



PUZZLE

A feast of praise

Throughout the Bible, God's people give thanks and praise for his goodness.



Directions: Draw lines to match the scriptures (all NIV) with the correct speaker.

"I thank my God every time I remember you." Philippians 1:3

Hannah

"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Luke 1:46-47

David

"He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him." Exodus 15:2

Mary

"My heart rejoices in the LORD." 1 Samuel 2:1

Paul

"I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30

Moses

Answers: Philippians 1:3, Paul; Luke 1:46-47, Mary; Exodus 15:2, Moses; 1 Samuel 2:1, Hannah; Psalm 69:30, David

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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



Angel Tree Reminder!

The Angel Tree Gifts are to be wrapped and returned with the Angel tag by **DECEMBER 3rd!**

These gifts benefit the children in Isle of Wight Social Services. Place gifts under the tree in the Commons. If you have any questions call Lorri King (757) 651-8051.

The *Haiti Helping Hands envelopes* will benefit our twinned parish in Haiti. Place these donations in the Haiti House on the table in the Commons. Thank you for your generous support!



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



Cross Catholic Outreach News

This weekend we welcome *Father Richard Kunzman* who will speak on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Carribean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. For more information or if you would like to support this worthy Catholic ministry, visit www.CrossCatholic.org.

Advent Reconciliation Services

December 12—Good Shepherd @ 7 PM

December 14—St. Mary's (Suffolk) @ 7 PM

December 15—St. Jude (Franklin) @ 7 PM

Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

December 1, 2023 at 11:30 AM

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

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

*We will have no weekday Mass November 21-30, 2023



There will be a Prayer Service with Communion at 12:00 PM (Noon) on November 28-30 during this time.

FAITH FORMATION



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

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



Deeper Dive is back on the menu!!

Join us after 9:00 AM Mass for fellowship, study and reflection on the Scriptures for the weekend liturgies. Guaranteed to boost your knowledge and appreciation of the Bible and our Catholic Faith, or your money back! Sign-up sheets are in the Commons.

Works of Mary Update!

The Works of Mary Ministry is postponed until January 2024.

More information will be forthcoming.

We hope that everyone has a fruitful Advent and glorious Christmas season!



Upcoming Holyday Schedule:

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, December 8, 2023

12:00 PM (Noon) & 7:00 PM

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IMPORTANT ADVENT & CHRISTMAS UPDATE

This year the Season of Advent begins December 3 and ends December 24. Be prepared to attend mass the weekend of December 24, either Saturday evening or Sunday morning, to fulfill your obligation for the 4th Sunday of Advent, AND mass on Sunday evening or Monday morning to fulfill your obligation for the Christmas Holyday.



Food Pantry Needs for the Week of November 26
RICE

"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." (Psalm 23)



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

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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

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Lectors - Michelle Romanello

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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 26, 2023

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 | 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 | Mt 25:31-46

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

The paradoxical ways we have come to understand Jesus can give us spiritual whiplash. He is both a tender and caring shepherd of sheep and one who sends strong rams and goats to the eternal fire; the executed human and divine man who came into full resurrected glory. He is God incarnate into human history and born in a manger; the servant-leader; the one who is both God and man. This is the beauty of what we call the Paschal Mystery – that the Son of God came into the world and by his life, death, and resurrection he has reconciled us to the Father, and has redeemed us. He saves us from the death of sin. As Catholics we are comfortable with paradox: We are inhabitants of a kingdom of God that is already (here) but not yet (fully realized); we are both an Easter people and we live in a world of Good Fridays. So when Jesus says in today's Gospel that whatever we do to the least of people, we do to Christ himself and we will reap our actions in the fullness of that kingdom, we understand that he is a king unlike any other king. He cares not for pomp and circumstance, but wants to ensure that all – even the least among us – are given his gifts to share. The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe celebrates that we have a king who cares more for us than anyone on earth could ever care for us, and we are blessed to be able to love and serve him in return.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In the midst of our busy lives, it is no secret that our thoughts can easily be preoccupied with things other than prayer or our relationship with God. Perhaps we struggle with maintaining a daily prayer practice. So when we pause to take stock of our lives – where our attention is focused during the day-to-day – it's easy to see that God is sometimes “off to the side.” Perhaps we take everything we have been given for granted, or maybe we are just not sure how to make him the most important aspect of our lives. Just like cultivating a friendship takes active effort, so does our relationship with God. Just as watering a plant near its center allows the water to spread throughout the surrounding area, to its roots and the soil – thus making it fruitful and full – putting Jesus Christ, our king, at the center of our lives means that his goodness flows into everything else we say and do. Our lives and our hearts will grow in goodness and bear rich fruit.

