



APRIL 24, 2022
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**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

"...Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

John 20:19-31

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 Gardiner, Tom Greenwood, Rita Luther, Marie Martin, Sally Putnam.

Sacred Heart

Pam Austin, Natalie Austin, Josephine Brown, Mack Brown, Montana Brown, Tom Callaham, Wanda Callaham, Jay Ewing, Tony Forbes, Carla Jones, John Misorek, Michael Rybka, Maureen Stec, Thomas Wade, Becky Wendahl, 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	\$1,247.00
Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$1058.00
2 nd Collections	20,00
Shrine of the Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,882.49

CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph – No weekday Masses this week
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.

DIVINE MERCY

Jesus said to St. Faustina:
My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.

NOTICES

Please remember to return your Operation Rice Bowl Donations.

In light of the numerous crises enveloping in our world and the Church and as a follow-up to our Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Fr. Tom plans to have the Chaplet of Divine Mercy humbly recited with the congregation after Communion at all Masses today.

Greenbrier Valley Council, White Sulphur Springs, WV is sponsoring Fried Tilapia Walk-In To Go Dinners on Friday, April 29 from 4:30 – 7PM. Cost is \$13 or 2 for \$25. Price includes fried tilapia, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, hard roll, sauces, dessert and drink. Location is St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Butler Hall, next to the White Sulphur Springs public library.



Too often we try to live a faith we don't know or understand. Some of us stumble along with it, going through the motions. Others simply walk away. *Symbolon: Knowing the Faith* explains the essentials of the Catholic Faith in a way that will inform our minds and inspire our hearts.

Join us to watch the series and get a whole new perspective of Catholicism.

Time: 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM

Place: Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Covington, VA

Dates: Tuesdays, April 26, May 3, May 10, May 17, May 24
(Act II: God Saves)

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

Watch the Trailer at <https://vimeo.com/137622415>

PDF Study Guide available at <https://sacredheartcovington.org/formed/> and <https://stjosephcf.org/formed/>

Contact Don if you are interested in a hardcopy of the Study Guide

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Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Apr. 24	Acts 5: 12-16; Psalms 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Revelation 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20: 29John 20:19-31
Mon. Apr. 25	1 Peter 5: 5b-14; Psalms 89: 2-3, 6-7, 16-17; 1 Corinthians 1: 23a, 24b; Mark 16: 15-20
Tues. Apr. 26	Acts 4: 32-37; Psalms 93: 1ab, 1cd-2, 5; John 3: 14-15; John 3: 7b-15
Wed. Apr. 27	Acts 5: 17-26; Psalms 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; John 3: 16; John 3: 16-21
Thurs. Apr. 28	Acts 5: 27-33; Psalms 34: 2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; John 20: 29; John 3: 31-36
Fri. Apr. 29	Acts 5: 34-42; Psalms 27: 1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 4: 4b; John 6: 1-15
Sat. Apr. 30	Acts 6: 1-7; Psalms 33: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19; John 6: 16-21
Sun. May 1	Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41; Psalms 30: 2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Revelation 5: 11-14; John 21: 1-19

VOCATIONS

“As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.”
Do you have an interest to share the Lord’s saving mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661
e-mail: vocations @richmonddiocese.org.



THE GIFT OF MERCY

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St. John is often called the story of “Doubting Thomas” but the passage involves so much more than the encounter with the skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ’s mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our Lord especially for us, His modern-day disciples.

While Thomas traditionally takes all the bad rap for his doubts, we see that none of the Apostles were at their best when Christ first appeared to them after His resurrection. They were actually in hiding, cowering behind a locked door, paralyzed by fear and doubt. But Jesus appeared right in their midst in spite of the lock on the door. Was it to rebuke them for their lack of faith? Quite the contrary.

He comes on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them authority to forgive sins. At that moment Christ gives to all of us the supreme gift of mercy — the sacrament of Reconciliation. What a precious and powerful gift!

This Sunday is a perfect time to reflect on how well we make use of this gift. Do we really appreciate its healing power? Could we become better stewards of this gift by going to Confession more often? We must also reflect on how well we extend mercy to others as Jesus did to Thomas that day.

Let’s commit ourselves to becoming faithful disciples and stewards of Christ’s mercy. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a “shout out” during His encounter with Thomas: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” — in His merciful love.