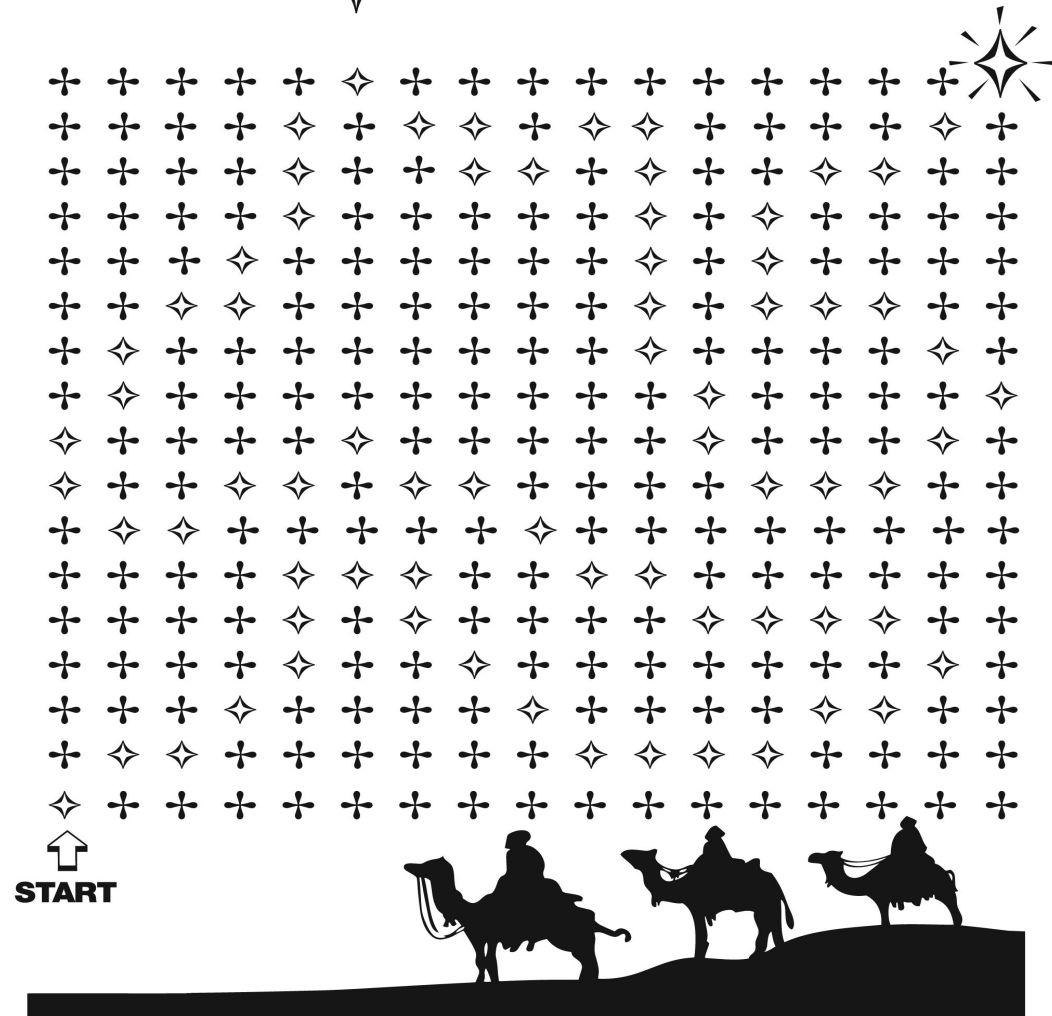


Puzzle!

Starting in the lower-left corner, help the wise men follow the ✨ path that leads to baby Jesus.



Now unscramble these words to discover what gifts the wise men brought Jesus.

L D O G N C A K N R I E N F S E R Y H M R

Answer: gold, frankincense, myrrh

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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.



Don't Miss !!! The Men's Club Annual

Chili & Hot Dog Dinner

Friday, January 12th

5:30 to 7:00 PM



We would like to wish everyone with a birthday or a wedding anniversary in the month of **JANUARY** a day filled with goodness, and may you be reminded of God's love and mercy today and all the days of your life.

May you be blessed with good health and happiness in the coming year.

Happy Birthday!
Happy Anniversary!



**Food Pantry Needs for the
Week of January 7
SOUP**

FAITH FORMATION

Works of Mary Update!

The Works of Mary Ministry will begin meeting on the 4th Wednesday of every month beginning January 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!



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



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

Marriage Retreat! By offering Married Couples the beautiful experience of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, the Catholic Church is affirming and supporting you in your chosen vocation—Marriage. Take advantage of this great gift to enhance your relationship and enjoy a love-filled weekend away together.

For more information or to register, go to 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 with any questions.

