

Puzzle!

Jesus instructs us to give and serve. What does Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tell us *not* to do? To find out, cross out all the following letters. Then write the remaining letters in order on the spaces below.

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DO NOT _____

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PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

Answer: Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Proverbs 3:27, NIV

NEWS & EVENTS



ATTENTION!
Weekday Mass Time Change
Thursday, August 29, 2024
Mass at 9:00 AM

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples. Getting ready for school means lots of time spent on your children. After school begins, why not give yourselves some time together? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! For more information or 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.

Here are a few upcoming experiences:

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



2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal Update

"Sharing His Love with Others"

As of 8/20/2024

Goal	\$ 17,750.00
Total Raised	\$ 23,290.00
% 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.

We received a parish share from the monies collected thus far of \$3,218.00 in July. This would not have been possible without your generosity. If you have not made a donation to the ADA yet and would like to, please 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.



The parish office will be
CLOSED
Thursday, August 29th through
Monday, September 2nd for the holiday.

Regular office hours return on September 3rd.

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



FAITH FORMATION



It is that time of year again!
Where has the summer gone!
Religious Education registration
has begun for grades K-8.

Classes will be held each Sunday
 from 10:15am until 11:15am
 beginning on September 22, 2024.

Please see our website or
 email formation@csparish.org
 for registration forms.

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.



St. Teresa of Avila Book Club

The Book Club will meet on the FIRST and THIRD Wednesday of the month from 7:15-8:30 pm beginning September 4th. Our next book will be "*My Sisters, the Saints*" by Colleen Carroll Campbell. It is available through most retail booksellers and on eBay.

"A poignant and powerful spiritual memoir about how lives of the saints changed the life of modern woman."

In *My Sisters, the Saints*, author Colleen Carroll Campbell blends her personal narrative of spiritual seeking, trials, stumbles, and breakthroughs with the stories of six women saints who profoundly changed her life: Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux, Faustina of Poland, Edith Stein of Germany, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and Mary of Nazareth. Drawing upon the rich writings and examples of these extraordinary women, the author reveals Christianity's liberating power of women and the relevance of the saints to the lives of contemporary Christians.

"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like." ~St. Augustine of Hippo



Food Pantry Needs for the
Week of August 25
CANNED MEAT OR FISH



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

Youth Ministry – Scott Watterson, youthministry@cgsparish.org

Music Coordinator

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, jk17335@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.

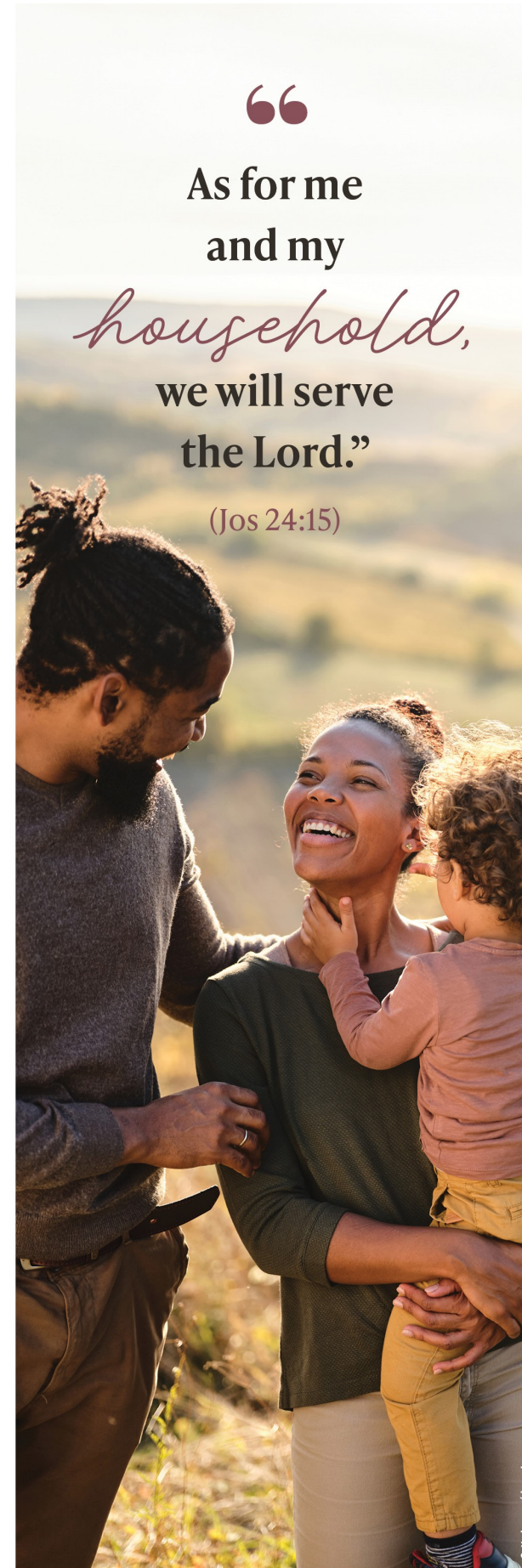
Baptisms – A preparation class for parents is required prior to the baptism. Contact Lara Detrich at the church office to register.

