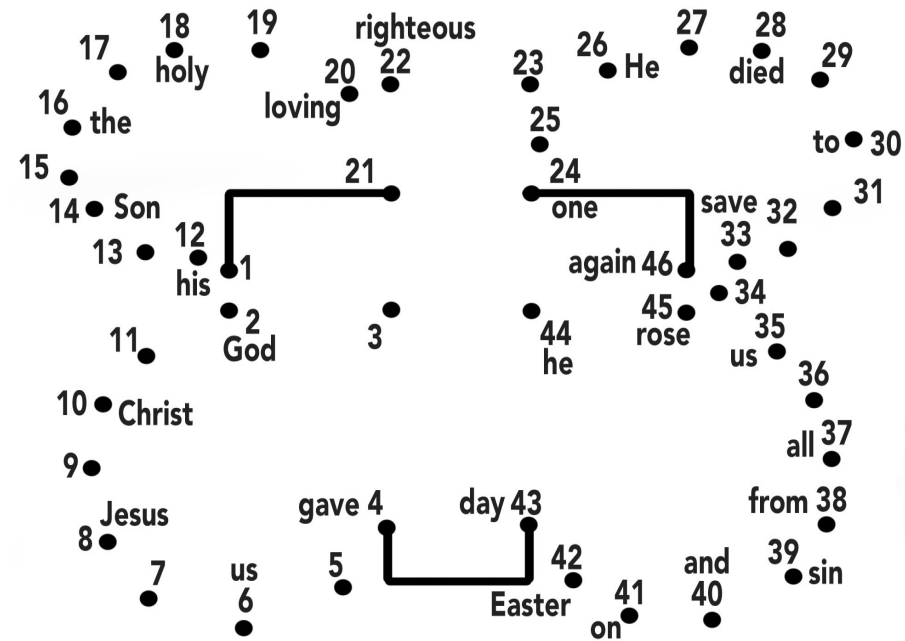


Puzzle!

Connect the dots to find two symbols of Easter. Then write the words in the correct blanks to complete an Easter poem.



2	4	6	8	10	12	14
16	18	20	22	24		
26	28	30	33	35	37	38
40	41	42	43	44	45	46

Answer: God gave us Jesus Christ, his Son, the holy, loving, righteous one. He died to save us all from sin, and on Easter day he rose again.

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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

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!



Thank You!!!

The Men's Club would like to give all the supporters of our Lenten Fish Fries a Shout-Out of thanks.

If you came or you sent your neighbors and friends, we want you to know that we appreciate that and every meal served helps support not only special projects in our parish, but special needs in our community and the school children in Haiti.

Some say that this year's fish was the best ever, but we know we always have the best fish available. See y'all next Easter Season and don't miss our picnics, chili dinners and pancake suppers.



The Parish Office will be
CLOSED
Monday, April 1, 2024
for the Easter holiday.
May you have a Blessed Easter Season!

FAITH FORMATION



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.

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!



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!

2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal Update

"Sharing His Love with Others"

As of 3/26/2024



Goal	\$ 17,750.00
Total Received	\$ 20,505.00
% of Goal	116% from 48 donors

Have you made your donation to the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal? Visit the diocesan website at <https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal> or contact the parish office to receive a hard copy pledge card. Thank you for your generosity.



Join us for Donuts
after Mass in the Commons
next Sunday, April 7

Food Pantry Needs for the
Week of March 31
CANNED OR DRIED FRUIT



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

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Music Director - Katarina Hackney, music@cgsparish.org

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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.

