

Puzzle!

Complete each friend pair from the Bible, using the verses as hints. Then write the circled letters in order on the blanks below to complete Proverbs 17:17.

David &	— — — — ○ —	2 Samuel 15:37
King Agrippa &	○ — — — — —	Acts 25:13
Naomi &	○ — — — — —	Ruth 1:22
Paul &	— ○ — — — —	Acts 16:25
Joshua &	— — — — ○ —	Numbers 14:6
Peter &	— — — — ○ —	Luke 5:8-10
Job &	○ — — — — —	Job 2:11
Elijah &	— ○ — — — —	2 Kings 2:1-14
Zophar &	— ○ — — — —	Job 2:11
Jonathan &	— — — — ○ —	1 Samuel 18:1
Peter &	— — — — ○ ○	Luke 5:8-10
Jesus &	— ○ — — — —	John 11:20
Jesus &	— — — — ○ —	John 11:5
Timothy &	— — — — ○ —	2 Timothy 1:1
Jesus &	○ — — — — —	John 11:5
Mary &	— — — — — ○	Luke 1:39-40
Job &	— — — — ○ —	Job 2:11
Aaron &	○ — — — — ○	Exodus 4:27

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PROVERBS 17:17a

Answer: Hushai, Festus, Ruth, Silas, Caleb, John, Bildad, Elisha, Job, David, James, Mary, Martha, Paul, Lazarus, Elizabeth, Eliphaz, Moses; A friend loves at all times.

COMMUNITY LIFE, NEWS & EVENTS

Annual Haiti Fund Drive

The annual Haiti Fund Drive to support our twin parish in Croix Fer, Haiti runs through the end of June. Your gracious donations help Good Shepherd support our twin parish's schools by providing teacher salaries and the only meal of the day for most of the students. One hundred percent of the funds collected go directly to Haiti. The easiest way to donate is through our parish e-giving page on the parish website. Father Camy, the students and teachers appreciate our loyal support to St. Anthony of Padua. Can you spare \$100.00? \$50? Please see Mary Ellen Bebermeyer or Dave Maltby for further



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

Have you made your pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal? Donations are still being accepted. Visit the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal website at: <https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal-2/> to make your donation today.



As of 6/19/2023:

Goal	\$ 16,540.00
Pledges & Cash	\$ 21,620.00
% of Goal	131%
Donors	46

We would like to thank all those who have already donated so generously to the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal.



"I PLACE MUCH OF MY HOPE FOR THE FUTURE IN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER".

(Pope John Paul II)

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend centers entirely on your relationship. It is a positive, simple, common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted.

For more information or to register, go to WWME.org click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Only 25 couples per weekend so register soon! Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions. Here are the remaining local experiences for 2023:

- September 22-24 at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Herndon
- November 17-19 at Holiday Inn, Virginia Beach



Food Pantry Needs for the Week of June 25 JAM OR JELLY

FAITH FORMATION



Adult Faith Formation

What is God saying to you?

Adult Faith is happening every Sunday after Mass. Come and take a "Deeper Dive" into the Sunday Gospel readings with Michael Matthews. Our summer schedule will meet in the classroom across from the kitchen.

Prayer



"You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

- St. Augustine

"One dark night, fired by love's urgent longings..."

- John of the Cross

What we do with the restlessness, the fire that burns within us? How do we handle and nurture our relationship to God, others, and creation? What proper ways and disciplines can we find to integrate our lives in such a way as to reflect, share, and celebrate the presence of Christ in all? Spirituality is that search and yearning in the heart of each of us, which we explore along varied paths leading, hopefully, to the narrow tightrope that Jesus once called the path to eternal life.

The spiritual life...is not limited solely to participation in the liturgy. The Christian is indeed called to pray with his brothers and sisters, but he must also enter into his chamber to pray to the Father in secret; yet more, according to the teaching of the Apostle, he should pray without ceasing." (CSL #12) [-https://cdrworship.org/prayer/](https://cdrworship.org/prayer/)



Thank you to all the volunteers that made Vacation Bible School (VBS) out-of-this-world!

Your willingness to share your faith with the children and to shine a light on Jesus' love made this year's VBS a success.

We hope to see everyone again next year!

Join us for Donuts after Mass in the Commons next Sunday, July 2



IMPORTANT!

The parish office hours for June 26-30 have changed:

- Monday-Thursday 10 AM-2 PM
- Friday Closed

The office will be closed on Monday, July 3 & Tuesday, July 4 for the holiday.



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





The Church of the Good Shepherd

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Father Tony's Email: pastor@cgsparish.org
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Summer Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday 10 AM to 4 PM,
Tuesday & Thursday 9 AM to 3:30 PM, Friday—CLOSED
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
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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
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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.



June 25, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:10-13 | Rom 5:12-15 | Mt 10:26-33

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

When I was in middle school, I came upon a group of students who had singled out another student, accusing her of some pretty rotten things. The Lord must have helped me to be brave that day because I decided to step in and defend her. Thankfully, calling them out on their cruelty was enough to fend them off. Thank God for his presence and aid in that moment! In the first reading today, Jeremiah tells of his experience of being betrayed and accused: "All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine. 'Perhaps he will be trapped [they say]; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him.'" But Jeremiah does not lose heart, saying also, "the Lord is with me, like a mighty champion." And Jesus' words in the Gospel echo the resolve of Jeremiah when he says: "Fear no one ... What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light ... And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul." It seems pretty clear, then, that our job is to bring the Good News of Jesus into the world whenever we can and let his light shine forth by our words and actions. We are commissioned to be warriors for Christ who should not fear injury but rather call upon him in our need and trust in his goodness and mercy to render aid.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Stepping into a conflict or situation can be difficult. But we are not meant to do it alone. Yes, we are called to proclaim the Word of God at every opportunity – to let "zeal" for our Father's house consume us, as we heard in the psalm. And the task at hand may seem a daunting one – until we focus on the second part of the Gospel and soak in the depth of the love Jesus has for each of his children. Matthew writes: "Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted." We are not alone as we do the work of the Father; rather, we are known and loved by him and strengthened by the Advocate, the Holy Spirit. We can feel emboldened by this as we pursue the everlasting gift of heaven.

