



JULY 24, 2022  
SEVENTEENTH 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 [sacredheartcovington.org](http://sacredheartcovington.org)  
Mass Schedule: Sunday 11:00 AM

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

620 Jefferson Ave. Clifton Forge, VA 24422  
540-863-5371 [stjosephcf.org](http://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](http://shrineofthesacredheartparish.org)  
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 9:00 AM

**Fr. Augustine Lukenge, Administrator**  
434-755-1208

**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**

*"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find;  
knock and the door will be opened to you."*

**Luke 11:1-13**

## CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Office Hours: Call for appointment

In Emergency	Fr. Lukenge	434-755-1208
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. Lukenge	434-755-1208
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. Lukenge	434-755-1208
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 Gardiner, Tom Greenwood, Rita Luther, Marie Martin, Sally Putnam.

### Sacred Heart

Pam Austin, Natalie Austin, Josephine Brown, Mack Brown, Tom Callaham, Wanda Callaham, Robert Childs, Esther Ewing, Tony Forbes, Ken Headley, Marcella Jordan, John Misorek, Michael Rybka, John Stec, Maureen Stec, Tara Steinmecz and Baby Emma, Thomas Wade, Dave Wenke, Stanley Young

### Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Margaret Fields, Dorothy Miller, Bill and Molly Sasser, John W. Smith, Clarissa Westenburger



## WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

### St. Joseph

Sunday Offertory	\$1,154.00
Margaret Francis Memorial	25.00

### Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,775.25
COPE Food Pantry	335.00
Votive	67.50

### Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,216.38
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Thank you for  
your support!

## CALENDAR

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph – 12NOON Tuesday and Thursday  
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.

## BURIED IN BAPTISM

Saint Paul believed that Baptism was a symbolic  
death and resurrection. The death-like aspect  
involved total immersion and resembled drowning. It  
was seen as a parallel to Christ's crucifixion and  
revival. He uses this concept to teach that Christians,  
having been restored to life in Jesus, are freed from  
the legal formalities of Judaism. He specifically  
rejects the requirement of circumcision.

## SODOM AND GOMORRAH

Sometime after 1800 B.C. Abraham entered Palestine  
with his extended family. This group included his  
nephew, Lot and his family. Because the area was  
small--about the size of Vermont--the two groups  
split. Lot settled in the area south of the Dead Sea. It  
was the site of two cities, Sodom and Gomorrah.  
God comes to warn Abraham about the impending  
destruction of the region. The patriarch bargains with  
God like a wily trader bartering over the price of a  
sheep.

## NOTICES

### NEW CATHOLIC BOOKSTORE IN LEXINGTON

The Interior Castle Catholic Bookstore and Reading  
Room invites you to visit us at 6 South Randolph  
Street in Lexington, Virginia.

For more information, hours and events,  
visit <https://www.theinteriorcastle.org> Hours  
are limited; we welcome special appointments. Please  
contact us at [emaib@aol.com](mailto:emaib@aol.com) or call 540-204-5969.  
We hope to greet you in person soon!

### FORMED

#### THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND

Our clustered parishes share a subscription to  
FORMED. It is FREE. 1. Go to [FORMED.org/signup](https://www.formed.org)  
2. Enter: Sacred Heart, Covington, VA  
3. Enter your name and email

After you are registered, visit [FORMED.org](https://www.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 CASE FOR JESUS

The adult faith formation offering "The Case for  
Jesus" with Dr. Brandt Pitre (FORMED) will begin  
Tuesday, September 6 at Sacred Heart Parish Hall at  
6:30 PM.

Promo on Youtube: <https://youtu.be/2byVX1r2Z9I>

If You Want A Hardcopy Of The Study Guide (Free),  
Email [Formed@Sacredheartcovington.Org](mailto:Formed@Sacredheartcovington.Org) Or Call The  
Phone Number In The Attached Announcement By  
August 19.

To see the adult faith formation calendar using  
FORMED for 2022/2023 check out [FORMED – Sacred  
Heart Covington Catholic Church](#) or [FORMED – St.  
Joseph Catholic Church](#).

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

## DAILY READINGS

Sun. July 24	Genesis 18: 20-32; Psalms 138: 1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Colossians 2: 12-14; Romans 8: 15bc; Luke 11: 1-13
Mon. July 25	2 Corinthians 4: 7-15; Psalms 126: 1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; John 15: 16; Matthew 20: 20-28
Tues. July 26	Jeremiah 14: 17-22; Psalms 79: 8, 9, 11 and 13; Matthew 13: 36-43
Wed. July 27	Jeremiah 15: 10, 16-21; Psalms 59: 2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; John 15: 15b; Matthew 13: 44-46
Thurs. July 28	Jeremiah 18: 1-6; Psalms 146: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Acts 16: 14b; Matthew 13: 47-53
Fri. July 29	Jeremiah 26: 1-9; Psalms 69: 5, 8-10, 14; John 8: 12; John 11: 19-27
Sat. July 30	Jeremiah 26: 11-16, 24; Psalms 69: 15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Matthew 5: 10; Matthew 14: 1-12
Sun. July 31	Ecclesiastes 1: 2; 2: 21-23; Psalms 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11; Matthew 5: 3; Luke 12: 13-21

## VOCATIONS

"Give us this day our daily bread." Are you being called to help feed the people of God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



## OUR FATHER

In our Gospel reading from Luke, some disciples of Jesus ask our Lord to teach them how to pray. Jesus instantly offers them the beautiful prayer which we, of course, call the Our Father.

The Our Father is truly a steward's prayer. In it, we call upon God in an intimate way, as Father. We ask that His will be done (not ours!) and that His kingdom come (not ours!). In other words, we remember that He is our Creator, everything is His, and our focus in life should be on His priorities, not our own. Then we ask Him to supply our needs (to give our daily bread), forgive our sins, and protect us from evil. That is, we proclaim our complete trust in His provision for us and mercy towards us. We, too, commit to extending mercy ourselves (as we forgive those who sin against us).

As we pray the words of the Our Father, we recognize this basic truth about ourselves and God: God is our Father, and we are beloved and infinitely blessed to be His children. This is the basis of a stewardship way of life.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus encourages us to pursue a relationship with the Father: Ask Him, seek Him, knock on His door!

He can hardly wait to bless us, His children. Remember that this week, then go, be a blessing to others! Stewardship is just that simple.