



A FATHER'S INSTRUCTION

Although babies don't come with instructions, God tells parents how to raise their children.

Directions: Fill in the blanks with letters, using the number grid to find the correct coordinates. The first number goes across, and the second one goes down.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	a	L	d	i	j	g	r
2	m	b	o	k	h	u	s
3	e	n	c	x	t	p	f

“ ... 2,2 7,1 4,1 2,3 6,1 5,3 5,2 1,3 1,2
6,2 6,3 4,1 2,3 5,3 5,2 1,3
5,3 7,1 1,1 4,1 2,3 4,1 2,3 6,1 1,1 2,3 3,1
4,1 2,3 7,2 5,3 7,1 6,2 3,3 5,3 4,1 3,2 2,3
3,2 7,3 5,3 5,2 1,3 2,1 3,2 7,1 3,1 ”

EPHESIANS 6:4, NIV

Answers: “... bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”

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 SATURDY, 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.



Box of Joy Ministry Project

Once again, the Knights of Columbus Council 17335 has partnered with Cross Catholic Outreach to bring its *Box of Joy* Ministry Project to our Church of the Good Shepherd Parish. Members of the Knights will be distributing the shoe-box size cartons to parishioners following Masses starting September 16 & 17 and continuing through October. Parishioners will be invited to take home a box and fill it with items for boys and girls ranging from ages 2 to 15. **A \$9.00 donation per box is required** to cover international shipping costs to the child.

Boxes can be returned to the parish before November 5th and left in the designated area. Packing a Box of Joy is always a wonderful work of mercy for families, and blessing a child with this gift is a special experience for everyone involved! For more information, please contact Joe Campo at 757-357-2287 or the parish office at 757-365-0579. Thank you for your generosity!

Good Shepherd Game Night!

Friday, September 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM

B.Y.O.G. (Bring your own game)

Special Event: BINGO with FABULOUS PRIZES!
 Free childcare provided.
 Potluck Snacks (NO MEAT PLEASE)

*We will have no weekday Mass September 12-22, 2023
There will be Prayer Service with Communion at 12:00 PM (Noon) on Tuesday—Friday during this time.
We will have weekday Mass on Monday, September 11th at 11:00 AM

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.

Religious Education Registration For Grades K-8 Has Begun!

Forms are available in the Commons. First class is September 24th after Mass. Come and join us as we continue to grow in faith and love.

Missed the first Liturgy of the Hours presentation?

Come to the next one on Saturday, September 16th right after Mass! Repeat attendees are welcome to soak up some more info! Sign-up in the Commons at the audacious stand. The program will last approximately 45 minutes. See Scott Watterson for more information.

Divine Mercy

The next meeting is **Wednesday, September 20, 2023 from 10AM—12:00PM (Noon).**

We focus on the Bible, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and St. Faustina's Diary. All are welcome to join us!

Are you thinking about volunteering in the parish?

St. Mary of the Presentation in Suffolk will be having a **VIRTUS Training on Friday, October 13th at 6:00 PM** in the church hall. The training is required for all those who are volunteering or working with children or youth of the parish. You can register at: https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list.cfm?theme=0

All are welcome to attend!

Food Pantry Needs for the Week of September 10

CANNED FRUIT



The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd

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Father Tony's Email: pastor@cgsparish.org

Office: (757) 365-0579 Fax: (757) 365-0994 Rectory: (757) 542-3879

Office Hours: Monday—Friday 10AM-3PM

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 - 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

Works of Mary - Johanna Arocho

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.

September 10, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9 | Rom 13:8-10 | Mt 18:15-20

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

Years ago, I was asked to take in a hound dog and I was happy to do so, but it wasn't until I brought the dog home that I discovered how adamantly opposed my husband was to the idea. When asked, he had never said "no," but he thought I should just know he didn't want the dog. Obviously, we needed to work on our communication skills! Proper communication and what it means to love in relationship are what come to mind when I hear the start of today's Gospel. Jesus is instructing us on what to do when another angers, hurts, or offends us. Not surprisingly, it doesn't include calling our sister or best friend to vent, or posting about it on social media, regardless of how vaguely we word the situation. Instead we are to go to that person directly and "tell him his fault between you and him alone." If they listen, we have won them over. How many times have others hurt us but we never bother to tell them? How often do we simply assume the other person knows they have done us wrong? We owe it to one another to be honest and upfront – to give the other person a chance to apologize and us a chance to extend forgiveness. We also owe it to one another to be willing to receive *them* in charity, open-hearted, when they come to us to speak of *our* faults.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In the same way that the Gospel addresses speaking truth to another and "winning them over," the prophet Ezekiel recounts the Lord's instruction to him that he has a duty to "speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way." This, of course, was the role and mission of the prophets. To make known the word and law of God and call the people to respond. A prophet warned, counseled, taught, and encouraged. They called the people to obedience to God, denouncing idolatry, injustice, and empty rituals. Jesus himself came as priest, prophet, and king and by our baptism, "the whole People of God participates in these three offices of Christ and bears the responsibilities for mission and service that flow from them." (CCC 783) Through the centuries, people have tried to do this in various ways – from passing laws to standing on street corners with signs. But let's remember that even as we are meant to "speak out," we are also meant to listen. We too must be re-converted to the truth when we sin; we too must be dissuaded from our wicked ways. This is how we best fulfill our prophetic mission.

