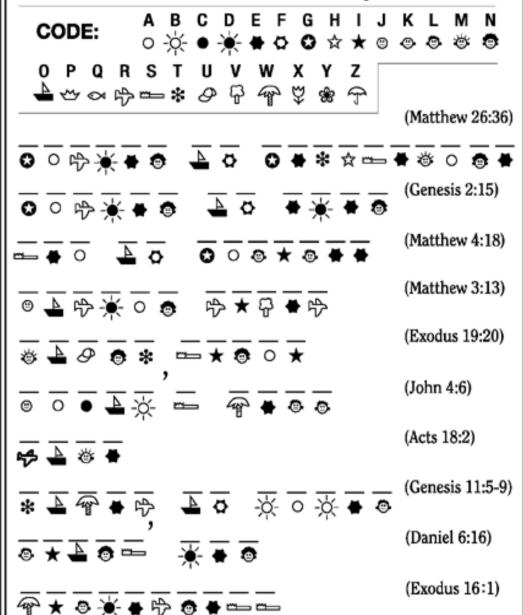


Use your imagination to plan a great "Bible Lands" vacation.
Use the code to find the names of these Biblical places. Look up
the verses to find out about each place.



Garden of Gethsemane, Garden of Eden, Sea of Galilee, Jordan River, Mount Sinai, Jacobs Well, Rome, Tower of Babel, Lions' Den, Wilderness

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NEWS & EVENTS

Thanks So Much! Last weekend we processed with the Blessed Sacrament outside of the walls of our church for the first time. It was a

profound experience for many members of our parish community. Thank you to all who planned, practiced, and participated including altar servers, Knights of Columbus, choir members, ushers, and especially Fr. Tony!

40th Anniversary Potluck

We would like to extend a "Thank You" to everyone who helped make the potluck a wonderful celebration with food and fellowship including the members of parish community life for organizing the event, parish families who shared their food, and the youth group for assisting with the tables and chairs. We look forward to the next 40 years as we continue to grow in faith, hope and love for our community of believers.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples. Give your marriage a well deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! We love to have priests on our experiences as well, so invite your favorite priest and give their vocation some new vitality!

- September 27-29, 2024 in Herndon, VA
- October 11-13, 2024 in College Park, MD
- November 15-17, 2024 in Virginia Beach, VA

To register, go to **WWME.org**, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions.

Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Richmond

2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal Update

"Sharing His Love with Others

As of 7/23/2024

Goal \$ 17,750.00 Total Raised \$ 23,180.00

% of Goal 131% from 57 donors

Have you made your donation to the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal? It is not too late!

YOUR gift matters. Visit the diocesan website at https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal to make a secure online donation or contact the parish office to receive a hard copy pledge card. Thank you for partnering with us on this important ministry of our Catholic Church.

FAITH FORMATION

Join us for FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Friday, August 23, 2024

We are having an end-of-summer GAME



NIGHT at Good Shepherd parish!

We have a lot to offer, including:

- Potluck dinner and snacks
- Assorted board games
- A pre-catechism Family Feud (with prizes!)
- Outdoor activities (weather permitting)

The fun begins at 6:30 PM, and all ages are welcome! There will be a <u>sign up in the commons to bring a dish</u>, so we can accommodate all who are interested in attending.



VIRTUS Training Opportunity Saturday, August 24, 2024 9:00 AM—Noon

St. Mary of the Presentation Church 202 S. Broad St. Suffolk, VA

Are you VIRTUS trained? Do you want to join one of the church ministries to share your time, talent, and treasure? You NEED VIRTUS! All parishioners who work with children or vulnerable adults are required by the Diocese of Richmond to take this training.

Register online at www.virtus.org or email office@stmarysuffolk.org for more information.

Join us for a DEEPER DIVE into the Scriptures after the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday.



Come and expand your knowledge and appreciation of the Bible and our Catholic Faith.



Registration Updates Needed!

Help us keep our records updated! If you have had an address, email change, phone number, birth, death, or grown children who have moved out on their own, please contact

the parish office with these changes. Don't forget us when life events occur. Thank you in advance.



