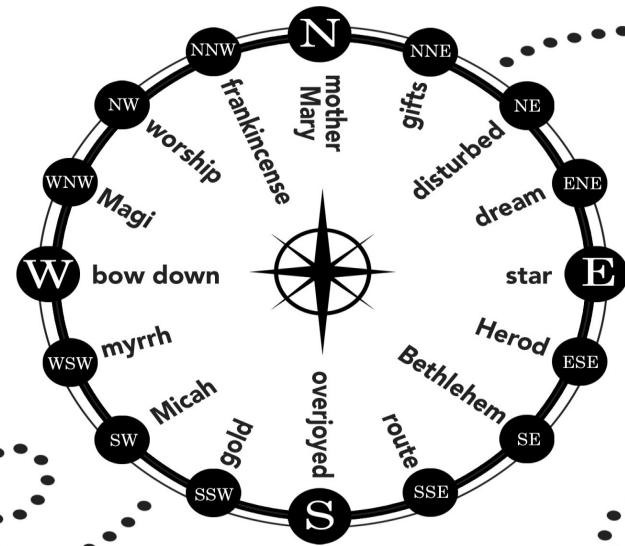


Puzzle!



Use the compass guide (and read Matthew 2) to answer questions about special visitors to young Jesus.

1. Who was king at the time of Jesus' birth? _____ (ESE)
2. Who came from the East to worship the one born king of the Jews? _____ (WNW)
3. How did King Herod feel about Jesus' birth? _____ (NE)
4. Which prophet did the chief priests and teachers of the law quote when King Herod asked where the Christ would be born? _____ (SW)
5. In what city would Christ be born? _____ (SE)
6. King Herod lied to the wise men, telling them to search and report back so he, too, could do what to Christ? _____ (NW)
7. What did the Magi see in the east and follow to find Jesus? _____ (E)
8. When the star stopped, how did the Magi feel? _____ (S)
9. Who else did the Magi see with Jesus? His _____ (N)
10. Before they worshiped the child, what did the Magi do? _____ (W)
11. Name the three treasures the Magi brought for Jesus. _____ (SSW) _____ (NNW) _____ (WSW)
12. These three treasures were all brought for Jesus as _____ (NNE)
13. What warned the Magi not to return to Herod? A _____ (ENE)
14. The Magi had to return to their country by another _____ (SSE)

Answers: 1. Herod; 2. Magi; 3. disturbed; 4. Micah; 5. Bethlehem; 6. worship; 7. star; 8. overjoyed; 9. mother Mary; 10. bow down; 11. gold, frankincense, myrrh; 12. gifts; 13. dream; 14. route

NEWS & EVENTS

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.

Men's Club Annual Chili Dinner

January 10th, 2024
5:30-7:00 PM



In the Commons

Donations for a charitable cause

* Correction: Dinner starts at 5:00 PM!



Walking with Moms in Need

Church of the Good Shepherd joined a nationwide effort to assess and communicate resources available to local pregnant moms and families in need. Informational pamphlets will be passed out before Mass on January 11 & 12, 2025 and a table will be available in the commons for additional information.



Food Pantry Needs for the Week of January 5
CANNED MEAT OR FISH

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



FAITH FORMATION

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.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter



WHEN ALL THE HUSTLE-BUSTLE OF THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER...Don't

you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? If you agree then you'll want to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Feel free to contact Donald and Helen Dudley at 703-690-1369 or donald.helen.dudley@wwme.org with any questions.

Here are a few upcoming experiences:

- January 31-February 2, 2025 in Myrtle Beach, SC
- March 7-9, 2025 in Rehoboth Beach, DE
- March 14-16 in Jessup, MD and Ocean City, NJ
- March 21-23, 2025 in Emerald Isle, NC

We would like to wish everyone with a birthday or a wedding anniversary in the month of **JANUARY** a day filled with goodness and God's love and mercy.