Upcoming dates:

- January 26-28, 2024—Myrtle Beach, SC
- March 1-3, 2024—College Park, MD
- April 12-14, 2024—Herndon, VA



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



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

Admin Assistant - Vicki Dobbins, admin@cgsparish.org

Religious Education - Lara Detrich, formation@cgsparish.org

Music Director - Katarina Hackney, music@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

Ladies' Guild - Margaret Hickman

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 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

It's interesting how an event can be interpreted by different people. God's revelation of himself in the birth of the child Jesus is clearly one such event. The Magi, Gentiles from the east, had heard of this "newborn king of the Jews" and undertook a long and arduous journey to see him and offer him homage. They were edified and eager in their search. Herod, himself a king – of the Jews – did not have the same reaction. The very thought of this "newborn king" threatened him and filled him with rage and suspicion. In this moment in human history, the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles (i.e., the Epiphany) unveils the truth of God's redemptive work for all of creation to be reconciled to himself. This truth has been accepted and rejected throughout time, and our celebration of this feast gives us an opportunity to give thanks in a focused and particular way for our acceptance of it – to give thanks for the gift of our faith. Perhaps it is even a moment for us to have our own, colloquial epiphany: an "aha moment," where we once again truly understand the depth of God's love for us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The Magi, the Gentiles from the east, were changed after their encounter with the Christ Child; they were warned not to return to Herod and they obeyed and took a different route home. In today's second reading, St. Paul says it has been revealed that Gentiles are "coheirs, members of the same body" – the body of Christ. Just as the magi were forever changed by their journey, so must we be. Their journey is a model for us, but we do not have to seek Christ in the world as they did; he is here with us, in Word and in the Eucharist. The Incarnation of Jesus is pure gift to our weary, troubled world. As we heard in Isaiah, "rise up! ... [our] light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon [us]." As the Magi followed the light of the star, let us rise to the occasion and respond to God's light in our world by recognizing the good gifts God gives us each day. And then thank him for his enduring presence in our lives.

PRAY *Lord God of heaven and earth,
you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation
by the guidance of a star ...
Fill us with the light of Christ,
that our concern for others may reflect your love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*
(from USCCB Epiphany prayer for blessing of home)

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

We are not the source of the light that a world in darkness needs desperately. Instead, we must receive Jesus, the Light of the World, so that we can in turn share it. And as we heard in the first reading: *Then you shall be radiant ... your heart shall throb and overflow.* Jesus has come to give all the love we need, all the wisdom called for, all the virtue necessary to be a light to others.

Gospel Focus:

With Christ's help we can be his light for others.



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

EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...

Seek, nurture, and enjoy the company of other Christians.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: When have you found the presence of Christ in an unexpected place?

Children: Where and in whom will you look for Jesus this week?

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:

"May we learn to live everyday, every moment, every action with our inner gaze turned to Jesus, in all our joys and sorrows, satisfactions and problems. Let us live everything in the presence and with the grace of Jesus, the Lord, in gratitude and hope."

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



Epiphany House Blessing

All make the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: "Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord."

All: Thanks be to God.

Using chalk, write on the outside of your house or inside above the front main entrance:

+20 C M B 24+ These initials stand for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* and mean "May Christ bless this house".

All: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.



"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."
(Psalm 72)

Considering a call to the priesthood

"For out of you shall come forth a ruler who will shepherd My people." Is Christ calling you forth out of your comfort zone to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, or priest? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



**January 7, 2024
Solemnity Of The Epiphany Of The Lord**

Readings for the Week

Monday, January 8—The Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday, January 9
1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 10
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 11
1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 12
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 13
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 14—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	January 8	No Mass	
Tues.	January 9	Noon	Prayer Service with Comm.
Wed.	January 10	Noon	Prayer Service with Comm.
Thurs.	January 11	Noon	Prayer Service with Comm.
Fri.	January 12	Noon	Prayer Service with Comm.
Sat	January 13	5:00 pm	+Joseph Horvath
Sun.	January 14	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 11AM 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 8

5:00 PM Good Grief!!!
6:30 PM Cub Scouts

Tuesday, January 9

12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion
6:30 PM Boy Scouts
7:00 PM K of C Mtg.

Wednesday, January 10

12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion
12:30 PM Salt & Light
5:30 PM Shadow Stations Practice

6:00 PM Liturgy Ministries

6:30 PM OCIA

7:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, January 11

12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion
7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, January 12

12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion
5:30 PM Chili & Hot Dog Dinner

Saturday, January 13

4:30 PM Rosary

Sunday, January 14

8:30 AM Rosary

10:15 AM Religious Education



Weekly Offering for:

December 30-31, 2023

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

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offertory	\$ 5,413.16
Christmas / Holy Days	\$ 385.00

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Mortgage	\$ 927.50
Haiti	\$ 790.00
Roof Repair	\$ 1,459.64
Other	\$ 30.00

DIOCESAN COLLECTION:

Catholic Charities	\$ 1,725.00
Holy Land Emergency Appeal	\$ 406.14

Mortgage Balance \$ 17,377.50

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	102
Sunday	182
January 1	140

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

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

