

Answer: "I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all

NEWS & EVENTS

Angel Tree Return Gift Reminder!

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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're thankful for you

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 respon-GIFTS sibility of making our Church a true commu-

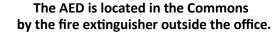
nity of faith and a vibrant source of service to the larger community. That includes providing financial support for today's needs-and building a firm financial foundation for tomorrow. If you are 70 1/2 years old or older, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution up to \$105,00 from your IRA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



News from the Parish Office

Take As we close in on the end of another Note! 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.





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 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 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**



<u>Staff</u>

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

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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 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

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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.

<u>Inclement Weather</u> - 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.

<u>Baptisms</u> – 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.

<u>Marriage</u> – Registered parishioners must contact the parish at least 6 months prior to the intended date.

<u>Reconciliation</u> – Before Saturday Vigil Mass or by appointment.

<u>Visitation of the Sick</u> – 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 "enthrone" 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.



Pope Tweets:

love."

"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

A Child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son

"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

or daughter find support in their community and

receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

Evangelization: For Anyone Who Has Lost

Please Remember in Prayer:

Debbie Steiger, and Irene White



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

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.

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

As you celebrate Thanksgiving this week with your family and friends, take time to give Thanks for all that you are

Let Us Give hanks

grateful for. We are all blessed! God gave us life!

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)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

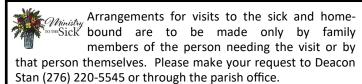
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SYMPATHY

Church

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 His (calling you to serve in this world as a priest or **Steps** 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



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



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 Gu
Sun.	December 1	9:00 am	Good Shepl
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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 click on 'Give' then 'On-Line Giving'

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



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

Barbara Bonney, Carol Kelly, Christopher Morris, Betty Nagy, Mary Pasko, Alice Reece,

November 24, 2024 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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



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!

