





# 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

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## Ministries

**Ministry to the Sick** - Deacon Stanley Stefanowicz

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**Finance Council** - Dan Falbe

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**Building** - Hart Smith and Tom Quick

**Grounds** - Tom Quick

**Liturgical Ministries Head** - Mark Lieberman

**Altar Servers**

**Children's Liturgy** – Kathleen Day

**Eucharistic Min (Sat)** - Joan Nagy

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**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.

April 14, 2024

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 | 1 Jn 2:1-5a | Lk 24:35-48

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

It's only been two weeks since Easter, but already the holiday can seem like another item checked off our to-do lists. It's easy to get complacent as we go about our busy lives – marking celebrations, important dates and gatherings on the calendar. Today's readings remind us that the Resurrection is not just a story or a metaphor about something ordinary that happened more than 2,000 years ago. It was so different and so shocking that it trembled the very earth, and nothing has been the same since! Luke describes the confusion the disciples felt when they first saw Jesus in his resurrected body. Here was their Lord and teacher, back from the dead, but not as a ghost or spirit as they might have expected: He was just as real as before. He was eating, speaking, touching, and interacting. And yet he was different. He could arrive in a locked room without using the door, pass among people unnoticed (as on the way to Emmaus), and give gifts of wisdom and insight directly to the disciples. Today's Gospel offers Jesus' explanation that these things were done to fulfill the promises God made to the prophets.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The fulfillment of God's promises in Jesus, and his death and resurrection, was not meant to benefit only a few people. We, as his disciples, must spread the Good News that sin and death don't have the last word. St. Peter gives us an inspiring example today when he speaks to the people. Look at how different he is from the man who denied Jesus three times! He boldly goes into the crowd – the same crowd that condemned Jesus to death – and preaches on what a gift we all have been given by Jesus' sacrifice. Peter knows, and we know, that Jesus' defeat of death means everything. We are freely offered salvation through Christ's saving action. Like the members of that crowd, we're invited to be witnesses to this great act of love, and to re-align our lives with God's will. Like Peter, we can speak the Good News without fear.

**ACCOMPANY** How can we imitate Christ in the way he reached out to his disciples who were wracked with fear and doubt? Perhaps we know somebody who feels trapped by sin, or unworthy of good things, or a constant failure. Let's be honest, sometimes that person is us! We all need encouragement and accompaniment from time to time. Find a way to be that encouragement for someone this week who's having a tough time. You don't have to fix their problems; just listen, let them know you care, and offer a sincere and hopeful encouragement that brighter days lie ahead.



Church Lorraine (c. 1800 - 1850), CC BY-SA 4.0, via Wikimedia Commons

## LITURGY AND MINISTRY

### Today's Readings:

Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises of salvation, and he has come to save us – body and soul. Our physical and spiritual realities are infused with one another, integrated within our creation as *Imago Dei* – made in the image of God. Christ was raised, body and soul, by the Father, and his glorified body was seen by the Apostles and many others. Through him we will be reunited to God, our Father and Creator, on the last day. As we profess in our creed, we look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

### Gospel Focus:

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*"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:** What questions about Jesus still arise?

**Children:** What question would I ask someone about Jesus appearing to the Apostles?

## PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of April



#### Evangelization: For the Role of Women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

#### Pope Tweets:

"The wounds of the Risen Jesus remind us of the suffering He endured for our love and salvation, but they are also signs of the Easter victory. It is precisely through His wounds that the mercy of the Risen Crucified flows to us."

### 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*

## National Eucharistic Revival

Prayers In The Pew—April 2024



### Eucharistic Saint

St. Catherine of Siena (1347-1380) was a lay woman who is best known for reconciling warring cities in Italy and bringing the pope back to Rome from his exile in France. She was gifted with intense visions of Jesus who told her how to reform the Church. When Catherine died at the young age of 33 she had lived her entire adult life on no food except the Holy Eucharist.

### Back to Basics: EASTER DUTY

In order to emphasize that the Eucharist is the most important institution and reality of our faith, the Catholic Church actually *requires* the faithful to receive Communion during the Easter Season.

This practice is called the "Easter Duty" and is considered one of the five precepts of the Church: *You shall humbly receive your creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season.* (Catechism, 2041-2043)

In an age where people receive the Eucharist frequently, this may not seem like a "duty" as such, but it is connected with another equally important precept: *You shall confess your sins at least once a year.* Thus, every year, the Church reminds each of us to keep our spiritual priorities in the proper order.

### Calls to Action: Concern for Souls

The Eucharist gives us spiritual strength for our journey through life. Perhaps you know fallen away Catholics who are spiritually "starving" from being away from the Bread of Life for so long. Easter may be a time to invite them back to the joy of the Eucharist.

### Evangelize

Make sure to be a teacher and evangelizer of the Eucharist to non-Catholics also by handing out prayer cards and materials for people to learn about this great gift of our Catholic faith.

*"When we work hard, we must eat well. What a joy that you can receive Holy Communion often! It's our life and support in this life. Receive Communion often, and Jesus will change you into himself."*

~St. Peter Julian Eymard

(Helping Catholics to better Learn, Live and Love their Faith. @SitStandKneel.com)

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament April 19, 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

"Peace be with you." His peace will be fully felt when you are living the vocation that he has called you to. If you think you may have a vocation to follow the Risen Lord as a priest or in consecrated life, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



## April 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter

### Readings for the Week

#### Monday, April 15

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

#### Tuesday, April 16

Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

#### Wednesday, April 17

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

#### Thursday, April 18

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

#### Friday, April 19

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

#### Saturday, April 20

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

#### Sunday, April 21—Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18



### Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	April 15	No Mass	
Tues.	April 16	Noon	St. Monica Guild
Wed.	April 17	Noon	Available
Thurs.	April 18	10:00 am	Available
Fri.	April 19	Noon	Special Intention
Sat	April 20	5:00 pm	+Elizabeth Perry
Sun.	April 21	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

April 28—*Altar Flowers*

May 5—*Capital Reserve*

(former "Mortgage")



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

### Parish Life This Week

**Monday, April 15**

6:30 PM Cub Scouts

**Tuesday, April 16**

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

**Wednesday, April 17**

10:00 AM Divine Mercy

12:30 PM Salt & Light

6:30 PM OCIA

7:00 PM LG & Men's Club Mtgs.

7:00 PM Youth Group

**Thursday, April 18**

6:00 PM Finance Council

**Friday, April 19**

11:30 AM Adoration

**Saturday, April 20**

10:00 AM First Communion Special

4:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Mother's Day tickets

**Sunday, April 21**

8:30 AM Rosary

10:00 AM Mother's Day tickets

10:15 AM Religious Education

6:00 PM Scouting BSA, Religious Medals



### Weekly Offering for:

April 6 & 7, 2024

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,250.00

(The following totals include E-Giving)

#### OFFERTORY:

Regular Offering	\$ 6,915.71
Holy Days	\$ 190.00

#### ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Mortgage	\$ 3,407.11
Capital Reserve	\$ 1,726.35
Haiti	\$ 135.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 100.01
Catholic Virginian	\$ 10.00
Ladies Guild	\$ 1,693.00
Roof Repair	\$ 2,500.00
Other	\$ 295.00

#### DIOCESAN/SPECIAL COLLECTION:

Holy Land /Good Friday	\$ 15.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 271.25

**Mortgage Balance** has been PAID IN FULL!

### MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	88
Sunday	238



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