




PUZZLE

Summer's gifts

Summer brings longer days, warmer nights and – for many people – time spent near water. Complete this puzzle to find out who's behind all those summertime joys.



Directions: Read Jeremiah 31:35 (NIV) below. Draw a around words describing God's actions. Draw an around words that describe day. Underline words that describe evening. Draw  under words that describe the ocean.

He who appoints the sun to shine by day,
 who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night,
 who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar ...



Directions: Circle the capital letters. Then write them from left to right on the lines below to reveal God's name in this Bible verse.

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Answer: The LORD Almighty

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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 7/6/2023: |
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|  Goal | \$ 17,272.00 |
| Pledges & Cash | \$ 21,952.00 |
| % of Goal | 133% |
| Donors | 47 |

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

IMPORTANT! MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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

Monday, July 24—Wednesday, July 26, 2023 due to the repair work needed on the parking lot.

There will be NO MASS on these days.



"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

"To have Christian hope means to know about evil and yet to go to meet the future with confidence. The core of faith rests upon accepting being loved by God, and therefore to believe is to say Yes, not only to him, but to creation, to creatures, above all, to men, to try to see the image of God in each person and thereby to become a lover." ~Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

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

Praying the Rosary



The rosary (from the Latin, *rosarium*, rose garden) evolved from the weekly praying of the 150 psalms by monks in the early Church. Too complicated for ordinary folk, these were gradually replaced in the 15th century by the praying of Our Fathers and Hail Marys, spaced with meditations on the mysteries related to Jesus and Mary. Tied and numbered beads have always been used as a way of counting the prayers. The mantra-like repetition of the prayers offers a way into a deeper relationship with God, by walking with Mary through the life, death and resurrection of her Son Jesus.

How to pray the Rosary: campus.udayton.edu/mary/questions/faq/faq07.html

How to teach children to pray the rosary: www.cptryon.org/prayer/child/rosary/how.html

How to pray the Rosary in many languages: www.pacifier.com/~rosarweb/howto.htm

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Visio Divina: Divine Seeing

This is the practice of meditating on visual images as a source of divine insight and inspiration. See and log in free to *Envision Church*: www3.georgetown.edu/centers/liturgy/envisionchurch/30211.html

- <https://cdrworship.org/prayer/>

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.

Food Pantry Needs for the Week of July 9 CANNED MEAT OR FISH





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
Religious Education - Lara Detrich, formation@cgsparish.org
Music Director - Katarina Hackney, music@cgsparish.org
Youth Ministry – Scott Watterson, youthministry@cgsparish.org

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 9, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zec 9:9-10 | Rom 8:9, 11-13 | Mt 11:25-30

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

What does a restful day look like to you? Maybe it's a lazy day poolside with a good book and a cold drink, or perhaps a dark room, cozy blanket, and a good movie. Lazy days like these are hard to come by; truly restful days in our busy world are even fewer and farther between. Although "taking a break" every once in a while from the cares of the world is certainly good for everyone, in today's Gospel Jesus is referring to true rest that only he can provide. Jesus asks us to take up his yoke and learn from him "and [we] will find rest for ourselves." Our burdens will be lighter because he shares them with us. Jesus says: "I am meek and humble of heart." Imagine the strength to be found in that meekness, that humility! We will know true rest when we surrender ourselves to Jesus and live in the freedom only he can provide.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In order to find rest in the Lord, we must remember that "[we] are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in [us]," as Saint Paul writes to the Romans. Therefore, Jesus is inviting us into union with him, as well as with the Father and the Holy Spirit. How do we yoke ourselves to Christ? By living out our baptismal promises, celebrating the sacraments, and through our lives of faith, we allow Jesus to work through us and lead the way. Let us make an effort this week to hand over our worries and anxieties to Jesus. And let us never forget that the Holy Spirit dwells within us.

PRAISE Share your worries and anxieties with Christ through prayer. Offer a prayer of thanksgiving and praise using today's psalm:

The Lord is faithful in all his words

and holy in all his works.

The Lord lifts up all who are falling

and raises up all who are bowed down.

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.


LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

Many Jews expected a militarily strong messiah who would lead them into battle to be free of the Romans. Instead, Jesus humbly submitted to the will of his Father, even unto death. Yet he said his burden was light. Motivated by love of God and neighbor, our burdens can be lighter when carried with Jesus.

Gospel Focus:

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened.



