

# Puzzle!

Follow the arrows and fill in the blanks to discover what the women found at Jesus' tomb on Easter morning.

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Answer: The stone was rolled away from the door.  
An angel said to them, "He is not here; he has risen!"  
(See Luke 24:1-8.)

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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

**Fr. Tony's Easter Message**

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

I pray that you and your loved ones have a blessed Easter! Today we celebrate the beautiful gift of life that God has blessed each of us with. May our encounter with the risen Lord on our journey of faith touch us deeply and transform us as He did for His disciples.

I would like you to continue to pray with and for each other as we journey through this Easter season.

In Christ,  
Fr. Tony



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

We are people of hope because of today, the day God conquered death. There is no thought more preposterous or delightful than God becoming man, dying, and conquering death for us because we are given hope through his blood. Give to our Annual Diocesan Appeal so that others may find hope in him this Easter.

**As of 4/5/2023:**

Goal	\$ 16,540.00
Pledges & Cash	\$ 15,702.00
% of Goal	95%
Donors	31

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  
Monday, April 10, 2023 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.

**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.

**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.

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**Food Pantry Needs for the  
Week of April 9  
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# 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.

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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  
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**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 9, 2023  
 Easter Sunday  
 The Resurrection of the Lord

Written by  
 THE  
 FAITHFUL  
 DISCIPLE

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 | Jn 20:1-9

## GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I love arriving to Mass early when the sacristan is preparing the altar, or even shortly after the prior Mass clears out. This is because I enjoy praying the rosary with fellow parishioners as well as having my choice of seat in the church, but there's also something about the silence, the stillness that permeates the atmosphere during that time. Sitting alone with one's thoughts tends to either disturb or flat-out bore many people, but consider the silence in a new light this Easter Sunday. Mary of Magdala visited Christ's tomb only to find it empty; what was the tomb like after Christ had risen and left? I'd like to think the silence of the sanctuary before Mass is like the silence of the tomb: still, peaceful and, most of all, joyful, for our Savior conquered the grave. In a way, arriving early to a silent church is like Mary arriving to Jesus' tomb and finding it empty. Soon, though, the church is filled with other believers - witnesses to the risen Christ who proclaim his victory over sin and death to share in the Eucharist before going out into the world to serve and make disciples.

## GO EVANGELIZE

### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

After Mass, many of us are swept up in a dizzying Easter timeline full of brightness and pastels, rushing from Mass to Easter egg hunts to lunch or dinner that may leave kids and adults alike exhausted. But our Easter worship and traditions are important because they mark this day as the most joyful of all celebrations, indeed the greatest event in human history. The Lord Jesus is calling us to new life in him! We take this time to celebrate and reflect on what this means. After his resurrection, Jesus revealed himself over time to his Apostles. But before they saw Jesus and truly understood he had risen from the dead, they experienced great sadness and fear. In the same way for us, we must remember that there is no Easter without the suffering and darkness of Good Friday. St. Paul tells us in the second reading that, in order to celebrate the feast, we must "clear out the old yeast, so that [we] may become a fresh batch of dough." We can't celebrate with "the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness" - we must let Christ purify our hearts and fill them with his Truth.

**WITNESS** Let the joy of Easter fuel a new resolve to be a witness to the Resurrection. Take Easter week to contemplate Scripture, to let Jesus fill your heart with his light and forgiveness so that you may bear his witness to those you encounter in the days and weeks to come.

**LITURGY AND MINISTRY**

**Today's Readings:**

Today's readings describe the effects of Jesus' resurrection on those who walked with him, and also what the resurrection has accomplished for us. In Acts, Peter testifies that belief in the risen Lord leads to the forgiveness of sins. Saint Paul tells the Colossians that our death and life in Jesus will result in our glorification. Everything that Jesus did, he did for us.

**Gospel Focus:**

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*



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

**EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...**

**Are willing to publicly profess their faith in Christ and their love for Him.**

**FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK**

**Adults:** How can you show this week that you truly believe in the Resurrection of Jesus?

**Children:** To whom could you tell the story of Jesus' rising from the dead?

**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:**

"The martyrs are the most precious gift God could have given to His church, for in them that 'greater love' that Jesus showed us on the cross becomes a reality."