Food Pantry Needs for the Week of July 28 PASTA

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





The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd

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*Summer Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday 10AM-4:30PM; Tuesday & Thursday 10AM-4PM; Friday CLOSED

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

Religious Education - Lara Detrich, formation@cgsparish.org

Music Coordinator

Youth Ministry – Scott Watterson, youthministry@cgsparish.org

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—Doyle Agnew

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 - Joe Campo, 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

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.

<u>Inclement Weather</u> - Fr. Tony plans to be at church to celebrate Mass. However, you are not obligated to come if travel is unsafe for you.

<u>Parish Registration and Changes</u> – 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.

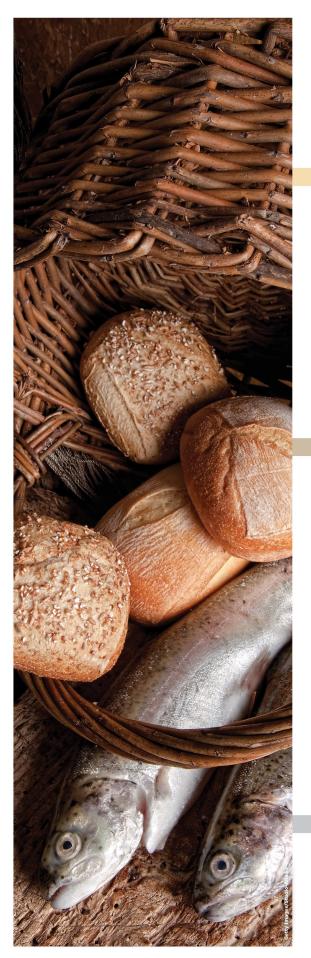
<u>Baptisms</u> — A preparation class for parents is required prior to the baptism. Contact Lara Detrich at the church office to register.

<u>Funerals</u> — Contact the office if you would like to schedule a Funeral Service. The date and time must be approved by the priest.

<u>Marriage</u> – Registered parishioners must contact the parish at least 6 months prior to the intended date.

<u>Reconciliation</u> – Before Saturday Vigil Mass or by appointment.

<u>Visitation of the Sick</u> — Please call the office to arrange for communion, anointing of the sick, or when someone is ill or hospitalized.



July 28, 2024

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:42-44 | Eph 4:1-6 | Jn 6:1-15

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

Written by

FAITHFUL

DISCIPLE

If the multiplication of the loaves sounds oh so familiar ... it's because it is! It's the only miracle story found in all four Gospels, and for good reason. Jesus multiplies the meager offering of a boy with five barley loaves and two fish and feeds a large crowd with baskets left over. The story is symbolic of the food that is readily available through Jesus in the Eucharist. The crowd in the Gospel that had been following Jesus was tired, worn out, and hungry. Don't we all feel discouraged now and then? When we do, Jesus makes himself available to us in the Eucharist; he provides daily food that nourishes and sustains. When we eat this life-giving bread, we are strengthened and fortified, as was the crowd in the Gospel, as we heard: "They had more than they could eat."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Trusting in the bounty of God can be a challenging thing. Think about Philip in today's Gospel - looking out over the massive crowd gathered, he thought, "there's no way we'll be able to feed all of these people." And he was right! He couldn't, and we cannot. But the Lord can. And if we are to "live in a manner worthy of the call [we] have received," we must strive to live like the Apostles with complete trust in Jesus, and not rely on our own notions of what's possible and what's not. The miracle here was not that everybody was hiding fish and bread and they shared it. No, the Gospel is clear that Jesus takes what little we can offer and multiples it beyond our wildest imagination. That's the beauty of Gospel readings like this. Ordinary people are following Jesus, maybe curious about his message, maybe they know someone healed by him and want to see if he's for real. He teaches, they listen, and then something amazing happens. Let us always remember that no effort is too small for God - no kindness too ordinary. He magnifies the good we do. All we need to do is trust in his bounty, and freely give to him what we have.

SERVE Let's make an effort this week to try and emulate the boy in today's Gospel. Give what we have over to Jesus and say, "I trust you to make something out of this." Small acts of kindness, showing gratitude, or sharing our blessings can lead to bigger things than we think possible. We will never know the echoes of the good that we do, as it ripples out and touches other lives, but we can trust that in his love for us, God will use our good deeds for tremendous ends.

