

## DAILY READINGS

Sun. Aug. 29	Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8; Psalms 15: 2-3, 3-4, 4-5; James 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Mon. Aug. 30	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18; Psalms 96: 1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Luke 4: 16-30
Tues. Aug. 31	1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6, 9-11; Psalms 27: 1, 4, 13-14; Luke 4: 31-37
Wed. Sept. 1	Colossians 1: 1-8; Psalms 52: 10, 11; Luke 4: 38-44
Thurs. Sept. 2	Colossians 1: 9-14; Psalms 98: 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Luke 5: 1-11
Fri. Sept. 3	Colossians 1: 15-20; Psalms 100: 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Luke 5: 33-39
Sat. Sept. 4	Colossians 1: 21-23; Psalms 54: 3-4, 6 and 8; Luke 6: 1-5
Sun. Sept. 5	Isaiah 35: 4-7a; Psalms 146: 7, 8-9, 9-10; James 2: 1-5; Mark 7: 31-37

## VOCATIONS

"Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves." Jesus is the Word who calls you to serve Him in truth. Is He inviting you to priesthood or the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661  
e-mail: vocations @richmonddiocese.org.



## LIVE YOUR FAITH WITH LOVE

Our readings today call us to pause for a moment and consider how we respond to God's love for us each day. Our Gospel recounts a dialogue between the Pharisees and Jesus. The Pharisees questioned why Jesus' disciples did not practice the ritual washing before eating a meal.

Jesus' response reminds us to ask ourselves 'why.' Why do we remain faithful to God's commands? Why do we pray or go to Mass? Why do we participate in the sacraments? Why do we love others?

Often, we are living our faith a certain way out of obligation, fear, or duty. But Jesus reminds us that the greatest way to live out our faith is through love. Our faith has obligations to provide us opportunities to love, honor, and praise the Lord. They are meant to aid us on our personal journey with Jesus Christ.

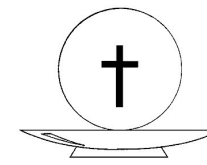
St. James reminds us that every moment of each day is an opportunity to respond to God's infinite love for us with love and gratitude in return.

If we approach our relationship with Jesus with this in mind, then we begin to realize that the gift of the Mass is an opportunity to worship God, the sacraments are ways to draw us closer to Him and His commandments are opportunities to love Him more faithfully.

And if we approach our day-to-day moments with this in mind, then we begin to see just how many blessings God has given us. Looking at life through the lens of gratitude helps us to see each moment as a gift with endless opportunities to respond in love.

This is how we ought to live our lives as Christian stewards — by recognizing our lives as a gift and an opportunity to love God in response to how He has loved us.

CATHOLICS IN ALLEGHANY, BATH & HIGHLAND



AUGUST 29, 2021  
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

## CLUSTERED CATHOLIC PARISHES OF THE ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS

### SACRED HEART CHURCH

255 W. Main St (office - 214 W. Locust St.) Covington, VA 24426  
540-962-6541

Mass Schedule: Sunday 11:00 AM

### ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

620 Jefferson Ave. Clifton Forge, VA 24422  
540-863-5371

Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:00 PM and Sunday 9:00 AM

### SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART

1499 Shady Ln. (P.O. Box 38) Hot Springs, VA 24445  
540-839-2603

Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:00 PM and Sunday 9:00 AM

Fr. Tom Collins, Retired Priest In-Residence

540-588-8492

Fr. Dan Kelly, Retired Priest In-Residence

434-270-6037

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions are available before each Mass at all churches.

#### Sacrament of Matrimony:

In order for a Catholic to enter a sacramentally valid marriage, he/she must respect and follow the Church's discipline regarding this sacrament. Call the parish office for specific information. Normally, about six months should be allowed to prepare for this sacred covenant. Parish registration is necessary.

#### Sacrament of Confirmation:

Students are required to be registered in the parish & be participating in the parish Rel. Ed. Program. Confirmation classes are separate and obligatory.

#### Sacrament of Baptism:

Parents are required to attend one Baptism preparation class (seminar). Baptism is celebrated within the weekend Mass. Call the parish offices for a seminar date.

## Today's Gospel

*"You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."*

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

### St. Joseph Parish 540-863-5371

Office Hours: Call for appointment

In Emergency	Fr. Tom Collins	540-588-8492
Council Chair	Paul Cormier	540-968-6410
Vice Chair	Libby Burger	540-691-6618
Secretary	Mary Asma	540-965-5551
Worship	Paul Cormier	540-968-6410
Community Life	Kathy Smestad	540-862-5333
Justice & Peace	Mary Asma	540-965-5551
Grds&Maint.	Bob Gardiner	540-863-9452

### Sacred Heart Parish 540-962-6541

Office Hours: Call for appointment

In Emergency	Fr. Tom Collins	540-588-8492
Council Chair	Mark Taylor	540-968-1183
Vice Chair	Greg Kristoff	540-962-8900
Secretary	Zelpha Withrow	540-962-2181
Worship	Janice Campbell	540-969-9073
Community Life	Alvina Nida	540-747-2211
Justice & Peace	John Stec	540-862-1917
Grds&Maint.	Ron Brunetti	540-962-1565
K of C Contact	Greg Kristoff	540-962-8900