**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

**Reflection**

The resurrection is deeply mysterious and we can't quite experience its original impact in the hearts of his followers. This gospel, this *great news*, spans the centuries and is still a living force for *here and now*. In a sense, you and I are reflected in elements of that story, and may place ourselves within the account given by Saint John today. Am I like Magdalene, announcing the news of resurrection? Or, like the apostles who respond immediately by running off to the tomb to see for themselves.



On Easter morning, the stone was rolled back from the mouth of the tomb. Is my heart to be like a tomb awaiting resurrection? Can I identify any "gravestone" that is holding me back from a fuller, freer life? It could be an addiction, a compulsion or some dark secret I have never shared with anyone. We can be sickened by our secrets. But, as Pope Francis said, we are meant to be "people of joyful hope, not doomsday prophets!" If we too discover the risen Jesus, we can all find hope and joy, and go out to share them with others.

(associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/09-april-2023-easter-Sunday-years-a-b-c/)

**Easter Prayer**

Blessed are you, O Mary, silent witness of Easter!  
You, O Mother of the Crucified One now risen, who at the hour of pain and death kept the flame of hope burning, teach us also to be, among the incongruities of passing time, convinced and joyful witnesses of the eternal message of life and love brought to the world by the Risen Redeemer. Amen.  
~Pope John Paul II, 2004



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**April 14, 2023 at 11:30 AM**

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

**Considering a call to the priesthood?**

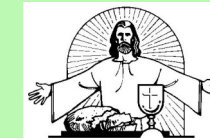
"The Lord is truly risen!" Are you being called to proclaim the Lord's resurrection as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Father Brian W. Capuano or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



Let us pray for the eternal repose of the soul of **Anne Miller** who passed away this week. May the Lord grant eternal rest unto her and let perpetual light shine upon her.

**April 9, 2023**

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**



**Readings for the Week**

- Monday, April 10**  
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday, April 11**  
Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday, April 12**  
Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday, April 13**  
Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
- Friday, April 14**  
Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday, April 15**  
Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday, April 16—Sunday of Divine Mercy**  
Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31



**Daily Mass & Intention Schedule**

Mon.	April 10	No Mass	
Tues.	April 11	Noon	Available
Wed.	April 12	Noon	+Anne Miller
Thurs.	April 13	Noon	Available
Fri.	April 14	Noon	+Thomas Wunder, Jr.
Sat	April 15	5:00 pm	Padraic Soule (Healing)
Sun.	April 16	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:**

Tuesday – Friday 10AM to 2PM



**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**

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 10**  
Office Closed
- Tuesday, April 11**  
7:00 PM K of C Mtg.
- Wednesday, April 12**  
6:00 PM Liturgical Ministries
- Thursday, April 13**  
9:00 AM Works of Mary  
6:00 PM Parish Council  
7:00 PM Choir Practice
- Friday, April 14**  
11:30 AM Adoration
- Saturday, April 15**  
4:30 PM Rosary
- Sunday, April 16**  
8:30 AM Rosary  
10:00 AM Adoration/DM Chaplet/Benediction  
10:10 AM Religious Education

**Weekly Offering for:**

**April 1 & 2, 2023**

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 5,865.38

**(The following totals DO NOT include E-Giving)\***

**OFFERTORY:**

Regular/Holy Day Offertory \$ 4,352.17

**ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:**

Mortgage	\$ 838.64
Barron Dempsey	\$ 51.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 10.00
Men's Club	\$ 1,938.00
Ladies' Guild	\$ 1,647.00
R.E.—"Hopping for Haiti"	\$ 291.00
Other	\$ 20.00

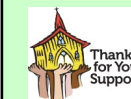
**DIOCESAN COLLECTION:**

Rice Bowl \$ 60.00

**Mortgage Balance** \$ 29,024.31

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

Saturday	120
Sunday	232



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

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**

\*Due to technical issues the totals for the Online Giving could not be accessed for this bulletin. They will be included in an upcoming bulletin.