



MARCH 20, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**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

"But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"

Luke 13:1-9

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	Tom O'Doherty	540-962-6795
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	Tom O'Doherty	540-962-6795

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

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, Pam Austin, Natalie Austin, Betty Jo and Robert Brown, Josephine Brown, Mack Brown, Montana Brown, Tom Callaham, Wanda Callaham, Jay Ewing, Tony Forbes, John Misorek, Mary O'Neill, Michael Rybka, Thomas Wade, Dave Wenke, Stanley Young

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

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



WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

St. Joseph

Sunday Offertory	\$1,406.00
Votive	

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$565.00
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Reimbursement	106.22

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,508.58
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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.

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays @ 5:00 PM @ Shrine of the Sacred Heart
Wednesdays @ 6:00 PM @ St. Joseph
Fridays @ 5:30 PM @ Sacred Heart ♣ Meatless Soup Supper afterwards in Parish Hall

THE GALILEANS WHO SUFFERED

There was a common belief in the Old Testament that all suffering and death was caused by sin. The worse the sin, the worse the disaster. Jesus rejected this idea. He cites two recent events in Jerusalem. There were two groups who died but had directly opposite beliefs.

The first group were revolutionaries from Galilee. They started a rebellion against the Romans. They were slaughtered in front of the Temple. Their own blood mixed with their sacrifices.

The second group were collaborators with the Romans. They were helping to build a Roman aqueduct to bring water to the pool of Siloam in Jerusalem. The tower they were constructing collapsed and killed them. Jesus notes that both groups were sincere in their belief that they were doing right. They did not die because of any sin. God wants people to live and bear the fruit of love.

NOTICES

All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Abstaining from meat and other indulgences during Lent is a penitential practice.

The Church of the Transfiguration in Fincastle will have a Fish Fry on Friday, March 25th and on Friday, April 8th from 5 – 7PM. Cost is \$12; children 7 and under are free. Price includes lightly breaded flounder, cole slaw, crispy fries, sweet cornbread and dessert. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Pantry.

The Spring Life Chain will be held on Sunday, April 3, from 2:30PM to 3:45PM at the intersection [light], on sidewalk entrance to Wal-Mart. Pray silently while holding a sign explaining a truth about abortion. Please arrive at 2:15 pm, pick up your sign and take your place on the sidewalk in the LIFE CHAIN. Park at the Highlands Community Bank. For more information about the Life Chain, please call 862-1917 or 962-1565.

The next Faith Formation, Symbolon, Knowing the Faith, will begin on Tuesday, March 22nd, from 6:30PM to 7:45PM in Sacred Heart parish hall. Symbolon, Knowing the Faith, explains the essentials of the Catholic Faith in a way that will inform our minds and inspire our hearts.

Over 70% of all adults neglect to prepare a will; many more do not keep it up to date. Think about getting yours done or reviewed. You will be doing your heirs a service. Consider helping your parish through a bequest in your will.

Download the free Amen app today and gain access to an extensive library of Catholic prayers and meditations to help you be constant in prayer throughout this Lent.

<https://amenapp.org/signup>

The Lord is kind and merciful.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Mar. 20	Exodus 3: 1-8a, 13-15; Psalms 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12; Matthew 4: 17; Luke 13: 1-9
Mon. Mar. 21	2 Kings 5: 1-15; Psalms 42: 2, 3; 43: 3, 4; Psalms 130: 5, 7; Luke 4: 24-30
Tues. Mar. 22	Daniel 3: 25, 34-43; Psalms 25: 4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Joel 2: 12-13; Matthew 18: 21-35
Wed. Mar. 23	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalms 147: 12-13, 15-16, 19-20; John 6: 63c, 68c; Matthew 5: 17-19
Thurs. Mar. 24	Jeremiah 7: 23-28; Psalms 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Joel 2: 12-13; Luke 11: 14-23
Fri. Mar. 25	Isaiah 7: 10-14; 8: 10; Psalms 40: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Hebrews 10: 4-10; John 1: 14ab; Luke 1: 26-38
Sat. Mar. 26	Hosea 6: 1-6; Psalms 51: 3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Psalms 95: 8; Luke 18: 9-14
Sun. Mar. 27	Joshua 5: 9a, 10-12; Psalms 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21; Luke 15: 18; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

VOCATIONS

"I AM sent me to you." Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661
e-mail: vocations @richmonddiocese.org.



TAKE TIME TO GLORIFY GOD

Today's Gospel passage reminds us that life is precious and the gift of time on this earth is just that — a gift. None of us knows how much time will be granted to us, so we must use this gift intentionally to glorify God and serve our neighbor.

Jesus offers the parable of the fig tree to further illustrate this truth. The owner of the orchard came searching for fruit on a fig tree he had planted in his orchard. Finding no fruit on the tree after three years, he told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener intercedes and asks for one more year to cultivate and fertilize the tree in hopes it would bear fruit in the future. The fig tree was not dying; it simply wasn't doing much of anything at all. Can this be said of us and our lives as well?

The season of Lent is a time to carefully reflect on the way we spend our time. Do we make God our first priority, tending to our spiritual growth and sacramental life with diligence? Do we give the next priority to our loved ones, focusing intentionally on them each day without distractions from phones, screens, or thoughts of work? If not, now is the moment to repent of our waste of time or of misplaced priorities on our use of time. God is merciful but just. Let's turn to Him and ask Him to make our lives fruitful while we still have time to do so.