










# PUZZLE

## Picturing the Lord's Supper

Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples as a symbol of the new covenant.



Directions: Use the picture clues to fill in key words from Luke 22:19-20, NIV.

And he took , gave  and  it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my  given for you; do this in  of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This  is the new  in my  blood, which is  out for you."

LUKE 22:19-20, NIV

Answer: bread, thanks, broke, body, remembrance, cup, covenant, poured

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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 Sunday, 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.

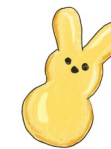


#### 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal: "Sharing His Love with Others"

During the weekends of February 17/18 and 24/25 we had the in-pew appeal for support of the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal. In this time of Lent, 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 \$12,385.00 which is 70% of our goal of \$17,750.00. If you have already contributed to the Appeal, thank you for your generosity. It is our hope that every household in our parish contributes to the Appeal. If you would like to contribute 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](http://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal) or contact the parish office to receive a hard copy pledge card. Every gift, no matter the amount, makes a difference. Once again thank you in advance for your support of the 2024 Appeal.

"Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!" (Psalm 137)

### FAITH FORMATION



#### 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!



#### EASTER PLAY

The Children's Easter Play will be Friday, April 12th at 6:30PM. Please come and see their efforts as we continue in the Easter Season, remembering the Easter Story, on our journey to Pentecost.

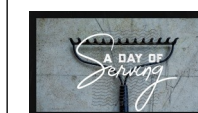
There will be a small reception after and all are welcome to attend!

#### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

**Married Couples.** Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all. Time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. A chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you. Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

- April 12-14, 2024 in Herndon, VA
- May 3-5, 2024 in Hickory, NC
- September 27-29, 2024 in Herndon, VA

To register, go to [WWME.org](http://WWME.org), click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location.



#### 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.

Food Pantry Needs for the Week of March 10  
**CANNED MEAT OR FISH**



# The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd

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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](mailto: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

**Ushers** - Steve Reznick

**Knights of Columbus** - Shawn Huffaker, [gk17335@vakofc.org](mailto:gk17335@vakofc.org)

**Ladies' Guild** - Margaret Hickman

**Men's Club** - Bill Knapp, [billknapp1985@yahoo.com](mailto: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 10, 2024

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

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

“The floor is lava!” We used to play this game as children, and it still seems popular today: you arrange furniture and other objects in such a way as to make it from point to point, and even room to room, without touching the floor. There may be more than one way to go, but the crux of the matter is that you have to use these waypoints to stay alive in the game. Following Jesus is somewhat similar, although obviously infinitely more serious and important! He himself, through his sacrifice on the cross, opened the doors of salvation to us – he has provided the ways and means to live free from death. His sacrifice is the only thing that makes it possible for us to enter heaven. In other words, he has arranged the spiritual furniture, made clear those waypoints, and, differing from children who play the lava game, is ready and willing to help us at any time to move safely and confidently along the journey. St Paul writes, “we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.”

**GO EVANGELIZE**

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

St. Paul also writes, “by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God.” And in today’s Gospel, St. John writes these words we know so well. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” Both testaments include words of comfort, but John here also includes a call to action. Notice the word “might.” Like “may,” which is found in other translations, it indicates possibility, probability, and contingency. In other words, it is offered – freely given! – but we must accept. And acceptance means, just as the prophets shared with the Israelites, we need to follow God’s commands. It means that in our words and deeds we act from and in love of God and love of one another. For “whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.”

**ENGAGE** Today we are about halfway through Lent. If you

haven’t yet taken advantage of the rich opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross with your family, do so this week. Most parishes pray the stations on Fridays during Lent, and perhaps other days as well. This ancient tradition of our Church is a beautiful and meaningful way to walk the Way of the Cross with our Lord.

*We adore you, O Christ, and bless you. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the whole world.*

“  
The light came  
into the world, but  
people preferred  
darkness to light.

(Jn 3:19)

”


**LITURGY AND MINISTRY**

**Today's Readings:**

We offer our humble gifts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to God out of gratitude. We recognize that all is gift. God has poured out his grace upon us. We joyfully draw near to the giver of all good gifts in the spiritual practices we take up in this season.

**Gospel Focus:**

Offer gifts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving out of love and gratitude to our merciful 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:** Do I see the world as good or evil, and how does my view impact my life?  
**Children:** What are some of the ways that God shows his love for me? How can I show God my love?

**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:**

"In this time of Lent, let us strive not to put ourselves at the center; rather, let us try to step aside to make room for others, to promote them, and to rejoice in their qualities and successes."

