



# A PATH TO PRAYER

God's Word offers lots of insights about how to pray.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete a Bible passage about prayer.



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V E V I B G R N V R  
I V N V N Y V I B L F  
R M Z O O N B  
K I Z B V I H U L I Z O O  
L U B L F R Z O D Z B H  
K I Z B D R G S Q L B  
K S R O R K K R Z M H

1:3-4, NIV

Answer: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philippians 1:3-4, NIV

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## NEWS & EVENTS



Mark your calendar!  
**Pancake Breakfast**  
**Sunday, July 27, 2025**  
Stay tuned for more information.



**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](http://catholicfest.richmondiocese.org)



**EMMAUS JOURNEY**  
**For Grieving Parents**  
**August 2, 2025**  
**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**  
**Newport News**

This retreat is a faith-based, day-long retreat given by a team of grieving parents, spiritual directors, and clergy. It offers a safe place where grieving parents can seek peace, comfort, and hope.

Visit the website [evangelizerichmond.org](http://evangelizerichmond.org) to learn more and to register for this or another retreat.

"Blessed are they who mourn for they will be comforted."  
(Matthew 5:4)



**"I PLACE MUCH OF MY HOPE FOR THE FUTURE IN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER."**  
(Pope Saint John Paul II)

Your honeymoon was a special time. Wherever you went, the things you saw and did were secondary. Just being together was most important. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend has the same focus. The weekend centers entirely on your relationship. It is a positive, simple common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. Upcoming experiences are:

- September 12-14 in Richmond, VA
- October 24-26 in Jessup, MD
- November 7-9 in Rehoboth Beach, DE
- February 13-15, 2026 in Waynesboro, VA
- March 6-8, 2026 in Hampton, VA

For more information, please call 757-690-1369 or to register, go to [WWWME.org](http://WWWME.org), click "Apply" and search for your desired location.

## FAITH FORMATION



**Vacation Bible School was a Success!**  
The children enjoyed learning more about trusting Jesus in a Wild World!  
We would like to **thank all our volunteers** who made VBS so exciting. We would like to **thank the parents** for trusting us with teaching your children more about our faith. The children were so excited to find out what each day would teach them about our faithful friend, Jesus. He is our True North!

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.



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



**2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal:**  
**"Sharing His Love with Others"**

As of 7/1/2025

Goal	\$ 21,190.00
Total Raised	\$ 22,995.00
% of Goal	109% from 48 donors

It's not too late to donate!

Please visit [richmondccf.org/appeal](http://richmondccf.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.



**Food Pantry Needs for the**  
**Week of July 6**

**PEANUT BUTTER OR JELLY/JAM**  
Help us help our brothers and sisters in need.

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







# The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd

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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

**Admin Assistant** - Vicki Dobbins, [admin@cgsparish.org](mailto:admin@cgsparish.org)

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## 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](mailto:gk17335@vakofc.org)

