



DECEMBER 4, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**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

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

Matthew 3:1-12

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.	Jimmy Withrow	540-494-3987

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

Brian Albrecht, Keith Albrecht, Clair Dilley Tom Greenwood, Larry Griffith, Rita Luther, Sally Putnam, Terry Windsor.

Sacred Heart

Pam Austin, Josephine Brown, Kevin Brown, Mack Brown, Tom Callaham, Wanda Callaham, Robert Childs, Esther Ewing, Tony Forbes, Roberta Frampton, Marcella Jordan, Rick Martin, David Palance, Maria and Bob Perron, Michael Rybka, Cathy Savage, Maureen Stec, Thomas Wade, Bill Withrow

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	\$3,145.00

Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$976.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	116.00

Shrine of the Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$ 887.23

CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph - 12NOON Tuesday and Thursday
Sacred Heart - 11:30AM Wednesday and
12NOON Friday (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. Service
starts at 9:00AM with the 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.

IT IS TOO LITTLE

This week's scriptures are meant to be a link
between the Baptism of Jesus and the rest of the
Church year. They provide sort of a follow-up
and meditation on Christ's ritual washing by
John. Last week we read part of the Servant
Songs from Isaiah. These describe a mysterious
person who serves God through his pain.
Today's selection adds the concept that the
Servant's mission is not just to the Jewish
people, but for all nations. As much as God loves
his Chosen People, this love is only complete
when it reaches all people.

NOTICES

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Holy Day Of Obligation) is
Thursday, December 8th. Mass schedule is as follows:**

SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART

5:00PM on Wednesday, December 7th
9:00AM on Thursday, December 8th

SACRED HEART

12NOON on Thursday, December 8th

ST. JOSEPH

5:30pm, Thursday, December 8th

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE is Monday,
December 12th. Mass will be celebrated at Sacred
Heart at 6:00PM.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Sacred Heart will host a Tri-Parish Children's
Christmas Pageant and potluck dinner on December
18th in the parish hall at 5PM. All parishioners from
our clustered parishes are invited. Please bring a dish
of your choice and join us. You are welcome to attend
even if you cannot bring a dish. There will be a special
appearance by Santa!



As we recall the names of those who have died, our
minds are filled with precious memories. We are their
legacy, and much of what we have – in both material
and non-material things – have been handed down to
us from them. But what will we hand down to those
who follow? How will we be remembered? Will we
leave more than an empty spot in a pew?

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Dec. 4	Isaiah 11: 1-10; Psalms 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Romans 15: 4-9; Luke 3: 4, 6; Matthew 3: 1-12
Mon. Dec. 5	Isaiah 35: 1-10; Psalms 85: 9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Luke 5: 17-26
Tues. Dec. 6	Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalms 96: 1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Matthew 18: 12-14
Wed. Dec. 7	Isaiah 40: 25-31; Psalms 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Matthew 11: 28-30
Thurs. Dec. 8	Genesis 3: 9-15, 20; Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12; Luke 1: 28; Luke 1: 26-38
Fri. Dec. 9	Isaiah 48: 17-19; Psalms 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Matthew 11: 16-19
Sat. Dec. 10	Sirach 48: 1-4, 9-11; Psalms 80: 2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Luke 3: 4, 6; Matthew 17: 9a, 10-13
Sun. Dec. 11	Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10; Psalms 146: 6-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; James 5: 7-10; Isaiah 61: 1; Matthew 11: 2-11

VOCATIONS

As John prepared the way of the Lord in the desert, might Jesus be calling you to prepare the way as priest? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661
e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



PRACTICE CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY

On this Second Sunday of Advent, our second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans encourages us to focus our Advent preparations in this way: "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." And how does Christ welcome us? With unconditional love.

This is the essence of Christian hospitality, a vital aspect of stewardship living. Fully embraced, it has the power to transform our lives and the lives of those who experience it through us.

The practice of Christian hospitality is also a way for us stewards to answer the call of John the Baptist, in our Gospel passage from Matthew. His words apply just as much to us today as they did to the people awaiting the Savior's arrival. John says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" And he recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." There is a definite connection between repentance and effective hospitality.

So how can we make repentance a regular part of our everyday lives? We can make an "examination of conscience" a daily part of our prayers, thanking God for the times we said "yes" to Him, and asking forgiveness for the times we chose our own will. We can (and should!) go to Confession this Advent. We can reach out to a family member or friend where there is distance or discord and make peace.

As we "straighten the paths" of our own hearts and minds, we become more hospitable people, better stewards of God's grace and mercy, and far more open and ready to invite others into our lives, homes, and parish. This is preparation fitting for our merciful Savior.