



PUZZLE

action-packed faith

The greatest “super men” who ever lived put their faith into action.

Directions: Match each Bible character to the correct description.

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| Noah | 1. This disciple wrote a gospel, recounting many events in Jesus’ life. |
| Stephen | 2. This man responded to God’s commands, including the order to move. God made many promises to this man and his descendants. |
| Abraham | 3. This man was eager to rebuild Jerusalem. He helped the people protect their city, reminding them that God was on their side. |
| Luke | 4. This man, who became king of Judah at a young age, obeyed God’s laws and helped people repent. |
| Nehemiah | 5. God saved this honest, hard-working man from destruction by having him build a place of safety for his family and every kind of creature. |
| Josiah | 6. This man stood by God’s Word, showing strength of character even when faced with persecution and death. |

On the lines below, write your name and describe how you’re a “hero” for God. What are some ways you put your faith into action?

Name: _____

Answers: Noah 5, Stephen 6, Abraham 2, Luke 1, Nehemiah 3, Josiah 4.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

January is *RESPECT LIFE* Month



Good Shepherd is collecting baby items for local crisis pregnancy centers during the month of January.

Accepted Donations include:

- Disposable diapers (newborn to size 4)
- baby wipes
- sleepers/onesies (newborn to 12 mo.)
- No Tears Baby Shampoo
- receiving blankets
- bibs/burp cloths
- baby towels & wash cloths

Due to health concerns all donations must be new items with original packaging/tags. Items can be placed in the bin in the commons area. For questions, contact Mary Ellen Bebermeyer at (757) 897-3219.

“Walking with Moms in Need”



Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be “islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference.” Everyone in our parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need.

Our parish is joining a nationwide, initiative entitled “Walking with Moms in Need”. As part of this initiative our parish will undertake a yearlong process to assess, expand, and equip our parishioners to better communicate resources to pregnant moms and families in need in our local community.

We invite all parishioners to join us as we embark on this journey together. For more information, and to ensure you receive news and updates, please contact: Mary Ellen Bebermeyer at maryellen2648@gmail.com or Jean Coughlin at coughlinj112@gmail.com.

To learn more about the nationwide initiative, visit www.walkingwithmoms.com



The parish office will be **CLOSED**
January 15, 2024
 for the holiday.



Food Pantry Needs for the Week of January 14
CANNED MEAT OR FISH

FAITH FORMATION

Join us for a **DEEPER DIVE** into the Scriptures after the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday.



Come and expand your knowledge and appreciation of the Bible and our Catholic Faith. Sign-up sheets are in the Commons.

OLMC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Open to all interested Pre-K through 8th grade families! Sunday, January 28, 2024, at 11:15 AM



CONTACT

Kathy McKenna at admissions@olmc-school.com for more information.

COME & SEE

WWW.OLMC-SCHOOL.COM



Works of Mary Update!

The Works of Mary Ministry will begin meeting on the **4th Wednesday of every month beginning January 24, 2024.**

The rosary will be prayed at 6:45 pm followed by discussion from 7:15-8:30 pm.

All moms are welcome to join us!



Divine Mercy



Join us every **3rd Wednesday** of the month for our Divine Mercy Cenacle. Hear what our Lord has to say through Saint Faustina.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 17, 2024** at 10:00 am.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

January 19, 2024 at 11:30 AM

Followed by 12:00 PM (Noon) Prayer Service. 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 or contact the parish office.



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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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

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Men's Club - Bill Knapp, 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 or at the entrance to the church. 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 prior to the baptism. 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.

January 14, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 | 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 | Jn 1:35-42

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

When Samuel hears the Lord speak in today's first reading, he mistakes it as Eli calling out to him in the temple. The third time Samuel asks if he called, Eli is wise enough to realize what is going on and guides Samuel: "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." Samuel required guidance because he "was not familiar with the Lord, because the Lord had not revealed anything to him as yet." In a similar way does the Apostle Andrew come to the Lord. In today's Gospel, Andrew didn't know who Jesus was until John the Baptist told him: "Behold, the Lamb of God." Andrew then began to follow Jesus, and to bring others to him. There may be times when we, like both of these men, need someone else to help us hear the call of the Lord clearly, or see his presence among us. Those who serve the Lord in this way are a great gift to us, and enable us to be that gift for others. Pray for the grace to hear what we need to hear, to see what we need to see, and to say to others, "come, we have found the Messiah."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Despite our best efforts, the time and attention we give to our lives of faith can ebb and flow. Sometimes we can feel so connected with God that we sense his presence everywhere. But there may also be times when God feels distant and we struggle to hear his voice. Notice in today's readings how Samuel "was not familiar with the Lord" but was sleeping in the temple, close to the ark; notice how Andrew was hanging around John the Baptist and immediately followed Christ when told who he was. We can see that, already before "knowing," is a "desire to know." The Lord created us, formed us into being, and calls us to a relationship with him. We are drawn to him even before we can see or know what he has revealed to us. He is our source, and our ultimate end. We seek eternal life with Christ and a path of holiness to help us on our way. The stories of Samuel and the disciple Andrew impress upon us that God is always near and calling to us – we simply must give him the opportunity to speak, sometimes when we least expect it.