INVITATION Challenge yourself this week to subvert expectations and keep God first. Show Christ is Lord over your life by prioritizing your faith and building up your priorities around him. Make a daily appointment in your calendar for prayer and look for opportunities to put Christ at the center, or heart, of your daily life.

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

"To which king should I be loyal?" is not a question many of us face in modern times, but for both faithful Jews and followers of Jesus, it was a decision on which their lives could literally depend. We realize how relevant the question remains when we ask, "Who or what reigns in my life?" The answer determines both our present and future joy.

Gospel Focus:

We celebrate Jesus, our king and true shepherd.



"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: If you were to be judged today by God, what would be your greatest regret? What is one thing you could do to change that?

Children: To which person did you especially try to show Jesus' love and care this past week?

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:

"Every human being, of any people or religion, every human being is sacred, is precious in the eyes of God and has the right to live in peace. Let us not lose hope: let us pray and work tirelessly so that a sense of humanity may prevail over hardness of heart."

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

A Kingdom of Justice, Love and Peace



Paul visualizes Jesus Christ handing over the kingdom to God the Father at the end of time. This ideal kingdom is not something merely hoped for as a future gift, but something being worked for by Christians in the present time. The kingdom is indeed to be hoped for, but somehow it is also *in our midst*, in the process of becoming.

Today's Gospel shows how we are to promote the fuller coming of God's kingdom in our world. It comes whenever justice is done for the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, and the oppressed. To behave in this way is to imitate the Shepherd-King himself who is presented in our Gospels as one who eases alienation, who feeds, gives rest, heals and makes strong. Among his final words was a promise to the thief being crucified at his side, that he would be enfolded by the eternal love of God, in paradise.

The best way to honor Christ the King is to work for the unfolding and promoting of his kingdom. In working for the relief of deprived, oppressed or marginalized people, we are serving Christ in person, because he fully identified with people in need, right up to his final moment in this life. The disciple of Christ the King cannot afford the luxury of living in a gated community, resolutely secure in a fortress, comfortably "keeping myself to myself" with the lame claim that "I do nobody any harm." To be deaf to the cries of my neighbor in need is to be deaf to Christ. To be blind to the anguish of the dying is to be blind to Christ. To recognize Jesus Christ as our Shepherd-King involves being carers or shepherds in some way ourselves; for the work of the Kingdom goes on until he comes again.

(associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/26-nov-2023-our-lord-jesus-christ-king-of-the-universe/)



Advent Devotional Booklets

are available in the Commons. Advent begins December 3!



Parish Book of Intentions

If you have a family member, friend, or acquaintance that is in need of prayer, we encourage you to write their name in the *Parish Book of Intentions*, located in the Narthex. They will be prayed for at each weekend Mass.

Considering a call to the priesthood

Will you make Christ the King and His merciful love remembered as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



November 26, 2023

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Readings for the Week

Monday, November 27

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 28

Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 29

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday, November 30—St. Andrew

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Friday, December 1

Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday, December 2

Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday, December 3—First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	November 27	No Mass	
Tues.	November 28	Noon	Prayer Service with Comm.
Wed.	November 29	Noon	Prayer Service with Comm.
Thurs.	November 30	Noon	Prayer Service with Comm.
Fri.	December 1	Noon	Available
Sat.	December 2	5:00 pm	Available
Sun.	December 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—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

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 27

6:30 PM Cub Scouts

Tuesday, November 28

12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, November 29

12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion

12:30 PM Salt & Light

6:30 PM OCIA

7:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, November 30

12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, December 1

11:30 AM Adoration

Saturday, December 2

4:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Angel Tree Deadline

Sunday, December 3

8:30 AM Rosary

10:00 AM Donuts

10:00 AM Angel Tree Deadline

10:15 AM Religious Education

11:15 AM Play Practice



Weekly Offering for:

November 18 & 19, 2023

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,250.00

(The following totals include E-Giving)

This collection information will appear in the December 3, 2023 bulletin.



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.

