



A measure of love

Jesus says one golden rule sums up the law.

Directions: Match the word parts from the ruler to the incomplete words in the first three Bible verses. Then add the bolded letters (in order) to Matthew 7:12 to complete that verse.

Do not seek re_____ or bear a grudge against anyone among your _____ople, but love your neig_____ as yourself.

LEVITICUS 19:18, NIV

Learn to do right; seek jus_____. Defend the _____pressed. Take up the cause of the _____less; plead the _____e of the widow.

ISAIAH 1:17, NIV

He has shown you, O mortal, what is go____. ...

To act **justly** and to **love** me_____ and to walk _____ly with your God.

MICAH 6:8, NIV

So in _____ything, do to ot _____ what you would _____ve them d _____ to you, for this s _____ms up the _____w and the Proph _____s.

MATTHEW 7:12, NIV

- father_____
- pe_____
- _venge
- _od
- _rcy
- op_____
- _hbor
- humb_____
- cas_____
- _tice

Answers: re-venge, people, neighbor, justice, oppressed, fatherless, case, good, mercy, humbly, everything, others, do, sums, law, prophets

NEWS & EVENTS



Charles D. Arinello Memorial Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus Council 17335 has established a scholarship fund to honor Charles D. Arinello.

To help raise money to endow this fund we are accepting donations and selling raffle tickets for a 50/50 drawing in Charlie's name. Tickets will be sold at the end of Masses throughout the month of February. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. The drawing for the raffle winner will be on Saturday, March 2nd.

The scholarship will be awarded to one of our graduating seniors on Sunday, May 25th. See one of the Knights in the commons as you leave Mass to make a donation or to buy your raffle tickets.

High School Seniors, please see one of the Knights in the commons to pick up your scholarship application. All applications must be submitted **no later than April 30, 2025**.

FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER!

Friday, February 28, 2025
5:00 PM-7:00 PM



The Knights of Columbus Council 17335 will host a free spaghetti dinner in the commons for all parishioners to enjoy. The menu will be spaghetti and meat sauce or marinara, salad, bread, desert and tea. Any donations will be accepted to help support the *Walking with Moms in Need* program. Sign up in the commons if you plan to attend for a meal headcount. Join us for food and fellowship!

Men's Club 32nd Annual Pancake Dinner

Shrove Tuesday
March 4, 2025 from 5-7 PM



Tickets Cost:	Family	\$20.00
	Adult	\$ 6.00
	Child 3-11 years	\$ 3.00
	Under 3	Free

The Men's Club Fish Dinners Every Friday of Lent

beginning March 7, 2025
5-7:00 PM Take Out Only
Cost is \$12.00 per meal



Meal consists of fish filet, French fries, hush puppies and homemade coleslaw.



**Food Pantry Needs for the
Week of February 23
CEREAL OR OATMEAL**
Help us help others!

FAITH FORMATION



OCIA: CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION OF CANDIDATES

On Saturday, February 22, 2025, in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), we celebrate the *Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates*, **Lisa Cimilluca**, **Tom Goedkoop**, and **Brayan Garcia** for Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church: Sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist. The Lord has called them and brought them to this moment; may the Lord grant them light and strength to follow Christ with a resolute heart and to profess the faith of the Church. Please keep these Candidates in your prayers as they make their journey to the Sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Adult Faith Opportunities

Immerse yourself and your family in the scriptures, not just for today or this week, but for a lifetime!

We will begin with three sessions of immersive hands-on learning of plants and scripture. You will learn the biblical meaning of select plants that you can use to create your very own Marian Garden or a Sacred Heart of Jesus Garden. Learn how to start small and on purpose so you can avoid feeling overwhelmed. Your faith will grow with your garden. Sign up for Thursday at 10:30am or Thursday at 7:00pm in the commons.

Evangelization

Are you wondering what it means for us to be Evangelical?



How are we called to share the Good News? Come learn more about our purpose and mission. We will meet on two Saturdays, March 8th and March 15th BEFORE mass at 4:15pm or you can attend one Sunday, March 9th AFTER mass at 10am.



2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others

When you contribute to the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal, you are supporting 21 important ministries of our Catholic Church that help thousands of people across our Diocese with needs such as:

- Groceries as well as heating, rent and shelter assistance to children, families in need, and the elderly across the Diocese.
- Health insurance and long-term care for our priests who have given their lives in service to the Church.
- Assistance to mission parishes such as funds for capital improvements, outreach ministries, and specific ministry costs.

To see the full list of ministries supported by the Appeal, please visit richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal.



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

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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 - Jean Coughlin

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.

