



FROM WORD TO WORLD

Words are important! God spoke and created all things.
What does the psalmist declare about creation?

Directions: Using the word clues, unscramble the letters to complete Psalm 102:25, NIV.

A preposition	NI	--
An article	HTE	---
Genesis means this	NINBGEIGN	-----
A second-person pronoun	OUY	---
Past tense of to lay	IDAL	----
An article	HET	---
A plural noun meaning base	SODTAINFONU	-----
A preposition showing possession	FO	--
An article	TEH	---
A concrete noun meaning world	HRTEA	-----

Psalm 102:25, NIV

Answer: In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth. (Psalm 102:25, NIV)

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NEWS & EVENTS

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



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



"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, click "Apply" and search for your desired location.



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.

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FAITH FORMATION



VIRTUS Training Opportunity
Tuesday, August 5, 2025
6:00 PM—9:00 PM

St. Mary of the Presentation Church
202 S. Broad St. Suffolk, VA

Are you VIRTUS trained? Do you want to join one of the church ministries to share your time, talent, and treasure? You NEED VIRTUS! All parishioners who work with children or vulnerable adults are required by the Diocese of Richmond to take this training.

Register online at:

www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list.cfm?theme=0 or email office@stmarysuffolk.org for more information.



It is still summer, but it is never too early to plan ahead.

Religious Education classes will begin on Sunday, September 21, 2025.

If you have questions or concerns regarding faith formation at Church of the Good Shepherd, you may contact Lara Detrich by email formation@cgsparish.org or by calling the parish office.



2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal:
"Sharing His Love with Others"
As of 7/30/2025

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

It's not too late to donate!

Please visit 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 August 3, 2025
MAC-N-CHEESE

Help us help our brothers and sisters in need.

"If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts."
(Psalm 90)



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

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Ministries

Ministry to the Sick - Betsy Knapp

Pastoral Council - Joe Campo

Finance Council - Maureen Davis

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

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Knights of Columbus - Joe Campo, jk17335@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.



August 3, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 | Col 3:1-5, 9-11 | Lk 12:13-21

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

A few years ago, I heard this witty but thought-provoking phrase: “You never see a U-Haul attached to a hearse” – a reminder that we don’t get to take our physical belongings with us when we die. This phrase came to mind as I read today’s Gospel. Jesus offers us a parable about the perils of placing our ultimate hope in amassing possessions. In our own lives, we might be challenged or inspired by the quiet example of people around us who demonstrate that material things aren’t what matter most. From individuals who lose their possessions but express gratitude for their physical safety to the child who hears about others in need and gathers up items from their own room to share, we glean gentle reminders that in the end, stuff is just stuff. Pondering this, what we’re left with is an invitation from Jesus to look inward: Where are our hearts in relation to our material possessions? Do we cling to them tightly, or do we hold them lightly? What does it mean to be “rich in what matters to God”?

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The antidote to our disordered attachment to material things is to cultivate Gospel simplicity. In sending his disciples out to spread the Gospel, Jesus often instructed them to “pack light”: “Take nothing for the journey, neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food, nor money …” Jesus told his disciples (Lk 9:3). Instead, they were to go into the surrounding villages and rely on the hospitality of those they encountered to provide for all their needs. By carrying nothing with them, they learned to rely on God’s providence and to intentionally reach out to others from a place of vulnerability and humility, both necessary in sharing the Gospel. While we aren’t necessarily called to be itinerant preachers as the disciples were, we can take up Jesus’ call to “pack light” as we strive to share the Gospel with others in our daily lives.

REFLECT


What can we learn from the disciples about overcoming the temptation to think that we are self-sufficient, as if sharing the Gospel depends entirely on us, rather than his grace? How might we adopt a simpler lifestyle, so that others see in us a living witness to the fact that our hope is not here in this world, but in the life to come? Reflect about how to live Gospel simplicity more intentionally in your life this week, and what that might offer for your efforts to share the Gospel with others.

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today’s Readings:
Much of life is spent in toil, working to earn what we need to support ourselves and our families. Though this pursuit is necessary and good, the Lord reminds us not to fall into the trap of allowing work to become the sole foundation of our lives, particularly not to the extent that it leads us to forgo or delay building a life of discipleship.

Gospel Focus:


Do not allow earthly pursuits to delay building a life of discipleship.



“Encounter the Joy of the Gospel and Set the World Ablaze”
EVANGELIZED PEOPLE.
Are intentional about developing their relationship with the triune God.

FATHER’S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK
Adults: When have you felt that possessions were becoming too important in your life?
Children: Have you ever received a gift you wanted a lot and then found it didn’t make you as happy as you thought it would?


