

# PUZZLE

*With all my heart*



This Thanksgiving — and every day — let's thank our heavenly Father for all he has done.

Directions: Write the capital letters in order on the lines below to complete Psalm 9:1, NIV.

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PSALM 9:1, NIV

Answer: "I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1, NIV

## NEWS & EVENTS

**Angel Tree Return Gift Reminder!**  
**Take a Tag** Please return all WRAPPED GIFTS with the Angel tags on them **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 8th!** Place the wrapped gifts under the tree in the Commons.

There are also **Haiti Helping Hands** envelopes for monetary donations to benefit our twinned parish in Haiti. Place these donations in the Haiti House on the table in the Commons. Looking forward to your generous support this holiday season!

### ADVENT RESOURCE BOOK ORDERS



The Religious Book Store will be taking orders for Advent Resource Books for Year C from November 16-24. The books are *Daily Prayer 2025*, *At Home With the Word*, and *Reading God's Word*. Payment is due upon ordering. Stop by the store and place your order.



We would like to **thank everyone** who attended the **Meal of Thanks** and all those who helped with the set-up, cooking, and clean-up. It was a huge success! There was plenty of food and fellowship to share as we begin the holiday season.

### IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions



As Christian stewards, we share the responsibility of making our Church a true community of faith and a vibrant source of service to the larger community. That includes providing financial support for today's needs—and building a firm financial foundation for tomorrow. If you are 70 1/2 years old or older, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution up to \$105,00 from your IRA directly to your parish.

### News from the Parish Office



As we close in on the end of another year, please be reminded that **all donations for the year 2024** should be received by **December 31, 2024** to be included in your contribution statement. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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



## FAITH FORMATION

### Volunteers Needed for Parade!



We will be participating in the **Smithfield Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 14th at 10:30 AM**. The theme is "A Country Christmas." We will decorate a vehicle as the manger with children dressed as shepherds, sheep, Joseph and Mary. Our message is "Away in a Manger." We would love to have a large turnout to support the parish. If you would like to participate, contact Lara Detrich at [formation@cgsparish.org](mailto:formation@cgsparish.org) to sign-up. Volunteers are also needed to walk behind the vehicle and hand out candy canes.

### Parent Café



We are hosting two Parent Café discussion sessions on December 8th and December 15th immediately following Mass. This is open to parents and grandparents who care for children ages 0-20. Our goal is to listen to and learn from you in order to develop and strengthen the faith formation within our church. Please contact Lara Detrich at [formation@cgsparish.org](mailto:formation@cgsparish.org) or sign-up in the Commons to participate.

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.



Join us for **Donuts and fellowship** after Mass in the Commons next **Sunday, December 1**



The Office will be **CLOSED** November 28 & 29, 2024 for the Thanksgiving holiday.



**Food Pantry Needs for the Week of November 24**  
**PEANUT BUTTER**



# 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](mailto: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

**Ushers** - Steve Reznick

**Knights of Columbus** - Joe Campo, [gk17335@vakofc.org](mailto:gk17335@vakofc.org)

**Ladies' Guild** - Margaret Hickman

**Men's Club** - Bill Knapp, [billknapp1985@yahoo.com](mailto: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.



November 24, 2024

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dn 7:13-14 | Rv 1:5-8 | Jn 18:33b-37

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

If we reflect on today's Gospel, it might be hard for us to envision Jesus ever dressed like an actual king! When Pontius Pilate asked him if he was a king, Jesus responded, "If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over." Imagine: Jesus had spent the night in agony; his friends had all abandoned him; and, in a few verses, Pilate will deliver him to be scourged. He must have *felt*, at that moment, like anything but a king. But, indeed, he was (and is) the Creator of the Universe and its rightful king. We Christians – called, like Jesus' first disciples, to be his friends and followers – should do everything we can to proclaim him as king of our hearts, our families, our lives, and our society.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

There is a tradition of placing an image of Jesus' Sacred Heart in a prominent place in the home. The idea is to "enthron" Jesus as king of the home and the family; there is even a small ceremony to go along with the enthronement. In one of the most famous images of the Sacred Heart, Jesus wears a magnificent crown, holds a scepter in his right hand, and carries the earth in his left hand. We see, from this picture, Jesus as a king with a glorious crown who holds the world in his hand – but he does so with a heart burning with love! He loves us so much that he wishes to extend the reign of his love to every human being on earth. We can cooperate with him in this by "enthroning" him as king of our hearts and our homes and allowing his love to impact everything we do and say. By our willingness to welcome God into every aspect of our lives, we will become witnesses of his love to others.

