

Puzzle!

Draw lines to connect the biblical figures with the locations associated with them.

Abraham
Amos
Ananias
Cornelius
Daniel
Dorcas
Esther
Jesus
Jonah
Joshua
Lydia
Martha
Moses
Naaman
Ruth
Saul
Zacchaeus



Moab
Canaan
Babylon
Caesarea
Nineveh
Jericho
Ur
Tarsus
Joppa
Aram
Tekoa
Bethany
Egypt
Philippi
Nazareth
Persia
Damascus

Answers: Abraham – Ur, Amos – Tekoa, Ananias – Damascus, Cornelius – Caesarea, Daniel – Babylon, Dorcas – Joppa, Esther – Persia, Jesus – Nazareth, Jonah – Nineveh, Joshua – Canaan, Lydia – Philippi, Martha – Bethany, Moses – Egypt, Naaman – Aram, Ruth – Moab, Saul – Tarsus, Zacchaeus – Jericho

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NEWS & EVENTS



Join us for the
Knights of Columbus
4th Annual Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, July 27, 2025
10:00 AM– Noon

Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Fruit, Donuts,
Juice & Coffee

Cost: Family Ticket \$20.00
Adult and Teen \$ 8.00 each
Child 5-11 years \$ 3.00 each
Under 5 years Free

We are looking forward to seeing you for food
and fellowship after Mass in the Commons.

Good Shepherd Pastoral Council is looking for New Members

Feeling the “Call to Serve”? In Good Shepherd’s Mission Statement, we state *as diverse members of the Body of Christ, we come together to serve God, the Catholic Church, and our community. We help each other in the growth of our faith, sharing our gifts.* Is one of your gifts to be a member of the Pastoral Council? Fr. Andy would like two (2) more parishioners to join this important ministry.

Members of the Pastoral Council assist Fr. Andy by giving guidance when appropriate, everything from helping plan parish celebrations, to how to help replenish our emergency fund. We meet on the first Thursday of each month. Please contact Fr. Andy through the parish office if you have any questions or if you are interested in becoming a member of the Pastoral Council.



2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal: “Sharing His Love with Others”

As of 7/15/2025

Goal	\$ 21,190.00
Total Raised	\$ 23,195.00
% of Goal	109% from 50 donors

It’s not too late to donate!

Please visit richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal to make your secure online donation or contact the parish office to receive a hard copy pledge card. **Thank you for your continued support and generosity to the Appeal.**

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



FAITH FORMATION

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.



Catholic FEST 2025
October 11, 2025
10:00 AM-9:00PM



Join Bishop Knestout and the
entire diocese at a one-day festival in
Richmond. The day will be full of music, food, fun,
fellowship, faith, and celebrating the Mass as the
Diocese of Richmond. If you would like more
information, visit catholicfest.richmondiocese.org

JOB OPPORTUNITY:

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT NEEDED!

Church of the Good Shepherd is seeking an
Administrative Assistant to begin working
September 1, 2025. This position provides
clerical, administrative and managerial
support to the pastor, other staff members and minis-
try volunteers as required and provides reception and
record keeping services for the parish. This is a part-
time position that requires 20 hours per week during
regular office hours. No weekends required.

The individual should be a quick learner and able to
multi-task, have strong customer service skills and be
able to work independently. Computer proficiency
with Microsoft Office is necessary and knowledge of
Canva and the ParishSoft database is most helpful.

Pay is commensurate on experience. If you are inter-
ested or know someone who may be a good candidate
for the job, please contact Fr. Andrews Mensah or the
parish office via phone 757-365-0579 or email at
admin@cgsparish.org.



**Food Pantry Needs for the
Week of July 20**

BAKED BEANS OR KIDNEY BEANS

Help us help our brothers and sisters in need.



The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd

300 Smithfield Boulevard, Smithfield, Virginia 23430

Website: www.cgsparish.org
E-mail: admin@cgsparish.org

Office: (757) 365-0579 Rectory: (757) 542-3879

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

Mass Times: Saturday—5:00PM & Sunday—9:00AM

Weekday Mass Times: Tuesday—Friday at Noon

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

Staff

Pastor - Fr. Andrews Mensah, amensah@richmonddiocese.org

Admin Assistant - Vicki Dobbins, admin@cgsparish.org

Religious Education - Lara Detrich, formation@cgsparish.org

Youth Ministry – Scott Watterson, youthministry@cgsparish.org

Lead Liturgical Musician—Caiden Zakaras, music@cgsparish.org

Ministries

Ministry to the Sick - Betsy Knapp

Pastoral Council - Joe Campo

Finance Council - Dan Falbe

Money Counters - Margaret Hickman

Building - Hart Smith and Tom Quick

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

Funeral Mass Coordinator—Joan Nagy

Lectors - Michelle Romanello

Sacristan - Hart Smith

Ushers - Steve Reznick

Knights of Columbus - Joe Campo, gk17335@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 - Jean Coughlin

Special Needs Ministry - Sue Ellebracht

Walking with Moms in Need—Jean Coughlin

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. Andy plans to be at church to celebrate Mass whenever possible. 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 from 4:15PM to 4:45PM 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.



