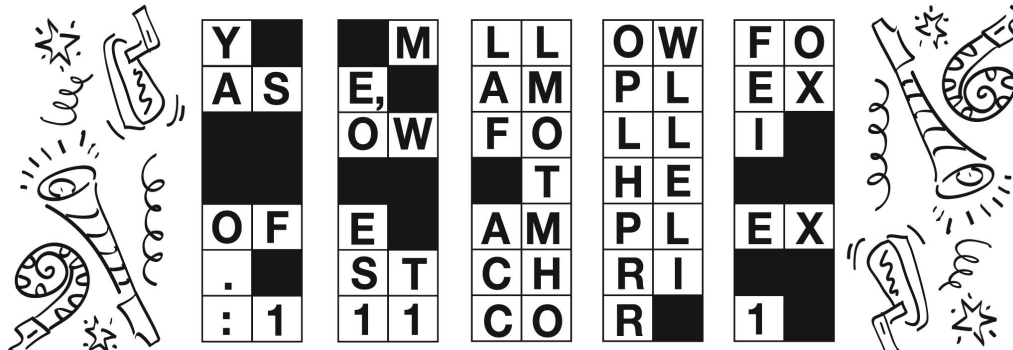


Puzzle!

Match the blocks of spaces and letters to complete an NIV Bible verse about an important commitment.



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Answer: Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. 1 Cor. 11:1

NEWS & EVENTS



Fish and Chips Dinner
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 17335

Church of the Good Shepherd
Friday, October 25, 2024
5-7 PM, Take-Out Only

Meal consists of fried fish, French fries, & hush puppies
Cost is \$10.00 per meal

**Good Shepherd Annual
Wine Tasting & Basket Raffle**

Friday, November 8, 2024

7:00-9:00PM

Cost: \$15.00 per person
You must be 21 years old to attend.
Heavy Hors d' Oeuvres will be served.



Box of Joy Program Reminder!



If you picked up one or more of the shoeboxes to fill for the Box of Joy Program that is being sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 17335 in partnership with Cross Catholic Outreach, **the deadline to return them is November 1st!** A \$9 donation per box is required to cover international shipping costs to the child.

There are still a few boxes left to fill if you have not done so already. Stop by the table in the Commons for more information or contact Joe Campo at 757-357-2287 or the parish office.

Thank you for your generosity!



Our Missionary Legacy

October 20th is World Mission Sunday. It is important to remember the legacy of missionary work. The Church in the United States was once mission territory, supported by the generosity of Catholics worldwide. Today, we continue this legacy by supporting the Pontifical Mission Societies, ensuring that the Gospel reaches the ends of the earth.

Our contributions help build and sustain communities of faith in places where the Church is still growing or facing persecution. This mission is a testament to our faith in action, reflecting the universal call to share Christ's love. As we reflect on this year's theme, "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," let us recommit to supporting our global Church family. Your generosity is most appreciated.



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

FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation Opportunity



Please join us for a 5-session study titled,

"Genesis: Facts, Fables, a Flood and a Family"

Tuesday evenings beginning
November 5 through December 3, 2024
from 7:00-8:30PM

We will be looking at the Book of Genesis in light of both Church teaching and current archeological discoveries. Come and learn how many Christians often miss the point when it comes to Genesis, and how a proper understanding can lead us closer to Christ.

Are you looking for something to do while your child is in Religious Education class?

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.



Respect Life Month Novena

October is Respect Life Month. Join Catholics nationwide praying a special novena for the protection of human life from conception to natural death, Tuesday, October 22—Wednesday, October 30. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at respectlife.org/celebrate!



Plan Ahead For Your Future

October 21st-27th is National Estate Planning Awareness Week, and we invite you to consider important questions while making your will or trust:

- Who do you want to care for your children?
- Have you stewarded the time, talents, and treasures entrusted to your care?
- How can you pass your faith to future generations?

The Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Richmond sponsors a free, online service with FreeWill so you can answer these questions and create your plan for the future. You can even designate an optional legacy gift to support the future of Church of the Good Shepherd or another ministry you love. Visit: <https://www.freewill.com/richmondcatholicfoundation> to get started.



**Food Pantry Needs for the
Week of October 20
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

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

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

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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.



October 20, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 53:10-11 | Heb 4:14-16 | Mk 10:35-45

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

Our world lays down rules for greatness: wealth, accomplishment in the performing arts, beauty, business acumen. Hmm. I don't recall hearing any of these attributes in the Scripture passages today. What I do remember is Jesus saying that whatever authority the disciples exercise must be rendered as service rather than for personal gain: "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant." Jesus, as we heard in the second reading, can "sympathize with our weaknesses" and understands that, as humans, we may be tempted to seek power and authority. And yet Jesus calls us to service. Does our service have to be something spectacular that the world would deem "great"? I believe that God's grace allows us to embrace the role of Christian servant in whatever way is most fitting for us, and that makes it great in God's eyes.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

On earth, we are told again and again the most powerful people are the toughest. Strength is measured by prestige and how many people serve you. Weakness will get you crushed. Jesus turns this message inside out and reminds us we must find strength in our weakness and use that strength to serve other people. Of course, being a servant to others may involve self-sacrifice and foregoing worldly cares and aspirations. But the more we take care of others, the happier we will be. Let us ask God to lift us up when we feel weak. As we heard in the second reading: "Confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help." Continuing the work of Jesus here on earth can transform our corner of the world.