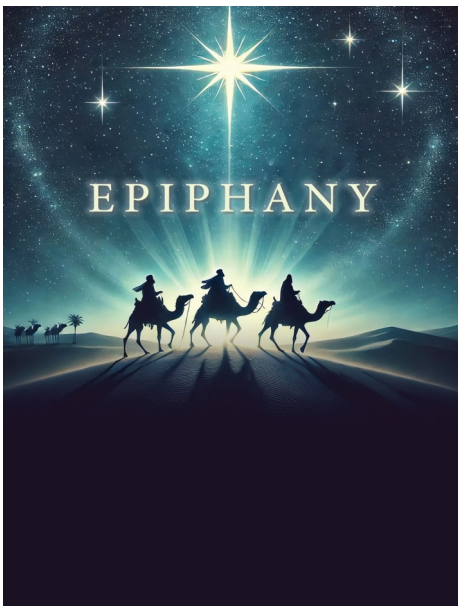
May your journey continue to be blessed each and every day. May you look back with joy on the years of your life and with hope for those to come. May God bless you today and always.

Happy Birthday!
Happy Anniversary!



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.

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The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd

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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

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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, jk17335@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

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.

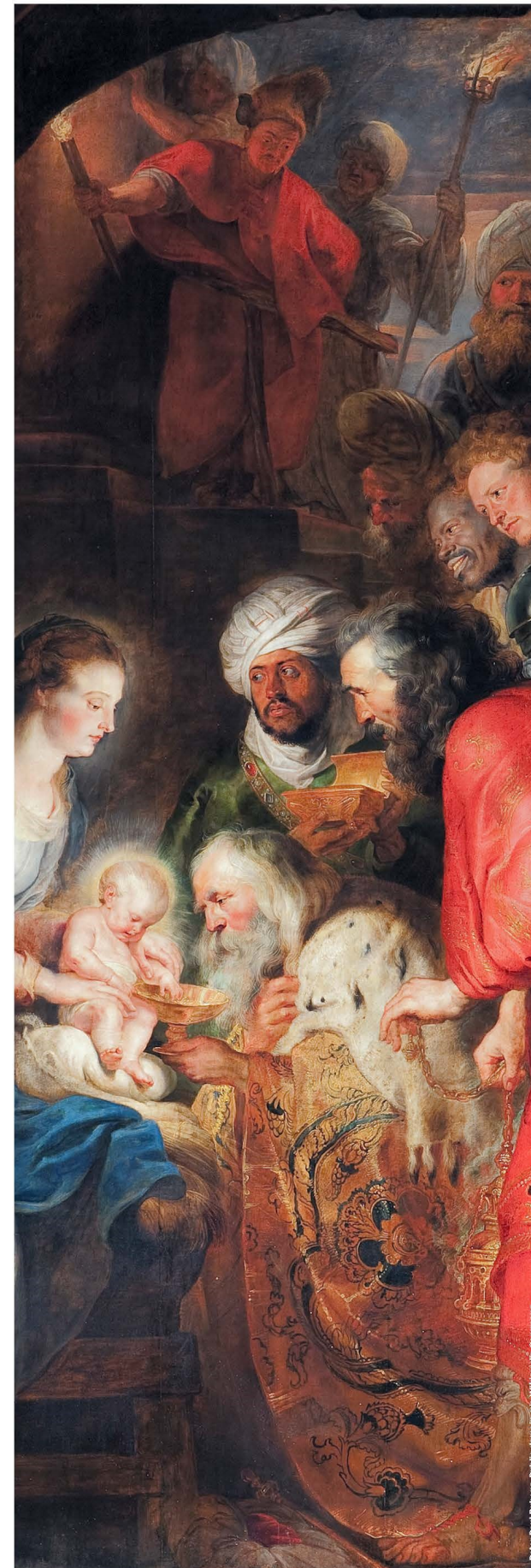
Baptisms – A preparation class for parents is required prior to the baptism. Contact Lara Detrich at the church office to register.

