



SAVED BY GRACE

Leaders of the early church discussed whether newly converted Gentiles must keep the Law of Moses. How did Peter answer?

Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks below to complete Acts 15:11, NIV.

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_____." Acts 15:11, NIV

Answer: "Not! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are." Acts 15:11, NIV

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NEWS & EVENTS



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHURCH MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

September 8, 2024

Our Good Shepherd Knights of Columbus Council will have a membership drive on Sunday, September 8th. We invite you to stop by our table in the Commons to check out our literature and to ask how we empower Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work, and in their community.

We look forward to meeting you!

Altar Server Training

There will be Altar Server Training on **Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 9:00 AM**. Those who would like to become an altar server are invited to attend this training. All altar servers **must** be baptized and have received their First Holy Communion. If you are interested in this important ministry and if you would like to be added to the training roster to receive a manual, please contact Doyle Agnew at doyleplusdan@gmail.com.



The Altar Servers of Good Shepherd **THANK** the Men's Club for their generosity and companionship at the *Norfolk Tides* baseball game. What a treat to see the *Tides* win against the Durham Bulls 4-3! We couldn't have asked for better weather or company. What a gift!

A GREAT BIG "THANKS"!

Thank you to everyone who remembered me and my family as we make preparations to welcome our new baby boy next month. We appreciate ALL of the diapers and lovely gifts to help our newest little family member arrive in style. The women of Good Shepherd have incredibly generous hearts!



Agape,
Doyle Agnew



The parish office will be **CLOSED** Monday, September 2nd for the holiday.

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@cgsparish.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.

Join us for Donuts and fellowship after Mass in the Commons next **Sunday, September 8**



Food Pantry Needs for the Week of September 1
CEREAL OR OATMEAL



The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd

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Office Hours: Monday—Friday 10:00AM-3:00PM

Mass Times: Saturday—5:00PM & Sunday—9:00AM

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

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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

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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.

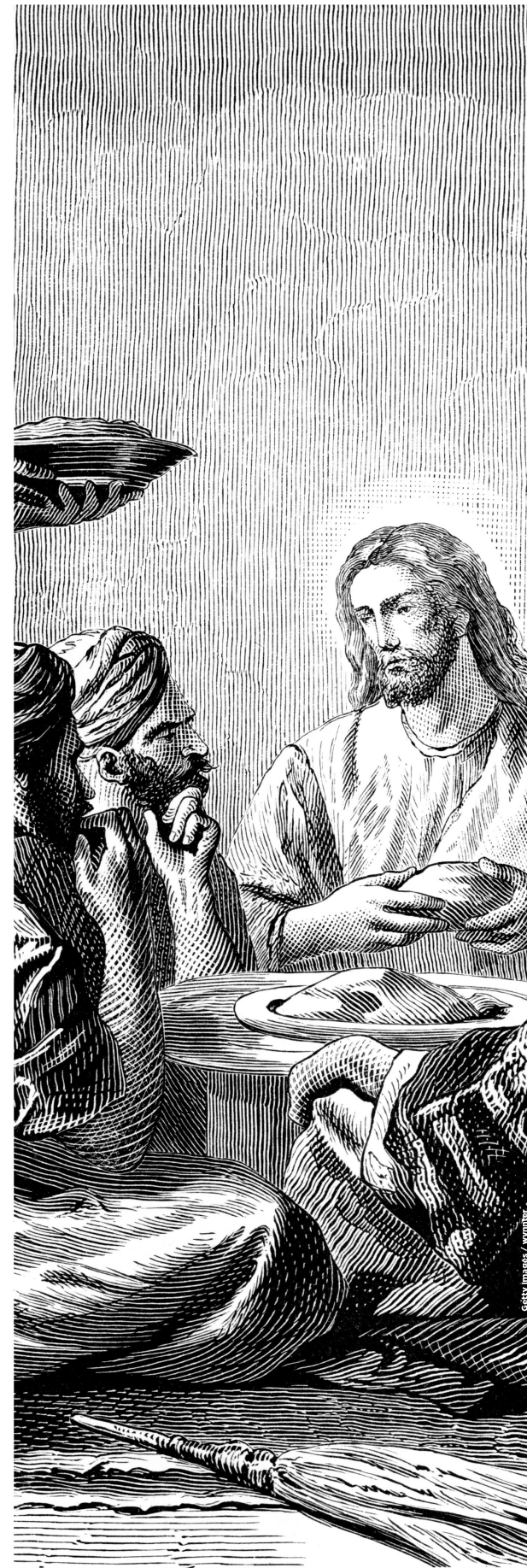
Baptisms – A preparation class for parents is required prior to the baptism. Contact Lara Detrich at the church office to register.

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.



