

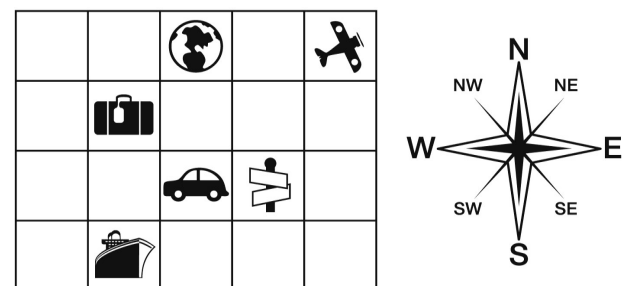


# Puzzle

## Wherever we go

No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

*Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.*



### Start at the SHIP.

Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N  \_ \_ \_ \_

### Start at the WORLD.

Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE  \_ \_

### Start at the SUITCASE.

Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E  \_ \_ \_

### Start at the PLANE.

Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W  \_ \_

### Start at the CAR.

Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW  \_ \_ \_ \_

### Start at the SIGN.

Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

The \_ ORD will watch ove\_ your comi\_g and go\_ng both no\_ and for\_ vermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

Answer: plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

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## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### WHAT DO ANGELS HAVE TO DO WITH A DISHWASHER?



The Good Shepherd Ladies' Guild is raising money to purchase a new dishwasher for our church kitchen. If we can raise enough money, we will be able to eat our special parish meals on our good china.

This is where you, our fellow parishioners, come in. BEGINNING ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023 we will begin raffling off two beautiful Angel Figurines at the Religious Goods Store. We will sell tickets for \$2.00 each and 3 for \$5.00. You will be able to decide which figurine you want to put your ticket on or put some on both. The more you buy, the more chances you have to win.

THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH AT OUR PARISH PICNIC.

All proceeds will go toward the purchase of the new dishwasher which will benefit all ministries here at Good Shepherd.



### Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat for Healing after Abortion September 8-10, 2023

For information & registration, contact:  
Marty Montgomery-Jennings @ 804-704-0429  
or Maggie Carlson @ 804-432-2589  
Email: [RV4hope@gmail.com](mailto:RV4hope@gmail.com)

Website about retreats: [rv4hope.org](http://rv4hope.org)  
Inquires, registration and participation are strictly confidential.

Join us for Donuts after Mass in the Commons next Sunday, September 3



### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

**Marriage Retreat!** Scripture says about married people that "Two shall live as one." How often do you find yourselves living as two? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you get back to basics in this complicated day and age.

For more information or to register, go to [WWME.org](http://WWME.org), click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or [mstang1987@aol.com](mailto:mstang1987@aol.com) with any questions.

Upcoming dates:

- September 22-24, 2023—Crowne Plaza Hotel, Herndon
- November 17-19, 2023—Holiday Inn, Virginia Beach



### Food Pantry Needs for the Week of August 27 MUFFIN MIX

## FAITH FORMATION



### National Eucharistic Revival

The Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Take time to learn more about the center of our Catholic faith by reading *This is My Body*, A Call to

Eucharistic Revival by Bishop Robert Barron. Copies are still available in the Commons and are yours to take with or without a donation.

Book discussions will take place on Tuesday, September 12, 19 & 26 at 12:30 pm and 7 pm.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament September 1, 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

Is God calling you to priesthood? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).



### Interested in learning more about St. Benedict and his Holy Rule?

The Oblates of St. Benedict meet monthly from September to May at three deaneries in Virginia—Bristow, Bedford and Richmond. All are welcome (married or single) to come and learn how to live a Lay Christian Monastic life in our modern day, grounded in the Rule of St. Benedict since the sixth century. Benedictine Oblates (lay people) live in the world but enjoy a spiritual community life with a Benedictine Monastery near them. Locally, Richmond meetings are held at the Benedictine Abbey in Goochland. To learn more, please contact Annie McEntee, Obl.SB at [annie.mcentee.oblsb@gmail.com](mailto:annie.mcentee.oblsb@gmail.com)



### Cursillo Greater Hampton Roads

2023 Weekends:

Women's Cursillo—September 21-24, 2023  
Men's Cursillo—October 12-15, 2023

Saint Clare of Assissi Retreat Center, Hampton  
GHRC website: [philippians2foundation.org/cursillo/](http://philippians2foundation.org/cursillo/)



The parish office will be CLOSED on Monday, September 4, 2023 in observance of the holiday.





