



DECEMBER 5, 2021
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**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 sacredheartcovington.org
Mass Schedule: Sunday 11:00 AM

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

620 Jefferson Ave. Clifton Forge, VA 24422
540-863-5371 stjosephcf.org
Mass Schedule: Sunday 9:00 AM

SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART

1499 Shady Ln. (P.O. Box 38) Hot Springs, VA 24445
540-839-2603 shrineofthesacredheartparish.org
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:00 PM

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

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

Luke 3:1-6

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;

PRAYER LIST

St. Joseph

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

Sacred Heart

Sergio Arambula, Natalie Austin, Rob Bennett, Betty Jo and Robert Brown, Josephine Brown, Mack Brown, Tom Callaham, Wanda Callaham, Edith Collins, Norma Ellis, Jay Ewing, Steven Felder, Tony Forbes, Delores Goodwin, John Misorek, Jonnie Noel, Mary O’Neill, Michael Rybka, Thomas Wade, Dave Wenke

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Henslee Faulkenberry (infant great granddaughter of Sara Belle Worsham), Margaret Fields, Fr. John McGinity, John W. Smith, Clarissa Westenburger



WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

St. Joseph

Sunday Offertory	\$599.00
2 nd Collections	40.00

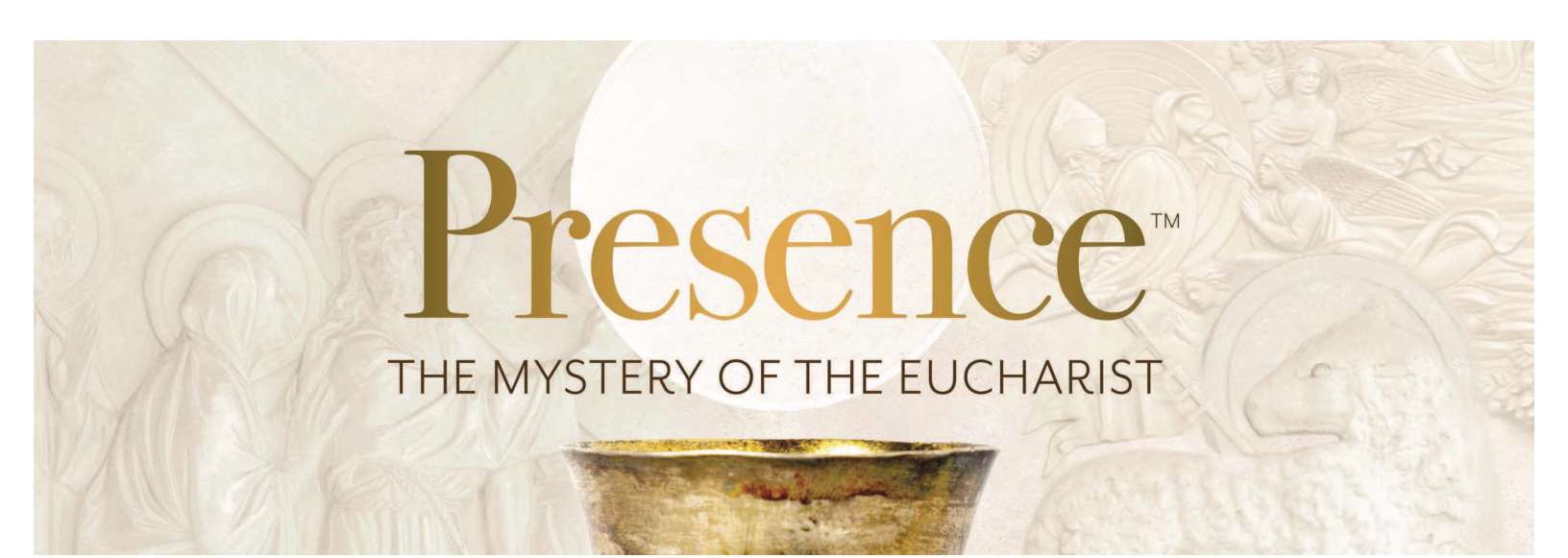
Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$730.00
2 nd Collections	265.00

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$928.00
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Time: 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM

Place: Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Covington, VA

Dates: Tuesdays: January 11, January 18, January 25, and February 1

Contact: Don Rogowski, formed@sacredheartcovington.org, (540) 962-7344

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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)

First Saturday Mass will be celebrated 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.