WITNESS

This week, ask the Holy Spirit to guide your family to help people in need. Prepare food for a soup kitchen, do yard work tasks for an elderly or ill neighbor, sign up to take the Eucharist to homebound parishioners in your parish, or offer tutoring services through a local school or library. Bring the gift of Jesus to others through your family's service. God wants us to use the gifts he gave us to care for others and create his kingdom here on earth.

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

In contrast to the pressures to seek power, comfort, and fame, our Church proclaims humble service. We are called to gaze on our king, enthroned on a cross, ornamented with wounds. We are told in no uncertain terms that the only path to greatness in the kingdom of God is the path of self-giving love.

Gospel Focus:

The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.



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

EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...
Are continuously toward putting on the mind of Christ.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: How do I feel when I do something good and I am not acknowledged? Why?

Children: Am I willing to help others even if nobody thanks me for it? Why?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of October



Evangelization: For A Shared Mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

Pope Tweets:

"When we embrace, share, and freely give the Gospel, it leads us to joy, because we discover that God is the Father of mercy, who is moved to compassion for us, lifts us up when we fall, and never withdraws His love from us."

Please Remember in Prayer:

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

Faith Fundamentals: The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

According to our Catechism, the "fruits" of the Holy Spirit are interior perfections, not of human talents or intelligence, but of character and spirit. Human perfections must be developed through hard work, but spiritual perfections are the result (that is, the fruit) of the Holy Spirit dwelling within us.

The fruits of God's Spirit are wholly good and have nothing evil in them because they are produced by the divine Tree of Life. The only thing that destroys the Spirit's fruit is the corruption of sin. The Apostle Paul lists nine fruits of the Spirit in his Letter to the Galatians (Gal 5:22-23).

Love/Joy/Peace/Patience/Kindness/Generosity/
Faithfulness/Gentleness/Self-control

Since fruit is always the product of some vital source (like a tree), we don't actually pray for the fruits of the Spirit themselves. We pray for the Holy Spirit, the "Lord and giver of life", who produces them in us. Asking the Lord to send you His Spirit is a prayer the Father always answers (Lk 11:13).

(Prayers in the Pew Monthly, October 2024. www.SitStandKneel.com)



SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Friday, November 1, 2024

Mass at Noon & 7:00PM

(This is a Holyday of Obligation)

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Spend a Holy Hour with Our Lord!



First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins immediately following the noon Mass on All Saints Day and ends with benediction at 6:00PM. The sign-up sheet is located in the Commons. This extended adoration takes place **instead** of our usual 11:30AM adoration on First Fridays. All are welcome to attend with or without signing up.



Our Parish 'Book of the Dead' is located in the Commons. If you have a loved one whose name is **not** in the book, you are invited to write it **on the page of the year they died**. Everyone will be remembered throughout the month of November.

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Let's pray as a community for our deceased loved ones on **All Souls' Day**, which is **Saturday, November 2, 2024. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM.**

Considering a call to the priesthood

"What do you wish for me to do for you?" Listen closely to your heart. Is God calling you to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Let the grace of prayer encourage you. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email:

vocations@richmonddiocese.org



**October 20, 2024
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings for the Week

Monday, October 21

Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday, October 22

Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday, October 23

Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday, October 24

Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53

Friday, October 25

Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday, October 26

Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday, October 27—Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	October 21	No Mass	
Tues.	October 22	Noon	+Elizabeth Perry
Wed.	October 23	Noon	Available
Thurs.	October 24	Noon	Available
Fri.	October 25	Noon	Available
Sat.	October 26	5:00 pm	+Pat Soule
Sun.	October 27	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

October 27—Altar Flowers
November 1—All Saints Day
November 3—Capital Reserve



Parish Life This Week

Monday, October 21

6:30 PM Cub Scouts

Tuesday, October 22

6:00 PM OCIA

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, October 23

7:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, October 24

6:00 PM Finance Council

7:00 PM Choir Practice

7:00 PM Scout Training

Friday, October 25

5:00-7:00 PM K of C Fish Dinner

Saturday, October 26

4:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Box of Joy

6:00 PM Meal of Thanks Sign-up

6:00 PM Wine Tasting Tickets

Sunday, October 27

8:30 AM Rosary

10:15 AM Religious Education

10:15 AM AFF—Deeper Dive

10:15 AM Meal of Thanks Sign-up

10:15 AM Wine Tasting Tickets

10:15 AM Box of Joy

11:15 AM Christmas Play Practice

6:00 PM Scouting BSA, Religious Medals



Weekly Offering for:

October 12 & 13, 2024

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,737.00

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offering \$ 5,311.16

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Capital Reserve \$ 290.00

Haiti \$ 60.00

Barron Dempsey \$ 25.00

Religious Education \$ 150.00

Altar Flowers \$ 35.00

Roof Repair \$ 200.00

Other \$ 45.00

DIOCESAN COLLECTION:

Hurricane Helene Relief \$ 1,795.98

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 90

Sunday 164



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