

The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd

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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

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Ladies' Guild - Margaret Hickman

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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.

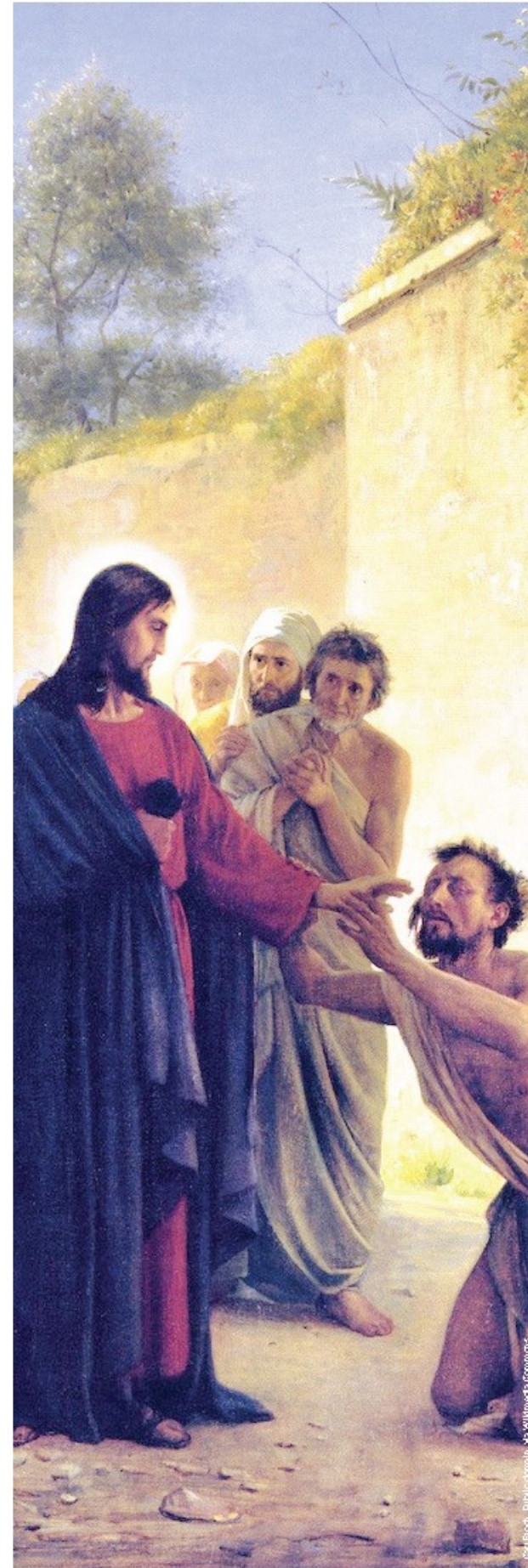
Baptisms – A preparation class for parents is required prior to the baptism. Contact Lara Detrich at the church office to register.

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.



October 27, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Although today's Gospel recounts the healing of Bartimaeus' physical blindness, the story is a summons for each of us to be healed of our spiritual blindness. Spiritual blindness, an effect of sin, clouds our ability to perceive who we are and who God is. Paradoxically, Bartimaeus' spiritual eyesight is clear; he recognizes who Jesus is and he sees his own desperate need for Jesus' help. For us, however, sin acts like dust, obstructing our vision and preventing us from perceiving God's presence. We find it difficult to recognize God in other people and in the sacraments; and we likewise become incapable of perceiving ourselves as God sees us. If we wish to have our spiritual eyesight restored, we would do well to imitate Bartimaeus' humble, confident prayer: "Master, I want to see." Acknowledging our need before God and begging for his help, we invite him to heal our hearts, so that we, like Bartimaeus, may follow Jesus "on the way."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Where can we seek the healing of our "spiritual sight"? We should look for it from the same person from whom Bartimaeus begged to be cured of his physical blindness: Jesus. But whereas Bartimaeus' encounter with Jesus took place amid noisy crowds of followers and curious onlookers, our most intimate relations with Our Lord take place in the quiet context of prayer and the sacraments. Above all, confession and Eucharistic adoration offer us opportunities to meet God and petition him for the cleansing of our hearts. In confession, we humbly acknowledge our need for conversion and invite God to heal us. In Eucharistic adoration, we approach Jesus with the faith of Bartimaeus, seeing past the appearance of bread and declaring that the consecrated host is indeed God himself. Through these eyes of faith, the Lord heals any blindness, and we can see "and [follow] him on the way."