Wednesday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday at 5PM at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart. Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday at 12Noon at Sacred Heart and 5:30PM at St. Joseph.

The December Sunday Brunch for St. Joseph Church will be held will be held on Sunday, December 19th.

EVERY LOFTY MOUNTAIN MADE LOW

Baruch had one of the more unusual backgrounds of all the prophets. He was a private secretary to another prophet, Jeremiah. He lived during the Jewish exile in Babylon (Iraq). Following Jeremiah's lead, he preached that the exile would end. He said that the people of Israel would return home in triumph. Baruch pictures mountains being leveled to facilitate this homecoming. The "mountains" are the political obstacles to be hurdled before it could happen. The church cites this passage to suggest a cosmic preparation for the coming of the Son of God.

NOTICES

We express our deepest sympathy to Connie and Humphrey Moynihan in the death of their son, David Moynihan. We pray God's grace and peace during the days and weeks ahead. Please pray for the repose of the soul of David and keep his family in your prayers.

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The sacredheartcovington.org and stjosephcf.org websites now have a menu item that takes you to a FORMED page on the websites. As you will see, the FORMED page promotes how FORMED will be used during Spring 2022 at Sacred Heart and how to use FORMED on your own.

"PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH" with Free Advent Daily Reflections. Signup at daily.formed.org."

HEROD THE TETRARCH

Luke dates the start of John the Baptist's ministry by setting it in the 15th year of the reign of Emperor Augustus: 29 AD. He notes that Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, was "tetrarch" of Galilee. The word is related to "monarch" which means "one ruler". A tetrarch is a quarter ruler. After Herod the Great's death, Rome decided to divide up the kingdom of Israel so that no one person would hold all of the power. Herod Antipas is the king most frequently mentioned in the gospels. He later arrested John the Baptist and sentenced him to death.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Dec. 5	Baruch 5: 1-9; Psalms 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11; Luke 3: 4, 6; Luke 3: 1-6
Mon. Dec. 6	Isaiah 35: 1-10; Psalms 85: 9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Luke 5: 17-26
Tues. Dec. 7	Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalms 96: 1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Matthew 18: 12-14
Wed. Dec. 8	Genesis 3: 9-15, 20; Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12; Luke 1: 28; Luke 1: 26-38
Thurs. Dec. 9	Isaiah 41: 13-20; Psalms 145: 1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Isaiah 45: 8; Matthew 11: 11-15
Fri. Dec. 10	Isaiah 48: 17-19; Psalms 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Matthew 11: 16-19
Sat. Dec. 11	Sirach 48: 1-4, 9-11; Psalms 80: 2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Luke 3: 4, 6; Matthew 17: 9a, 10-13
Sun. Dec. 12	Zephaniah 3: 14-18a; Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6; Philippians 4: 4-7; Isaiah 61: 1; Luke 3: 10-18

VOCATIONS

Is the Holy Spirit asking you to be “a shepherd he feeds his flock” in the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661
e-mail: vocations @richmonddiocese.org.



PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

The readings for the Second Week of Advent offer both encouragement and challenge as we reflect and prepare for the two “comings” of Christ — His coming as a baby on the great feast of Christmas, and the anticipation of His second coming at the end of time.

Our First Reading, from Baruch, is a wonderful reminder that God has triumphed over sin and death and that we — His faithful disciples — will live in the light of His glory one day. Until He comes again, we must remain faithful to Him as true disciples and good stewards of all the gifts He has given us.

While it can be tempting to give in to the materialism and calls for self-indulgence that surround us, this reading calls us back to the spiritual reality that this life is passing and that we are made for eternal life with God. We are called to prepare for eternal life by the way that we use our time, our talents, and our treasure now.

The Gospel reading from Luke shows us how personal and detailed is God’s love for humanity as He prepared the way for Christ’s coming among us. We are told the precise time, place, and person, John the Baptist, He appointed to announce the arrival of our Savior. John tells us how to celebrate to the fullest this first “coming” on the feast of Christmas and how to prepare for the second coming — through repentance.

This Advent let’s turn away from any bad habits or sin that may have crept into our lives and turn our hearts and minds back to Christ. This is what the stewardship way of life is all about — moving closer ever closer in relationship with Christ and imitation of Him, ready to celebrate His birth, with eyes fixed on eternal life with Him.