



SEPTEMBER 11, 2022  
TWENTY-FOURTH 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, Pastor**

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**

*" In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

**Luke 15:1-32**

## 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, Roberta Frampton, Marcella Jordan, John Misorek, David Palance, Maria and Bob Perron, Michael Rybka, Maureen Stec, 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	\$813.00
Religious Education	60.00

### Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$2,921.00
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### Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$2,745.99
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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.

Today's Gospel begins with a stinging criticism of  
Jesus: he eats with sinners! Tax collectors were little  
more legalized thieves in 1st century Palestine. Worse  
yet, they were traitors who collaborated with the  
occupying government. "Good people" didn't  
associate with them, much less break bread with the  
unsavory lot. They were literally excommunicated  
from "polite" society. Jesus counters this self-  
righteousness with three parables. They illustrate the  
joy brought by conversion.

## GILDED CALF

When Moses led the Hebrews to Mount Sinai, he  
explained that God wanted to sign a blood pact or  
covenant with them. He then climbed the mountain  
to receive the terms—the 10 commandments. A month  
passed with no word from the prophet. The Hebrews  
grew restless and eventually abandoned their God.  
They demanded that Moses' brother Aaron create a  
statue of Hathor, the Egyptian goddess of fertility.  
She was often pictured as a calf.

The key scene in this story is that of Moses pleading  
to God for the forgiveness of the people. The Psalms  
picture him as standing in a breach between two  
rocks—sort of straddling both heaven and earth.

## NOTICES

### THE CASE FOR JESUS

Session 2 of the adult faith formation "The Case for  
Jesus" with Dr. Brandt Pitre (FORMED) is this Tuesday,  
September 13, at Sacred Heart Parish Hall at 6:30 PM.

"Are you a practicing Catholic man between the ages  
of 18 and 118 who is looking to grow in our faith and  
serve others? The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic  
Fraternal Organization that serves the needs of our  
Parish and Community, while fostering  
spiritual growth in our members, our families and our  
Parish. For more information on our many programs,  
life insurance and opportunities to serve, please reach  
out to any knight after Mass, or Thomas O'Doherty at  
Sacred Heart Covington."

### 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.

### NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Scandal, division, disease, doubt. The Church has  
withstood each of these throughout our very human  
history. But today we confront all of them, all at once.  
Our response at this moment is pivotal.

In the midst of these roaring waves, Jesus is present,  
reminding us that he is more powerful than the storm.  
He desires to heal, renew, and unify the Church and  
the world.

How will he do it? By uniting us once again around the  
source and summit of our faith—the Holy  
Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is the  
joyful, expectant, grassroots response of the entire  
Catholic Church in the U.S. to this divine invitation.

For more information visit:

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>

I will rise and go to my father.

## DAILY READINGS

Sun. Sept. 11	Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14; Psalms 51: 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Timothy 1: 12-17; 2 Corinthians 5: 19; Luke 15: 1-32
Mon. Sept. 12	1 Corinthians 11: 17-26, 33; Psalms 40: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; John 3: 16; Luke 7: 1-10
Tues. Sept. 13	1 Corinthians 12: 12-14, 27-31a; Psalms 100: 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Luke 7: 16; Luke 7: 11-17
Wed. Sept. 14	Numbers 21: 4b-9; Psalms 78: 1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Philipians 2: 6-11; John 3: 13-17
Thurs. Sept. 15	1 Corinthians 15: 1-1;1 Psalms 118: 1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; John 19: 25-27
Fri. Sept. 16	1 Corinthians 15: 12-20; Psalms 17: 1bcd, 6-7, 8b, 15; Matthew 11: 25; Luke 8: 1-3
Sat. Sept. 17	1 Corinthians 15: 35-37, 42-49; Psalms 56: 10c-12, 13-14; Luke 8: 15; Luke 8: 4-15
Sun. Sept. 18	Amos 8: 4-7; Psalms 113: 1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Timothy 2: 1-8; 2 Corinthians 8: 9; Luke 16: 1-13

## VOCATIONS

"He was lost and has been found." Do you want to bring others to life in Christ as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



## GOD'S MERCIFUL LOVE

Today's readings focus on the personal, passionate, and merciful love of God which should fill us with unending gratitude to Him. This gratitude is the fuel, if you will, that keeps the stewardship way of life rolling along.

In our Second Reading, from St. Paul's letter to Timothy, we find a grateful Paul who says of himself, "I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated." St. Paul is well aware of the sins he has committed. But this does not hold him back from ministry. Rather, it makes him all the more grateful to be God's steward. How encouraging to know that this is true for us as well. Our past sins, and even our present struggles, do not disqualify us from becoming God's grateful stewards.

Jesus gives us several poignant illustrations of His merciful love in today's Gospel reading from Luke. Let us focus on one, in particular — the story of the lost sheep. He asks, "What man among you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine... and go after the lost one until he finds it?"

The logical response is no one! It simply does not make sense to spend time and energy searching for one lost sheep when there are so many others to tend to. But God's logic, God's mercy, defies human logic. And who is the lost one? It is every one of us when we stray away from God through sin, great or small.

What gratitude we owe to such a personal, passionate, loving God! Just think, even our sins, once forgiven, become a source of fuel for our stewardship way of life as we reflect with deep gratitude on the powerful mercy of our Savior.