INVITATION We are all called to a life of holiness. But it's not always easy to grow in holiness and strengthen one's relationship with God on our own. Consider reaching out to your parish and asking about spiritual direction – a spiritual director will help you fine tune your ears to be more attentive to the Lord's voice.



LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

What are we looking for in Jesus? Are we looking for a teacher, as the disciples were? A problem-solver? A miracle-worker? Whatever it is that our hearts are seeking, the Lord, the Lamb of God, present here in the Eucharist, invites us to come and stay a while with him. If we dare do so, we, like Andrew, might come to know who Jesus truly is and be transformed by his presence.

Gospel Focus:

The Lord invites us to come and stay a while with him.



"Encounter the Joy of the Gospel and Set the World Ablaze"

EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...

Are willing to publicly profess their faith in Christ and their love for Him.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: What qualities do you have that would cause others to recognize you as a disciple of Jesus?

Children: What does it take to be a follower of Jesus?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of January



Evangelization: *For the gift of diversity in the Church*
We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Pope Tweets:

"Spiritual combat leads us to closely examine the vices that chain us and to walk in God's grace towards the virtues that can bloom within us, bringing the spring of the Spirit into our lives."

Please Remember in Prayer:

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

Prayer for the New Year

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

~Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

**Annual Healing Mass
Saturday, February 10, 2024
11:00 AM**



The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will take place during this Mass.

*We will have no weekday Mass in the month of January.

There will be a Prayer Service with Communion Tuesday-Friday at 12:00 PM (Noon) during this time.



Eucharistic Revival News

The third session of "Jesus and the Eucharist" is on Saturday, January 20, 2024 from 9-11am.



Considering a call to the priesthood

"Come, and you will see." How are you being called to come and see how you can build up the kingdom of God as His co-worker? Consider the generous service of priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



"Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." (Psalm 40)

**January 14, 2024
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings for the Week

Monday, January 15
1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday, January 16
1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday, January 17—St. Anthony
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday, January 18
1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
Friday, January 19
1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday, January 20
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday, January 21—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	January 15	No Mass	
Tues.	January 16	Noon	Prayer Service with Comm.
Wed.	January 17	Noon	Prayer Service with Comm.
Thurs.	January 18	Noon	Prayer Service with Comm.
Fri.	January 19	Noon	Prayer Service with Comm.
Sat	January 20	5:00 pm	+Abby Pruett
Sun.	January 21	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:
Tuesday—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

January 21—Respect Life
January 28—Altar Flowers



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



Parish Life This Week



Monday, January 15
Office Closed
6:30 PM Cub Scouts
Tuesday, January 16
12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion
6:30 PM Boy Scouts
Wednesday, January 17
12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion
12:30 PM Salt & Light
5:30 PM Shadow Stations Practice
6:30 PM OCIA
7:00 PM LG & MC Meetings
7:00 PM Youth Group
7:15 PM WOM Book Club
Thursday, January 18
12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion
6:00 PM Finance Council
7:00 PM Choir Practice
Friday, January 19
12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion
11:30 AM Adoration
Saturday, January 20
9:00 AM Eucharist Study
4:30 PM Rosary
Sunday, January 21
8:30 AM Rosary
10:15 AM Religious Education

**Weekly Offering for:
January 1, 6 & 7, 2024**

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

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offertory	\$ 5,840.66
Holy Days	\$ 2,805.00

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Mortgage	\$ 1,632.66
Haiti	\$ 135.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 70.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 25.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 27.00
Other	\$ 20.00

DIOCESAN COLLECTION:

Catholic Charities	\$ 15.00
Respect Life	\$ 52.00

Mortgage Balance \$ 17,377.50

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	98
Sunday	240



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