



Written for our learning

Not only did God give us the Bible as his Word, but he also gives us many people to teach us his ways. Our greatest teacher is Jesus, God's Son.

Directions: Complete Matthew 19:16-17 by filling in the blanks (using words from the Word Bank) and then unscrambling the three words and writing them on the tablets.

WORD BANK	ask	do	eternal	If	good	good	Why
	good	Jesus	life	man	One	Teacher	

A _____ came up to _____ and asked,
 “_____, what _____ thing must I _____
 to get _____ life?” “_____ do you
 _____ me about what is _____?” Jesus replied.

“There is only _____ who is _____.
 _____ you want to enter _____ ...

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Matthew 19:16-17, NIV

Answers: A man came up to Jesus and asked, “Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?” “Why do you ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied. “There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life ... obey the commands.”

NEWS & EVENTS

HEY EVERYONE THE SUPER BOWL IS COMING ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH! LET THE LADIES' GUILD HELP WITH YOUR PARTY MENU!



We will be holding our *Annual Super Bowl Snack & Bake Sale on Saturday, February 8th & Sunday, February 9th*. We will have plenty of cheese balls, dips, chili & cornbread, and lots of other items for you to serve at your party. Why do all the work yourself? Make it easy on yourself and support the Ladies' Guild at the same time. See you on the 8th and 9th!

January is RESPECT LIFE Month

Good Shepherd is collecting baby items for local crisis pregnancy centers during the month of January.

Accepted Donations include:

- Disposable diapers (newborn to size 4)
- baby wipes
- sleepers/onesies (newborn to 12 mo.)
- No Tears Baby Shampoo
- receiving blankets
- bibs/burp cloths
- baby towels & wash cloths



Due to health concerns all donations must be new items with original packaging/tags. Items can be placed in the bin in the commons area. For questions, contact Mary Ellen Bebermeyer at (757) 897-3219.



2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others

The 2025 Appeal will provide critical funding to three key areas of our Diocesan Church: Empowering the Next Generation, Providing for Those in Need, and Strengthening Catholic Communities.

In addition, our parish receives back a portion of the funds collected to be used for various parish projects and improvements. As we prepare for this year's Annual Appeal to begin, we hope that you will consider supporting Church of the Good Shepherd in our efforts.



The parish office is CLOSED on Monday, January 27, 2025.

FAITH FORMATION

Easter Children's Easter Play Practice Begins!



Practice for the Children's Easter Play will begin February 9, 2025 after Religious Education. It will run from 11:15 AM-12:15 PM. There will be a snack after practice. All are welcome to participate.

We will have as many parts as there are kids and everyone who wants a speaking part will have one. Younger children ages 2-4 can be part of our Little Choir and sing a special Easter song after the play. The Littles will practice immediately after Mass each Sunday. **The play will be on May 2, 2025 at 6:30 PM** with a reception to follow. All parishioners are invited to attend!



The Good Shepherd Book Club

The Good Shepherd Book Club will be starting the new year with Mother Cabrini. We are reading:

In Weakness, Strength: The Life and Missionary Activity of St. Frances Cabrini

By Segundo Galilea

We will begin meeting on Wednesday, January 22nd at 7:15 PM and will continue to meet on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month from then on. The book is available on Amazon for \$13.95. All are welcome to join us! If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Day.

Join us for Donuts and fellowship after Mass in the Commons next Sunday, February 2



The 2024 Contribution Statements have been mailed. If you have any questions or concerns with your statement, please contact the office.

Thank you for your continued support to the parish!

Food Pantry Needs for the Week of January 26 SOUP

Help us help others!





The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd

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Office Hours: Monday—Friday 10:00AM-3:00PM

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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

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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.



January 26, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 | 1 Cor 12:12-30 | Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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

Late 19th-century English author G.K. Chesterton famously wrote, “Catholic doctrine and discipline may be walls, but they are the walls of a playground.” We can think of God’s commandments serving as rules governing primary school recess: by providing us with a structure in which we can explore, play, stumble, and get up again, they allow us to discover who God created us to be without wandering far from his love. The mosaic law that served the Jews in today’s first reading had given them the necessary parameters to live and grow within the covenantal relationship they had with God. Their unfaithfulness had led them astray, but upon their return from exile in Babylon they wept when hearing God’s word for the first time in generations. They knew the power of God’s commandments to keep them safe and secure in his love, and recognized all they had lost by wandering. Their sorrow was turned to joy in the knowledge that God rejoiced in their return to him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Just as Ezra “opened the scroll so that all the people might see it” in today’s first reading, Jesus also “unrolled the scroll” and then rolled it back up so that all might see *him*. Ezra held the law in his hands, Jesus is the fulfillment of the law in himself. Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing,” were an infusion of new life breathed into a new creation by God who is outside of time. All things, all mistakes, all failures brought about in our human pride and disobedience were being refashioned into new brick and mortar to build God’s kingdom in and through Christ. Jesus, with his commandment to love one another as he loves us, gives us structure and a true freedom to discover who God created us to be, while helping us not wander far from this playground the Lord has given us. Knowing what holds us together, and relying on it to guide us, enables us to help build the kingdom even more for the glory of God and the good of others.

