



Most people in the world today can move from one place to another easily. We can hop in the car, catch a bus, ride a bike or fly in a plane!

Fill in the missing parts of the words in this story. The missing parts are in the list below. Read the story.

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Answer: In Bible times travel was difficult and slow. A full days journey was twenty miles. The usual way to travel was by walking. Donkeys were sometimes used. Ox carts carried heavy loads. Carts were used for trade caravans across the desert. The military, wealthy people and royal passengers used horses and chariots. Boats were used once in a while.

NEWS & EVENTS

We would like to wish everyone with a birthday or a wedding anniversary in the month of **AUGUST** a day filled with goodness and God's love and mercy.

May your journey continue to be blessed each and every day. May you look back with joy on the years of your life and with hope for those to come. May God bless you today and always.

Happy Birthday!
Happy Anniversary!



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.



2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal
"Sharing His Love with Others"



A Message from Fr. Tony

Supporting the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal is about supporting important ministries of our Catholic Church. For example, did you know that the Appeal:

- Supports the local needs of our parishes by returning a sizable portion of the dollars collected from the Appeal effort. **Our parish has benefitted by receiving \$3,218.00 from the appeal thus far.**
- Provides needed resources to St. Francis—Manchester, a Richmond-based facility to aid in their ongoing ministry of serving seniors and disabled adults who have little or no means of income.
- Offers stipends to bi-lingual Latino advocates who serve children in Catholic Schools.

If you have not yet made a commitment, I hope you will join me in helping to not only meet but exceed this year's goal!

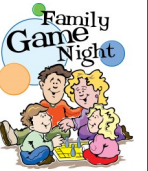
Please visit richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal to make a secure online donation or visit our parish office for a hard copy pledge card. Thank you for partnering with us on this important ministry of our Catholic Church.



Food Pantry Needs for the
Week of August 4
BAKED BEANS OR KIDNEY BEANS

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 sign up in the commons to bring a dish, so we can accommodate all who are interested in attending.

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.



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.



Important Message for Volunteers

The Diocese of Richmond is now completing annual renewals of background checks through Screening One for all volunteers at the parish. Everyone that has a screening renewal will receive an email from Screening One with a consumer notice attached (automation@instascreen.net is the sender address). IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU OPEN THIS EMAIL AND VIEW THE MESSAGE. It is completely safe to open and not a scam or phishing attempt. No other action is required from you other than opening the message. Thank you for volunteering and sharing your time, talent, and treasure.



The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd

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Father Tony's Email: pastor@cgsparish.org

Office: (757) 365-0579 Fax: (757) 365-0994 Rectory: (757) 542-3879

*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.

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.

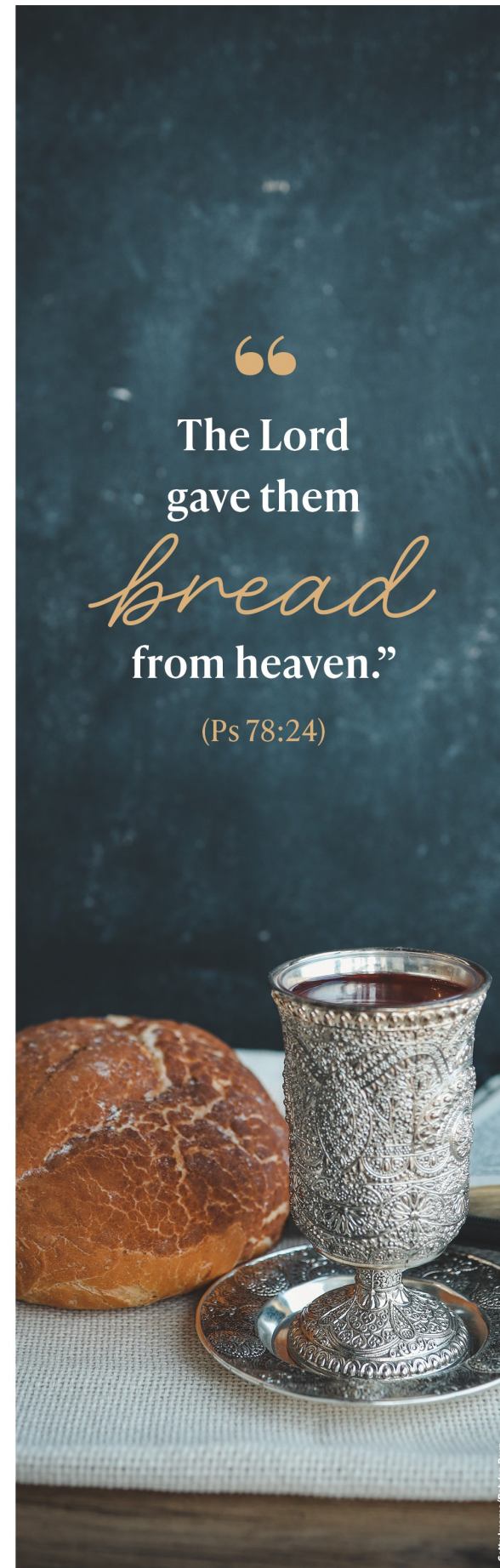
Baptisms – A preparation class for parents is required prior to the baptism. Contact Lara Detrich at the church office to register.