### Shrine of the Sacred Heart Parish 540-839-2603

Office Hours: Call for appointment

In Emergency	Fr. Tom Collins	540-588-8492
Council Chair	Herb Godschalk	540-255-3690
Vice Chair	Beth Eley	646-842-1555
Secretary	Sue Godschalk	540-255-2499
Worship	Eileen Judah	540-968-6409
Community Life	Deborah Lambert	540-468-3438
Justice & Peace	Tom Misiak	540-997-1478
Grds&Maint.	Louis Pokrywka	540-925-2413



Please pray for our Military Men & Women:

Sacred Heart – Arthur Headley, Jessie (Jesus) Morals, Joel Moscoso; St. Joseph – Michael Buchanan, Joshua Crawford, Andy Shepard; Shrine of Sacred Heart – David Moynihan

Thank you for your support!

## PRAYER LIST

### St. Joseph

Clair Dilley, Bob and Sandra Gardiner, Tom Greenwood, Rita Luther, Marie Martin, Sally Putnam.

### Sacred Heart

Sergio Arambula, Natalie Austin, Betty Jo and Robert Brown, Josephine Brown, Mack Brown, Jay Ewing, Steven Felder, Tony Forbes, Delores Goodwin, Jonnie Noel, Thomas O'Doherty, Mary O'Neill, Thomas Wade, Dave Wenke, Chuck Woodson

### Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Fr. John McGinity, John W. Smith, Clarissa Westenburger



## WEEKLY DONATIONS

BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

<b>St. Joseph</b>	
Sunday Offertory	\$935.00
Sister Bernie	120.00
<b>Sacred Heart</b>	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,079.91
COPE Food Pantry	90.00
<b>Shrine of the Sacred Heart</b>	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,096.00

## CALENDAR

### WEEKDAY MASSES

12NOON Tuesday and Thursday at St. Joseph; 11:30AM Wednesday, and 12NOON Friday at Sacred Heart

\*(10:45AM Friday, Holy Hour with Benediction at Sacred Heart)

September 4<sup>th</sup> - First Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart in honor of the Blessed Mother: 9:00AM Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Mother followed by Mass at 9:30AM

Contact Fr. Tom (540-588-8492) to schedule a time for weekday Mass at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The annual Clustered Parish Picnic will be hosted by The Shrine of the Sacred Heart on September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Old Dairy Barn, located on Route 220 in Warm Springs. Meat and drinks will be furnished by the Shrine. All other attendees should bring a dessert or a side dish.

## WORDS OF CHALLENGE

If we read today's Gospel carefully, we will see a pattern in Jesus' teaching method that will be repeated in the weeks ahead. Jesus' first teaching is directed to the Pharisees who questioned him. Jesus' words are then directed to the crowd, teaching that a person is defiled by his or her words and actions, not by the food that he or she eats. The words we read at the conclusion of today's Gospel are addressed to Jesus' disciples. Mark's narrative shows several audiences for Jesus' teaching: his antagonists, the crowds, and Jesus' disciples. As we see in this reading, the words to the Pharisees are often words of challenge. The teaching to the crowds is often a general, sometimes cryptic, message. With the disciples, who often misunderstand Jesus' words, further explanation is offered about his message and its meaning.

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

## NOTICES

The ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS FALL LIFE CHAIN will be on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 2:30 to 3:45pm at the intersection on the sidewalk entrance to Wal-Mart Industrial Park. Pray silently while holding a sign explaining a truth about abortion. Please arrive at 2:15 pm, pick up your sign & take your place on the sidewalk in the LIFE CHAIN. For more information about the Life Chain, please call 862-1917 or 962-1565.

Help our families gain the independence of personal transportation!

Do you have an old car cluttering your driveway? Have you thought about donating it to someone in need? Help those who are suffering and living in poverty by donating a car to Commonwealth Catholic Charities! Your donation will go towards programs that provide food, clothes, and support to those in need. You can make all the difference in some one's life. To learn about making a vehicle donation, please contact Kathleen McCormac at [kathleen.mccormac@cccovfva.org](mailto:kathleen.mccormac@cccovfva.org) or 804-877-3814.

Who is the Holy Spirit calling you to invite and sponsor for the upcoming weekends?

Men's Fall Weekend, September 23-26, 2021  
 Women's Fall Weekend, October 21-24, 2021  
 Women's Spring Weekend, March 31-April 3, 2022  
 The weekends will be held at the Saint Clare of Assisi Retreat Center, 620 Buckroe Ave, Hampton VA  
 Weekend Fee is \$100  
 Email: [ghrcursillo@gmail.com](mailto:ghrcursillo@gmail.com)  
 Phone: 757-874-5670

Cursillo is a worldwide Christian movement dedicated to helping others encounter the Spirit of God. Our goal is to provide a beautiful and powerful retreat experience that allows the babe chicks (people on the retreat) to get closer to God and build a community centered in Christ. On the last day, everyone on the retreat is entered into a lifelong experience of faith filled friendship.