

Puzzle!

Answer each statement by circling the letter in the correct column. Then write the circled letters on the numbered lines below to complete the biblical word.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Naomi is Ruth's mother.	D	(R)
2. Ruth is a Moabite.	T	P
3. Naomi wants Ruth to leave her and return to Moab.	N	L
4. Orpah is Naomi's hired hand.	H	S
5. Boaz lives in Bethlehem.	C	B
6. Boaz is a farmer.	U	V
7. Ruth makes a living begging at Bethlehem's gates.	X	E
8. Boaz instructs his field workers to leave extra grain for Ruth to glean.	E	J
9. Boaz invites Ruth to eat with the harvesters.	R	Q
10. Boaz is related to Naomi.	I	W
11. Boaz refuses to marry Ruth.	F	R
12. Ruth is the great-grandmother of King David.	O	G

R

9 7 4 6 1 11 8 5 2 10 12 3

Answer: 1. R, 2. T, 3. N, 4. S, 5. C, 6. U, 7. E, 8. E, 9. R, 10. I, 11. R, 12. O; RESURRECTION

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NEWS & EVENTS



Easter Cards Collection

Our Ministry to the Sick and Homebound will be collecting Easter cards to distribute on their visits. Please place your signed cards with envelopes unsealed in the basket in the Commons by March 17th.

LENTEN FISH FRY

The Men's Club will be selling Fish Fry dinners every Friday in Lent from 5-7PM.

This dinner is drive-thru only. The cost per dinner is \$12.00.

The meal consists of fish filets, French fries, hush puppies and coleslaw.



EASTER EGG ORDERS NOW BEING TAKEN!!

Please stop by the Religious Goods Store and place your order for Easter eggs by Sunday, March 17, 2024. Cost per egg is \$8.00.

This year's flavors are: Peanut Butter, Butter Cream, Chocolate Cream, Cherry Nut, Marshmallow, and Toasted Almond Coconut. Our special edition flavor this year is MOCHA CREAM. All proceeds remain in our parish or the local community.



2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal: "Sharing His Love with Others"

The last couple of weekends we have had the in-pew appeal for support of the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal. Hopefully, you have taken time to consider how you can support this year's effort which provides essential ministries throughout our Diocese aimed at empowering the next generation of Catholics, helping those in need, and strengthening our parishes and Catholic communities. So far the Church of the Good Shepherd has raised \$10,385.00 which is 59% of our goal of \$17,750.00. If you have already contributed to the Appeal, thank you for your generosity. If you have not yet had the opportunity to contribute to the Appeal, or if you would like to make an additional contribution there are several ways to give: Scan the QR code on the bulletin board in the commons area, visit the diocesan website richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal-2/ or contact the parish office to receive a hard copy pledge card. Once again thank you in advance for your support of the 2024 Appeal.

Food Pantry Needs for the Week of March 3
PEANUT BUTTER



FAITH FORMATION

Our sincere "Congratulations" goes out to our young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past **Thursday, February 29, 2024** by The Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout at Church of St. Therese in Chesapeake.

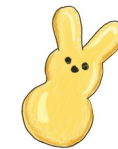
Thank you to our Youth Minister, Scott Watterson, who helped to prepare our youth for this Sacrament of Initiation.

Please keep our newly confirmed in your prayers:



Aiden Casey
Karensa Detrich
Thessalonias Detrich
Andrew Freeman
Ewan Kucha
John Wesdock

May God bless you and guide you as you continue to learn and grow in your faith.



Second Annual Hopping for Haiti Lenten Service Project

On Sunday, March 17, 2024 the K thru 5th Grade children will be "Hopping for Haiti"

The children will need sponsors to support them in their efforts. The recommended donation is \$0.10/hop or a flat donation of \$25.00. The goal per child is 250 hops.

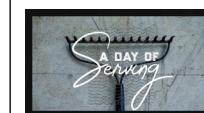
If you can't choose which child to sponsor, you can still make a donation by placing your contribution in one of the envelopes next to the Haiti House. To receive tax credit, please put your name on the envelope.

May God Bless All His Children!



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 10, 2024!

Don't forget to set your clocks **AHEAD 1 HOUR** before bedtime Saturday evening.



Good Shepherd Spring Cleanup

Saturday, March 16, 2024

9:00am—2:00pm

Bring your favorite pair of gloves and dress appropriately for the weather.

Rain date is March 23, 2024.

Please contact Tom Quick with any questions.

The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd

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Father Tony's Email: pastor@cgsparish.org

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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

Youth Ministry – Scott Watterson, youthministry@cgsparish.org

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.

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 | 1 Cor 1:22-25 | Jn 2:13-25

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

When I was a kid, my older siblings used to tell me what to do (no surprise there!) and often backed up their, ahem, “commands,” by saying, “Mom and Dad said so.” Interestingly, sometimes that statement was not true (!), and I would get the right information – what to do and the correct way to do it – directly from my parents. My experience is not unlike that of the Israelites in today's first reading. As they escaped from bondage in Egypt and followed the Lord through the guidance of Moses, they developed their own ways of doing things, listened to the wrong people and acted as if they were indeed conveying truth. But the Lord steps in to correct them, and in “a direct, unmediated communication” of truth to them, gives them commandments to follow. (USCCB commentary) These instructions for how to live a moral life in relationship with God and with one another are the basis of the covenant they made there with the Lord. They are the foundation of the new covenant in which we partake through Jesus Christ, who came into our history as the perfect, unmediated communication of God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How do you envision Jesus? It's easy to think of him as kind and easy-going – the type of person who never lets his feathers get ruffled, no matter how many times the Pharisees question and challenge him. However, we see a different side of Jesus today – one in which he is flipping over tables and brandishing a whip. He is driving out those who are using his Father's house as a place to make money rather than as a place to worship. In the drama of that scene, let's not overlook what comes next in the reading. The people there at the temple, obviously taken aback by what they have seen, ask for a sign to justify what authority Jesus has to drive people out of the temple. Jesus says, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” That confused people then, but we know today that the true temple is Jesus and that his rising from the dead would be the sign they sought. Just as the commandments of God have authority, so does Jesus who came as perfect obedience to those commandments to help us follow them ourselves.