**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

**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.

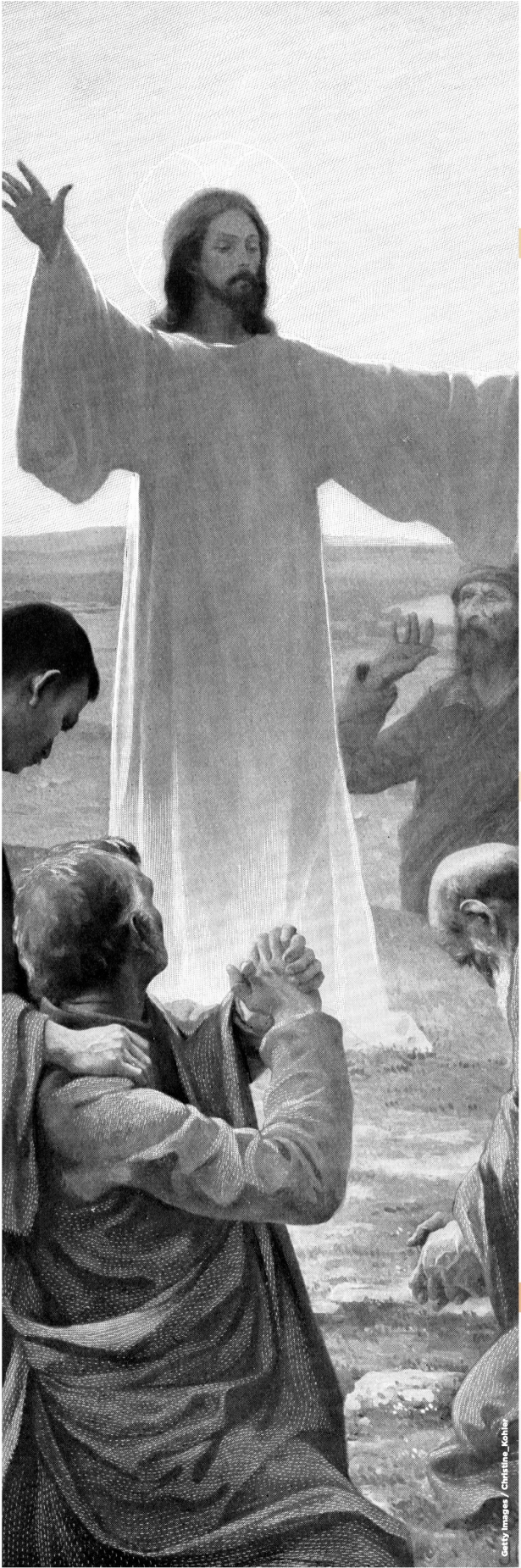
**Baptisms** – A preparation class for parents is required prior to the baptism. Contact Lara Detrich at the church office to register.

**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 6, 2025

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:10-14c | Gal 6:14-18 | Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

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

Our calling as disciples of Christ is to evangelize. To be honest, it's something many of us aren't entirely comfortable with. Anyone who has ever felt ill-equipped to share the faith with family or friends should be reassured by today's Gospel. Jesus' early followers probably felt unprepared to share the news that the kingdom of God was at hand – and they received their marching orders from Jesus himself! When Jesus sent the seventy-two out to proclaim his coming, he knew they would feel insecure. He sent them without money, sandals, or even a sack for travel, and told them they would be lambs among wolves. How nervous they must have been given that ominous warning! Still, they believed they would have what they needed. Sure enough, their work was successful. They rejoiced because they could cast out demons in his name – something they never imagined was possible. They turned hearts to Christ because they trusted and obeyed him.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When it comes to sharing our faith with the people God puts in our lives, we're asked to do the same as the seventy-two: Obey Jesus' command to go out and proclaim his kingdom and trust we will have what we need. It isn't necessary to rehearse our testimony. We don't need to memorize the Scriptures or cite chapter and verse. An advanced degree in theology isn't required. What is needed? Ears for listening and the patience to act. Listen closely for the person who says they're afraid or alone, confused or hurting. Listen with compassion to the person who feels abandoned by God. Listen with an open heart to the person who shares doubts or disappointments. Wait for an opening in the conversation to remind him or her that God loves them through every struggle. And share your faith through the power of prayer.

### PRAY

This week, find that someone in your life who may be hurting for whatever reason. Tell them you will pray *for* them and offer to pray *with* them. Prayer and compassion are our marching orders, and we can follow them by trusting Jesus is right there with us when we need him.




LITURGY AND MINISTRY

**Today's Readings:**  
Paul tells the Galatians that it is no longer circumcision or uncircumcision that sets God's people apart. Instead, at our baptism, we were marked for Christ with the sign of the cross. This indelible seal sets us apart to share in Christ's mission, but also in his suffering. We have hope that we who have died with Christ will also rise with him to live in the new Jerusalem, comforted in the arms of our loving God.

