

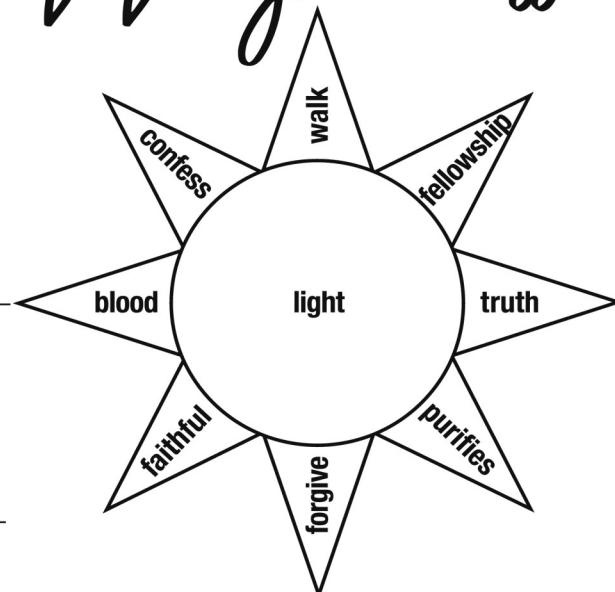
# PUZZLE

## The light of forgiveness

The Lord is full of mercy and light. What happens when we confess our sins to God?

**Directions:**

Use the coded shapes to fill in the blanks and complete 1 John 1:7-9, NIV.



But if we \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, as he is in the \_\_\_\_\_, we have \_\_\_\_\_ with one another, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus, his Son, \_\_\_\_\_ us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the \_\_\_\_\_ is not in us. If we \_\_\_\_\_ our sins, he is \_\_\_\_\_ and just and will \_\_\_\_\_ us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 JOHN 1:7-9, NIV

Answer: walk, light, light, light, fellowship, blood, purifies, truth, confess, confess, faithful, forgive

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### NEWS & EVENTS

**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.



**Men's Club**  
**32nd Annual Pancake Dinner**  
Shrove Tuesday  
March 4, 2025 from 5-7 PM

Ticket Cost: Adult dinner is \$6.00, Child (3-11) is \$3.00, Child (under 3) is Free and a Family is \$20.00.

**Catholic Relief Services needs your voice!**

Provide hope for millions of families and children at risk by urging your members of Congress to engage with the administration to resume lifesaving programs immediately! As people of faith, let us stand shoulder to shoulder with our sisters and brothers in need. Go to <https://support.crs.org/act/foreign-aid-operations> to participate.



**THE EASTER EGGS ARE COMING!!!**

The Ladies' Guild will begin taking orders for their 1/2 lb. handmade, dark chocolate covered Easter Eggs on Saturday, March 8, 2025. The last day to place an order is Sunday, April 6th. Cost per egg is \$8.00.



Flavors this year: Peanut Butter, Buttercream, Chocolate Cream, Cherry Cream, Nutella, Cookies & Cream and Tropical Delight (coconut, lemon and almond flavoring).

All proceeds go back to parish ministries, the Isle of Wight County community and other area ministries.

We would like to wish everyone with a birthday or a wedding anniversary in the month of **MARCH** 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!**

**Food Pantry Needs for the Week of March 2**  
**SOUP**



### FAITH FORMATION

**Adult Faith Opportunities**

**Marian or Sacred Heart of Jesus Garden**

GROW a lifetime of love for scriptures through a Marian or Sacred Heart of Jesus Garden! Learn more at our upcoming Thursday sessions: March 13th, March 27th and April 10th.



**Evangelization**

We are called to be witnesses to Christ; Evangelical. Come learn more about our purpose and mission. Saturdays, March 8th and March 15th BEFORE mass at 4:15pm or you can attend one Sunday, March 9th AFTER mass at 10am.



**Mystery of God**

(Bishop Barron Series)  
March 18, April 1 & 8, 2025  
7:00 PM—8:15 PM



What do Christians mean by "God"? You'll uncover the truth about who God is and why He matters.

For this and all adult faith formation information, see the table in the commons.

**REMINDER!**

**Daylight Saving Time begins**  
Sunday, March 9, 2025

Don't forget to turn your clock **ahead 1 hour** before bed on Saturday evening.



**Donations Needed Children's Liturgy of the Word Request**

Children's Liturgy of the Word is seeking donations of holy cards/prayer cards/Saint cards. During each Liturgy, we begin with prayer and then tell the story of a Saint before we get to the readings. The children are given an opportunity to share a Saint fact and receive a card. If you have any cards that you can share, we would be grateful. Thank you.



**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. To see the full list of ministries supported by the Appeal, please visit [richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal](http://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal). On behalf of Bishop Knestout and the Church of the Good Shepherd, we thank you for your continued generosity to the Appeal and your faith in our ministries which are proof that by offering the Lord what we can, He will provide what we need. It is with this in mind that we hope each of you will prayerfully consider supporting the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal.





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Weekday Mass Times: Tuesday—Friday at Noon

Adoration is on the 1st & 3rd Friday of each month.

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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

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**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** - 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.



March 2, 2025

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

It can be uncomfortable to admit, but our speech habits can truly reveal our interior life. Too often, I've fallen prey to the temptation of gossip or other alluring but unbecoming forms of conversation. Perhaps we all have to some degree, which is why today's words from Sirach capture our attention: "When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one's faults when one speaks." This theme of speech being connected to our hearts is woven throughout Scripture, and it both challenges and encourages us. Before God came to us in the flesh, he came to us as the *Word*. Our words carry eternal weight; they have the power to bless or to curse. For this reason, the Scriptures today challenge us to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our Advocate, in order to grow in virtue so that our speech may reflect his glory and our words echo his truth.