ENGAGE This world often tells us to do what makes us happy. Let's challenge ourselves to, instead, do what makes us *holy*, as we keep our eyes fixed on the path to eternity.

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

Saint Paul tells us that Jesus brings the grace of God as pure gift. And we know that God cares for us so much that he counts the hairs on our heads. Nothing is secret with God – all is finally and perfectly revealed in his Son, Jesus. We ought not fear to share this Good News, acknowledging Christ and announcing the Gospel to the world.

Gospel Focus:

What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.



“Encounter the Joy of the Gospel and Set the World Ablaze”

EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...

Have lives that have changed due to their relationship with Christ.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: When has your faith in Jesus been most seriously tested?

Children: What could you do to encourage someone who is feeling hurt?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of June



Evangelization: For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

Pope Tweets:

“Prayer is the space of dialogue with the Father, through Christ in the Holy Spirit.”

Please Remember in Prayer:

Barbara & Jim Bonney, Gene Chappell, Leila Chevalier, Maureen Davis, Justin Evans, Ann Fjell, Ellen Gauthier, Leslie Lunger, Christopher Morris, Dara Murphy, Shirley Mutter, Elizabeth Perry, Alice Reece, Jean Wechsler, Thomas Wunder and Brandon Zakaras



Today's Reflection

A prophetic people



Today's first reading reminds us of the trials of the prophet Jeremiah, and the Gospel speaks of our duty of witnessing to Christ in the world—both reminders that all members of the People of God are potentially prophetic and that all should play some part in handing on the truth about God. In a sense, we are all successors to Jeremiah and to the apostles whose job it was to share Christ's message with the world.

Not all Christians have equal opportunities of being spokespersons for God. Bishops and priests have the official duty of encouraging and teaching the faithful. Their difficult but worthwhile task is to faithfully hand on Christ's teaching, and correct errors that threaten the integrity of the traditional Christian doctrine or ethical standards. Like Jeremiah and other Old Testament prophets, they remind their people of God's revealed will and of the high moral standards God asks of us. And, like the prophets, priests can often expect criticism and opposition, just for doing their job.

Theologians too have an important work to fulfill in the Church, to deeply study the revealed truth, and then blend that traditional teaching with modern knowledge, so as to honestly apply the Christian message to new problems. To help them in this daunting work they have the light of the same Holy Spirit who guided the prophets of old, provided they do their research not as masters but as servants of the word of God. But, it is not only priests and theologians who have the prophetic role towards God's people. The Second Vatican Council taught that every Christian should give a living witness to Christ, at least through living a life of faith and charity and by joining in worship and prayer.

This is not such an easy matter. The spirit of today's society, the example of our contemporaries, and the irreligious mood of much of the media do not always foster God-fearing attitudes or encourage sound moral standards. In most countries today, Christians are not persecuted for showing faith in Christ and his Gospel, but when she or he lives according to this teaching they will be swimming against the tide of a materialistic culture and will not find the going easy. Jesus warns that being a Christian will cost sacrifice and suffering. We are bound to face opposition from a world that does not gladly submit to the word of God, that makes so many demands on human nature. But there is real satisfaction, too, in standing up for the truth of things. In the center of their souls, prophetic people have the happiness of working with the Lord, who is the ultimate truth on whom we all depend.

(verbatim from: associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/25-june-2023-12th-sunday-a/)

“Truth is not determined by a majority vote.”

~Pope Benedict XVI

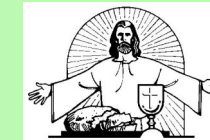
Considering a call to the priesthood

“The LORD is our righteousness.” Are you being called to bring the word of God as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Father Brian W. Capuano or write: vocations@richmonddioocese.org.



June 25, 2023

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Readings for the Week

Monday, June 26

Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 27

Gn 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 28—St. Irenaeus

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday, June 29—Sts. Peter and Paul

Acts 3:1-10; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19

Friday, June 30

Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday, July 1

Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday, July 2—Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	June 26	No Mass	
Tues.	June 27	Noon	Available
Wed.	June 28	Noon	Available
Thurs.	June 29	Noon	Available
Fri.	June 30	Noon	Available
Sat	July 1	5:00 pm	+Daniela Barone
Sun.	July 2	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



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

July 2—Mortgage

July 23—Altar Flowers

*Your donations are needed and appreciated.



PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

Parish Life This Week



Monday, June 26

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, June 28

6:00 PM OCIA

7:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, June 29

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, June 30

Office Closed

11:30 AM Adoration

Saturday, July 1

4:30 PM Rosary

Sunday, July 2

8:30 AM Rosary

*The office will be closed on July 3 & 4, 2023 for the holiday.

Weekly Offering for:

June 17 & 18, 2023

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 5,865.38

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular/Holy Day Offertory \$ 5,601.31

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Mortgage	\$ 385.00
Haiti	\$ 510.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 225.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 294.38
Religious Ed—VBS donations	\$ 20.00
Roof Repair	\$ 100.00
Other	\$ 60.00

DIOCESAN COLLECTION:

Peter's Pence \$ 70.00

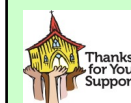
Mortgage Balance

\$ 27,750.83

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 89

Sunday 199



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.