February 23, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 | 1 Cor 15:45-49 | Lk 6:27-38

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

“Love your enemies” may be one of the most oft-quoted verses of Scripture. We tend to think of it as a moral principle to guide us in our dealings with people who rub us the wrong way. But do we ever consider what it tells us about God? After all, Jesus, who is God himself, speaks it. God tells us to love our enemies because God loves his “enemies” – that is, those who freely choose to oppose his plan of life and love. On the cross, Jesus forgave and prayed for the people who sought to kill him *while they were crucifying him*. But his mercy was not confined to that time and place alone; he died for each of us who, whenever we sin, refuse to love him. If we get this into our heads and our hearts – “God loves and forgives *me*” – we can begin to rest in his embrace like children confident in the unconditional love of their father’s heart.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

If, as a child, you learned a musical instrument for which regular recitals were the norm, you know how many hours of practice are required for a few short minutes of performance. You know, too, that if you are well prepared, a musical composition which appeared impossible months before comes easily and naturally on the day of the recital. For most of us, loving our enemies as Jesus commands us to do appears far beyond our reach – impossible, in fact. But this kind of heroic love is nevertheless God’s call for us, and he will never deny us the grace we need to respond to his call. What’s required on our part is a willingness to practice. If we practice loving in small things even when it’s difficult – listening patiently to someone whose conversation bores us, for example, or taking on an extra chore without seeking recognition or thanks – we will be prepared for the day when God asks us to make an even greater act of love for his sake.

PRACTICE

This week, go out of your way to find opportunities to love even when it’s difficult. Do your best to be conscious of your intentions, even in the moment, by asking God for the grace to love generously and by offering your act of love to him.



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LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

Though our enemies may mistreat us, Jesus teaches us not to respond in judgment. Rather, we are to be loving and forgiving, just as our Father is kind and merciful. We must see others as God sees them, in the same way that David is able to see his enemy Saul as God's anointed, and Jesus is able to see sinners as worthy of goodness and love.

Gospel Focus:

Jesus teaches us to see others as God sees them.



"Encounter the Joy of the Gospel and Set the World Ablaze"
EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...
Are engaged in works of charity and justice.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: What has allowed you to overcome obstacles and forgive someone who has hurt you?

Children: When has it been hard to forgive someone who hurt you? What did you do?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of February



Evangelization: *For vocations to the priesthood*

and religious life.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Pope Tweets:

"Be courageous witnesses of the love of God our Father, who wants us all to be brothers and sisters. Let us set out together to be artisans of a new era of peace, justice and fraternity."

Please Remember in Prayer:

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

Catechesis on God's Holy Angels



We live in an age of fascination with angels, but we must always remember that not all angels are good angels (2 Corinthians 11:14). So, to protect ourselves from false ideas and distortions about angels, we turn to the solid teaching of the Church:

They are Pure Spirits—First of all, the Church recognizes that angels are purely spiritual beings, not composed of any material substance whatsoever, even though they can enter the material world and appear in human form. (It is said that St. John Bosco's guardian angel appeared to him as a large, grey dog!)

They are Messengers—The name "angel" in both Hebrew and Greek means "messenger", which designates the primary function of angels. They communicate God's messages to humanity. We have only to think of the glorious Archangel Gabriel, who greeted the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Annunciation to see the most perfect example of an angel messenger.

They are Missionaries—All angels are "sent" by God to perform some function or mission to human beings. In addition to being messengers, they are ambassadors, emissaries, or actors in implementing God's will. In the Bible, angels free people from jail (Peter), direct the disciples to new missions (Paul), and even facilitate marriage (Tobias and Sarah), among other functions.

They Assist us in Prayer—Finally, we must never forget that angels' primary task is to worship God. The Lord said that our angels "behold the face of God in heaven" (Matthew 18:10). Most powerfully, the Book of Revelation (8:3-4) shows an angel offering up the prayers of the faithful like incense that rises to God's throne.

Bible Basics

Exodus 23:23-25 "My angel will go before you and...you shall serve the LORD, your God; then he will bless your food and drink, and I will remove sickness from your midst."

Matthew 18:10 "See that you do not look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven."

(Prayers in the Pew monthly, February 2025. www.SitStandKneel)

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS



ASH WEDNESDAY
March 5, 2025
Noon & 7:00 PM

Mass with the distribution of ashes.

Considering a call to the priesthood

"A voice is calling." Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org



February 23, 2025
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the Week



Monday, February 24

Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 25

Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday, February 26

Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday, February 27

Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50

Friday, February 28

Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday, March 1

Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday, March 2—Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	February 24	No Mass	
Tues.	February 25	9:00 am	Available
Wed.	February 26	Noon	Available
Thurs.	February 27	Noon	Available
Fri.	February 28	Noon	Available
Sat	March 1	5:00 pm	Available
Sun.	March 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:
 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

March 2—Capital Reserve
March 5—Ash Wednesday
March 16—Catholic Virginian



Parish Life This Week



Monday, February 24

6:00 PM Cub Scouts

Tuesday, February 25

5:30 PM Boy Scouts
 6:00 PM OCIA

Wednesday, February 26

7:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, February 27

6:00 PM Finance Council
 7:00 PM Choir Practice

Saturday, March 1

4:30 PM Rosary

Sunday, March 2

8:30 AM Rosary
 10:00 AM Donuts
 10:15 AM Religious Education
 10:15 AM Deeper Dive
 11:15 AM Play Practice

Weekly Offering for:

February 15-16, 2025

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,737.00

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offering \$ 5,360.16

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Capital Reserve \$ 1,075.00
 Haiti \$ 75.00
 Barron Dempsey \$ 145.00
 Ladies' Guild \$ 940.80
 Altar Flowers \$ 5.00
 Roof Repair \$ 200.00
 Other \$ 65.00

DIOCESAN COLLECTION:

Respect Life \$ 50.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Sat 93
 Sun 208

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



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