# The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd

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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](mailto:pastor@cgsparish.org)

**Admin Assistant** - Vicki Dobbins, [admin@cgsparish.org](mailto:admin@cgsparish.org)

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**Music Director** - Katarina Hackney, [music@cgsparish.org](mailto:music@cgsparish.org)

**Youth Ministry** – Scott Watterson, [youthministry@cgsparish.org](mailto: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** - 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](mailto:gk17335@vakofc.org)

**Ladies' Guild** - Margaret Hickman

**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.



“  
Upon this rock  
I will build  
my church.”

(Mt 16:18-19)

August 27, 2023

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23 | Rom 11:33-36 | Mt 16:13-20

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

God is not looking for perfection when it comes to his leaders, he is looking for true and loving hearts. In the first reading, God is not impressed with the master of the palace as a father for the people of Jerusalem. Eliakim the servant has the heart God desires. God will give Eliakim whatever he needs to guide his people – the right clothes, authority, and a place of honor. And we learn in the Gospel that Peter has the heart of love Jesus knows is necessary to guide his followers after he is gone. There are more learned and powerful men, but they lack Peter's faith. Jesus knows Peter is not perfect and he has much to learn, but Peter has the right foundation for the Church. We don't need to be the smartest people or have money and influence to be God's leaders. We need hearts of love and faith, and God will give us the tools we need to do the work.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

There is much to be done in our parishes and God needs our hearts and faith to get to work. How can we use our gifts and talents to help make the parish a welcoming place? For some it might be liturgical ministry, but every church needs people to work behind the scenes. Dusting and cleaning the church is not a glamorous job, but caring for the house of God is a blessing in itself. Helping the parish office with special mailings or weekly tasks is welcome to the staff who have so many responsibilities. Why not use the eyes of the Father to look in our hearts and see how we can make our parish a foundation of faith for all our family? We can also use God's sight to look for people at Mass who need an invitation to be more active in the parish, sharing the reminder none of us have to be perfect people to participate. We just need hearts of love.

**ACT** Look over the bulletin this week and reflect on where your talents could make a difference in your parish. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the wisdom and guidance you need to find where God wants you to be and what he wants you to do. Extend an invitation to one person to join you in participating in a church ministry.



**LITURGY AND MINISTRY**

**Today's Readings:**

Simon Peter didn't "figure out" Jesus' identity on his own. Rather, God himself revealed to Peter that Jesus is *the Christ, the Son of the living God*. Rather than relying only on our own intellect, we must be open to what the Lord is trying to tell us — or else we may miss something crucial.

**Gospel Focus:**

Rely on God for wisdom.



*"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:** Which Church leader has most influenced your personal faith?

**Children:** What has your pastor taught you about Jesus?

**PRAYER AND VOCATIONS**

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of August**



**Evangelization: For World Youth Day**

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

**Pope Tweets:**

"Our outlook changes when we place Jesus at the center of our lives. And despite all our struggles and difficulties, we feel wrapped in His light, comforted by His Spirit, encouraged by His word and sustained by His love."

**Please Remember in Prayer:**



Barbara & Jim Bonney, Gene Chappell, Justin Evans, Ellen Gauthier, Leslie Lunger, Christopher Morris, Dara Murphy, Shirley Mutter, Betty Nagy, Elizabeth Perry, Alice Reece, Jean Wechsler, Thomas Wunder and Brandon Zakaras

*"Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands." (Psalm 138)*

**Today's Reflection**

**Shepherd and Rock**



Above the sanctuary of Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, written in huge lettering of gold mosaic, is this promise of Jesus to his chief apostle: "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build by church. I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven." These words are held by Catholics as the basis for the papacy, applying to the bishop of Rome as the successor to Peter, to be the chief spokesman for the church's living faith, and wielder of the spiritual power of the keys.

We must not be too simplistic in how we apply those words to the original Peter and even more so to his successors. Non-Catholic Christians, our brethren in the Protestant churches, do not accept that there could be any succession, in the full sense, to the position held by Saint Peter. They find any claims to juridical and absolute authority for the papacy, under titles like "apostolic jurisdiction" or "the power of the keys" to be out of harmony with the Gospel message. They interpret differently what today's Gospel means for leadership in the Church. We need not insist that the Roman way is the only way of taking Christ's words. Still, this Gospel deserves close attention for what it says about faith, enlightenment and leadership, and guidance for our own lives.