**INVITE** This week, take one opportunity to invite someone to pray with you. They could be dinner guests, a coworker, or a friend you meet for coffee. Whoever it is, ask him or her if there are any particular intentions you can bring to God in prayer. By doing this, you remind your friend of God's constant presence and his desire to be part of all of your joys, sorrows, and anxieties.

**LITURGY AND MINISTRY**

**Today's Readings:**

The readings from Daniel and the Book of Revelation share an apocalyptic vision of the Son of Man coming on the clouds to rule over all peoples. In John's Gospel, on the other hand, Jesus is already king. His everlasting authority comes from God. For his disciples—those who listen to his voice—eternal life is already possible.

**Gospel Focus:**

*Jesus is King and Lord of all both now and forever.*



*"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 is Jesus the King and ruler of my life?

**Children:** How can I honor Jesus, my King and God?

**PRAYER AND VOCATIONS**

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of November**



**Evangelization: For Anyone Who Has Lost A Child**

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

**Pope Tweets:**

"When we learn to serve others, every gesture of attention and care, every expression of tenderness, and every act of mercy become a reflection of God's love."

**Please Remember in Prayer:**

*Barbara Bonney, Carol Kelly, Christopher Morris, Betty Nagy, Mary Pasko, Alice Reece, Debbie Steiger, and Irene White*

*"The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty." (Psalm 93)*

As you celebrate Thanksgiving this week with your family and friends, take time to give Thanks for all that you are grateful for. We are all blessed! God gave us life!



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Monday, December 9, 2024**

**Mass Times: Noon & 7:00 PM**

*(This is a Holyday of Obligation)*



Let us pray for the eternal repose of the soul of **Thomas Wunder**

who passed away this week.

May the Lord grant eternal rest unto him and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul rest in peace.



**There is NO WEEKDAY MASS or Prayer Service with Communion November 20-December 4, 2024.**

*Continue to pray daily as we get closer to the First Day of Advent on December 1, 2024.*

**Considering a call to the priesthood**

"My kingdom does not belong to this world." Help lead others to Christ and to know his merciful love. Prayerfully consider he may be calling you to serve in this world 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](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org)



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.

**November 24, 2024**

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday, November 25**

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday, November 26**

Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday, November 27**

Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday, November 28**

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28

**Friday, November 29**

Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday, November 30—St. Andrew**

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

**Sunday, December 1—First Sunday of Advent**

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



**Daily Mass & Intention Schedule**

Mon.	November 25	No Mass
Tues.	November 26	No Mass
Wed.	November 27	No Mass
Thurs.	November 28	No Mass
Fri.	November 29	No Mass
Sat	November 30	5:00 pm +Richard Gutleber
Sun.	December 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—Wednesday 10AM to 2PM



**We invite you to check out our On-Line Giving Program.**

Visit our parish website: [www.cgsparish.org](http://www.cgsparish.org) click on 'Give' then 'On-Line Giving'

**Upcoming Special Collections**

**December 8—Retired Religious**  
**December 9—Immaculate Conception**  
**December 15—Catholic Virginian**



**Parish Life This Week**

**Monday, November 25**

6:30 PM Cub Scouts

**Tuesday, November 26**

6:00 PM OCIA

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

7:00 PM AFF—Genesis Study

**Thursday, November 28**

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

Office Closed

**Friday, November 29**

Office Closed

**Saturday, November 30**

4:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Return of Angel Tree Gifts

**Sunday, December 1**

8:30 AM Rosary

10:00 AM Donuts

10:00 AM Return of Angel Tree Gifts

10:15 AM AFF—Deeper Dive

6:00 PM Scouting BSA, Religious Medals



**Weekly Offering for:**

**November 16 & 17, 2024**

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,737.00

**(The following totals include E-Giving)**

**OFFERTORY:**

Regular Offering	\$ 4,287.16
Holy Days	\$ 45.00

**ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:**

Capital Reserve	\$ 70.00
Haiti	\$ 35.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 145.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 10.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 5.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 270.00
Roof Repair Fund	\$ 200.00
Other	\$ 20.00

**DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS:** \$ 30.00

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

Sat 74

Sun 182

Thank you for your continued support of the Church of the Good Shepherd!

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**

