation through Christ broken and shared was always God's plan.



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

EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...

Make the Eucharist the source and summit of their lives.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: In what way have you come to know Jesus better through the breaking of the bread at Eucharist?

Children: When you join Jesus at the table of the Eucharist next Sunday, what would you like to thank him for?

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:

"When hope is spent and we feel loneliness in our hearts, inner weariness, the torment of sin, the fear of failure, let us return to Jesus. For He is the only one who always defeats death and always renews our life."

Please Remember in Prayer:



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

A Gospel within the Gospel



The Emmaus story is like a Gospel within the Gospel. It is so rich a lesson that it serves as a summary of our own bonding with Jesus Christ. For these disciples on the road to Emmaus, the future looked grim indeed. For the previous few years, life had been exciting and they were captivated by the Gospel message of Jesus. But it emerges that they hadn't grasped some vital parts of what he had said. We can empathize with them, because mostly we too tend to pick and choose the parts of his message that please us, and fail to take seriously other words of the Lord.

After his death on the cross, they felt all was lost. But Jesus used the Jewish scriptures to enlighten them. The prophecies declare the divine promises and reveal the saving plan of God. The Scriptures have power like an electric current, and are inspired by the Spirit of God. When he opened the meaning of God's Word to them, they began to understand his cross in a totally new light. They saw it not as a total disaster but as the start of a new age of grace.

Once arrived in Emmaus, they recognized him also in the breaking of bread. The prayerful sharing of a meal among friends was a living symbol of friendship and trust. What was special about the way Jesus broke the bread is an intriguing question. Perhaps it was the spirit of self-giving that he invested in the act that showed them who he really was. There was a level of focus, of sharing and of sacredness unique to Jesus, something they had experienced previously, before his passion. His presence touched their deepest hungers, and the bread he broke was not just physical. It was food that they opened their hearts as well as their mouths to receive.

The Emmaus story speaks to people of all ages. We can see ourselves in these two weary travelers on their journey, the faith and hope they have lost, the future they have hoped for fallen apart. And yet they met an unknown friend walking the road with them, who gave them a fresh insight, and connected the new world with the world they knew. And, of course, he is present in a particular way in the Eucharist, in the breaking of bread, full of the many meanings that breaking bread had for Jesus himself, during his life and after the resurrection. (associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/23-april-2023-3rd-Sunday-of-easter-a/)

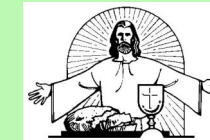
PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

Considering a call to the priesthood?

"Were not our hearts burning within us, ..." Do you feel a calling of the Holy Spirit to serve the Lord as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Father Brian W. Capuano or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



April 23, 2023 Third Sunday of Easter



Readings for the Week

Monday, April 24

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 25—Feast of St. Mark

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday, April 26

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, April 27

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday, April 28

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, April 29—Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday, April 30—Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	April 24	No Mass	
Tues.	April 25	Noon	Available
Wed.	April 26	Noon	Available
Thurs.	April 27	Noon	Available
Fri.	April 28	Noon	+Molly Schultz
Sat	April 29	5:00 pm	+Trey Hardy
Sun.	April 30	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 – Friday 10AM to 2PM



Online Giving

We invite you to check out our

On-Line Giving Program.

Visit our parish website: www.cgsparish.org

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

Upcoming Special Collections

May 7—Mortgage

May 21—Catholic Home Missions

May 28—Barron Dempsey Fund

Your donations are needed and appreciated.



Parish Life This Week

Monday, April 24

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

7:00 PM AFF—Apologetics

Wednesday, April 26

6:00 PM OCIA

7:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, April 27

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, April 28

11:30 AM Adoration

Saturday, April 29

4:30 PM Rosary

Sunday, April 30

8:30 AM Rosary

10:10 AM Religious Education (Last class)

Weekly Offering for:

April 15&16, 2023

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 5,865.38

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular/Holy Day Offertory \$ 10,723.91

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Mortgage	\$ 365.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 175.00
Haiti	\$ 35.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 80.00
Ladies' Guild	\$ 1,522.00
Other	\$ 170.25

Mortgage Balance \$ 29,024.31

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 72

Sunday 228



Thank you for your continued support of the Church of the Good Shepherd!
Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



If you are new to our parish, you can find the registration form on our website www.cgsparish.org or contact the parish office.

The AED is located in the Commons by the fire extinguisher outside the office.

