

# Puzzle!

After completing this Easter crossword, unscramble the circled letters to discover a special word:

1. What Jesus was wrapped in
2. The site of Jesus' crucifixion
3. One of the rulers who questioned Jesus
4. He washed his hands of Jesus
5. Followers of Jesus
6. He denied Christ
7. A large hill
8. The feast celebrating escape from Egypt
9. Jesus' mother
10. A Jewish teacher
11. The doubting disciple
12. Jesus was mistaken for this
13. One of Peter's other names

Answers: 1. cloth, 2. Golgotha, 3. Herod, 4. Pilate, 5. disciples, 6. Peter, 7. mountain, 8. Passover, 9. Mary, 10. rabbi, 11. Thomas, 12. gardener, 13. Simon; resurrection

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## NEWS & EVENTS

### 2024 LAST LENTEN FISH FRY!

The Men's Club will be selling Fish Fry Dinners Friday, March 22nd 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.



### PICK UP YOUR EASTER EGG ORDER!!!

The last day to pick up the Easter Egg Orders is Sunday, March 17th.

If you placed an order and have not yet paid and/or picked it up, please do it by next Sunday. Thank you for your orders and support of this ministry.



### THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

requests the honor of your presence



to the *Thanksgiving Mass*

of

Father Tony Yllana

on his

*40th Anniversary of Sacerdotal Ordination*

Monday, April 1, 2024 @ 5:00PM



### 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. As of March 12th the Church of the Good Shepherd has raised \$16,055.00 from 37 donors which is 90% 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.

"Create a clean heart in me, O God." (Psalm 51)

## FAITH FORMATION

### 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!

We would like to welcome into our parish family **Murphy Lane Padden** who became a child of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this Saturday. We pray that he will continue to grow in faith and love through our Lord Jesus Christ all the days of his life. Congratulations!



### CRS Rice Bowls

Did you pick up a CRS Rice Bowl? Do you know how your support of the CRS Rice Bowl helps others?

**75%** of your CRS Rice Bowl donation supports Catholic Relief Services' work around the world.

**25%** helps fight hunger and poverty in your own community.

Through CRS Rice Bowl, you help reach more than 250 MILLION PEOPLE with lifesaving support.

PRAY

Dear Jesus,

You call us, as members of the body of Christ, to serve one another.

This Lent, may we be your eyes, to see with compassion.

May we be your hands and feet, to serve with love.

By encountering you in the Bread of Life, may we joyfully share bread for life with all members of our global family.

Amen.

Turn in your Rice Bowl at the end of Lent or visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to donate. Thank you for changing lives this Lent! ([www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org))



### 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.



Food Pantry Needs for the Week of March 17  
**PASTA**



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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](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 17, 2024

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34 | Heb 5:7-9 | Jn 12:20-33