PRAY Choose a regular time to take advantage of the two opportunities for healing we've discussed – confession and Eucharistic adoration. If you do not already go to confession regularly, consider making it a monthly commitment. Finally, set aside time this week to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, either in Eucharistic adoration or before the tabernacle in your church. Try visiting him weekly – and then watch how your time in his presence transforms you.


LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks Bartimaeus, *What do you want me to do for you?* Bartimaeus wanted his sight, and the Lord granted it. Bartimaeus then *followed him on the way*. As we encounter the Lord in the Eucharist, let us ask him for the courage to not only ask him for what we need but to *follow him on the way* when he answers.

Gospel Focus:

Have courage to follow the Lord on the way when he answers prayers.



"Encounter the Joy of the Gospel and Set the World Ablaze"
EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...
 Have lives that have changed due to their relationship with Christ.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: Do I realize that my gratitude can help others to believe?

Children: What do I like most about the story of Bartimaeus? 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:

"True wealth is found in our encounter with God and other people, especially with the weakest who tend to be "discarded" by false culture of wellbeing. Together we can build a world in which the dignity of each person is fully recognized and respected."

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



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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Mass will be celebrated for All Souls

Saturday, November 2 at 10:00 AM

We will commemorate our parishioners who have died this past year, **Patricia Girard, Chuck Harris, George Hughes, Leslie Lunger, J.J. O'Kane, Elizabeth Perry, Tracy Faustini, Ellen Gauthier, and William Rapier**, along with all who are deceased. Please join us!



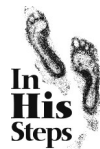
IMPORTANT!

Mass Time Change
Tuesday, October 29, 2024
9:30 AM

There is NO MASS at Noon this day.

Considering a call to the priesthood

"Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you." Will you share in Christ's saving mission? He may be calling you to a beautiful and sacrificial life as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org



Arrangements for visits to the sick and homebound 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.

October 27, 2024
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the Week

Monday, October 28—Sts. Simon & Jude

Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

Tuesday, October 29

Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday, October 30

Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday, October 31

Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35

Friday, November 1—All Saints

Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Saturday, November 2—All Souls

Wis 3:1-9; Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

Sunday, November 3—Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	October 28	No Mass	
Tues.	October 29	9:30 am	Available
Wed.	October 30	Noon	Available
Thurs.	October 31	Noon	Available
Fri.	November 1	Noon	Available
	November 1	7:00 pm	Available
Sat	November 2	10:00 am	Parishioners who died this yr.
	November 2	5:00 pm	Available
Sun.	November 3	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
November 1—All Saints Day
November 3—Capital Reserve



Parish Life This Week

Monday, October 28

6:30 PM Cub Scouts

Tuesday, October 29

6:00 PM OCIA

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, October 30

7:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, October 31

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, November 1

All Saints Day

1:00-6:00 PM Adoration

Saturday, November 2

All Souls' Day

4:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Meal of Thanks Sign-up

6:00 PM Wine Tasting Tickets

Sunday, November 3

8:30 AM Rosary

10:00 AM Donuts

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

11:15 AM Christmas Play Practice

6:00 PM Scouting BSA, Religious Medals



Weekly Offering for: October 19 & 20, 2024

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

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offering	\$ 14,837.37
ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:	
Capital Reserve	\$ 1,160.00
Haiti	\$ 85.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 85.00
Religious Education	\$ 47.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 30.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 5.00
Other	\$ 60.00

DIOCESAN COLLECTION:

Hurricane Helene Relief	\$ 200.00
World Missions	\$ 908.16

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	81
Sunday	179



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