



Puzzle

Praise him!

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, a large crowd cheered for him. Complete this puzzle to discover what they used (also see John 12:13).

Directions: In the number grid below, draw lines by starting with the first number in each list and stopping at the last.

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NEWS & EVENTS

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD requests the honor of your presence to the

+ *Thanksgiving Mass* of Father Tony Ullana on his *40th Anniversary of Sacerdotal Ordination* Monday, April 1, 2024 @ 5:00PM

Divine Mercy Sunday



"Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to God's mercy" - a quote from the diary of St. Faustina, given to her by Jesus.

Please plan to join us for the celebration of this great feast of Divine Mercy, the Sunday after Easter April 7, 2024. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM followed by Adoration, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction.

CRS Rice Bowls

It is time to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl donations! Convert all cash into checks (make out to Church of the Good Shepherd with "CRS Rice Bowl" in the memo) and place in the collection basket or use the parish online giving site to donate. Thank you for changing lives this Lent!

Much Appreciation!

Thank You to all who donated cards for our Ministry to the Sick and Homebound. Through your generosity and thoughtfulness, those who cannot be present with us at Mass will feel your love and support at Easter. Thanks again!

The Grounds Committee would like to "Thank" all the parishioners, scouts, and scout leaders who helped with the grounds clean up last weekend. We accomplished a lot to get the church's exterior ready for this year's Easter celebration. Thanks again!



The Parish Office will be CLOSED from 1:00 PM on Thursday, March 28 through Monday, April 1, 2024 for the Easter holiday.

FAITH FORMATION



Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, March 31, 2024 Following the 9:00 AM Mass

For all children grades 5 and younger. Bring your children to search for "new life (eggs)".

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!



The Works of Mary Ministry gathering is cancelled for Wednesday, March 27, 2024. See you in April!



Attention High School Seniors!

If you plan on continuing your higher education next year, then it is time for you to submit your application for the Charles D. Arinello Scholarship which will be awarded by the Knights of Columbus Council #17335. It is open to any senior planning to attend a 2 or 4 year College, University, or Trade School in the Fall 2024 and is a member of Church of the Good Shepherd parish. The application form is available at the Religious Goods Store. Applications are due NO LATER THAN APRIL 30!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is like Spring-time. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is—sign up now for an experience near you!

- May 3-5, 2024 in Hickory, NC
- September 27-29, 2024 in Herndon, VA
- November 15-17, 2024 in Virginia Beach, VA

To register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location.



Food Pantry Needs for the Week of March 24 CEREAL OR 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.

Staff

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Ministry to the Sick - Deacon Stanley Stefanowicz

Pastoral Council - Joe Campo

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Money Counters - Margaret Hickman

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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

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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.



“

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them.

(Is 50:4)

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March 24, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Is 50:4-7 | Phil 2:6-11 | Mk 14:1–15:47

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

“The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them.” This sentence from our first reading is taken from one of the four “Songs of the Suffering Servant” in Isaiah. The New Testament identifies this Servant as Jesus, and we know that Jesus accepted the suffering that was foretold in the verses that follow this one: “I gave my back to those who beat me ... my face I did not hide from insults and spitting.” As aspiring servants of God on this Palm Sunday, the most holy of days when we hear Mark’s account of Jesus’ passion, how does this sentence speak to us? What does it mean to have a well-trained tongue? To me it is a call to speak to the Lord in prayer as well as to speak the Good News of the Gospel whenever and wherever we can.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How can we gain the confidence to believe that our tongue is “well-trained”? We know we are all given the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and we must trust in that promise and invoke his presence often. Who knows? A kind word or gesture from us may just “speak” to a weary person who is struggling. Paul writes that in his passion, Jesus “emptied himself” in the hours before his death and “[became] obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” Paul’s next words give us the answer to our question above: “Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend ... and every tongue confess [emphasis added] that Jesus Christ is Lord.” The fullness of the kingdom will be realized only when Jesus comes again. But in the meantime, we have the Eucharist that Jesus instituted at the Last Supper to sustain us and give us strength for our task to confess Jesus Christ as Lord and spread the kingdom of God one day at a time.

PRAY “Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will.” These words from today’s passion narrative demonstrate Jesus’ complete, obedient surrender of his will to his Father’s divine will. As flawed human beings, we will never be able to perfectly emulate our Savior’s actions, but what better way to begin Holy Week than to try? Through prayer, strive to surrender yourself to God this week by trusting him completely, and striving to do his will with humility and Christ-like obedience.