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

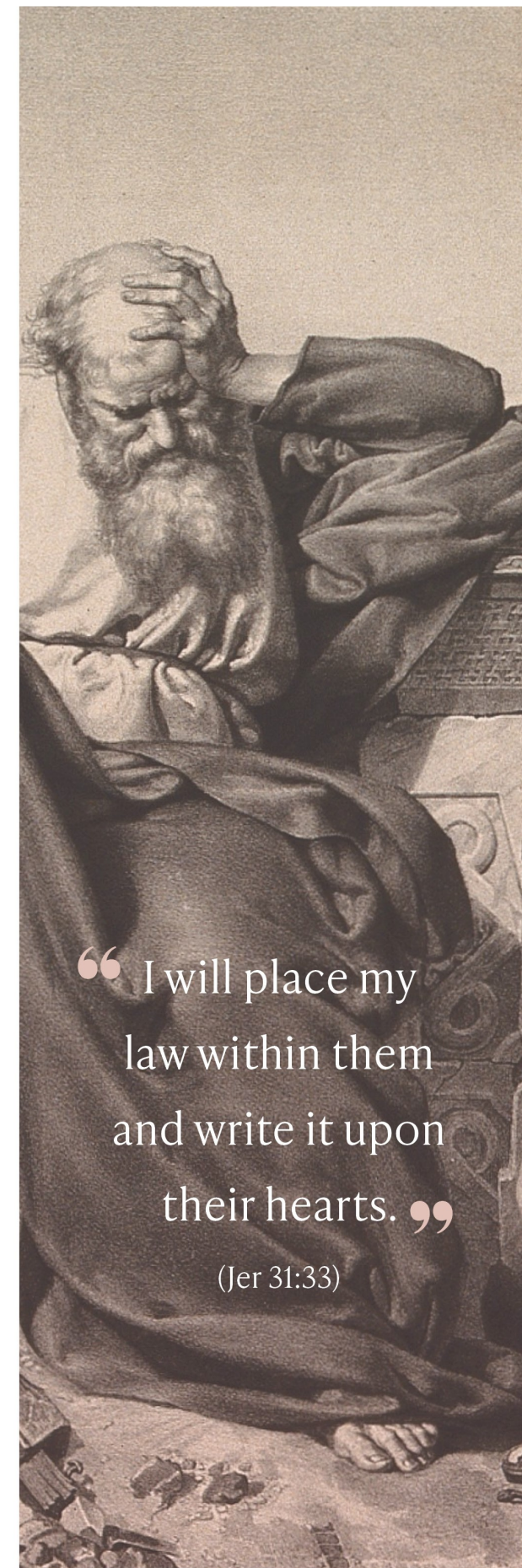
As we quickly approach Easter, we're reminded of the reason why we are celebrating. God's chosen people stumbled quite a bit throughout the Old Testament, so God intervened time, and time, and time again to set them back on the straight and narrow. Whereas we would likely give up on someone over time, God has remained steadfast in his grace, and always will. He created a new covenant with Israel that wrote his law upon the hearts of Jews and Gentiles alike. This new covenant was realized through Jesus Christ, who was born into our flesh and crucified on the cross. He suffered death in perfect obedience to God the Father. By being born into flesh, Jesus united humanity and divinity; through his crucifixion and resurrection, Christ "became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him." He is the law of love that lives within us, and through him "all, from least to greatest, shall know [the Father.]"

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Jesus didn't suffer the cross for his sake or for his own glory. No, our Savior came to preach the kingdom of heaven to us before sacrificing himself for our sins. Notice how in today's Gospel he even admitted he was troubled! It can be terrifying to do God's will for our lives, and Christ himself was troubled by what he was called to do. Yet, in love and trust in the Father, Jesus was obedient, saying "but it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." All Christians are called to a life of self-sacrifice, each to the degree it serves God's purpose. We are all called to give up our lives for the sake of love to glorify God. Without Christ's sacrifice, we would not have been saved; without our willingness to pursue God's call upon our life, the kingdom of God cannot be realized on this earth.

**REFLECT** The Lord placed his law upon your heart the moment you were conceived, but how do you allow him to shine through your life? How do you serve and glorify the Lord? Take a moment today to reflect on your words and actions and consider how you show the world that God is Lord over your life for all time, not only during Lent.




**LITURGY AND MINISTRY**

**Today's Readings:**

We want to serve and follow the Lord, but we also want to enjoy our lives and ensure that our children and grandchildren have a good life. In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to choose the Lord first, and the Father will honor whoever serves him. Choosing the path of surrender in service to him glorifies God and allows us to produce much fruit, including care for our own families.

**Gospel Focus:**

Choose the path of surrender in service to the Lord.



**"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:** In what ways have I sacrificed my own desires to be of help to others?  
**Children:** How have I given something up to help my family, a classmate, or a friend?

**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 season of Lent, let us retreat into the 'desert'. May we dedicate time to silence to allow the voice of the Lord to speak to our heart and keep it in goodness."

**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*

**National Eucharistic Revival**



During the National Eucharistic Revival, we are reminded of our need to be spiritually prepared to receive our Eucharistic Lord. The disciples on the Road to Emmaus discovered Him in the breaking of bread.