September 1, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

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

Traditions are so important to us! They help define and preserve our heritage and our communities while also offering comfort and stability. They shape our human world as we see and live it. But in today's Gospel, Jesus scolds the Pharisees and scribes for allowing "the tradition of the elders" to drive them to hypocrisy: "In vain do they worship [the Lord], teaching as doctrines human precepts." He accuses them, saying "You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." How could this be? Were the laws of ritual purity not important? They were, insofar as they were observed for the right reason: glorifying and honoring God, and being mindful of their covenantal relationship. We know, historically, that those who had questioned Jesus, leading to his response, were interested more in legalities, religious control, pride, and power. There was little "love for their neighbor" and a fair amount of "love for themselves." Therefore, Jesus is instructive when he tells them, "Nothing that enters one from the outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." In other words: Ritual actions don't make us pure; the purity or impurity of our heart is what matters.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

What does it mean to be pure or impure of heart? Intentions matter; motivations matter. Jesus, quoting Isaiah, tells the Pharisees and scribes that they are honoring him with their lips but not their hearts; in other words, they were paying him "lip-service." "Oh those Pharisees!" we might say. They are easy to criticize and pontificate upon, aren't they? But how about us? It is worth looking at ourselves and honestly asking whether there might be times when we, too, are simply offering lip service to God? Are we truly offering him our hearts when we engage in our traditions and our activities? Our goal, as Jesus' disciples, is to be "doers of the word and not hearers only," as James puts it so succinctly in his letter. We are to hear God's word and commandments and then act on them in love.

ACT "From within people ... come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice..." Jesus says. Pray specifically this week for the grace to see where God may want to purify your heart. Meditate on Psalm 51:10: *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.*

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, we can get caught up in our traditions, questioning and arguing with those who do things differently or want to change our ways. Jesus offers a reminder to not lose sight of what is truly important: obeying God's commandments and keeping our hearts and actions pure.

Gospel Focus:

Jesus teaches us to keep our focus on obeying God's commandments.



"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

Adults: How do I prepare my heart to receive the transformative power of God's words?

Children: How do I welcome the words of Jesus into my heart?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of September



Evangelization: For the Cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Pope Tweets:

"The Lord made us for the joy of Heaven. Our life is not a meaningless journey, but a project of love. Life is a pilgrimage that leads us, day by day, to the encounter with Him and to the endless joy that He has prepared for us."

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

Prayer for Labor Day

Bless, O God, all those who labor. Whether they are compensated by paycheck or pride, let them know their true worth in your eyes.

May all workers be gifted with a sense of service to the common good, and graced with the satisfaction of a job well done.

Thank you for those whose work provides protection, comfort, healing, and relief from suffering and stress.

May all of our labors be for your goodness and glory, O God.

Amen.

(www.SadlierReligion.com)



Back-To-School

With the children heading back-to-school, let us offer a prayer for the families as we begin a new school year.



Family Prayer

O God, we long to know you and to love you, but the busyness of life often gets in the way.

Help us to recognize the ordinary, daily ways that our family can learn about you and grow closer to you.

We know that you are with us, leading us and guiding us on our way.

Amen.

(www.loyolapress.com)



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
September 6, 2024 at 11:30 AM

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

Parish Book of Intentions

If you have a family member, friend, or acquaintance that is in need of prayer, we encourage you to write their name in the *Parish Book of Intentions*, located in the Narthex. They will be prayed for at each weekend Mass.



Considering a call to the priesthood

"Keep the commandments of the Lord." Seek a life deeply aligned with His divine will and purpose. If you feel He is calling you to become 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.



September 1, 2024
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the Week

Monday, September 2

1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 3—St. Gregory the Great

1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 4

1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, September 5

1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

Friday, September 6

1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday, September 7

1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday, September 8—Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	September 2	No Mass	
Tues.	September 3	Noon	Available
Wed.	September 4	Noon	+Charlotte McCachren
Thurs.	September 5	Noon	Available
Fri.	September 6	Noon	+William, Robert, Joseph and James Smith
Sat	September 7	5:00 pm	+Raymond & Margaret Smith
Sun.	September 8	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 click on 'Give' then 'On-Line Giving'

Upcoming Special Collections
September 8—Catholic Virginian
September 15—Religious Education
October 6—Capital Reserve



Parish Life This Week

Monday, September 2
Office Closed—Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3
6:30 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, September 4
6:30 PM OCIA

7:00 PM Youth Group
7:15 PM Book Club

Thursday, September 5
6:00 PM Pastoral Council
6:30 PM BSA Committee Mtg.
7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, September 6
11:30 AM Adoration

Saturday, September 7
4:30 PM Rosary

Sunday, September 8
8:30 AM Rosary

10:00 AM Donuts
10:15 AM AFF—Deeper Dive
6:00 PM Scouting BSA, Religious Medals



Weekly Offering for:
August 24 & 25, 2024

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

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offering	\$ 3,879.33
Assumption of Mary	\$ 105.00

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Capital Reserve	\$ 45.00
Haiti	\$ 85.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 375.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 5.00
Religious Education	\$ 50.00
Roof Repair Fund	\$ 10.00
Other	\$ 15.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	93
Sunday	155



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

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

