



CONNECTED BY LOVE

God's Word is filled with messages about love, which connects us to God and to one another.

Directions: Draw a line from the beginning of each Bible verse (on the left side) through the heart to the rest of the verse (on the right side). Use the Scripture references for help.

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| <p>a. We
b. Above all,
c. My command is this:
d. And over all these virtues put on
e. Greater
f. See what great
g. There is no fear in</p> | | <p>1. each other as I have loved you. John 15:12
2. has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13
3. But perfect love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18
4. each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8
5. the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! 1 John 3:1
6. because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19
7. which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:14</p> |
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Answers: a, b, c, d, e, f, g, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

NEWS & EVENTS

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

The Men's Club invites you to our Annual Pancake Dinner
Tuesday, February 13, 2024
5:00-7:00 PM

Ticket Prices:

- Family—\$20.00
- Adult—\$6.00
- Child ages 3 to 11—\$3.00
- Under 3—Free



Tickets can be purchased after Mass or at the door. Join us for food and fellowship as we venture toward the season of Lent.

THE EASTER EGGS ARE COMING!!!!

The Ladies' Guild will begin taking orders for their 1/2 lb., handmade chocolate covered Easter eggs on Saturday, February 17th. The last day to place an order is Sunday, March 17, 2024. Cost per egg is \$8.00.



This year's flavors are: Peanut Butter, Buttercream, Chocolate Cream, Cherry Nut, Chocolate Marshmallow, and Coconut Toasted Almond. Our special edition flavor this year is MOCHA. All proceeds go back to parish ministries, the Isle of Wight County community and other area ministries.



2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others

By now, many of you have received a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal. We hope that you will prayerfully consider this request. For those who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, you will have a chance to support the Appeal in the coming weeks. An important aspect of the Appeal is that all parishes receive back a portion of their funds collected to be used for important local priorities. This year the Church of the Good Shepherd has a goal of \$ 17,750.00. We hope you will help us reach and surpass our goal. Thank you in advance for your support of the 2024 Appeal.



The Parish Office will be CLOSED
Monday, February 19, 2024
for the holiday.

FAITH FORMATION

Eucharistic Revival News

The third session of "Jesus and the Eucharist" is on Saturday, February 17, 2024 from 9-11am.



Online Lenten Workshop

Discover the meaning of Lent by visiting <https://www.catholicculture.org> and clicking on the 'Resources' tab.

The page lists instructions, prayers and activities to help in our attempt to be united to our suffering

Called To Be Holy

We all love fish fry and Easter egg time, but Lent is first and foremost the time to renew our commitment to holiness! Pick up your copy of *Called to Be Holy* in the Commons. A donation of \$1.00 or more is requested to offset the cost. Please help yourself to the resources in the 'FREE' basket.



CRS Rice Bowls

The CRS Rice Bowls are available in the Commons. Use the CRS Rice Bowl Lenten calendar daily to pray, fast, give and encounter our global family. Each week includes creative ways to practice almsgiving, which you can donate at the end of Lent. Your Lenten alms help people experiencing hunger and poverty in your local community and in more than 120 countries around the world! VISIT crsricebowl.org to learn more.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

February 16, 2024 at 11:30 AM

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



God has not called me to be successful, He has called me to be faithful. When we stand before God, results are not important. Faithfulness is what matters. ~Mother Teresa

Food Pantry Needs for the Week of February 11
CEREAL/OATMEAL





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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.

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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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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.



February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 | 1 Cor 10:31—11:1 | Mk 1:40-45

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

The leper in today's Gospel was not only severely ill, but he was also barred from practicing his faith. Because he was considered unclean, he could not enter the temple to worship. It is no wonder he did everything in his power to find Jesus and beg him for healing. And heal him Jesus did, both body and soul. According to commentary on this passage from the USCCB, "In curing the leper, Jesus assumes that the priests will reinstate the cured man into the religious community." It seems to me that this Gospel is about faith, and about love. The leper had great faith that Jesus could heal him, and the great love of Jesus for this man moved Jesus to go against mosaic law by touching and healing him. When we read the Scriptures we are reminded over and over again how much God loves us. Let us allow this knowledge to sink into our hearts and change us. When we begin to reflect God's love to those around us, we will find that our lives are filled with his peace. Give it a try: Love as Jesus loves.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The Gospel is about Jesus' love, and it's also about great faith. Faith is a theological virtue that involves believing in God and everything he has said and revealed. It is a free gift from God, and with the help of his grace, faith is the foundation of our personal and communal relationship with our Triune God. As God's children baptized into the Body of Christ, we can root everything we do in faith so that all of our actions point to God and to building his kingdom. How do we do this? It's hard to say it much better than Paul does in his letter to the Corinthians today: "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

ACCOMPANY How do we love as Jesus loves? Accompany another. Perhaps there is someone in our lives with whom we can walk alongside on their journey of faith. It need not be intimidating; as Christian disciples we already possess the tools we need to accompany: listen, love, share and pray.