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.



“
As for me
and my
household,
we will serve
the Lord.”

(Jos 24:15)

August 25, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b | Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 |
Jn 6:60-69

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

“If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve.” Not much nuance or wiggle room in that phrase, is there? This is what Joshua said to the people in today's first reading, when he gathered together all the tribes of Israel. Although these were God's chosen people, they still had to make a conscious choice – a decision to live with God and be obedient to him, or not. Jesus' followers and disciples faced the same test of resolve in today's Gospel, as he had just revealed himself as the bread of life. Some left and some stayed. We, too, must decide, today and every day. Too busy or distracted to attend to God? Then what? Do we have a plan? In this busy world, there is always something calling out for our attention. But there is nothing more important for our happiness in this life and the next than to stay focused on a life of service to Christ and his Church. For, as Peter says, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” The Twelve have made the choice as to whom they will serve: they will serve the Lord.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We serve the Lord in building his kingdom, and we all have a role to play in that. First, we use the gifts and talents with which we have been blessed. Next, we ignore the world's charge to put ourselves first and, instead, turn to family, friends and even strangers, and take care of them. Loving people the way Jesus loves is not easy. Paul compares the love of Christ for his Church and the love between husband and wife: It is sacrificial, all-encompassing love that submits the whole of oneself to its flourishing. It is the love of Christ in the Eucharist which he offers to give us the clarity and strength to do the work we are called to do. We are called to serve the Lord, and may we do so with praise and thanksgiving.

SERVE “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” What a beautiful verse. How can you, as a family or individually, serve the Lord this week? Think of one or two specific aspects of your life and ask the Lord to show you how they may be used for his glory and in service to him.


LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

It can be challenging to be people of faith. Accepting and understanding the magnitude of the Lord's love for us, including the mystery of Jesus handing himself over for us, may be difficult at times. But faith is a gift, so although we may struggle, we can trust God to grant us the grace we need to commit to serving him and following his Son.

Gospel Focus:

Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.



"Encounter the Joy of the Gospel and Set the World Ablaze"
EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...
 Are willing to publicly profess their faith in Christ and their love for Him.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK
Adults: How does the love between a husband and wife help me understand Christ's relationship to his Church?
Children: What can I do for my family to show them Jesus' love?

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:

"Never forget to take care of yourselves, not so much of the outside, but of the most precious part of you: your soul and heart. Listen to your soul in silence and speak to God, following the rhythm of your heart."

