



FEBRUARY 12, 2023  
SIXTH 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**

*"Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven."*

**Matthew 5:17-37**

## 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	Laurie O'Doherty	703-282-9203
Vice Chair	Vacant	
Secretary	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	202-373-9571

**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, Bob Gardiner, Tom Greenwood, Larry Griffith, Rita Luther, Sally Putnam, Terry Windsor.

**Sacred Heart**

Josephine Brown, Kevin Brown, Mack Brown, Wanda Callaham, Robert Childs, Lisa Dickson, Esther Ewing, Tony Forbes, Roberta Frampton, Arthur Headley, Robert Hoke, Marcella Jordan, David Palance, Maria and Bob Perron, Michael Rybka, Cathy Savage, Maureen Stec, Thomas Wade, Bill Withrow

**Shrine of the Sacred Heart**

Margaret Fields, 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	\$4,255.00
<b>Shrine of the Sacred Heart</b>	
Sunday Offertory	\$2,918.79

## CALENDAR

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph - 12NOON Tuesday and Thursday  
Sacred Heart - 11:30AM Wednesday  
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.

Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. Please bring your 2022 palms and place them in the back of the Church on February 12th or 19th.

## CHOOSING THE WAY OF LOVE

From Bishop Robert Barron. "What a privilege we have in this week's readings to hear from the book of Sirach, composed by an ancient sage who was deeply immersed in the Torah, the law, and the rituals of the Temple. As such, he delivers one of the deepest truths of the spiritual life: God so respects our freedom, that he will allow us to experience life or death, good or evil. He will give us what we choose and, more to it, we will become what we choose. Each day, every moment, choose the path of love, and you will become the kind of person fit to live in heaven. "

## NOTICES

**THE FOUNDATION FOR HUMAN CIVILIZATION** invites you to support the Uganda Water Project. The goal is to raise \$30,000 to drill a centralized well in Uganda. It will serve the remote villages of Mwera and Bugolo-Kireku. These two villages are home to about 2,000 people across 220 households and children make up more than half of the population. There is no indoor plumbing in these villages; no running water. Instead, each household must catch rainwater in a cistern to service their needs. For extra water, villagers must carry jugs to the closest natural spring. It's up to three miles away from the furthest household in the two villages.

The Uganda Water Project will drill a well in a convenient location. That way villagers won't have to make the three-mile trek to collect water each day. We will contract with Living Water Technologies to drill the well. This is a trusted company in the region. And it successfully drilled a well for a neighboring village recently.

For more information on the project, please see our site at <https://f4hc.org>. We accept online donations through a secured form on the 'Support' tab of the site.

We also would be grateful to accept physical checks. Please make checks out to Foundation for Human Civilization. Our mailing address is PO Box 82, Covington, VA 24426.

Please remember to return your Comfort Care baby bottles on February 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Knights of Columbus are hosting a St. Patricks Celebration on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> in the Sacred Heart parish hall at 5PM. All clustered parishes are invited to attend. More information to come.

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

## DAILY READINGS

Sun. Feb. 12	Sirach 15: 15-20; Psalms 119: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10; Matthew 11: 25; Matthew 5: 17-37
Mon. Feb. 13	Genesis 4: 1-15, 25; Psalms 50: 1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; John 14: 6; Mark 8: 11-13
Tues. Feb. 14	Genesis 6: 5-8; 7: 1-5, 10; Psalms 29: 1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10; John 14: 23; Mark 8: 14-21
Wed. Feb. 15	Genesis 8: 6-13, 20-22; Psalms 116: 12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Ephesians 1: 17-18; Mark 8: 22-26
Thurs. Feb. 16	Genesis 9: 1-13; Psalms 102: 16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23; John 6: 63c, 68c; Mark 8: 27-33
Fri. Feb. 17	Genesis 11: 1-9; Psalms 33: 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; John 15: 15b; Mark 8: 34 – 9:1
Sat. Feb. 18	Hebrews 11: 1-7; Psalms 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Mark 9: 7; Mark 9: 2-13
Sun. Feb. 19	Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18; Psalms 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10, 12-13; 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23; 1 John 2: 5; Matthew 5: 38-48

## VOCATIONS

“It is loyalty to do His will.” Are you considering following the will of God in the consecrated life or priesthood? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661  
e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



## STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

Today's readings challenge us to reflect on the true state of our hearts as it relates to stewardship. Do we think of stewardship as something we take care of once a year, simply a matter of ticking off boxes on a commitment card — or do we choose to embrace it as a spirituality and way of life that allows us to grow in conformity to Christ every day?

Our first reading, from the book of Sirach, teaches that our good God has given us freedom to make this choice — “Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him.”

The concept of stewardship helps us to live out the fundamental choice to put God first. Stewardship is not meant to be a mere external exercise that we participate in on an occasional basis. It is meant to be embraced as a way of life a life that involves a continuous conversion of heart.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus illustrates the difference between an external observance of the law and a true conversion of heart, saying, “You have heard that it was said... you shall not kill... But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.” Our Lord is asking us not only for exterior acts, but for a true change of heart. In stewardship terms, that means seeing everything as a gift from Him, to be used for His glory and the good of others.

In the week ahead, let us examine the state of our hearts to ask ourselves if we have chosen to allow stewardship to become a way of life for us. Only then we will experience its true depth and heart-changing possibilities. The choice is ours.