PRAYER AND VOCATIONS



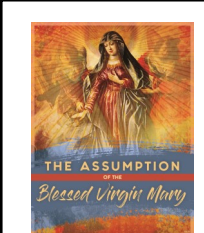
Pope Leo XIV’s Prayer Intentions for the Month of August

Evangelization: *For mutual coexistence.*
Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

Pope Tweets:
“We cannot pray to God as ‘Father’ and then be harsh and insensitive towards others. We must rather let ourselves be transformed by His goodness, patience, and mercy, so that His face may be reflected in ours as in a mirror.”



Please Remember in Prayer:
Barbara Bonney, Christopher Morris, Mary Pasko, Alice Reece, Debbie Steiger, and Irene White



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, August 15, 2025
Mass at Noon & 7:00 PM
(This is a Holyday of Obligation)

+++++++FAITH FUNDAMENTALS+++++++

The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Our Lady and the Apostles prayed for nine days before Pentecost that the “promise of the Father” (Acts 1:4) would come upon them and fill them with divine life. We too await for the Holy Spirit prior to Pentecost and ask for His seven-fold gift from on high.

Our belief in the Gifts of the Holy Spirit is based primarily upon one passage of the Old Testament, Isaiah 11:2, which lists six spiritual gifts. To this list the Church adds “*piety*”, which is the virtue of devotion. *God’s gift of the Holy Spirit is*, therefore, seven gifts in one: the Church usually calls Him the “seven-fold gift” or enumerates them as the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

1. Wisdom 2. Understanding 3. Knowledge

4. Counsel 5. Piety 6. Fear of the Lord 7. Fortitude

Let us resolve to pray for these gifts from on high every day!

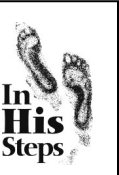
“Keep to the ancient way and custom of the Church, established and confirmed by so many Saints under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. And live a new life. Pray, and get others to pray, that God not abandon His Church, but reform it as He pleases, and as He sees best for us, and more to His honor and glory.” ~**St. Angela Merici**

+++++++CATECHISM CONNECTION+++++++

CCC 852—The Holy Spirit is the principal agent of the whole of the Church’s mission...This mission continues and, in the course of history, unfolds the mission of Christ, who was sent to evangelize the poor; so the Church, urged on by the Spirit of Christ, must walk the road Christ himself walked, a way of poverty and obedience, of service and self-sacrifice even to death, a death from which he emerged victorious by his resurrection.


(The *Prayers in the Pew* monthly newsletter, July 2025. SitStand-Kneel.com)

Considering a call to the priesthood
“Take care to guard against all greed.” In a world filled with distractions, God invites us to prioritize what truly matters—our relationship with Him. Is He inviting you to set aside worldly concerns and serve Him as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out the the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org



August 3, 2025
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the Week
Monday, August 4—St. John Vianney
Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday, August 5
Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday, August 6—The Transfiguration of the Lord
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
Thursday, August 7
Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23
Friday, August 8—St. Dominic
Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday, August 9
Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday, August 10—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48




Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	August 4	No Mass	
Tues.	August 5	Noon	Available
Wed.	August 6	Noon	Available
Thurs.	August 7	Noon	Available
Fri.	August 8	Noon	Available
Sat	August 9	5:00 pm	+Elizabeth Rose Perry
Sun.	August 10	9:00 am	Good Shepherd Comm.

Parishioners are invited to remember their loved ones in a special way through prayers. We have several dates still available for mass intentions including Saturday and Sunday. Mass intentions can be for celebrations such as birthdays or anniversaries, for healing, for a deceased loved one, or a special intention. 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’

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



Parish Life This Week
Monday, August 4
7:00 PM Ministry to Sick
Tuesday, August 5
5:30 PM Boy Scouts
Wednesday, August 6
7:00 PM Youth Group
Thursday, August 7
6:00 PM Pastoral Council
7:00 PM Choir Practice
Friday, August 8
Office Closed
Saturday, August 9
YM Kitchen Club
4:30 PM Rosary
Sunday, August 10
8:30 AM Rosary
10:15 AM Deeper Dive



Weekly Offering for:
July 26 & 27, 2025
Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,750.00
(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offering	\$ 5,916.16
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ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Capital Reserve/Mortgage	\$ 260.00
Haiti	\$ 75.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 120.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 685.00
Roof Repair Fund	\$ 10.00
Ladies Guild	\$ 70.00
Other	\$ 550.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Sat	105
Sun	219

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



Upcoming Special Collections
August 15—Assumption of Mary
August 24—Barron Dempsey
September 7—Capital Reserve