Please Remember in Prayer:

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

Today's Reflection

The nobility of marriage


Paul's text today presents marriage as the most widespread way of life and holiness in the Church. Every Christian is called to integrity of life, to holiness really, and for most people this is achieved within and *through* their marriage partnership. This idea might make some people nervous, because they have too austere an idea of holiness; consequently, they find it hard to see how their marriage fits into it. Traditional devotional writing linked holiness to heroic devotional or charitable activity, usually undertaken by women and men with vows of celibacy. Hence, many still see the vocation to holiness and the choice of married life as two parallel lines which don't intersect. By contrast, St. Paul saw the faithful living of family life as a basic way to holiness. This is not some second-best option for those who have neither the talent nor the zeal for apostolic works.



Our Church links holiness with lovingly embracing our role in this world. The married Christian's vocation is to show genuine love as husband, wife, mother or father. Of course, to exercise this love with integrity is not so easy. The statistics of breakdown suggest how hard it is to sustain a permanent relationship. Far from the self-absorption which marks so much of modern living the ideal of faithful, life-long love looks more and more like a holy ideal, a glimpse into another and better world.

Most of us have met people of extraordinary courage who remained faithful despite the strain of their partner's prolonged illness, or separation due to conditions of economic need. These unusual situations are a true test of commitment. The promise made in Christian marriage is the commitment to no longer being the sole master or mistress of our own destiny. The married Christian can no longer think merely in terms of "my life" - for everything is now related to another. This commitment is not one-sided but is mutually shared and mutually life-giving. At root, it is the mystery of Christ's love, laying down our life for another. It is in and through this loving relationship, in the joy of giving and receiving love, that the married Christian is called to holiness. And living it is the married vocation.

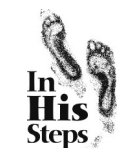
(courtesy of Peter Briscoe; associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/25-aug-2024-21st-sunday-year-b/)



Arrangements for visits to the sick and home-bound are to be made only by family members of the person needing the visit or by that person themselves. Please make your request to Deacon Stan (276) 220-5545 or through the parish office.

Considering a call to the priesthood

"You have the words of eternal life." Could God be calling you to be a vessel of his eternal love and wisdom that guides and inspires others? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



**August 25, 2024
 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings for the Week


- Monday, August 26**
2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday, August 27**—St. Monica
2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26
- Wednesday, August 28**—St. Augustine
2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday, August 29**—The Passion of St. John the Baptist
1 Cor 1:1-9; Mk 6:17-29
- Friday, August 30**
1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday, August 31**
1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30
- Sunday, September 1**—**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23




Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	August 26	No Mass	
Tues.	August 27	Noon	Available
Wed.	August 28	Noon	Alice Dobbins
Thurs.	August 29	9:00 am	Available
Fri.	August 30	Noon	Available
Sat.	August 31	5:00 pm	+MaryAnn Burke
Sun.	September 1	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
 September 1—**Capital Reserve**
 September 8—**Catholic Virginian**



PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

Parish Life This Week

- Tuesday, August 27**
6:30 PM Boy Scouts
- Wednesday, August 28**
6:30 PM OCIA
7:00 PM Youth Group
- Thursday, August 29**
Office Closed
7:00 PM Choir Practice
- Friday, August 30**
Office Closed
6:30 PM Family Game Night
- Saturday, August 31**
4:30 PM Rosary
- Sunday, September 1**
8:30 AM Rosary
10:15 AM AFF—Deeper Dive
6:00 PM Scouting BSA, Religious Medals



Office will be Closed Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day

Weekly Offering for:

August 17 & 18, 2024

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

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offering	\$ 4,975.16
Assumption of Mary	\$ 703.00

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Capital Reserve	\$ 125.00
Haiti	\$ 35.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 792.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 10.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 65.00
Men's Club	\$ 55.00
Religious Education	\$ 110.00
Roof Repair Fund	\$ 200.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

8/14 Vigil Mass	87	Saturday	109
8/15 Assumption	88	Sunday	176



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.