PRAY It's easy for us to think we're doing a good job keeping the Lord's commandments, but at the same time the line between right and wrong can seem blurred at times and we may relax a bit on some of their finer points. Try this week to dig deep within ourselves and turn to prayer for the strength to do what is right, seeking the wisdom of God rather than relying on human wisdom.



LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

Jesus has such reverence for the temple, God's dwelling place, that he overturns tables and drives away those who are abusing its true purpose. This place here, where we are gathered and will receive Jesus in the Eucharist, is God's dwelling place as well. Let us allow Jesus to cleanse our hearts and our minds, that he might renew us as his dwelling place, his temple.

Gospel Focus:

Have zeal for the dwelling place of the Lord.



"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: When has the message of the Cross not made any sense to me? When has it?

Children: Which Gospel story fills me with hope? Why?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of March



Evangelization: For The New Martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Pope Tweets:

"Jesus has lovingly cared for us, mercifully tended our wounds, opened our hearts to joy with His Spirit. All these are goods that we cannot keep only to ourselves or hide away. We have been showered with gifts, so we are called to make ourselves a gift for others."

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, Alice Reece, Debbie Steiger, Irene White, Thomas Wunder and Brandon Zakaras

Spiritual Challenge for March

This month, Lent challenges us to place the highest possible priority on developing a Eucharist-centered spirituality. This may take the form of visiting the Lord directly in a parish's adoration chapel, or attending a daily Mass if possible, or just making a visit to a Catholic church to pray. A Eucharist-centered spirituality is the actual spirituality of Our Lady and of the Church itself.

Praying with the National Eucharistic Revival

Sweet Jesus, Body and Blood most Holy, be the delight and pleasure of my soul, my strength and salvation in all temptations, my joy and peace in every trial, my light and guide in every word and deed, and my final protector in death. Amen.



~St. Thomas Aquinas

(excerpts from www.sitstandkneel.com)

Lenten Reconciliation Services

Tuesday, March 5 @ 7PM
Good Shepherd/Smithfield



Thursday, March 7 @ 7PM St. Mary's/Suffolk

Tuesday, March 19 @ 7PM St. Jude/Franklin

Ask for forgiveness and you shall be forgiven.

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Presentation



The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe was on December 12th. Join us for a two-day presentation to learn about the history, apparitions, miracles, and symbolism associated with the famous Tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe! The presentation dates are Sunday, March 10 & 17 after Mass in the Cry Room. Hope you can join us!

Eucharist Study



Join us for a two session Scriptural Study on the Eucharist on Tuesday, March 12th & 19th at 7:00 PM. Learn what and where Scripture teaches us about the Eucharist.

Considering a call to the priesthood

"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Consider answering the call to priesthood and serve God and His people. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



March 3, 2024 Third Sunday of Lent

Readings for the Week

Monday, March 4

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 5

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 6

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 7

Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 8

Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 9

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, March 10—Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	March 4	No Mass	
Tues.	March 5	9:30 am	Available
Wed.	March 6	Noon	Available
Thurs.	March 7	Noon	Available
Fri.	March 8	Noon	Available
Sat	March 9	5:00 pm	+Gay, Bob & Terry Heitlinger
Sun.	March 10	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



Online Giving

**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

March 10—Catholic Relief Services

March 17—Catholic Virginian



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



Parish Life This Week

Monday, March 4

5:00 PM Good Grief!!!

6:30 PM Cub Scouts

Tuesday, March 5

7:00 PM Lenten Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, March 6

12:30 PM Salt & Light

6:30 PM OCIA

7:00 PM Youth Group

7:15 PM WOM Book Club

Thursday, March 7

6:00 PM Pastoral Council

6:30 PM Boy Scout Committee Mtg.

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, March 8

5:00 PM Lenten Fish Fry

5-7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Individual/Family)

Saturday, March 9

4:30 PM Stations of the Cross

6:00 PM Easter Egg Orders

Sunday, March 10

8:30 AM Stations of the Cross

10:00 AM Our Lady of Guadalupe Presentation

10:00 AM Easter Egg Orders

10:15 AM Religious Education

11:15 AM Easter Play Practice

Easter Egg Production will be Monday—Wednesday

Weekly Offering for:

February 24 & 25, 2024

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,250.00

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offertory	\$ 4,969.16
Ash Wednesday	\$ 135.00

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Mortgage	\$ 345.00
Haiti	\$ 85.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 295.01
Catholic Virginian	\$ 15.00
Ladies' Guild	\$ 20.00
Men's Club	\$ 4,305.00
Roof Repair Fund	\$ 263.85
Other	\$ 457.00
Mortgage Balance	\$ 14,737.93

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	113
Sunday	182

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

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