"Encounter the Joy of the Gospel and Set the World Ablaze"
EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...
 Have an active personal and communal prayer life.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK
Adults: When has Jesus refreshed you when you felt burdened by problems?
Children: What burden do you need Jesus to help you carry?

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:

"This is Christian prophecy: responding to evil with good, to hatred with love, to division with reconciliation. Faith transforms reality from within."

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

Becoming like children




"Put your hand in the hand of the man from Galilee" was the refrain of a popular Gospel song some years back. Putting your hand in somebody else's is a gesture of intimacy, which is very characteristic of children with their parents. To a loving father or mother a child will give its hand unquestioningly, with complete trust. Holding his or her father's hand there is nowhere the child will not venture. It is not only willing to be led, but positively wants to be brought somewhere. Somewhere in the growing up process we outgrow our dependency on our parents, and having lost the need for their guidance, even God can become remote for us. Only those who are children at heart can fully understand what Jesus tells us about God—that God reveals Himself to "mere children".

Growing up means ceasing to be dependent. We exchange a child's dependence on people for an adult's dependence on things, like money, alcohol, success and influence. But, these props are notoriously fickle and the adult world is often plagued by stress and anxiety. Our props may provide temporary relief but can still leave us—as Jesus puts it—"laboring and burdened;" laboring under illusions of grandeur and burdened with unrealistic targets. The heaviest load we have to carry is that of our own unfulfilled ambitions, the burden of our bruised egos. Only a return to humility can restore our lost innocence and our lost paradise. That honest humility that accepts our creature-status, our status as children before God. To enjoy the peace of Christ we must "put our hand in the hand of the man from Galilee," who guides us along life's journey and helps us to find the way home.


"Come to me", he says, 'all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.' In spite of all our problems, we trust him when he says, my yoke is easy and my burden light.

(verbatim from associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/9-july-2023-14th-Sunday-a/)

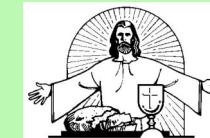


The Eucharistic Revival is here!
This is My Body, A Call to Eucharistic Revival by Bishop Robert Barron is available in the Commons. Dates for *This is My Body* discussion groups are forthcoming.

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.



**July 9, 2023
 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Readings for the Week

Monday, July 10
 Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday, July 11—St. Benedict
 Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday, July 12
 Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a; 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday, July 13
 Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15
Friday, July 14—St. Kateri Tekakwitha
 Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday, July 15—St. Bonaventure
 Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday, July 16—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

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| Mon. | July 10 | No Mass | |
| Tues. | July 11 | Noon | +Janet Kneisel |
| Wed. | July 12 | Noon | Available |
| Thurs. | July 13 | Noon | Available |
| Fri. | July 14 | Noon | Available |
| Sat. | July 15 | 5:00 pm | Available |
| Sun. | July 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:

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



Tuesday, July 11
 7:00 PM K of C Mtg.
Wednesday, July 12
 6:00 PM OCIA
 7:00 PM Youth Group
Thursday, July 13
 9:00 AM Works of Mary
 7:00 PM Choir Practice
Saturday, July 15
 4:30 PM Rosary
Sunday, July 16
 8:30 AM Rosary

Weekly Offering for:

June 24-25 & July 1-2, 2023

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 5,865.38

(The following totals include E-Giving)

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| OFFERTORY: | June 24 & 25 | July 1 & 2 |
| Regular Offertory | \$ 3,574.41 | \$ 7,252.22 |

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

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| Mortgage | \$ 135.00 | \$ 1,661.00 |
| Haiti | \$ 660.00 | \$ 135.00 |
| Barron Dempsey | \$ 20.00 | — |
| Catholic Virginian | \$ 10.00 | \$ 15.00 |
| Ladies Guild | \$ 92.00 | — |
| Altar Flowers | \$ 25.00 | — |
| Parking Lot Repair | \$ 100.00 | — |
| Roof Repair Fund | \$ 10.00 | \$ 100.00 |
| Other | — | \$ 130.00 |

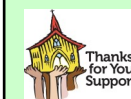
DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS:

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| Catholic Relief | — | \$ 75.00 |
| Peters Pence | — | \$ 75.00 |

Mortgage Balance \$ 27,750.83

MASS ATTENDANCE

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| June 24 | 101 | July 1 | 102 |
| June 25 | 175 | July 2 | 155 |



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

Check out our **new** website at New-and-Improved.cgsparish.org for updates and more information!