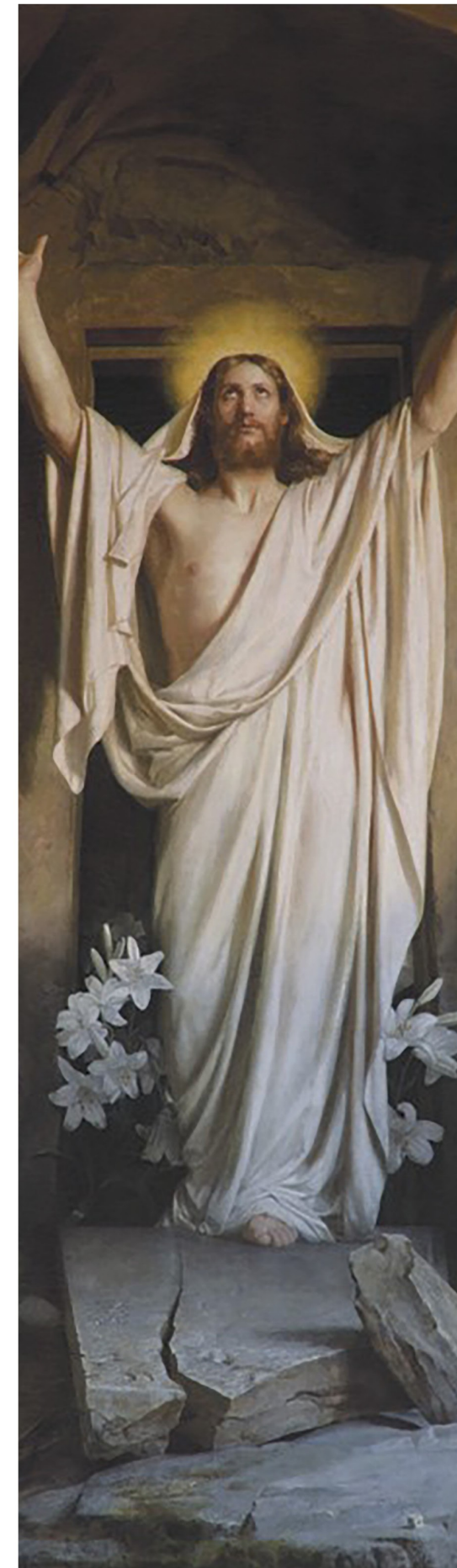
Baptisms – A preparation class for parents is required prior to the baptism. Contact Lara Detrich at the church office to register.

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 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 | Jn 20:1-9

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

Wishing you a blessed Easter! One of our commitments in growing as disciples of Jesus, especially at the beginning of this most important season of Easter, is to *study* Scripture. John's Gospel today depicts the story of the empty tomb – the reactions of Mary of Magdala and the two disciples trying to make sense of what they had seen. What we may have missed, however, are the words of St. Peter in the first reading from Acts speaking of Jesus: “This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, *not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance*, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.” Jesus appeared post-resurrection to those to whom he was closest – the witnesses chosen by God whom he had commissioned to preach the Gospel to all people, so all might believe in him. In this way the chosen few, Christ's heralds, would bring the Good News of his resurrection to the many. So we too, now, are witnesses, chosen by God in our baptism and come to this table of thanksgiving and sacrifice. By faith we grow as his disciples, ready to go forth to lead others to him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As we know, these first disciples of Christ went on mission throughout the known world to preach to the Jews as well as the Gentiles. Their task was not easy; all endured opposition and hardship; many were martyred. But gone was the fear they may have felt at the crucifixion; by the power of the Holy Spirit these early missionaries were full of courage and commitment, and were driven to proclaim the risen Jesus to all. What does this have to do with us today? By virtue of our baptism, we also are chosen by God to be his witnesses in the world. We are called to “preach the Gospel!” with how we live our lives. When we trust in the promises of Christ and know the peace that only he can bring, it gives us the strength to testify to friends, family and others that God loves us and has redeemed us. Good News indeed.

GROW & GO Christ is risen, Alleluia! The Resurrection means that nothing can separate us from God's love and presence with us. Spend time this week in prayer contemplating these two truths: The purpose of our lives is to continually GROW in intimate relationship with God; and Jesus' final command to his disciples and us is to “GO and make disciples of all nations.” (Mt 28:19)

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Not even death could keep him from us. So mighty is his love that he transformed the evil of the cross into a blessing through which he can eternally unite us to God. He is here. He is risen, alleluia!