July 20, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:1-10a | Col 1:24-28 | Lk 10:38-42

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

Are you a Martha or a Mary? How many times have we been presented with that question when we hear today’s Gospel reading? At first ask, similar to many people, I would answer that I’m easily a Martha. I’m a perfectionist in many areas of my life, especially when it comes to my work or when I host dinner for friends and family. In those moments, I put a lot of pressure on myself to be the best I can be, to do the job well, and demonstrate the utmost hospitality. But as with Martha, too much focus on being “perfect” can cause worry and anxiety. But this year, hearing the story again, I realized something: There *are* times when I’m able to put those worries and anxieties aside and sit at the feet of Jesus just like Mary did, and I want to make that happen more often.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Although it has been several weeks since we celebrated the Sacred Triduum and we are back in Ordinary Time, the realization that I can be more like Mary than Martha has stayed with me. During the Triduum, we are asked by the Church to maintain a time of prayer, reverence, and, particularly on Holy Saturday, silence, as we reflect on Christ’s death. This has always been the one time a year when I am able to find my “inner Mary” and sit at the feet of Christ. I thought the only way to do that was to completely shut myself off from everything, but that is not how God wants to be present in our lives. He wants to be with us always and seeks us where we are. With that realization, I learned that I can sit at his feet during my times of work or bustling as well. It can be as simple as listening to prayers on an app or praise and worship music while cooking dinner, or saying a prayer before I sit down to complete the next task at work and asking Jesus to be with me. This is a start to being more like Mary even during my busy periods. And by finding my inner “Mary,” I find Jesus. So can you.

PRAY

Read through the Gospel again. Don’t assume you have to stay stuck in the rhythm of being “Martha” when you know you long for a closer relationship with Jesus. Life is full of busyness and seemingly endless tasks, but being perfect will not bring calm. But inviting Jesus into those busy moments will. And when you do, Jesus will calm any anxieties you may have because you have “chosen the better part and it will not be taken from [you].”

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

The Liturgy of the Word today highlights God's goodness through generosity. From blessing Abraham and Sarah with their long-awaited child to assuring Martha that she need not worry, the Lord knows our deepest needs and responds to them. May we model this compassionate response in all our relationships.

Gospel Focus:

The Lord is abundant in mercy and generosity.



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

EVANGELIZED PEOPLE.

*Are willing to publicly profess their faith in
Christ and their love for Him.*

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: Which response to God's call is more natural to you—prayer or action? Why?

Children: In the past week, when have you prayed and when have you done good things for others? Which could you do better?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS



Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intentions for the Month of July

Evangelization: For formation in discernment.

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Pope Tweets:

"In order to live eternally, we do not need to cheat death, but to serve life, by caring for others in this, our time together."



Please Remember in Prayer:

Barbara Bonney, Betty Kinney, Christopher Morris, Mary Pasko, Alice Reece, Debbie Steiger, and Irene White

*"He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord."
(Psalm 15)*



Parish Anniversary Prayer

Almighty and Loving Father, we come to you on this 41st Anniversary of our parish with grateful hearts.

We thank you for allowing this parish to be home to so many over the years.

We thank you for all the priests and the faithful who have been part of this parish.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your faithfulness to us throughout these 41 years.

As we gather each Mass to give thanks for God's blessings, we ask that you keep each of us and this parish united in the bond of your love.

From there give to us the grace to bring the joy-filled Gospel of Christ to all people that they may come to believe in the Truth of Jesus Christ, His teachings and His Church, and thereby become His disciples.

Through the intercession of Mary our Mother, we ask your blessing on our parish and its members.

We pray this through Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.
Amen.

Prayer Candles

To "light a candle for someone" indicates one's intention to say a prayer for another person, and the candle symbolizes that the prayer continues on! A candle stand is located in the front of the Sanctuary.



Let us pray for the eternal repose of the soul of **Dorothy "Dot" Robinson** who passed away on July 15, 2025. May the Lord grant eternal rest unto her and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Considering a call to the priesthood

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her." Consider prioritizing time with God, following Mary's example. Are you being called to dedicate your life to prayer and service in the Church as a consecrated religious? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org



Arrangements for visits to the sick and homebound are to be made only by family members of the person needing the visit or by that person themselves. Please make your request through the parish office.

July 20, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the Week

Monday, July 21

Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 22—St. Mary Magdalene

Song of Songs 3:1-4b; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday, July 23

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday, July 24

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt 13:10-17

Friday, July 25—St. James

2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

Saturday, July 26—Sts. Joachim and Anne

Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday, July 27—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	July 21	No Mass	
Tues.	July 22	Noon	Available
Wed.	July 23	Noon	Available
Thurs.	July 24	Noon	Available
Fri.	July 25	Noon	Available
Sat	July 26	5:00 pm	+Peggy Shaw
Sun.	July 27	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—Thursday 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

July 27—Altar Flowers

August 3—Capital Reserve

August 15—Assumption of Mary



Parish Life This Week

Monday, July 21

Happy 41st Anniversary Good Shepherd!

Tuesday, July 22

5:30 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, July 23

7:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, July 24

6:00 PM Liturgy Mtg.

6:30 PM BSA Comm. Mtg

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, July 25

Office Closed

Saturday, July 26

4:30 PM Rosary

Sunday, July 27

8:30 AM Rosary

10:15 AM Pancake Breakfast

10:15 AM Deeper Dive



Weekly Offering for:

July 12 & 13, 2025

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,737.00

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offering	\$ 4,495.16
Assumption of Mary	\$ 10.00

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Capital Reserve/Mortgage	\$ 825.00
Haiti	\$ 100.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 35.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 35.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 5.00
Religious Education	\$ 10.00
Other	\$ 30.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Sat	111
Sun	191

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



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.