



MAY 22, 2022
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**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

*"Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him,
and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.*

John 14:23-29

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, Denyse Rothe.

Sacred Heart

Pam Austin, Natalie Austin, Josephine Brown, Mack Brown, Montana Brown, Tom Callaham, Wanda Callaham, Jay Ewing, Tony Forbes, Ken Headley, Carla Jones, John Misorek, Michael Rybka, John Stec, Maureen Stec, Tara Steinmecz and Baby Girl, Thomas Wade, Becky Wendahl, Dave Wenke, Stanley Young

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Henslee Faulkenberry (infant great granddaughter of Sara Belle Worsham), Margaret Fields, Dorothy Miller, Bill and Molly Sasser, John W. Smith, Clarissa Westenburger



WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

St. Joseph

Sunday Offertory	\$587.00
Votive	8.00

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,988.00
COPE Food Pantry	481.00
Capital Improvements	100.00
Operation Rice Bowl	125.00

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$966.06
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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.

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

During the month of May, we will pray the rosary before all our Sunday masses. May our Blessed Mother guide all of us in the ways of reconciliation, righteousness, and peace.

THE SERMON ON THE PLAIN

One of the highlights of Matthew's Gospel is Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount". It is a summary of Christ's teachings about the way to sanctity. There is a parallel event in Luke's Gospel, but it is in a different setting, a level area. Our Lord probably gave similar messages in several places.

Matthew arranges the message in eight beatitudes or "blessings". They say that you will be happy if you: don't get attached to material possessions, make peace, etc. Luke's version renders them as four blessings and four "woes" or statements that you will be unhappy if you: cling to wealth, etc.

The message in both cases is that the values approved by this world are exactly the opposite of Christian ideals.

NOTICES

Please join us after 11AM Mass in the Sacred Heart parish hall today as we have a potluck in celebration of Fr. Tom's 50th anniversary as a priest. All are welcome. You do not have to bring a dish to attend. Please join us in good food and fellowship as we celebrate Fr. Tom and his golden anniversary and all that he has done and continues to do for our clustered parishes.

SYMBOLON, Faith Formation Series, will be held in Sacred Heart parish hall on Tuesdays through May 24th at 6:30PM – 7:45PM. After a break for the summer, the next series, The Case for Jesus, will begin on September 6th.

Our clustered parishes share a subscription to FORMED. It is FREE. 1. Go to FORMED.org/signup
2. Enter: Shrine of the Sacred Heart, Hot Springs (Beginning June 1, enter Sacred Heart, Covington, VA)

3. Enter your name and email

After you are registered, visit FORMED.org and click "Sign In", just enter your email and click the link in your email. You'll be signed in on that device and no more passwords.

The Knights of Columbus recycle aluminum cans as an ongoing activity to generate funds to support their charitable efforts. An orange recycle "bin" is at Sacred Heart on the right side of the rectory garage behind the garbage bin. An orange recycle "bin" is at Saint Joseph on the right side of the church to the left of the garbage bin. Please put cans in a plastic bag (shopping or garbage). Crushing of cans is encouraged by not required. So, save your aluminum cans, drop them off, and support the Knights of Columbus.

"The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb." (Revelation 21:23)

O God, let all the nations praise you!

DAILY READINGS

Sun. May 22	Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29; Psalms 67: 2-3, 5, 6 and 8; Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23; John 14: 23; John 14: 23-29
Mon. May 23	Acts 16: 11-15; Psalms 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; John 15: 26b, 27a; John 15: 26 – 16: 4
Tues. May 24	Acts 16: 22-34; Psalms 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; John 16: 7, 13; John 16: 5-11
Wed. May 25	Acts 17: 15, 22 – 18: 1; Psalms 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; John 14: 16; John 16: 12-15
Thurs. May 26	Acts 18: 1-8; Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 14: 18; John 16: 16-20
Fri. May 27	Acts 18: 9-18; Psalms 47: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Luke 24: 46, 26; John 16: 20-23
Sat. May 28	Acts 18: 23-28; Psalms 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10; John 16: 28; John 16: 23b-28
Sun. May 29	Acts 1: 1-11; Psalms 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Ephesians 1: 17-23; Matthew 28: 19a, 20b; Luke 24: 46-53

VOCATIONS

"Whoever loves me will keep my word." Are you called to bring the word of Christ to his flock? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661
e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

One who trusts in human beings



SHOW HOSPITALITY TO GOD

The concept of hospitality is fundamental to a stewardship way of life. When we envision hospitality, we naturally think of offering a sincere and warm welcome — to those new to our parish, for instance. We picture inviting them in and making them feel at home and at ease in our presence, communicating to them that they are highly valued.

Today's Gospel reading from John invites us to think of hospitality in a slightly different way. In it, we hear Jesus speaking this to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." Jesus is asking that we permit the Blessed Trinity to come and dwell within us. This is a stunning request. It tells us that our first and most privileged form of hospitality should be directed towards God Himself.

How does one show hospitality to God? How do we make God "at home and at ease" within us? How can we communicate to God that He is "highly valued" by us? Jesus tells us how: we are to keep His word, to follow His teachings. To keep His word, we must know His word. This takes discipline and effort on our part. We must make the study of Scripture and Church teaching a priority in our daily lives.

If we want our parish to be a place of genuine Christian hospitality, we must be sure that our own hearts are hospitable dwelling places for the Blessed Trinity. Then our smiles and words, our greetings and ministries will radiate with the warmth of God's love. And our parish family will become at least a little bit like Heaven on earth. This is the simplicity and glory of a stewardship way of life.