Gospel Focus:

Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you.



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

EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...

Are intentional about developing their relationship with the triune God.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: Why do I believe that I will live with Christ for all eternity?

Children: Who has helped me believe that I will live with Jesus forever?

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:

"Let us ask the Lord to help us grow in the virtue of prudence so that, amid the storms and winds that buffet our lives, we may remain anchored in Christ, our cornerstone."

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

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



Fr. Tony's Easter Message:

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

I pray that you and your loved ones have a blessed Easter! Today we celebrate the beautiful gift of life that God has blessed each of us with. May our encounter with the risen Lord on our journey of faith touch us deeply and transform us as He did for His disciples.

I would like you to continue to pray with and for each other as we journey through this Easter season.

In Christ,
Fr. Tony



Saint Gregory Easter Prayer

It is only right, with all the powers of our heart and mind, to praise You Father and Your Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Dear Father, by Your wondrous condescension of Loving-Kindness toward us, Your servants, You gave up Your Son.

Dear Jesus You paid the debt of Adam for us to the Eternal Father by Your Blood poured forth in Loving-Kindness. You cleared away the darkness of sin by Your magnificent and radiant Resurrection. You broke the bonds of death and rose from the grave as a Conqueror. You reconciled Heaven and earth. Our life had no hope of Eternal Happiness before You redeemed us.

Your Resurrection has washed away our sins, restored our innocence and brought us joy.

How inestimable is the tenderness of Your Love!

(catholicnewsagency.com/resource/56108/saint-gregory-easter-prayer)



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

April 5, 2024 at 11:30 AM

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

Considering a call to the priesthood

"The Lord is truly risen!" Are you being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord's resurrection as a priest, religious sister or brother? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." (Psalm 118)

March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday Of The Resurrection Of The Lord

Readings for the Week

Monday, April 1

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 2

Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 3

Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday, April 4

Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 5

Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday, April 6

Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday, April 7—Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Mon.	April 1	5:00 pm	40th Anniversary Mass
Tues.	April 2	Noon	+Padraic Soule
Wed.	April 3	Noon	Available
Thurs.	April 4	Noon	Available
Fri.	April 5	Noon	Available
Sat	April 6	5:00 pm	Available
Sun.	April 7	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



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

April 7—Mortgage

April 28—Altar Flowers

May 5—Mortgage



AED

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

Parish Life This Week

Monday, April 1

Office Closed

5:00 PM 40th Ordination Thanksgiving Mass

Tuesday, April 2

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

8:00 PM Holy Hour

Wednesday, April 3

12:30 PM Salt & Light

6:30 PM OCIA

7:15 PM WOM Book Club

Thursday, April 4

6:00 PM Pastoral Council

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, April 5

11:30 AM Adoration

Saturday, April 6

4:30 PM Rosary

Sunday, April 7

Divine Mercy Sunday

8:30 AM Rosary

10:00 AM Adoration/DM Chaplet/Benediction

10:00 AM Donuts

10:15 AM Religious Education

11:15 AM Play Practice



Weekly Offering for:

March 23 & 24, 2024

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,250.00

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offertory & Palm Sunday	\$ 6,048.98
Easter	\$ 122.00

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Mortgage	\$ 75.00
Haiti	\$ 85.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 35.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 20.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 5.00
Ladies' Guild	\$ 1,370.00
Men's Club	\$ 2,061.00
Roof Repair	\$ 10.00
Youth Group	\$ 6.00
Other	\$ 80.00

DIOCESAN/SPECIAL COLLECTION:

Catholic Relief Services	\$ 187.00
Holy Land	\$ 12.00
Mortgage Balance	\$ 3,407.11

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 117

Sunday 176



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