**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*

**Faith Fundamentals**

**Two Types of Sin**



There are many ways to sin but only two types of sin. "All wrongdoing is sin," says the Apostle John, "but there is sin that is not deadly" (1 John 5:17). John's teaching is the biblical basis for the Church's understanding of the two types of sin: mortal and venial.

How do we know for sure whether a sin is mortal or venial? The Church gives us three criteria for evaluating sin.

**Mortal Sin**—We can know an act is mortally sinful if it consists of:


1. Grave matter—namely, a serious violation of God's commandments.
2. Full knowledge—that is, an understanding of the wrongness of the act.
3. Deliberate consent—meaning a personal decision to commit the sin.

**Venial Sin**—When an act is a venial sin, it lacks one or more of these criteria, or it is much less serious in any of these three areas.


-----CATECHISM CONNECTION-----  
 CCC 1452 When it arises from a love by which God is loved above all else, contrition is called "perfect" (contrition of charity). Such contrition remits venial sins; it also obtains forgiveness of mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible.  
 (excerpts from www.sitstandkneel.com)

"Urge all souls to trust in the unfathomable abyss of My mercy, because I want to save them all. On the cross, the fountain of My mercy was opened wide by the lance for all souls—no one have I excluded!"  
 ~Words of Jesus, the Divine Mercy, to St. Faustina


**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**March 15, 2024 at 11:30 AM**  
 Followed by 12:00 PM (Noon) Mass.  
 Come and spend some time with Jesus!



**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**  
 "Whoever lives the truth comes to the light." Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next. Are you called to belong to Christ alone as a priest or through consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



**March 10, 2024  
 Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Readings for the Week**

- Monday, March 11**  
 Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54  
**Tuesday, March 12**  
 Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16  
**Wednesday, March 13**  
 Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30  
**Thursday, March 14**  
 Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47  
**Friday, March 15**  
 Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
**Saturday, March 16**  
 Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53  
**Sunday, March 17—Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
 Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33




**Daily Mass & Intention Schedule**

Mon.	March 11	No Mass	
Tues.	March 12	Noon	Available
Wed.	March 13	Noon	Available
Thurs.	March 14	Noon	Available
Fri.	March 15	Noon	Available
Sat	March 16	5:00 pm	+Thelma & Gene Burke
Sun.	March 17	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](http://www.cgsparish.org)  
 click on 'Give' then 'On-Line Giving'



**Upcoming Special Collections**  
**March 17—Catholic Virginian**  
**March 24—Palm Sunday**



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



**Parish Life This Week**

- Monday, March 11**  
 6:30 PM Cub Scouts  
**Tuesday, March 12**  
 6:30 PM Boy Scouts  
 7:00 PM AFF—Eucharist Bible Study  
 7:00 PM K of C Mtg.  
**Wednesday, March 13**  
 12:30 PM Salt & Light  
 6:00 PM Liturgy Ministries  
 6:30 PM OCIA  
 7:00 PM Youth Group  
**Thursday, March 14**  
 7:00 PM Choir Practice  
**Friday, March 15**  
 11:30 AM Adoration  
 5:00 PM Lenten Fish Fry  
 5-7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Individual/Family)  
**Saturday, March 16**  
 9:00 AM Spring Clean up & Eucharist Study  
 4:30 PM Stations of the Cross  
 6:00 PM Easter Egg Orders  
**Sunday, March 17**  
 8:30 AM Stations of the Cross  
 10:00 AM Our Lady of Guadalupe Presentation  
 10:00 AM Hopping For Haiti Lenten Service Project  
 10:00 AM Easter Egg Orders  
 10:15 AM Religious Education  
 11:15 AM Easter Play Practice  
 \*Easter Egg Production Monday-Wednesday 9am-Noon\*



**Weekly Offering for:**

**March 2 & 3, 2024**  
 Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,250.00  
 (The following totals include E-Giving)

**OFFERTORY:**

Regular Offertory	\$ 7,906.18
Ash Wednesday	\$ 30.00

**ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:**

Mortgage	\$ 1,774.52
Haiti	\$ 160.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 25.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 5.00
Ladies' Guild	\$ 63.00
Men's Club	\$ 2,218.00
Youth Group	\$ 825.00

**DIOCESAN COLLECTION:**

Catholic Relief Services	\$ 125.00
<b>Mortgage Balance</b>	<b>\$ 14,737.93</b>

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

Saturday	122
Sunday	242



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