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

Today's readings relate two feeding miracles—one performed by Elisha and one by Jesus. Of course, we know that the source of all miracles is God himself. In each story, the Lord goes beyond providing what is needed, multiplying what is offered so abundantly that there is food left over. As he provides for us, so we offer ourselves for him to use, and multiply what we offer, for others.

Gospel Focus:

God provides for us.



"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

<u>Adults:</u> When has a generous gift from someone offered me hope?

<u>Children:</u> What loving gift can I share with someone this week?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of July



Evangelization: For the Pastoral Care of the Sick

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

Pope Tweets:

"Without the Holy Spirit, the Church is lifeless, faith is only doctrine, morality merely a duty, and pastoral work just toil. Yet, with the Spirit, faith is life, God's love inflames our hearts, and hope is born once again."

Please Remember in Prayer:

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



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holyday of Obligation)

Thursday, August 15, 2024

NOON Mass ONLY!
Vigil Mass at 7pm on August 14

There will also be weekday Mass at Noon on August 14



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament August 2, 2024 at 11:30 AM

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

How to Stay Focused During Holy Hour

As we know, spending an hour with Jesus is good for our souls and our minds. You can pray the rosary, write in a journal, or just sit in silence. Or, divide your time into meditation, thanksgiving, petition, and adoration.

Meditate on Jesus and His presence before you.

Thank God for all that He has bestowed upon you, especially through the sacraments.

Recite prayers of **petition**. Pray that God's will be done for all as you make your requests known to Him. Pray for the needs of yourself, friends and family, and the Church. You can also include the sick, poor and the lonely.

Lastly, spend some time in **adoration**. Reflect on those areas of your life that need improvement and express sorrow for your sins. Most importantly, remember to listen for Jesus to speak to your heart.

(excerpt from getfed@catholiccompany.com)

QUOTES FROM SAINTS

"Since Christ Himself has said, 'This is my Body,'
who shall dare to doubt that it is His Body?"
~St. Cyril of Jerusalem

"In the humble signs of bread and wine, changed into His Body and Blood, Christ walks beside us as our strength and our food for the journey..." ~Pope St. John Paul II

"The courage and strength that are in me are not of me, but of Him who lives in me—it is The Eucharist." ~St. Faustina Kowalska

"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament." ~St. Pio of Pietrelcina



Considering a call to the priesthood

"I implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called." Are you being called to help feed the people of God as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

July 28, 2024 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the Week

Monday, July 29—Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Jer 13:1-11; Jn 11:19-27

Tuesday, July 30

Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 31—St. Ignatius of Loyola

Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday, August 1—St. Alphonsus Liguori

Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53

Friday, August 2

Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, August 3

Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday, August 4—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	July 29	No Mass	
Tues.	July 30	Noon	Available
Wed.	July 31	Noon	Available
Thurs.	August 1	Noon	Available
Fri.	August 2	Noon	Available
Sat	August 3	5:00 pm	+Ruth & Eckart Kittler
Sun.	August 4	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



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

August 4—Capital Reserve
August 15—Assumption of Mary
August 18—Barron Dempsey Fund
September 1—Capital Reserve



Parish Life This Week

Tuesday, July 30 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Wednesday, July 31

6:30 PM OCIA

7:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, August 1

6:00 PM Pastoral Council 6:30 PM BS Committee Mtg.

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, August 2

Office Closed

11:30 AM Adoration

Saturday, August 3

4:30 PM Rosary

Sunday, August 4

8:30 AM Rosary

10:15 AM AFF—Deeper Dive

6:00 PM Scouting BSA, Religious Medals

Weekly Offering for:

July 20 & 21, 2024

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,737.00 (The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

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Regular Offering	\$ 4,737.81

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Capital Reserve	\$ 265.00
Haiti	\$ 85.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 35.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 5.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 60.00
Religious Education	\$ 65.00
Roof Repair	\$ 250.00
Other	\$ 50.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 92 Sunday 130



Thank you for your continued support of the Church of the Good Shepherd!

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

If you are new to our parish, you can find the registration form on our website **www.cgsparish.org** or contact the parish office.