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

Do everything for the glory of God. Paul's words are both commanding and encouraging. As Christians, whatever we do ought to reflect who we are: children of the Most High God, adopted sons and daughters of the Lord. We are sisters and brothers of Christ, and our very identity should permeate all we say and do. We are encouraged in this endeavor, and aided by grace, so that we can glorify God for his sake, and for the sake of the world's salvation.

Gospel Focus:

Do everything for the glory of God.



"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: Would you have the courage to tell others to do as you do in order to be Christian?

Children: What can you do this week to be an example to others?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of February



Evangelization: For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Pope Tweets:

"Loving is the greatest gift. We receive it when we make room for the Lord in prayer, when we welcome Him in His transforming Word and in the humility of His broken Bread."

Please Remember in Prayer:

Gordon Blackman, Barbara Bonney, Gene Chappell, Justin Evans, Tracy Faustini, 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

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 14!

**Mass with distribution of ashes
Noon & 7:00 PM**



Reminder that this is a day of fasting and abstinence.



Ash Wednesday Extended Adoration

Start your Lent off by spending sacred one-on-one time with our Savior. Adoration begins after the Noon Mass on Ash Wednesday and ends by 6PM. Sign-ups are available in the Commons. Consider signing-up for one of the less popular times as two people are required to always be in attendance.

World Day of Marriage—Sunday, February 11, 2024

This prayer will be a daily reminder to love each other, to forgive each other and ask God to protect the marriage. It will strengthen the marriage so that it can endure the challenges that will be faced in life.

Our Marriage Prayer

Lord, help us to remember when we first met and the strong love that grew between us.

To work that love into practical things so that nothing can divide us.

We ask for words both kind and loving and hearts always ready to ask for forgiveness as well as to forgive.

*Dear Lord,
we put our marriage into Your hands.
Amen.*



(<https://ourmarriageprayer.azurewebsites.net>)

World Day of the Sick—February 11, 2024

February 11 is *World Day of the Sick*, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses.

The following is an excerpt from the Message of His Holiness Pope Francis "It is not good that man should be alone".

"Brothers and sisters, the first form of care needed in any illness is compassionate and loving closeness. To care for the sick thus means above all to care for their relationships, all of them; with God, with others—family members, friends, healthcare workers—with creation and with themselves."

Visit the following to read the full message (vatican.va/content/Francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/20240110-giornata-malato.html)

Considering a call to the priesthood

"Do everything for the glory of God." Give Him the glory through your marriage. Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next. Pray for your spouse each day and lead each other to Heaven. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



**February 11, 2024
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings for the Week

Monday, February 12

Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 13

Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 14—Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 15

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday, February 16

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, February 17

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday, February 18—First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	February 12	No Mass	
Tues.	February 13	Noon	Available
Wed.	February 14	Noon	+John Day
	February 14	7:00 pm	+John Day
Thurs.	February 15	Noon	Available
Fri.	February 16	Noon	Available
Sat	February 17	5:00 pm	Available
Sun.	February 18	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

February 11—Barron Dempsey Fund

February 14—Ash Wednesday



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



Parish Life This Week

Monday, February 12

6:30 PM Cub Scouts

Tuesday, February 13

5:00 PM Pancake Dinner

7:00 PM AFF—Eucharist Bible Study

Wednesday, February 14

1:00-6:00 PM Adoration

Thursday, February 15

6:00 PM Finance Council

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, February 16

11:30 AM Adoration

5:00 PM Lenten Fish Fry

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Individual/Family)

Saturday, February 17

4:30 PM Stations of the Cross

6:00 PM Easter Egg Orders

Sunday, February 18

8:30 AM Stations of the Cross

10:00 AM Easter Egg Orders

10:15 AM Religious Education



Weekly Offering for:

January 27/28 & February 3/4, 2024

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,250.00

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:	Jan. 27/28	Feb. 3/4
Regular Offertory	\$ 5,945.16	\$ 6,165.76

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Mortgage	\$ 95.00	\$ 1,562.72
Haiti	\$ 35.00	\$ 135.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 120.00	\$ 65.00
Men's Club	\$ 20.00	—
Altar Flowers	\$ 668.50	—
Catholic Virginian	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00
Roof Repair	\$ 110.00	—

DIOCESAN COLLECTION:

Respect Life	\$ 20.00	—
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Mortgage Balance \$ 16,060.19

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	112	105
Sunday	203	210



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

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!