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 5, 2025

Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Deeply fatigued from their perilous journey, the three wise men must have been filled with doubt and hope in equal measure, wondering if the star would truly lead them to the promised King. “Is this really worth it?” they may have questioned. “Will we ever meet this child?” And then, in a single gaze, Christ broke into the world of humanity. In this perfect encounter with the Son of God, the wise men “prostrated themselves” and “opened their treasures” before him – in all his glory and all his innocence. We, on our earthly pilgrimage, may relate to feeling exhausted, full of both hope and heartache, as we wait and wonder where we will meet Jesus. Today, remember, he is here, among us. Waiting for our presence, waiting for our heart. Like today's Scripture from Isaiah, the Magi must have experienced their hearts *throbbing* and *overflowing* with wonder and awe at the sight of their long-awaited King.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

“Your light has come!” What thrilling words these must have been, proclaimed to a world that had been shrouded in darkness, eagerly – *desperately* – waiting for their God to save them. And not only has their light come; with it came a promise that this light would guide all nations. Yet this invitation to light, to *freedom*, also comes with a great responsibility. This light that came into the world isn't just for us to follow; it is also for us to reflect to others. In today's world, this may not involve leading flocks of sheep or strumming a 10-stringed lyre, but it does call us to live as radiant witnesses of Christ's love, always singing his praise! Perhaps this means living joyfully despite our suffering. Maybe it looks like practicing generosity, when we feel like we have little left to give or remaining hopeful in a bleak situation. We are called to praise at all times, but it takes different forms in the different seasons of our life. Whatever season we find ourselves in, let us, like the Magi, seek the King, trusting in his promise and following his light.

REFLECT

Consider areas in your life where the Child Jesus is waiting to break in. Where does he long to heal you, comfort you, and bring you peace? Like the wise men, we are on a pilgrimage filled with hope – and at times, fear and restlessness. On this great feast, let us offer Jesus our treasure – our hearts – and, in return, he will give us the greatest gift of all: himself.

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

As we celebrate Epiphany, our readings today remind us of the power of God's revelation. Throughout history, God has promised salvation. Today we celebrate some of the first witnesses of this great event, the Magi. May we deepen our faith as we, too, journey to be closer to Christ.

Gospel Focus:

God has revealed a great light in the darkness.



"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: When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?

Children: When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you? What is the problem with feeling that way?

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:

"Let us entrust to Mary this new Jubilee Year. Let us entrust to her our worries, our sufferings, our joys, and all the concerns that we bear in our hearts. Let us entrust to her the whole world, so that hope may be reborn and peace may spring up for all the peoples of the earth."

Please Remember in Prayer:

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



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure
expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

~Pope Francis

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There is NO WEEKDAY MASS January 6-16, 2025.

The church will be open for personal prayer during this time.

"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." (Psalm 72)

Considering a call to the priesthood

"For out of you shall come forth a ruler who will shepherd My people." Is Christ calling you forth out of your comfort zone to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, or priest? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org



Parish Book of Intentions

If you have a family member, friend, or acquaintance that is in need of prayer, we encourage you to write their name in the *Parish Book of Intentions*, located in the Narthex. They will be prayed for at each weekend Mass.

**January 5, 2025
Solemnity of The Epiphany of The Lord**

Readings for the Week

Monday, January 6

1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 7

1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 8

1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, January 9

1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Lk 4:14-22

Friday, January 10

1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, January 11

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday, January 12—The Baptism of The Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	January 6	No Mass	
Tues.	January 7	No Mass	
Wed.	January 8	No Mass	
Thurs.	January 9	No Mass	
Fri.	January 10	No Mass	
Sat.	January 11	5:00 pm	Available
Sun.	January 12	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'

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 6

6:30 PM Cub Scouts

Tuesday, January 7

6:00 PM OCIA

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, January 8

7:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, January 9

6:00 PM Liturgy Ministries

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, January 10

5:00 PM Chili Dinner

Saturday, January 11

4:30 PM Rosary

Sunday, January 12

8:30 AM Rosary

10:15 AM Religious Education

10:15 AM Deeper Dive



Weekly Offering for:

December 25, 28 & 29, 2024

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,737.00

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offering	\$ 5,384.16
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 5.00
Christmas	\$ 4,672.00

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Capital Reserve	\$ 65.00
Haiti	\$ 1,025.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 2,177.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 5.00
Roof Repair	\$ 110.00
Other	\$ 30.00

DIOCESAN COLLECTION:

Catholic Charities	\$ 1,312.83
Retired Religious	\$ 50.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Dec. 24	279	Sat	66
Dec. 25	105	Sun	202

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



Upcoming Special Collections

January 19—Respect Life

January 26—Altar Flowers

