

Puzzle!

Use the food key to complete Acts 14:17, NIV.

KEY

THANK YOU, LORD



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ACTS 14:17, NIV

Answer: “He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.” Acts 14:17, NIV

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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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 7/10/2023:



Goal	\$ 16,540.00
Pledges & Cash	\$ 22,532.00
% of Goal	136%
Donors	49

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



The Knights of SK Gerald F. Shaw Council 17335 would like to thank their fellow Good Shepherd parishioners for their generosity during the KOVAR fund drives held at the end of June and the beginning of July. A total of \$415.00 was collected to support persons with intellectual disabilities. Since 1971, KOVAR has raised more than \$17 million to help persons with intellectual disabilities through home loans, job skills training programs, and the Special Olympics. Thank you again for your generosity!



PARKING LOT UPDATES

The church parking lot will be undergoing some much needed repair work beginning Monday, July 17, 2023. There will only be one entrance available during this repair. For those who will be attending weekday Mass this week or are coming for other business, please park in the unpaved lot on the side of the building.

IMPORTANT! MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The church building, including the office, will be **CLOSED**

Monday, July 24—Wednesday, July 26, 2023

in order to seal and stripe the parking lot. The entrances to the church lot will be blocked off at this time. All church events and meetings, including weekday Mass will be cancelled for these days. The church should be open per usual on Thursday, July 27. Please call the office for verification. Thank you for your cooperation.



**Food Pantry Needs for the
Week of July 16
CANNED RAVIOLI AND SPAGHETTI**

FAITH FORMATION

CATECHISTS NEEDED



Are you searching for a way to increase your faith? Are you looking for a path to sainthood by performing a spiritual act of mercy each week? Are you eager to learn and great with patience? If this describes you, then you are being called to be a catechist! Our parish youth are in need of those who would willingly devote just an hour of your Sunday to discovering what it is we love about God. Are you willing to participate in God’s plan for you?

Contact Lara Detrich at formation@cqsparish.org for more information.



Liturgy of the Hours

Want to pray like the ancient Christians? Come learn about the *Liturgy of the Hours* on August 6, 2023 following Mass! It should take about 30 minutes or so, and breakfast will be provided. Sign-ups will be in the Commons. It WILL be worth your time! Contact Scott Watterson for more information.



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.

Adult Faith Corner

Are you searching for more answers to your faith questions? Here are a few resources for you to begin your journey.

Websites:

- <https://richmonddiocese.org/office/christian-formation/>
- <https://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/2023/05/pop-up-catechesis-going-to-mass-every-Sunday/>

Podcasts/Apps:

- <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>
- Oregon Catholic Press, Music <https://www.ocp.org/en-us>
- <https://ascensionpress.com>

A few recommended books:

- The Lord’s Supper: A Eucharistic Revival* by John Michael Talbot
- Holy Grit: A Sainly Guide to Becoming a Man of Virtue* by Paul George
- Just Rest: Receiving God’s Renewing Presence in the Deserts of Your Life (a Study of Exodus)* by Sonja Corbitt
- Courageous Love: A Bible Study in Holiness for Women* by Stacy Mitch

Please feel free to reach out to me if you come across other resources that you would like to share!

Lara Detrich at formation@cqsparish.org



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
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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 - Lisa & Aine Lewandowski
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 16, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11 | Rom 8:18-23 | Mt 13:1-23

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

At Mass with my family recently, my five-year-old daughter caught the last four words of the mystery of faith as if she was hearing them for the first time. She was bursting with excitement as we finished saying, “We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.” She turned to me and said, “Mom! We said, ‘until you come again.’ Does that mean Jesus is coming back? He’s coming HERE?” What a lovely, emotion-filled response to learning that truth. She has heard those words countless times, but this time she heard the truth behind them. Her soul has been made for relationship with God from her time in the womb. The Holy Spirit has been preparing her to receive those words when she was ready to hear them in their fullness, and as the responsorial psalm proclaimed: “The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.” For those in the young, challenging years when it may seem easier to leave the little ones at home rather than take them to Mass, let’s remember what we are told in the first reading from Isaiah. “Thus says the Lord: ... my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.”