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

During his journey to Golgotha, Jesus goes from hailed hero to crucified criminal. He surrenders out of obedience to his Father and love for us. As followers of Jesus, we, too, can face loss and sacrifice. Jesus knows what it means to sacrifice out of love. We journey together through loss, never alone, but always united with Jesus.

Gospel Focus:

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.



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

EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...

Are continuously working toward putting on the mind of Christ.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: When have I found it hard to accept God's will? What helped me to accept God's will?

Children: When is it hard to obey? 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:

"God seeks the humble who hope in Him, not in themselves and their own plans. Christian humility is not simply one virtue among others. It is the basic disposition of life. We believe we are in need of God and make room for Him, putting all our trust in Him."

Please Remember in Prayer:



Gordon Blackman, Barbara Bonney, Gene Chappell, Justin Evans, Tracy Faustini, Ellen Gauthier, Leslie Lunger, Christopher Morris, Betty Nagy, Mary Pasko, Alice Reece, Debbie Steiger, Irene White, Thomas Wunder and Brandon Zakaras

Prayer of the Month for March



Good Shepherd, True Bread

*Come then, Good Shepherd, Bread Divine,
Show to us Thy mercy sign;
O, feed us, still keep us Thine;
So we may see Thy glories shine
In fields of immortality.*

*Oh Thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present Food, our future rest,
Come, make us each Thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of Thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with Thee.*

Amen.

Reflection: The Eucharist is the Shepherd of Our Souls

We usually think of **Psalm 23** when we hear the word Shepherd in prayer: "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."

The Psalm describes the **Lord guiding His sheep** to green pastures for grazing; leading them by "restful waters" for refreshment; and protecting them with his rod and staff, especially when they must go through the bitter valley.

We find it easy to see Our Lord in the role of Good Shepherd because that is His own self-description (John 10:11). Yet, if Christ is our Eucharistic Lord, then the **most powerful sacrament of the Church** is a shepherd to us in these same ways.

The Eucharist is, above all, **nourishment** for our souls. It is the essence of peace: we **rest** in the total gift of Christ to us. The Blessed Sacrament also **protects** us from the power of evil.

Finally, our prayer expresses even more hints of the Eucharist's infinite power as Shepherd of our souls: **mercy, wisdom, might, glory, and immortality!**

(verbatim from www.SitStandKneel.com)

IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS

Let us pray for the eternal repose of the soul of **Elizabeth Perry** who passed away last month. May the Lord grant eternal rest unto her and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Considering a call to the priesthood

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Docility in prayer is essential to vocation discernment. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

In His Steps

"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"
(Psalm 22)

**March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord**

Readings for the Week



Monday, March 25
Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday, March 26
Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday, March 27
Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday, March 28—Holy Thursday
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday, March 29—Good Friday
Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday, March 30—Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil
Gn 1:1—2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7
Sunday, March 31—**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**
Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	March 25	No Mass	
Tues.	March 26	Noon	Available
Wed.	March 27	Noon	Available
Thurs.	March 28	7:00 pm	Available
Fri.	March 29	3:00 pm	Veneration of the Cross
		7:00 pm	Veneration of the Cross
Sat	March 30	8:00 pm	Available
Sun.	March 31	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—Thursday 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 29—**Holy Land**
March 31—**Easter**
April 7—**Mortgage**

Special OFFERING

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

HOLY WEEK

Parish Life This Week

Monday, March 25
6:00 PM Chrim Mass (Richmond)

Tuesday, March 26
7:00 PM Seder Supper

Thursday, March 28
Office Closes at 1:00PM
7:00 PM Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 11:30PM

Friday, March 29
Office Closed
3:00 PM & 7:00 PM Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, March 30
8:00 PM Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31
10:15 AM Easter Egg Hunt

Weekly Offering for: March 16 & 17, 2024

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

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offertory	\$ 5,503.16
Easter/Holy Days	\$ 50.00

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Mortgage	\$ 465.00
Haiti	\$ 35.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 329.54
Ladies' Guild	\$ 1,110.00
Men's Club	\$ 1,779.00
Roof Repair	\$ 200.00
Youth Group	\$ 32.00
Other	\$ 20.00

DIOCESAN/SPECIAL COLLECTION:

Holy Land	\$ 25.00
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Mortgage Balance \$ 14,737.93

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	123
Sunday	205

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

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