**The Importance of the Eucharistic Fast**

Bodily fasting before receiving a spiritual gift has a long history in our tradition. Moses fasted for forty days before receiving the Ten Commandments (Ex 34:28), and the prophet Elijah journeyed for forty days through the desert before his experience of God on the mountain (1Kgs 19:8).

The Eucharistic Fast has the same effect on us: it prepares us to be worthy vessels in which to receive our Eucharistic Lord. Canon Law states: "One who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception of water and medicine, for at least the period of one hour before Holy Communion." (Canon 919)

Physical mortification before receiving Communion makes us spiritually receptive to His grace.

**Two Exceptions**—If a priest must celebrate more than one Mass in a day, he is obliged to keep the Eucharistic fast only before the first Mass. Likewise, the elderly, the sick, and those who care for them may receive Communion if they have eaten something within the preceding hour.

**Twice In a Day**—It sometimes happens that the faithful wish to receive the Eucharist more than once in a day. The Church allows a person who has already received the Eucharist to receive a second time on the same day, but it **must be within a Mass** (Canon 917).

*"May my heart ever hunger for Thee and be nourished by Thee, whose sight the angels desire; may my innermost soul be filled by the sweetness of thy savor and ever thirst for Thee, the fount of life, the fount of wisdom and science, the fount of eternal life, the torrent of joy, the plenitude of the house of God."*

~St. Bonaventure

(verbatim from Prayers in the Pew, National Eucharistic Revival Supplement-March 2024. www.SitStandKneel.com)

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

**Considering a call to the priesthood**

"The Father will honor whoever serves me." Are you called to belong to serve 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 17, 2024  
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday, March 18**  
 Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday, March 19**—Solemnity of St. Joseph  
 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

**Wednesday, March 20**  
 Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday, March 21**  
 Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday, March 22**  
 Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday, March 23**  
 Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday, March 24—Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**  
 Mk 11:1-10; Ls 50:4-7; Phil 2: 6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47



**Daily Mass & Intention Schedule**

Mon.	March 18	No Mass	
Tues.	March 19	Noon	Available
Wed.	March 20	Noon	Available
Thurs.	March 21	Noon	Available
Fri.	March 22	Noon	Available
Sat	March 23	5:00 pm	+Geraldine & Walt Schuver
Sun.	March 24	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



**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 24—Palm Sunday**  
**March 29—Holy Land**  
**March 31—Easter**  
**April 7—Mortgage**



**Parish Life This Week**

**Monday, March 18**  
 6:30 PM Cub Scouts

**Tuesday, March 19**  
 6:30 PM Boy Scouts  
 7:00 PM AFF—Eucharist Bible Study

**Wednesday, March 20**  
 10:00 AM Divine Mercy  
 12:30 PM Salt & Light  
 6:30 PM OCIA  
 7:00 PM Ladies' Guild & Men's Club Mtgs.  
 7:00 PM Youth Group

**Thursday, March 21**  
 6:00 PM Finance Council  
 7:00 PM Choir Practice

**Friday, March 22**  
 5:00 PM Lenten Fish Fry  
 5-7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Individual/Family)

**Saturday, March 23**  
 6:00 PM Last Day to Pick up Easter Egg Orders

**Sunday, March 24**  
 10:00 AM Last Day to Pick up 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 9 & 10, 2024**

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

**OFFERTORY:**

Regular Offertory \$ 6,489.16

**ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:**

Mortgage \$ 345.00  
 Haiti \$ 60.00  
 Catholic Virginian \$ 5.00  
 Ladies' Guild \$ 1,216.00  
 Men's Club \$ 1,932.00  
 Other \$ 60.00

**DIOCESAN COLLECTION:**

Catholic Relief Services \$ 496.39  
 Other Diocesan Collections \$ 1,000.00

**Mortgage Balance** \$ 14,737.93

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

Saturday 109  
 Sunday 210



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