



AUGUST 21, 2022
TWENTY-FIRST 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
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; 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

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."

Luke 13:22-30

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

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, Kevin 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	\$4,015.00
Roof Fund	250.00
Sister Bernie	1,625.00

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$886.00
Votive	20.00

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,153.76
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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.

God chose the Jewish people for special blessings.
This choice was not an end in itself. God selected
them to bring salvation to the whole world. This is the
theme of the first reading. Isaiah mentions several
foreign lands around the Mediterranean, including
Tarshish, which is probably Spain. As Christians we
believe that this prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus and
his command to "go out to all the world and proclaim
the good news."

DISCIPLINE

It's a rough world out there. There is an evil one who
would love to see you lose. How can you survive? The
answer is found in two words: grace and discipline.
God will never allow you to be tempted beyond the
ability to resist—with his help. The help is called
"grace".

Equally important is discipline. "The Lord disciplines
the people he loves." The army sends people to boot
camp to form them into fighters. This discipline could
later save their lives and those of their comrades. It
teaches them to follow orders and to work together.
God's discipline has the same goal.

NOTICES

SAVE THE DATE

Life Chain - Fall 2022

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS LIFE CHAIN, sponsored by
Sacred Heart & St Joseph K of C Council 17457, will
be held on Sunday, October 2, 2022, from 2:30 pm to
3:45 pm at traffic light, on sidewalks at the entrance
to Wal-Mart Industrial Park.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all Sacred Heart volunteers who
delivered Meals on Wheels last week.

Thank you for supporting the Knights of Columbus
aluminum can recycling. Please continue to drop off
cans in the orange bins located next to the rectory
garage at Sacred Heart and at the side of the church
at St. Joseph.

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 Or Call
540-962-7344 (Don Rogowski) by August 19.

To see the adult faith formation calendar using
FORMED for 2022/2023 check out FORMED
information at:

<https://sacredheartcovington.org/formed/>

<https://stjosephcf.org/formed/>

We need to be prepared to lead a life focused on
following Christ, knowing that we will have to endure
some trying times and situations. We can ask the Holy
Spirit to guide our growth in love and faith. We can
also ask for help in better trusting and embracing
whatever is asked of us by the Divine Will.

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Aug. 21	Isaiah 66: 18-21; Psalms 117: 1, 2; Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13; John 14: 6; Luke 13: 22-30
Mon. Aug. 22	2 Thessalonians 1: 1-5, 11-12; Psalms 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5; John 10: 27; Matthew 23: 13-22
Tues. Aug. 23	2 Thessalonians 2: 1-3a, 14-17; Psalms 96: 10, 11-12, 13; Hebrews 4: 12; Matthew 23: 23-26
Wed. Aug. 24	Revelation 21: 9b-14; Psalms 145: 10-11, 12-13, 17-18; John 1: 49b; John 1: 45-51
Thurs. Aug. 25	1 Corinthians 1: 1-9; Psalms 145: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Matthew 24: 42a, 44; Matthew 24: 42-51
Fri. Aug. 26	1 Corinthians 1: 17-25; Psalms 33: 1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Luke 21: 36; Matthew 25: 1-13
Sat. Aug. 27	1 Corinthians 1: 26-31; Psalms 33: 12-13, 18-19, 20-21; John 13: 34; Matthew 25: 14-30
Sun. Aug. 28	Sirach 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29; Psalms 68: 4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24; Matthew 11: 29ab; Luke 14: 1, 7-14

VOCATIONS

"Some of these I will take as priests and Levites, says the LORD." Is God calling you to the priesthood? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661
e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



BE A REAL DISCIPLE

Today's readings show us that it is not enough to be Christ's disciples in name only. To be a real disciple, we must live for Christ every day and in every aspect of life. This kind of life takes strength and discipline.

Intentionally and consistently offering the Lord the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure through a stewardship way of life is a form of spiritual discipline. These spiritual disciplines teach us to become ever more aware of God's constant provision for us and they keep us on the narrow path towards the Kingdom of Heaven. The more we embrace this way of life, the more we can be "trained" by the Lord in the ways of true discipleship. Though difficult, these disciplines become a source of spiritual strength.

Our Lord Himself speaks of the difficult path to the Kingdom of Heaven in today's Gospel passage from Luke. He is asked, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Jesus responds, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." Showing up for Mass on Sunday while living as if Christ is an afterthought the rest of the week does not make us disciples. What's more, this approach to our faith is an unjust and unloving response to our good God who has given us all that we have and are.

Jesus does not want us to merely go through the motions of faith. He wants much more from us and for us. He wants to know us deeply and for us to get to know Him so that we become His holy disciples. This is not a burden; it is a privilege. But it does take discipline, the discipline of a stewardship way of life.