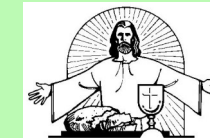
Each must make a personal answer to Our Lord's question: "Who do you say that I am?" although Peter's credo is a solid basis from which to begin. Notice the beautiful phrase: "Son of the Living God," expressing more richly what "Christ" means. Peter's worshipful faith comes to him as gift from above, not from any mere logic or ingenuity. Why was the blessing given to him in particular? Perhaps because his humble and contrite spirit made him best prepared to receive it? Or, because God chooses whom He wills, irrespective of their merits? It is to this Peter that Jesus entrusts whatever is Meant by the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Upon his solid, dedicated faith the Church will always rely, for unity and encouragement. Keys are mainly for opening; many doors lock by themselves. We could reflect further on Peter's task, as seen in other Gospel passages (Mt. 14:28ff; 17:24ff; Lk 22:32; Jn 21:15-17) and in the (Acts 1:15ff, 2:14ff; 3:12ff).

While he is appointed to "feed the lambs and sheep" of Christ, to "confirm his brethren," and welcome the first pagan convert into the Church, Peter is no plaster saint. Weakness of faith (when he began to sink), rash self-confidence and eventual denial are also portrayed by him. But, these serve only to underline the grandeur of his conversion, when with a new clarity of self-knowledge he turns and says to Jesus: "You know that I love you." The task is not one of stern domination, or merely of the efficient organization of Christ's Church. Pastor and penitent at once, convert and the support for other converted sinners, he leads the faithful by witness and example. This pastoral understanding of authority finds a lovely echo in the first epistle of Peter. Elders or leaders are asked to "tend the flock of God, not as domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock" (5:13). Just so, Peter tended the early church by sharing his deep faith in Christ the Risen Lord. So, he kept them united in a community of mutual love, and in faithful obedience to the Gospel. Such an ideal situation of harmony in the Church is briefly sketched for us in the Acts (2:42ff; 4:32f).

What of today's Church, spread in all continents, united under the leadership of Pope Francis? How can this work of teaching, encouraging and uniting so many millions of baptized believers be carried on? Jesus remains at the center, as the Christ, Son of the Living God, and he continues to be the Church's true Rock. We today, just as much as in the time of St. Peter, need the ministry of faithful apostles, entrusted by Christ to build up his people, witness to the faith, and provide leadership in Christian love. Pope, bishops, priests and other ministries exist in order to serve. But, in some sense, we get the service that we deserve. It is for us to make known to our pastors both our appreciation and our loyal criticisms; especially to pray for them, for their courage and perseverance.

(excerpt from associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/27-aug-2023-21st-sunday-a/)

**August 27, 2023  
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**Readings for the Week**

- Monday, August 28**—St. Augustine  
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday, August 29**—Passion of St. John the Baptist  
1 Thes 2:1-8; Mk 6:17-29
- Wednesday, August 30**  
1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday, August 31**  
1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51
- Friday, September 1**  
1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday, September 2**  
1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30
- Sunday, September 3**—Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27



**Daily Mass & Intention Schedule**

Mon.	August 28	No Mass	
Tues.	August 29	9:00 am	Available
Wed.	August 30	Noon	Available
Thurs.	August 31	Noon	+Janet Kneisel
Fri.	September 1	Noon	Available
Sat.	September 2	5:00 pm	Chairat Ratanasurakarn
Sun.	September 3	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](http://www.cgsparish.org)  
click on 'Give' then 'On-Line Giving'

**Upcoming Special Collections**  
September 3—Mortgage  
September 10—Catholic Virginian



\*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, August 28**  
6:30 PM Boy Scouts
- Wednesday, August 30**  
10:00 AM Salt & Light  
6:00 PM OCIA  
7:00 PM Youth Ministry  
7:15 PM WOM Book Club
- Thursday, August 31**  
7:00 PM Choir Practice
- Friday, September 1**  
11:30 AM Adoration
- Saturday, September 2**  
4:30 PM Rosary
- Sunday, September 3**  
8:30 AM Rosary  
10:15 AM Doughnuts

**The parish office is CLOSED Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day.**

**Weekly Offering for:  
August 15, 19 & 20, 2023**

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,250.00  
**(The following totals include E-Giving)**

**OFFERTORY:**

Regular Offertory	\$ 6,143.24
Assumption Of Mary	\$ 569.63

**ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:**

Mortgage	\$ 150.00
Haiti	\$ 135.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 997.82
Catholic Virginian	\$ 10.00
Roof Repair	\$ 153.84
Other	\$ 217.50

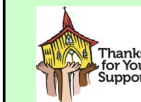
**Mortgage Balance** \$ 23,895.11

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

Saturday	78
Sunday	189

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](http://www.cgsparish.org) or contact the parish office.

