



# OUR HOPE

Romans 8:34 tells about our risen Lord, who gives us hope.

**Directions:** Write the phrases on the correct numbered lines below. Then, on the final row of blanks, write the bold capital letters in order from top to bottom, left to right, to spell the word that sums up this verse.

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|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 5 who was Raised | 8 Right hand     | 6 To life      |
| 3 diEd           | 4 moRe than that | 7 Is at the    |
| 2 JeSus who      | 11 intErceding   | 9 Of God       |
| 12 for Us        | 1 Christ         | 10 aNd is also |

... 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_, 5 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_

6 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_

11 \_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_ . *Romans 8:34, NIV*

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Answers: ... Christ Jesus who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans 8:34, NIV

RESURRECTION

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## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



The Ladies Guild invites You to Join Us for  
**A Parish “Meal of Thanks”**  
**Friday, November 17, 2023**  
**6:30 PM in the Commons**

Menu includes: Lasagna, Salad, Bread & Dessert  
 Cost: Non perishable food item per person  
 Sign-up is available in the Commons.  
 Come and join us for food and fellowship!

### ADVENT RESOURCE BOOK ORDERS

Advent Resource Book Orders are being taken from November 4-19, 2023. These include *Daily Prayer, At Home with the Word* and *Reading God’s Word*. We will also have two choices of books for the *Liturgy of the Hours*. All orders must include payment at the time of placing the order.



### The Angel Tree Is Coming!

The Angel Tree with tags will be available in the Commons beginning November 18th. These gifts benefit the children in Isle of Wight Social Services. **Please return the WRAPPED GIFT with the Angel tag on it NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 3rd.** Place the gift under the tree in the Commons.

There will also be *Haiti Helping Hands envelopes* with monetary donations to benefit our twinned parish in Haiti. Place these donations in the Haiti House on the table in the Commons. Looking forward to your generous support!



The office will be  
**CLOSED**  
**November 23-26, 2023**  
**for the Thanksgiving holiday.**

We are thankful for each member of our parish family.  
 May you continue to grow in faith and love.



**Food Pantry Needs for the**  
**Week of November 12**  
**CRANBERRY SAUCE**

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

## FAITH FORMATION



**Attention all youth grades 8-12!**  
**Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC)**  
**February 9-11, 2024**

The Diocesan Youth Conference is an annual event that gathers 8th-12th grade youth from Diocese of Richmond parishes in one central location. From sacraments to free time, DYC is an opportunity for teens to experience the joy that comes from living the Catholic faith and to take courage in all things because the Lord is with them!

Register early and save money. Contact Scott Watterson for more information.



### Divine Mercy

The next meeting is  
**Wednesday, November 15, 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!

### Eucharistic Revival News

The second session of  
*“Jesus and the Eucharist”*  
 is on Saturday, November 18, 2023  
 from 9-11am.



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**November 17, 2023 at 11:30 AM**

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



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.

### 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.







# The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd

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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](mailto: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** - Jerry & Martin Hackney

**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

**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.

November 12, 2023

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16 | 1 Thes 4:13-18 | Mt 25:1-13

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

I'll always remember that first Easter after my Dad passed away. It was when the promise of the resurrection truly hit home. Sure, I had always believed in heaven and that everyone had the possibility of spending eternity there, but until my Dad died, it had all been theoretical. Now, it was personal. Someone I loved deeply had left this world, but because of Christ's sacrifice, he had the opportunity to go to paradise, someplace where we will hopefully be reunited someday. I believe that's what St. Paul is talking about in today's second reading. We do "not grieve like the rest, who have no hope." *We have hope!* We have hope for our family, for our friends – for our very selves! – that we will rise again and spend eternity with the Lord and with those we love. Paul writes elsewhere, "Where, O death, is your sting?" (1 Cor 15:55) The sting of death is sin, Paul says, but Christ has won the victory over it. In being baptized into Christ, we share in that victory, and we are inheritors of the promise of eternal life that comes from death's defeat.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The parable in today's Gospel is a reminder that while Christ has opened the gates of heaven for us, we must be ready to accept that gift and walk through them. In the parable of the ten virgins, we see how all fell asleep while waiting for the bridegroom to arrive. When he did show up, five were ready with oil for their lamps while five were sent scurrying to buy some. As a result, those who were not ready missed the opening of the doors and were locked out of the wedding feast. "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour," Jesus admonishes us. Are you awake? Will you be ready to enter the wedding feast when the door is opened to you? There is nothing wrong with enjoying God's creation and gifts here on earth, but we must guard against getting so caught up in the things of this world that we forget to prepare for the next.