PRAY Witnessing to Christ in today's world sometimes feels overwhelming or hopeless. Spend some concerted time in prayer with the words from today's psalm: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."



LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

The liturgical gathering makes Christ present in numerous ways, such as through the proclamation of the word of God and in the Eucharist. Perhaps the most overlooked reality of Christ's presence comes through the physical gathering of God's people, who are instructed to owe nothing to anyone except love. This love between us makes God presence visible on earth.

Gospel Focus:

Jesus is present when we gather together and love one another.



"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: What have you been able to overcome because others patiently loved you?

Children: How can you help another person do the right thing?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of September



Evangelization: For People living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Pope Tweets:

"The Lord knows that the boat of our life is threatened by headwinds, and that the sea on which we sail is often turbulent. He does not spare us the hard work of sailing, but invites us to face difficulties so they too might become opportunities to meet Him."

Please Remember in Prayer:



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

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." (Psalm 95)



Act of Love Prayer

O my God,
I love you above all things,
with my whole heart and soul,
because you are all good
and worthy of all my love.
I love my neighbor as myself
for the love of you.
I forgive all who have injured me,
and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.
Amen.

[Catholic Current: This prayer is taken from the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* (Washington, DC: USCCB, 2006) 349. Copyright 2006, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington DC.]



Follow Your Vocation to Serve

Do you think you may be called to serve the Church in a new role? The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is hosting three informational sessions this fall for men who might have a calling to ordained service to the Church and to the bishop as a permanent deacon, and are interested in discerning their calling while learning about the commitment it involves. Qualifications for formation to the permanent diaconate include, but are not limited to the following:

- A Roman Catholic for a minimum of five years at time of application.
- Registered parishioner within the Diocese of Richmond for five years at the time of application, and active in the parish community.
- Between the ages of 30 and 59 at the time of application.
- Committed to and living out values of justice, charity and service.
- Demonstrates grateful fidelity to all that the Church teaches, openness to formation and has demonstrated leadership.

Following these sessions, a new cohort of permanent deacons will be formed in 2024. Our permanent deacons are assigned to a parish where they exercise liturgical and catechetical ministries within their parish communities. Deacons hold roles both in their church and in a variety of secular professions, showing how unique this vocation is. Please prayerfully discern whether you may be called to join a thriving and essential vocation to serve the Church in a new way. For those interested, visit the Permanent Diaconate page on richmonddiocese.org or email gmanuso@richmonddiocese.org. If you feel the call, talk to your pastor!

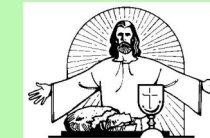


Considering a call to the priesthood

Are you being called to discipleship as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



September 10, 2023 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Readings for the Week

Monday, September 11

Col 1:24—2:3; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 12

Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 13—St. John Chrysostom

Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, September 14—Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Friday, September 15—Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Jn 19:25-27

Saturday, September 16—Sts. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian

1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday, September 17—Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30—28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	September 11	11:00 am	Available
Tues.	September 12	Noon	Prayer Serv. with Comm
Wed.	September 13	Noon	Prayer Serv. with Comm
Thurs.	September 14	Noon	Prayer Serv. with Comm
Fri.	September 15	Noon	Prayer Serv. with Comm
Sat	September 16	5:00 pm	+Meghan Morris
Sun.	September 17	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—Friday 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

September 17—*Religious Education*
September 24—*Retired Religious*



*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, September 11

5:00 PM Good Grief!!!

6:30 PM Cub Scouts

Tuesday, September 12

9:00 AM Works of Mary

12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion

12:30 PM AFF— This is My Body

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

7:00 PM AFF— This is My Body

7:00 PM K of C Mtg.

Wednesday, September 13

10:00 AM Salt & Light

12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion

6:00 PM OCIA

7:00 PM Youth Ministry

Thursday, September 14

12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, September 15

12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion

6:00 PM Game Night

Saturday, September 16

4:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Picnic Sign-up

Sunday, September 17

8:30 AM Rosary

10:15 AM Picnic Sign-up

Weekly Offering for:

September 2 & 3, 2023

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

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offertory \$ 5,156.16

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Mortgage \$ 1,212.89

Haiti \$ 160.00

Barron Dempsey \$ 23.31

Catholic Virginian \$ 10.00

Religious Education \$ 145.00

Roof Repair Fund \$ 100.00

Other \$ 230.00

Mortgage Balance \$ 22,602.33

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 96

Sunday 197

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

