

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

The readings today reflect on what we gain through sacrifice. Sacrifice is not just about what we give up, but rather what we discern to be unnecessary or in vain. When we put these things aside, we then can find what is most important. Jesus teaches us that through sacrifice, we find our true reward with him.

Gospel Focus:

We are called to carry our cross and follow Jesus.



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

EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...

Are continuously changing and repenting.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: When have you faltered or looked back during your journey of faith?

Children: What can you do to be a stronger follower of Jesus this week?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of July



Evangelization: For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Pope Tweets:

"Our God is a communion of love: this is how Jesus revealed him to us. And do you know how we can remember this? With the simplest gesture, which we learnt as children: the sign of the cross."

Please Remember in Prayer:

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

Today's Reflection

Matthew 10:37-42

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.



The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

(loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/13th-sunday-of-ordinary-time-a-sunday-connection/)

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL GOD IS DOING SOMETHING NEW - AND HE IS CALLING YOU TO BE A PART OF IT!



The Year of Parish Revival
June 11, 2023—July 17, 2024
"Behold, I make all things new."
(Rev. 21:5)

Visit eucharisticrevival.org for more information and to find out what you can do.

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The Eucharistic Revival is here!

This is My Body, A Call to Eucharistic Revival by Bishop Robert Barron is available in the Commons. Dates for *This is My Body* discussion groups are forthcoming.

Considering a call to the priesthood

"Serve one another through love." Does a life of prayer and service as a priest attract you? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



COMMUNITY LIFE, NEWS & EVENTS

We would like to wish everyone with a birthday or an anniversary in the month of **JULY** 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!

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://richmondatholicfoundation.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

IMPORTANT!

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

The office will be open Wednesday-Friday from 9 AM-3:30 PM



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.

Paths of Prayer

Centering Prayer

"...But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door and pray to your Father in secret. And the Father, who sees in secret, will reward you." Mt 6:6.

Centering prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than consciousness itself. It invites us to move into a receptive prayer of resting in God. It is based on the above wisdom saying of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, and inspired by the writings of John of the Cross, Therese de Lisieux, Francis de Sales, Teresa of Avila, and Thomas Merton.

For more information, see [Contemplative Outreach, Ltd.](http://ContemplativeOutreach.Ltd)
-<https://cdrworship.org/prayer/>

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Marian Prayer

To explore the rich and varied devotions to Mary, the Mother of God, go to the excellent resource site of the University of Dayton's International Marian Research Institute.

The Mary Page: campus.udayton.edu/mary//marypage21.html

SUMMER PRAYER



Lord God,
We put ourselves into Your hands, and pray that You will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer.
May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.
May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Food Pantry Needs for the Week of July 2 CANNED FRUIT





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
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
Admin Assistant - Vicki Dobbins, admin@cgsparish.org
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Music Director - Katarina Hackney, music@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 - Shawn Huffaker, gk17335@vakofc.org
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.

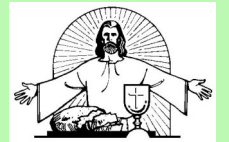
Funerals – Contact the office if you would like to schedule a Funeral Service. The date and time must be approved by the priest.

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.

July 2, 2023
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Readings for the Week

Monday, July 3
Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29
Tuesday, July 4
Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday, July 5
Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday, July 6
Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8
Friday, July 7
Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday, July 8
Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17
Sunday, July 9—Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	July 3	No Mass	
Tues.	July 4	10:00 am	Available
Wed.	July 5	Noon	Available
Thurs.	July 6	Noon	Available
Fri.	July 7	Noon	Available
Sat	July 8	5:00 pm	+Fr. Angelo O'Hagan
Sun.	July 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
click on 'Give' then 'On-Line Giving'

Upcoming Special Collections

July 23—Altar Flowers

August 6—Mortgage

*Your donations are needed and appreciated.



Parish Life This Week



Monday, July 3
Office Closed
5:00 PM Good Grief!!!
Tuesday, July 4
Independence Day—Office Closed
Wednesday, July 5
6:00 PM OCIA
7:00 PM Youth Group
7:15 PM Works of Mary Book Club
Thursday, July 6
7:00 PM Choir Practice
Friday, July 7
11:30 AM Adoration
Saturday, July 8
4:30 PM Rosary
6:00 PM KOVAR Collection
Sunday, July 9
8:30 AM Rosary
10:00 AM KOVAR Collection

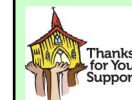


Weekly Offering for:

June 24 & 25, 2023

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 5,865.38
(The following totals include E-Giving)

This collection information will appear in the July 9, 2023 bulletin.



Thanks For Your Support!

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

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



Welcome TO OUR church

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

Registration Updates Needed !

Help us keep our records updated! If you have had an address, email change, phone number, birth, death, or grown children who have moved out on their own, please contact the parish office with these changes. Don't forget us when life events occur. Thank you in advance.