**PRAY** The ten virgins needed oil for their lamps to be ready for the bridegroom, but we need a clean heart and a steadfast spirit, as Psalm 51 tells us. (12) We get that by setting aside regular time for prayer and making a point to regularly receive the sacraments, including the reception of the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist and his forgiveness within the sacrament of reconciliation. Making time for the Lord now will mean we are ready for his return later.

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**LITURGY AND MINISTRY**

**Today's Readings:**

The Gospel parable reminds us to keep vigil for Jesus. It is easy to get distracted by the details of work, family life, and other responsibilities so that we forget the real purpose and mission of our lives. Let's each take a moment to contemplate how we can live out our vocation in life, readying ourselves for the Lord's coming.

**Gospel Focus:**

Always be prepared to welcome Christ, for we know neither the day nor the hour of his arrival.



*"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 regretted that you did not look ahead and foresee the consequences of an action?

**Children:** Is there something coming up this week that you could be better prepared for? What might happen if you do not prepare?

**PRAYER AND VOCATIONS**

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



**Evangelization: For the Pope**

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**Pope Tweets:**

"Holiness is a gift from God which we have received with Baptism: if we let it grow, it can completely change our life, enlightening it with the joy of the Gospel. Holiness is a gift offered to everyone for a happy life."

**Please Remember in Prayer:**



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

**Today's Reflection**

**Responsible for our own destiny**



The refusal of the wise virgins to share may appear selfish. But here we are not talking really about lamps and oil but about people and life. There are certain things you cannot borrow or inherit. Your parents or my parents may have been the best people in the world. If so, that is a blessing beyond measure. But for all that, it cannot be taken for granted that we will automatically become decent caring men and women. We can learn from one another, be inspired by one another, but in the last analysis we shape our own destiny. Character cannot be transferred or borrowed. We must build it for ourselves.

The same is true of the faith. Parents and other people are reminded that it is their responsibility to hand on the faith to the younger generation. But again, faith is not like a farm of land or a legacy. It cannot be given by a parent to a child. Yes, all kinds of encouragement and good example can help enormously, but in the end, the young person as they grow up to maturity must accept or reject the invitation in his or her own heart.

The arrival of children of their own can often be a decisive moment for young parents as regards the faith. Some never seem to come back, but always remember God has his own way of welcoming people home even if along unexpected routes.

(associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/12-nov-2023-32nd-Sunday-a/)

**A Prayer for Veterans**



Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength.

May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light.

To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.

(usccb.org/resources/prayer-veterans-day)



**Considering a call to the priesthood**

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



**November 12, 2023**

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday, November 13**—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday, November 14**

Wis 2:23—3:9; Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday, November 15**

Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday, November 16**

Wis 7:22b—8:1; Lk 17:20-25

**Friday, November 17**—St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday, November 18**

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8

**Sunday, November 19—Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30



**Daily Mass & Intention Schedule**

Mon.	November 13	No Mass	
Tues.	November 14	Noon	Available
Wed.	November 15	Noon	Available
Thurs.	November 16	11:00 am	Funeral Mass
Fri.	November 17	Noon	Available
Sat.	November 18	5:00 pm	+Sandy Hahn
Sun.	November 19	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](http://www.cgsparish.org)  
click on 'Give' then 'On-Line Giving'

**Upcoming Special Collections**

**December 3—Mortgage**

**December 8—Immaculate Conception**



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



**Parish Life This Week**

**Monday, November 13**

6:30 PM Cub Scouts

**Tuesday, November 14**

9:00 AM Works of Mary

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

7:00 PM K of C Mtg.

**Wednesday, November 15**

10:00 AM Divine Mercy

12:30 PM Salt & Light

6:30 PM OCIA

7:00 PM Youth Group

7:00 PM Ladies Guild & Men's Club

**Thursday, November 16**

6:00 PM Finance Council

7:00 PM Choir Practice

**Friday, November 17**

11:30 AM Adoration

6:30 PM Parish Meal of Thanks

**Saturday, November 18**

9:00 AM Eucharist Study

4:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Angel Tree

6:00 PM Resource Book Orders

**Sunday, November 19**

8:30 AM Rosary

10:00 AM Angel Tree

10:15 AM Religious Education

11:15 AM Play Practice

2:00 PM Cubs Thanksgiving



**Weekly Offering for:**

**November 4 & 5, 2023**

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,250.00

**(The following totals include E-Giving)**

**OFFERTORY:**

Regular Offertory	\$ 6,876.16
All Saints	\$ 1,073.62

**ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:**

Mortgage	\$ 1,633.40
Haiti	\$ 135.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 40.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 20.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 5.00
Roof Repair Fund	\$ 100.00
Other	\$ 747.00

**Mortgage Balance** \$ 19,999.57

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

Saturday	86
Sunday	195

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