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How often do you find yourself listening to a friend or family member not to really hear what they are saying, but to plan your response? Do we do that while we pray as well? Sometimes I catch myself praying with an inner monologue behind it, deciding how I want that prayer to be answered. Now all of this may not be exactly what Jesus meant when he said, “This is why I speak to them in parables, because *they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand,*” but it is worth exploring. When we are so anxious to get our words in – either to another person, or to God, we’re not really being the rich soil that the other’s words deserve. We’re not even the rocky ground or the thorny path of which the Lord speaks; we’re more like a giant rubber wall off of which the words bounce! Let’s take some time to consider how our practice of listening and receiving others, including the Lord, is preparing us (or not) for the return of Jesus. And if there is room to improve, now is a good time to do it.

PRAY Lord, Jesus Christ, prepare my heart and my soul so that your words and your desires for my life will not fall on rocky soil. Give me the strength to be a Godly sower to all I encounter, especially my family, so your glory will be revealed. Amen.


LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

The image of the seed that Jesus offers in today's parable can call us to see more clearly and to listen more carefully. This seeing and hearing requires a posture of wonder, a posture of careful attentiveness. Can we slow down and marvel, watching with anticipation to see what God will do?

Gospel Focus:

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.



"Encounter the Joy of the Gospel and Set the World Ablaze"
EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...
 See the Church community as vital to their life in Christ.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK
Adults: How do you provide "good soil" for the faith of others to grow?
Children: What are you doing to help the seeds of your faith grow each day?

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:

"A prophet is a living sign who points God out to others, a reflection of Christ's light on the path of the brothers and sisters, someone who helps others read the present under the action of the Holy Spirit, to understand God's plans and correspond to them."



Please Remember in Prayer:
 Barbara & Jim Bonney, Gene Chappell, Leila Chevalier, 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

**Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
 Feast Day July 14**



Prayer

O Saint Kateri, Lily of the Mohawks, Your love for Jesus, so strong, so steadfast, pray that we may become like you. Your short and painful life showed us your strength and humility. Pray that we may become forever humble like you. Like the bright and shining stars at night, we pray that your light may forever shine down upon us, giving light, hope, peacefulness and serenity in our darkest moments. Fill our hearts, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha with your same love for Jesus and pray that we may have the strength and courage to become one like you in Heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

~Harold Caldwell

(as it appeared in the Catholic Virginian, p. 5, July 10, 2023)

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.



We would like to welcome into our Catholic faith family, *Jacob Richard Elliott*, who became a child of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism last weekend. We pray that he will continue to grow in faith and love all the days of his life. Congratulations and God bless!

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 July 21, 2023 at 11:30 AM**

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



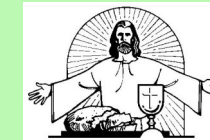
Considering a call to the priesthood

"It is He whom we proclaim." Are you being called to proclaim Christ and the word of God? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



"The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest." (Psalm 65)

**July 16, 2023
 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Readings for the Week

Monday, July 17
 Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday, July 18
 Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday, July 19
 Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday, July 20
 Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30
Friday, July 21
 Ex 11:10—12:14; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday, July 22—Feast of St. Mary Magdalene
 Sgs 3:1-4b; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Sunday, July 23—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	July 17	No Mass	
Tues.	July 18	Noon	Available
Wed.	July 19	Noon	Available
Thurs.	July 20	Noon	Available
Fri.	July 21	Noon	Available
Sat	July 22	5:00 pm	Available
Sun.	July 23	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 23—Altar Flowers
August 6—Mortgage



*Your donations are needed and appreciated.

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



Parish Life This Week



Monday, July 17
 6:30 PM Boy Scouts
Wednesday, July 19
 6:00 PM OCIA
 NO YOUTH GROUP
 7:15 PM Works of Mary Book Club
Friday, July 21
 11:30 AM Adoration
Saturday, July 22
 4:30 PM Rosary
Sunday, July 23
 8:30 AM Rosary

Weekly Offering for:

July 8 & 9, 2023

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

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offertory \$ 5,107.16

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Mortgage \$ 705.00
 Haiti (VBS & E-giving) \$ 161.40
 Barron Dempsey \$ 15.00
 Catholic Virginian \$ 5.00
 Altar Flowers \$ 2.00
 Other \$ 74.75

Mortgage Balance \$ 25,186.09

MASS ATTENDANCE

July 8 145
 July 9 175



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.

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.

