



From generation to **GENERATION**

Grandparents are a bridge of love for future generations. The greatest heritage they can pass on is their faith and love for God.



Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation.



JOEL 1:3, NIV

Directions: List as many words as you can create from the letters in **GENERATIONS**. You may want to challenge a grandparent to this!

2-letter words

3-letter words

4-letter words

5+ letters

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Add up the total number of words you found. >>> _____

Answers will vary.

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NEWS & EVENTS

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.



Presentation:

CALLED TO FAITHFUL *Citizenship*

**Jeff Caruso, Executive
Director, Virginia Catholic Conference**

October 9, 2024, 7:00—9:00 PM

Church of St. Therese
4137 Portsmouth Blvd.
Chesapeake, VA



Join us to welcome Jeff Caruso, Executive Director of the Virginia Catholic Conference, the public-policy office of Virginia's Catholic bishops and their dioceses. Join us to learn about the VCC's mission, the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, and how to be faithful citizens this election season and throughout the year.



Scouting America is recruiting!

Boys and girls from Kindergarten age through 20 years old are eligible. Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout units are all in the Smithfield area. Go to cvboyscouts.org or contact Brendan Wesdock (bwesdock@gmail.com) for more information.

We would like to wish everyone with a birthday or a wedding anniversary in the month of **SEPTEMBER** 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!**

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@csp parish.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.

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a national organization that prays for priests. For one year, each of the Seven Sisters commits to taking a designated day of the week and promises to pray in front of a tabernacle for one hour during the day. For more information visit: sevensistersapostolate.org



**Food Pantry Needs for the
Week of September 8
SOUP**



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

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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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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 8, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

My first thought upon reading today's Scriptures is that by healing the deaf man, Jesus is fulfilling what God had said he was going to do since the time of the prophet Isaiah: "making the eyes of the blind see and opening the ears of the deaf," as we heard in the first reading. And indeed this is what Jesus did. But when I re-read the Gospel I was intrigued by the line: "[Jesus] took him off by himself away from the crowd." Jesus had a reputation as a healer and a teacher, so it stands to reason that he healed people in front of the crowds often. Why, then, does Jesus remove the man from the crowd? In a commentary on this passage, Bishop Robert Barron suggests that Jesus removed the man from the crowd as a way of demonstrating that the loud and boisterous voices of the crowd could make it hard to hear when God is speaking to us. Even though this man was deaf and was not able to hear Jesus' words, the crowds were a distraction, and a barrier to intimacy and communion. Doesn't this same thing happen to us from time to time? The voices in our world that compete for our attention can make it difficult to hear God's word. But it can be done, and the rewards are great. God is present with us; let's make an effort this week to focus in on the things in our lives that point us toward God and ready ourselves to receive his grace.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears and looked up to heaven before healing the deaf man. By this action, Jesus is doing the will of the Father, which is to bring healing. Let's consider the question about competing voices in our lives and what we can do about it. For starters, we can carve out a time every day to quiet our hearts so we can hear the "still, small voice of God." Away from the crowd, we can put our whole being into truly hearing God's voice and asking for the help we need to be in right relationship with him. He longs to give us what we need but we must be open to receiving his gifts and his peace. If we are "tuned into" God, we can hear his Word clearly and speak that Word to others with conviction.

PRAY For me, there is no better way to spend quiet time with our Lord than Eucharistic adoration. Prayer and devotion in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament transforms and heals. Give it a try.



LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

God is with us, intimately close, just as Jesus was to the man in the Gospel today. In the Mass, Jesus reaches out to touch us and offer his healing. May we always be granted an open heart and clear vision to see his loving presence among us.

Gospel Focus:

God's loving presence is with us always.



"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: When has the Word of God penetrated my heart and given me the courage to preach the Good News?

Children: What does my belief in Jesus mean to me?

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 fragrance of Christ emanates from the 'fruits of the Spirit,' which are 'love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control' (Gal 5:22). How wonderful it is to meet someone who possesses these virtues!"

Please Remember in Prayer:

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

National Grandparents Day is September 8th



Prayer for Grandparents

Lord, faithful God,
 You who created us in Your image,
 You who never leaves us alone
 and who accompanies us through every season of life,
 Do not abandon us, take care of us,
 And grant us, once again,
 The ability to discover ourselves
 and recognize that we are Your children.
 Renew our hearts with your Word
 And do not allow anyone to be cast aside.
 May your Spirit of love fill us with Your tenderness
 And teach us to say:
 "I will not abandon you!"
 To those we meet on our journey.
 With the help of your beloved Son,
 may we not lose the taste for fraternity
 and may we not conform to the sadness
 of loneliness.
 Help us to look to the future with renewed hope,
 And make the Day for Grandparents
 a day without loneliness, and a day abundant
 with the first-fruits of Your peace.
 Amen.

(taken from the prayer for Fourth World Day for Grandparents and Elderly. usccb.org)



The funeral Mass for
Leslie Lunger

will be on
Wednesday, September 11th at 11AM.
 All are welcome to attend.
 Divine Mercy will be at 10:30AM



Prayer Service for
Ellen Gauthier
 on **Tuesday, September 10th at 2:00PM**
 at Little's Funeral Home
 Smithfield, VA

Considering a call to the priesthood

"He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."
 If you feel Christ encouraging you to be a transformative instrument 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.



"Praise the Lord, my soul!" (Psalm 146)

**September 8, 2024
 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings for the Week

Monday, September 9—St. Peter Claver
 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday, September 10
 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday, September 11
 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday, September 12
 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38
Friday, September 13—St. John Chrysostom
 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday, September 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Sunday, September 15—**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Is 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	September 9	No Mass	
Tues.	September 10	Noon	Available
Wed.	September 11	11:00 am	Funeral Mass
Thurs.	September 12	Noon	Available
Fri.	September 13	Noon	Available
Sat	September 14	5:00 pm	+Chuck Harris
Sun.	September 15	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 15—**Religious Education**
 October 6—**Capital Reserve**
 October 20—**World Mission Collection**



Parish Life This Week

Monday, September 9
 6:30 PM Cub Scouts
Tuesday, September 10
 6:30 PM Boy Scouts
 7:00 PM K of C Mtg.
Wednesday, September 11
 6:30 PM OCIA
 7:00 PM Youth Group
Thursday, September 12
 6:00 PM Liturgy Ministries
 7:00 PM Choir Practice
Saturday, September 14
 9:00 AM Altar Server Training
 4:30 PM Rosary
 6:00 PM Parish Picnic Sign-up
Sunday, September 15
Catechetical Sunday
 8:30 AM Rosary
 10:15 AM AFF—Deeper Dive
 10:15 AM Parish Picnic Sign-up
 6:00 PM Scouting BSA, Religious Medals



Weekly Offering for:

August 31 & September 1, 2024
 Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,737.00
 (The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offering	\$ 6,858.16
Assumption of Mary	\$ 27.00

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Capital Reserve	\$ 1,289.37
Haiti	\$ 160.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 137.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 5.00
Religious Education—Reg.	\$ 15.00
Roof Repair Fund	\$ 100.00
Other	\$ 60.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	87
Sunday	147



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.

