



DECEMBER 11, 2022  
THIRD 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](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**

*" Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;  
he will prepare your way before you."*

**Matthew 11:2-11**

## 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, Kevin 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

<b>St. Joseph</b>	
Sunday Offertory	\$
 <b>Sacred Heart</b>	
Sunday Offertory	\$4,095.00
Christmas Flowers	377.00
Various 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collections	85.00
Votive	47.00
 <b>Shrine of the Sacred Heart</b>	
Sunday Offertory	\$ 1,968.42

## 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.

Wednesday will be the first anniversary of the  
death of Fr. John McGinnity. Mass will be  
offered for him at 12NOON that day at the  
Shrine of the Sacred Heart.

## A REED SWAYED BY THE WIND

John the Baptist had been expecting a violent  
judgment day. It would be initiated by the  
coming Messiah with fire. He must have been  
amazed and confused when the pacifist Jesus  
did not match his expectations. After his  
imprisonment he sent some of his disciples to  
press the issue. Would Jesus provoke a  
revolution? Was he the promised agent of divine  
vengeance?

Jesus may be referring to John's vacillation  
when he muses about a "reed swayed by the  
wind." Christ explained to John's followers that  
his notion of the Messiah was more in line with  
Isaiah's prophecy of a bringer of peace and  
healing in the first reading.

## NOTICES

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** is Monday,  
December 12<sup>th</sup>. 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  
18<sup>th</sup> 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!

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Vigil  
5:00PM at Sacred Heart  
5:00PM at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart  
8:00PM at St. Joseph

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day  
9:00AM at St. Joseph  
9:00AM at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart  
11:00AM at Sacred Heart

### WINTER/SPRING 2023 FORMED

Adult Faith Formation at Sacred Heart Parish Hall on  
Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM.

Symbolon: Living the Faith - Act III: God Transforms –  
January 10, 17, 24, 31, & February 7

Forgiven – The Transforming Power of Confession –  
February 28, March 7, 14, 21, & 28 (During Lent)

Symbolon: Living the Faith - Act IV: God Gives Life to  
the Full – April 18, 25, May 2, 9, & 16

To request free Participant Guides for one or both  
series email [formed@sacredheartcovington.org](mailto:formed@sacredheartcovington.org) or  
call Don Rogowski @ 540-962-7344 by January 2.

Lord, come and save us.

## DAILY READINGS

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
Mon. Dec. 12	Zechariah 2: 14-17; Judith 13: 18bcde, 19; Luke 1: 26-38
Tues. Dec. 13	Zephaniah 3: 1-2, 9-13; Psalms 34: 2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Matthew 21: 28-32
Wed. Dec. 14	Isaiah 45: 6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Psalms 85: 9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Isaiah 40: 9-10; Luke 7: 18b-23
Thurs. Dec. 15	Isaiah 54: 1-10; Psalms 30: 2, 4, 5-6, 11-12a,13b; Luke 3: 4, 6; Luke 7: 24-30
Fri. Dec. 16	Isaiah 56: 1-3a, 6-8; Psalms 67: 2-3, 5, 7-8; John 5: 33-36
Sat. Dec. 17	Genesis 49: 2, 8-10; Psalms 72: 1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Matthew 1: 1-17
Sun. Dec. 18	Isaiah 7: 10-14; Psalms 24: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Romans 1: 1-7; Matthew 1: 23; Matthew 1: 18-24

## VOCATIONS

Do you rejoice in the Lord? Is He asking you to consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661  
e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



## EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Recognizing that only 30% of all Catholics believe in the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops launched a three-year eucharistic revival that will culminate with the National Eucharistic Congress 2024 in Indianapolis.

The Revival is divided into three parts:

**YEAR OF DIOCESAN REVIVAL: June 19, 2022 – June 11, 2023**

This first year of the Revival invites diocesan staff, bishops, and priests to respond to the Lord's personal invitation and equips them to share this love with the faithful through eucharistic congresses and events.

**YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL: June 11, 2023 – July 17, 2024**

The second phase will foster Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit.

**NATIONAL EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS; July 17 – 21, 2024; Indianapolis, Indiana**

At this historic event, more than 80,000 Catholics of all ages will gather in Indianapolis to reconsecrate their hearts to the source and summit of our faith.

Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith: his Real Presence in the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States.

**BEGINNING FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2023, SACRED HEART, COVINGTON, WILL CELEBRATE FIRST FRIDAY MASS AT 11:00AM, FOLLOWED BY 8 HOURS OF EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION, ENDING WITH BENEDICTION. AS JESUS CANNOT BE LEFT ALONE, A SIGN-UP SHEET CAN BE FOUND IN THE VESTIBULE TO ALLOW PARISHIONERS TO VOLUNTEER FOR EACH HOUR.**