



OCTOBER 2, 2022
TWENTY-SEVENTH 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, 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

*'We are unprofitable servants;
we have done what we were obliged to do.'*

Luke 17:5-10

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
	Laurie O'Doherty	703-282-9203
	DeDe Rogowski	540-962-7344
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
Religious Educ.	Dianne Garcia	540-691-4896
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, 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, Cathy Savage, 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	\$600.00
Retired Religious Fund	245.00
Catholic Charities	135.00
Roof Fund	150.00

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,602.00
Retired Religious Fund	754.00

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$2,024.86
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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.

Habakkuk was a minor prophet who lived during the fall of Jerusalem in 586 B.C. He encouraged his fellow Jews to retain their faith during this disaster. He interprets faith as a persistent confidence in God's saving power. Paul cites this passage to defend his theology that a person is justified by his faith and not by religious deeds. Jesus will also insist on the priority of faith in today's Gospel.

INCREASE OUR FAITH

The apostles ask what seems to be a reasonable request, that Jesus enlarge the quantity of their faith. Christ responds that faith is not something that can be measured by size. He illustrates this with a story that seems to have more to do with service than faith. The point seems to be that faith is less an amount of belief than it is a way of living. The true believer goes far beyond mere obligation and seeks total fulfillment of God's designs.

NOTICES

October is the month of the Rosary. We will recite the Rosary 20 minutes before each weekend Mass.

LIFE CHAIN TODAY from 2:30 to 3:45 PM at the sidewalk entrance of Wal-Mart Industrial Park.

WARNING: Fr. Lukenge's cell phone was either hacked or spoofed last week. Several parishioners from our clustered parishes received a text message claiming to be from him asking for a favor and requesting a text back. All were from different numbers, none of which were Fr. Augustine's. If you receive such a message, please do not respond to it, just delete it. If you are not sure a text or email is legitimate, call him directly. Be advised that Fr. Augustine and Fr. Tom would not send a text or email asking for funds.

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Sacred Heart will have a potluck luncheon following Mass next Sunday, October 9th, in the parish hall. Parishioners from all our clustered parishes are invited. The theme is Oktoberfest. Bring a dish of your choice and join us in good food and fellowship. You do not have to bring a dish to attend. All are welcome.

The Christmas Mother Program will start accepting on-line applications from Monday October 3rd through Friday October 28th. Applications will be available at HighlandsChristmasMother.org on Oct. 3rd. We look forward to helping our neighbors have a joyous Christmas Season.

BLUE RIDGE CURSILLO MEN'S WEEKEND

The Men's Cursillo Weekend takes place October 20 – 23 at Camp Altamons in Shawsville, VA. Applications can be obtained on Our Lady of Perpetual Help website. Click on menu, click on Religious Formation, click on Cursillo to download. For more information please contact: Patti Dugger at pgdugger@msn.com.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Oct. 2	Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4; Psalms 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14; 1 Peter 1: 25 Luke 17: 5-10
Mon. Oct. 3	Galatians 1: 6-12; Psalms 111: 1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c; John 13: 34; Luke 10: 25-37
Tues. Oct. 4	Galatians 1: 13-24; Psalms 139: 1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Luke 11: 28; Luke 10: 38-42
Wed. Oct. 5	Galatians 2: 1-2, 7-14; Psalms 117: 1bc, 2; Romans 8: 15bc; Luke 11: 1-4
Thurs. Oct. 6	Galatians 3: 1-5; Luke 1: 69, 70-71, 72, 73-75; Acts 16: 14b; Luke 11: 5-13
Fri. Oct. 7	Galatians 3: 7-14; Psalms 111: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; John 12: 31b-32; Luke 11: 15-26
Sat. Oct. 8	Galatians 3: 22-29; Psalms 105: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Luke 11: 28; Luke 11: 27-28
Sun. Oct. 9	2 Kings 5: 14-17; Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3c-4; 2 Timothy 2: 8-13; 1 Thessalonians 5: 18; Luke 17: 11-19

VOCATIONS

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Will you let the Holy Spirit guide you beyond your hesitation and follow Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 e-mail: vocations @richmonddiocese.org.



OUR LIVES BELONG TO GOD

Our readings today show us that living a stewardship way of life, that is, a life focused on serving God and His Kingdom, is not easy. They also show us that our lives belong to God, not to us and that God will indeed bring about the fulfillment of His kingdom. We just need to have faith that He can do it and commit to our small part in His grand design. This is both our privilege and responsibility as Christian stewards.

Jesus makes this privilege and responsibility clear in today's Gospel passage from Luke. When the apostles ask the Lord to increase their faith, He tells them that even a mustard seed-sized faith is all that is needed to move mountains (because it is God who does the heavy lifting). We need only take the tiniest step forward, and He will do the rest.

But living our lives in His service is also very much our responsibility, as Jesus explains through the parable of the unprofitable servant later in this passage. Our Lord describes a scene in which a servant has just come in from tending to the master's affairs and asks whether it would be reasonable for the master to begin waiting on his servant. Of course, it would not be reasonable! The servant would be expected to continue to serve his master until he has completed the work the master has given him that day. Jesus says we should have this same attitude before God.

The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us are all God's. Our very lives belong to Him. Whatever we do on God's behalf with our lives and our gifts is simply our God-given responsibility. The stewardship way of life makes the privilege and responsibility of serving Christ and His kingdom a reality.