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
gave them
bread
from heaven.”

(Ps 78:24)

August 4, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 | Eph 4:17, 20-24 | Jn 6:24-25

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

When have you grumbled against God instead of consenting, trusting, and believing he would see you through to a brighter future? In this first reading from Exodus, the whole Israelite community laments over their wanderings in the desert; their earthly focus on hunger and thirst leads them to believe slavery in Egypt would have been better than God's freedom for them. When we are struggling for whatever reason, it's easy to forget all that God has done for us in the past and all he desires to do for us in the future. We may not even recognize the very life-giving and life-sustaining “bread” that lays before us, much as the Israelites did not recognize the bread that lay before them in the desert. In spite of our hard-heartedness at times, however, God is truly patient; he loves us beyond measure. Just as he did not condemn the Israelites, he does not condemn us but rather, calls us back to him time and again with love and mercy.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As we heard, God sends the people quail and manna – bread from heaven – to satisfy their frustrated longings while preparing them for an even greater “bread from heaven” that is still to come. In the Gospel, Jesus references this Scripture passage and clarifies that it was not Moses, but his Father who provided the bread from heaven. Jesus tells his disciples to “work for food that endures for eternal life” because he wants them to see the bigger picture. He wants them (and us!) to understand that we should not toil only for physical bread, but for the truest food that is life-giving to our souls – the food found in accomplishing the works of God by believing and following the one he sent: Jesus. We do this by following Paul's advice from the second reading and seek to “be renewed in the spirit of [our] minds,” following God's way of holiness. Only in and through this conformity to Christ will we be prepared to go forth and witness to the mystery of our faith.

REFLECT This week, in thinking about how you can “accomplish the works of God,” turn to Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. He tells them to put away their old self and “put on the new self, created in God's way.” Examine where you might not be seeing your own manna from heaven, and refocus your efforts to give praise and thanksgiving to God for his never-ending mercy and care.

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

The people expected, and trusted, that God would provide for their every need...except when they didn't. The Lord expected that his people would obey his commands and follow his guidance...except they often didn't. Notice who fails in this relationship: it's not God! God provided daily bread to sustain them in the desert. He provides for us the true bread of life—Jesus—to sustain us for eternity. The Lord never fails us, providing for our every need.

Gospel Focus:

The Lord never fails us, providing for our every need.



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

EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...

See the Church community as vital to their life in Christ.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: When has my faith helped me believe without "seeing signs" from God?

Children: Who helps me believe in things I cannot see?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of August



Evangelization: For Political Leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

Pope Tweets:

"Prayer is the driving force of our life. It can seem like an abstract reality, far from our problems. Yet, prayer is essential, because we cannot go very far on our own. We are not all-powerful, and we fail miserably when we think we are."

Please Remember in Prayer:

Gordon Blackman, Barbara Bonney, Gene Chappell, Justin Evans, Ellen Gauthier, Carol Kelly, 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



A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do wherever you go.

Walking with God means... walking with honesty and with courage. Walking with love and respect and concern for the feelings of others.

May you talk to God this summer on every day and in every situation. Talking with God means... praying words of praise for the beauty of creation. Saying prayers of thanks for friends and good times.

Asking God's help in all your decisions. Expressing sorrow when you have failed. May you talk with God every day. Amen.

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SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE

This month, let us challenge ourselves to arrive at Mass early and spend some time recollecting our souls in preparation for the liturgy. Secondly, instead of rushing out of the church after Mass, make sure to spend five extra minutes giving thanks to the Lord so that we may reap the interior fruits of the divine Gift we have just received.

(excerpt from *Prayers in the Pew*. @SitStandKneel.com)

Considering a call to the priesthood

"The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven." Reflect upon the sacred nature of the divine bread and contemplate if He is calling you 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.



"The Lord gave them bread from heaven." (Psalm 78)

**August 4, 2024
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings for the Week

Monday, August 5

Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday, August 6—The Transfiguration

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Wednesday, August 7

Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday, August 8—St. Dominic

Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23

Friday, August 9

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday, August 10—St. Lawrence

2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

Sunday, August 11—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	August 5	No Mass	
Tues.	August 6	Noon	Available
Wed.	August 7	Noon	+Josephine Horvath
Thurs.	August 8	Noon	+Elizabeth Perry
Fri.	August 9	Noon	Available
Sat	August 10	5:00 pm	+Marge & Gene Dolan
Sun.	August 11	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 15—Assumption of Mary
August 18—Barron Dempsey Fund
September 1—Capital Reserve



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



Parish Life This Week

Monday, August 5

7:00 PM Ministry to the Sick

Tuesday, August 6

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, August 7

6:30 PM OCIA

7:00 PM Youth Group

7:15 PM WOM Book Club

Thursday, August 8

6:00 PM Liturgy Ministries

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, August 9

Office Closed

Saturday, August 10

4:30 PM Rosary

Sunday, August 11

8:30 AM Rosary

10:15 AM AFF—Deeper Dive

6:00 PM Scouting BSA, Religious Medals



Weekly Offering for:

July 27 & 28, 2024

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,737.00

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offering \$ 4,795.36

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Capital Reserve	\$ 45.00
Haiti	\$ 35.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 120.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 5.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 371.62
Roof Repair	\$ 110.00
Other	\$ 150.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 95
Sunday 142



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.