LEARN

Research a Catholic teaching you do not fully understand for example, why Catholics attend Mass on Sundays. Ask God for the light to see how this teaching is life-giving instead of life-limiting. If you have the opportunity, share what you’ve learned with someone.

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

The priest-scribe Ezra proclaims the law of Moses to the Jewish people who had returned from exile in Babylon. Upon hearing the words of the law for the first time in a generation, the people weep. Their sorrow at not having adhered to the law for so long should call attention to our own infidelities to God's law. But most of all, this people's wholehearted response to the law can fill us with gratitude to God for revealing his merciful love to us in Jesus Christ.

Gospel Focus:

Rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength.



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

EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...

Continue to develop their knowledge and understanding through Scripture and Tradition.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: What do you believe that the anointing you received at Baptism requires you to do?

Children: What could you do this week for someone who has less than you?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of January



Evangelization: For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Pope Tweets:

"Unity is the fruit of prayer, for prayer allows the Holy Spirit to intervene, open our hearts to hope, shorten distances, and hold us together in difficult times."

Please Remember in Prayer:



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

"Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life." (Psalm 19)

Salve Regina



The Salve Regina ("Hail Holy Queen") is a very popular Marian prayer that has ancient origins. Some scholars believe that it was written by a French bishop named Adhemar, who, before going on the First Crusade (1096-1099 AD) wrote it as a hymn to accompany the Christian soldiers into war.

The prayer's most famous phrase, "in this valley of tears" recognizes that life is full of sorrows and that we need a loving advocate who has royal power (a Queen) to plead our cause.

The Salve Regina is traditionally prayed at the end of the Rosary and after Night Prayer as an act of entrustment of our lives and needs to Mary before we sleep. The Latin hymn of this prayer is one of the most exquisite Gregorian Chants in existence.

THE PRAYER

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises.

The month of January gives us a tremendous faith opportunity to deepen our devotion to Mary and to challenge ourselves to stand up for the sanctity of all human life. Let us make sure Our Lady is well-represented in our homes, and let us also join in solidarity with those who are leading the cause to restore respect for life in our society.

(The Prayers in the Pew monthly newsletter, January 2025. www.sitstandkneel.com)

**Annual Mass for Anointing of the Sick
Saturday, February 8, 2025
11:00 AM**



A luncheon for all participants will immediately follow. If you are in need of any type of healing, you are encouraged to attend!

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
February 2, 2025 at 11:30 AM**



Followed by 12:00 PM (Noon) Mass. Come and spend some time with Jesus!

Considering a call to the priesthood

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Fishing is an active verb. If you are being called to strengthen Christ's Church through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, act. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org



**January 26, 2025
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings for the Week

- Monday, January 27**
Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday, January 28**—St. Thomas Aquinas
Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday, January 29**
Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday, January 30**
Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25
- Friday, January 31**—St. John Bosco
Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday, February 1**
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday, February 2—Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**
Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	January 27	No Mass	
Tues.	January 28	Noon	Deacon Stan & Pat (Anniv.)
Wed.	January 29	Noon	Available
Thurs.	January 30	Noon	Available
Fri.	January 31	Noon	Available
Sat	February 1	5:00 pm	Available
Sun.	February 2	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:
Tuesday—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'

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

If you still have a recurring offering to the "Mortgage", please switch it to the "Capital Reserve" fund. The mortgage is paid in full, so the church needs to build up the Capital Reserve fund for future projects. Thank you.

Parish Life This Week

- Monday, January 27**
Office Closed
6:30 PM Cub Scouts
- Tuesday, January 28**
6:00 PM OCIA
6:30 PM Boy Scouts
- Wednesday, January 29**
7:00 PM Youth Group
- Thursday, January 30**
7:00 PM Choir Practice
- Saturday, February 1**
11:00 AM Ministry to the Sick
4:30 PM Rosary
- Sunday, February 2**
8:30 AM Rosary
10:00 AM Donuts
10:15 AM Religious Education
10:15 AM Deeper Dive



Weekly Offering for:

January 18 & 19, 2025

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,737.00

(The following totals include E-Giving)

This collection information will appear in the February 2, 2025 bulletin.

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



Upcoming Special Collections

- February 2—**Capital Reserve**
- February 9—**Barron Dempsey Fund**



Welcome New Parishioners to Church of the Good Shepherd!

If you are new to our parish, you can find the registration form on our website www.cgsparish.org or by contacting the parish office.



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