### GO EVANGELIZE

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**  
In today's parable from Luke's Gospel, Jesus asks, "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" Ouch. Am I the only one who shifts uncomfortably when reading this? How often and how easily do we fixate on the way others have caused us frustration, discomfort, or hurt? While those things may (or may not) be true, it feels so easy to dismiss personal responsibility. In this passage, Jesus lovingly teaches us that when we live this way, we remain stuck in our patterns of sin. But he also gives us another option: "Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly." It is through this honest examination of conscience and cleansing of our own sin that we come to know God more fully, and as our vision is cleared, become more aware of how his beauty and mercy surround us.

### REFLECT

Today, let us pray for a deeper personal conversion through an honest examination of conscience, so that as we empty ourselves from our sinful ways, we may become more tethered to God's holy will, speaking his truth and living in his light. Commit to praying an Act of Contrition each day this week and ask the Holy Spirit to help you grow in virtue.



**LITURGY AND MINISTRY**

**Today's Readings:**

In the second reading we heard that death is no longer something to be feared, for it has been *swallowed up* by the victory of Christ: *Where, O death, is your sting?* Jesus' life, death, and resurrection have transformed death into the road to eternal life. Therefore, in this life, we must labor with the steadfast hope of attaining heaven, certain that if we strive to serve the Lord our work is not in vain.

**Gospel Focus:**

*The sting of death has been banished by the victory of Christ.*



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

**EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...**  
Are continuously changing and repenting.

**FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK**

**Adults:** When have you most felt like a hypocrite? How did you overcome this feeling?

**Children:** Is it a good thing or a bad thing to act differently from what you are really feeling? Why?

**PRAYER AND VOCATIONS**

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



**Evangelization: For families in crisis.**

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

**Pope Tweets:**

"Let us ask the Lord to make our hearts humble and receptive to bear His Word and the cry of our brothers and sisters. May we recognize His presence in the weaknesses and wounds of our world."

**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



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

Mass with the distribution of ashes.  
This is a day of fasting and abstinence.



**OCIA: RITE OF SENDING**

On Saturday, March 1, 2025, in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), we celebrate the Rite of Sending our Catechumens, *Dustin Garren, Colleen Garren, and Jasmyn Garren*, to their Election by Bishop Knestout on Saturday, March 8, 2025, formally asking the Church of the Good Shepherd to accept our Catechumens as members of the Elect—those chosen by God for baptism—and to pray for our candidates' continued growth in the Holy Spirit. Please keep these Catechumens in your prayers as they make their journey to the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

**Lent begins on March 5th!**

It is marked by prayer, fasting and abstinence, and other acts of penance. Ask for God's forgiveness at our

**Lenten Reconciliation Service**  
Tuesday, March 25, 2025  
7:00 PM



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
March 7, 2025 at 11:30 AM

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

**CRS Rice Bowls**

The CRS Rice Bowl Program has been around for 50 years!



Rice Bowls are available for pick up in the Commons. There is also a Lenten calendar to follow throughout the Lenten season.

**Considering a call to the priesthood**

Jesus calls us to self-awareness and humility, reminding us to look inward before we judge others. This same humility is essential when discerning how God is calling us to serve. Are you being called to dedicate your life to God's service 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)



**March 2, 2025**  
**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday, March 3**  
Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27  
**Tuesday, March 4**  
Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31  
**Wednesday, March 5—Ash Wednesday**  
Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
**Thursday, March 6**  
Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25  
**Friday, March 7**  
Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15  
**Saturday, March 8**  
Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32  
**Sunday, March 9—First Sunday of Lent**  
Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13



**Daily Mass & Intention Schedule**

Mon.	March 3	No Mass	
Tues.	March 4	Noon	Available
Wed.	March 5	Noon & 7:00 pm	
Thurs.	March 6	Noon	Available
Fri.	March 7	Noon	Available
Sat	March 8	5:00 pm	Available
Sun.	March 9	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](http://www.cgsparish.org)  
click on 'Give' then 'On-Line Giving'

**Upcoming Special Collections**  
March 5—Ash Wednesday  
March 16—Catholic Virginian  
March 30—Catholic Relief Services



**Parish Life This Week**

**Monday, March 3**  
6:00 PM Cub Scouts  
**Tuesday, March 4**  
5:00 PM Pancake Dinner  
5:30 PM Boy Scouts  
6:00 PM OCIA  
**Wednesday, March 5**  
**Ash Wednesday**  
Youth Group Cancelled  
**Thursday, March 6**  
6:00 PM Pastoral Council  
6:30 PM BSA Committee Mtg.  
7:00 PM Choir Practice  
**Friday, March 7**  
11:30 AM Adoration  
5:00 PM Fish Fry (Take Out Only)  
5:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Individual or Family)  
**Saturday, March 8**  
4:15 PM AFF—Evangelization  
4:30 PM Stations of the Cross  
6:00 PM Easter Egg Orders  
**Sunday, March 9**  
8:30 AM Stations of the Cross  
10:00 AM AFF—Evangelization  
10:00 AM Easter Egg Orders  
10:15 AM Religious Education  
10:15 AM Deeper Dive



**Weekly Offering for:**  
**February 22-23, 2025**

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,737.00  
**(The following totals include E-Giving)**

**OFFERTORY:**

Regular Offering \$ 4,546.16

**ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:**

Capital Reserve \$ 2,295.00  
Haiti \$ 125.00  
Barron Dempsey \$ 115.00  
Catholic Virginian \$ 5.00  
Roof Repair \$ 10.00  
Other \$ 10.00

**DIOCESAN COLLECTION:**

Retired Religious \$ 25.00

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

Sat 99  
Sun 171

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