Gospel Focus:


*If we share in Christ's suffering, we will share his joy.*



**"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:** Where do you see the message of Christian faith being rejected in the world today? What is your response to that?  
**Children:** What can you do when you are generous with others, and they do not want what you give them?


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:**  
"Unity in the Church and among the Churches is fostered by forgiveness and mutual trust, beginning with our families and communities. If Jesus can trust us, we can certainly trust one another in His name."




**Please Remember in Prayer:**  
*Barbara Bonney, Betty Kinney, Christopher Morris, Mary Pasko, Alice Reece, Dot Robinson, Peggy Shaw, Debbie Steiger, and Irene White*

*"Let all the earth cry out to God with joy."  
(Psalm 66)*




**WELCOME**  
**Fr. Andrews Mensah, "Fr. Andy",**  
**to the faith community of**  
**Church of the Good Shepherd.**  
*Continue to pray for him as he begins to shepherd our flock.*



**Prayer of the Elderly**  
*Grant, O Lord of life, that we may savor every season of our lives as a gift filled with promise for the future.*  
*Grant that we may lovingly accept your will, and place ourselves each day in your merciful hands. And when the moment of our definitive "passage" comes, grant that we may face it with serenity, without regret for what we shall leave behind.*  
*For in meeting You, after having sought You for so long, we shall find once more every authentic good which we have known here on earth, in the company of all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and hope. Mary, Mother of pilgrim humanity, pray for us "now and at the hour of our death."*  
*Keep us ever close to Jesus, your beloved Son and our Brother, the Lord of life and glory. Amen!*


**+ Spiritual Challenge +**  
Call on the Holy Spirit to help us and our families in all our needs. When we invoke the Holy Spirit, particularly in times of trouble, the Spirit helps and renews us in many tangible ways. This is no ordinary prayer: we are asking God, the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, to come into our lives. He always comes to those who ask.

(The Prayers in the Pew monthly newsletter. June 2025. www.sitstand-kneel.com)



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.

**Considering a call to the priesthood**  
*"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few."* God's vineyard is overflowing with opportunities, and there's a heartfelt need for dedicated laborers. Could Christ be inviting you to join this vital work? Take a moment to consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Your unique gifts could make a profound difference! Talk to your priest or reach out the the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org)



July 6, 2025  
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday, July 7**  
Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26

**Tuesday, July 8**  
Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38


**Wednesday, July 9**  
Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday, July 10**  
Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15

**Friday, July 11**—St. Benedict  
Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday, July 12**  
Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33

**Sunday, July 13—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Dt 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37




**Daily Mass & Intention Schedule**

Mon.	July 7	No Mass	
Tues.	July 8	Noon	Available
Wed.	July 9	Noon	Available
Thurs.	July 10	Noon	Available
Fri.	July 11	Noon	Available
Sat	July 12	5:00 pm	+Maria Magdalena Estrada
Sun.	July 13	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](http://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**

**Tuesday, July 8**  
5:30 PM Boy Scouts  
7:00 PM K of C Mtg.

**Wednesday, July 9**  
7:00 PM Youth Group

**Thursday, July 10**  
6:00 PM Pastoral Council  
7:00 PM Choir Practice

**Saturday, July 12**  
4:30 PM Rosary

**Sunday, July 13**  
8:30 AM Rosary  
10:15 AM Deeper Dive



**Weekly Offering for:**  
**June 28 & 29, 2025**

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

**OFFERTORY:**

Regular Offering	\$ 6,441.01
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**ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:**

Capital Reserve/Mortgage	\$ 4,620.00
Haiti	\$ 75.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 120.00
Religious Education	\$ 25.00
Roof Repair Fund	\$ 60.00
Other	\$ 170.00


**DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS:**

Catholic Home Missions	\$ 50.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 629.64

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

Sat	92
Sun	211

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](http://www.cgsparish.org) or by contacting the parish office.