





The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd

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Weekday Mass Times: Tuesday—Friday at Noon

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

Staff

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Grounds

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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Divine Mercy Cenacle - Jean Coughlin

Special Needs Ministry - Sue Ellebracht

Walking with Moms in Need

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.



May 11, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52 | Rev 7:9, 14b-17 | Jn 10:27-30

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

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”

The spiritual riches contained in this line alone are enough to sustain us for a lifetime. First, we rejoice that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls us his own. We belong to him who, like the shepherds of bygone days, protects his sheep – capable of little in the way of self-defense – even at the cost of his own life.

Also, among the distinctive marks of Jesus' sheep are that they hear his voice and follow him. Thus, to be part of Christ's flock involves not only being known by him, but knowing him and heeding his call. A sheep who has not attuned its ears to the voice of its shepherd is a lost sheep! Although the world's fertile meadows may look inviting, *not* to attune our ears to the voice of Christ means exposing ourselves to the dangers of a life apart from God. On the other hand, if we make our pilgrimage of life with him, we abide within the protective confines of his love until the day we follow him into the pastures of eternal life.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Frequently, our free will (something we do not share with sheep) gets in the way of our ability to heed the Shepherd's voice. For us, his voice is expressed in concrete ways: in his commandments, in the teachings and tradition of his Church, in the Scriptures, in our legitimate superiors, and in prayer. These are the means he uses to mark out the path he wishes us to follow. But this path always involves the cross, and our sheep-ish (pun intended) nature recoils at the sight of suffering. In today's second reading, however, St. John's vision offers the key to overcoming our resistance: “For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them.” In other words, Jesus, our Divine Shepherd, is also a lamb who has tread the difficult way of the cross. He is *the* Lamb of God who offered himself in a sacrifice of perfect obedience to his Father's will. Thus, we do not embark along the way of obedience and suffering alone; Jesus walks before us to sustain and protect us along the way.

OBSERVE

Find an image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd online and spend 15 minutes praying about what you see. What is the Shepherd's attitude toward his sheep, and the sheep's attitude toward their Shepherd? What do we learn from this about *our* relationship with Christ?

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:
Can we hear Christ's voice speaking to us today? Or are we like those who, recognizing God's intention to gather the whole world into his fold, were filled with jealousy and deaf to the Good News? We may have moments where we can hear, and moments where distractions deafen us to our shepherd's voice. Let us pray for new hearts and open ears to follow Christ.

Gospel Focus:

Can we hear Christ's voice speaking to us today?



"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: Whom do you try to protect as Christ protects you?

Children: Who helps you feel safe and protected? Whom can you take care of and help feel safe?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS



Let us welcome our new Pope

Pope Leo XIV

Robert Francis Prevost

Elected May 8, 2025

May he be strengthened as he embarks on his ministry of unity, love, and peace.

Evangelization: For working conditions.

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

Apostolica Sedes Vacans Tweet:

"In the passion and death of Jesus, God has taken upon Himself all the evil in this world and in His infinite mercy has defeated it. He has uprooted the diabolical pride that poisons the human heart and wreaks violence and corruption on every side."



Please Remember in Prayer:

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Our New Pope

O God, eternal shepherd and guide, in your providence you never cease to care for your Church;

*We give you heartfelt thanks and praise for the gift of our new Holy Father, **Pope Leo XIV**, whom you have set among us as a successor to Peter and a servant of your Gospel.*

Grant, we pray, that he may lead your people with wisdom and courage,

In holiness of life and fervent charity, ever attentive to the promptings of your Holy Spirit.

May he be a sign of unity, a herald of your truth, and a faithful guardian of the faith entrusted to the Apostles.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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May is the Month of Our Lady

In the month of May we should aim to deepen our devotion to Mary. Our challenge this month is to make sure Our Lady is well-represented in our homes, not only through pious religious images but more importantly through tangible prayer. The recitation of the family Rosary is a time-honored tradition. The family that prays together stays together.

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

May 16, 2025 at 11:30 AM

Followed by 12:00 PM (Noon) Mass.

Come and spend some time with Jesus!



PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

There is NO WEEKDAY MASS from Friday, May 9—Thursday, May 15, 2025.

Considering a call to the priesthood

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." Let's unite as a Church to ask the Lord to inspire more hearts to hear His call and to follow Him in the priesthood and consecrated life. Trust that He knows each of us by name and will lead the right hearts to their vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out the the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org



May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Readings for the Week

Monday, May 12

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday, May 13

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 14—St. Matthias

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

Thursday, May 15

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday, May 16

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, May 17

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday, May 18—Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	May 12	No Mass	
Tues.	May 13	No Mass	
Wed.	May 14	No Mass	
Thurs.	May 15	No Mass	
Fri.	May 16	Noon	Available
Sat	May 17	5:00 pm	+Tom Wunder
Sun.	May 18	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 3PM



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

May 18—Barron Dempsey Fund

May 25—Catholic Home Missions

June 1—Capital Reserve



Parish Life This Week

Monday, May 12

6:00 PM Cub Scouts

Tuesday, May 13

5:30 PM Boy Scouts

7:00 PM K of C Mtg.

Wednesday, May 14

10:00 AM Divine Mercy

7:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, May 15

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, May 16

11:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, May 17

4:30 PM Rosary

Sunday, May 18

8:30 AM Rosary

10:15 AM Donuts

10:15 AM Deeper Dive



Weekly Offering for:

May 3-4, 2025

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,737.00

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offering	\$ 6,075.71
Holy Days	\$ 125.00

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Capital Reserve	\$ 2,970.60
Haiti	\$ 75.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 190.00
Ladies' Guild	\$ 532.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 10.00
Altar Flowers* (see below)	\$ 40.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 63.00
Other	\$ 695.00

DIOCESAN COLLECTION:

Holy Land—Good Friday	\$ 200.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 170.00
Home Missions	\$ 150.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Sat	88
Sun	211

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



***Altar Flowers/Other collection for April 17-20 included a donation of \$4,470.00 to be used for beautification of the area surrounding the church now and in the future. There was only \$40.00 for altar flowers.**