



APRIL 2, 2023
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S
PASSION

**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

"Truly, this was the Son of God!"

Matthew 26:14—27:66

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

Kevin Albrecht, Clair Dilley, Bob Gardiner, Tom Greenwood, Larry Griffith, Rita Luther, Sally Putnam, Terry Windsor.

Sacred Heart

Clara Arbogast, Josephine Brown, Kevin Brown, Mack Brown, Wanda Callaham, Robert Childs, Lisa Dickson, Esther Ewing, Tony Forbes, Roberta Frampton, Arthur Headley, Robert Hoke, Marcella Jordan, Raphael Lopez, Alvina Nida, David Palance, Maria Perron, Paul Perron, Shaun 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

St. Joseph	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,614.00
 Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,150
Various 2 nd Collections	420.00
Votive	37.01
 Shrine of the Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,454.63

CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph - 12NOON Tuesday

Sacred Heart - 11:30AM Wednesday;

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.

Stations of the Cross: 5PM on Wednesday at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart; 6PM on Wednesday at St. Joseph; 3:00pm PM on Friday at Sacred Heart.

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY

Shrine of the Sacred Heart: Mass at 5:00PM

Sacred Heart: Mass at 7:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY

Sacred Heart: Stations of the Cross at 3:00PM;

Passion of the Lord at 7:00PM

Shrine of the Sacred Heart: Passion of the Lord at 5:00PM

EASTER VIGIL

Shrine of the Sacred Heart: Mass at 8:00PM

Sacred Heart: Mass at 8:00PM

St. Joseph: Mass at 8:30PM

EASTER SUNDAY

Shrine of the Sacred Heart: Mass at 9:00AM

Sacred Heart: Mass at 11:00AM

St. Joseph: Mass at 9:00AM

There will be Mass at Sacred Heart on Easter Monday at 9:30AM

NOTICES

New seminar on May 9th beginning with a light dinner at 5:00PM and the seminar at 5:30PM at St. Joseph's Parish Hall.

This is for St. Joseph Church and Sacred Heart parishioners.

Get Your Affairs in Order: 4 things your family will thank you for, will provide you with information about Wills and Trusts, Catholic Advanced Medical Directives, Legacy Planning and Catholic Funeral Planning. This is a free informational seminar.

RSVP to the St. Joseph's parish office at 540-863-5371.

WHY DID THE CROWD CHOOSE BARABBAS?

Pontius Pilate tried to avoid trouble at Jesus' trial. He was not sympathetic, but being a politician wanted to offend the fewest number. He must have known Jesus' popularity. To save face he offered a choice of Jesus or a recently arrested brigand. The name "Barabbas" (bar abba) means "son of the father" and was commonly used for illegitimate children. There is an irony in that Jesus is the true Son of the ultimate Father. Brigands were more than simple thieves. They were often considered folk heroes, sort of like Robin Hood or Bonnie and Clyde. Brigands attacked the rich, which made them popular with the poor.

Pilate's ploy to free Jesus failed because of Barabbas' popularity and the pressure of the religious and political leaders. Jesus' arrest had been done secretly, before many of his followers had time to gather. Barabbas apparently did have time to marshal his friends and won the day.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Apr. 2	Matthew 21: 1-11; Isaiah 50: 4-7; Psalms 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Philippians 2: 6-11; Philippians 2: 8-9; Matthew 26: 14 – 27: 66
Mon. Apr. 3	Isaiah 42: 1-7; Psalms 27: 1, 2, 3, 13-14; John 12: 1-11
Tues. Apr. 4	Isaiah 49: 1-6; Psalms 71: 1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; John 13: 21-33, 36-38
Wed. Apr. 5	Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalms 69: 8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Matthew 26: 14-25
Thurs. Apr. 6	Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14; Psalms 116: 12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26; John 13: 34; John 13: 1-15
Fri. Apr. 7	Isaiah 52: 13 – 53: 12; Psalms 31: 2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Hebrews 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9; Philippians 2: 8-9; John 18: 1 – 19: 42
Sat. Apr. 8	Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 2; Psalms 104: 1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; Genesis 22: 1-18; Psalms 16: 5, 8, 9-10, 11; Exodus 14: 15 – 15: 1; Exodus 15: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 55: 1-11; Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6; Romans 6: 3-11; Psalms 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Matthew 28: 1-10
Sun. Apr. 9	Acts 10: 34a, 37-43; Psalms 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Colossians 3: 1-4; 1 Corinthians 5: 7b; -8a; John 20: 1-9

VOCATIONS

“Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord!” Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661

e-mail: vocations @richmonddiocese.org.



SIMPLE ACTS OF STEWARDSHIP

We begin this Holy Week with the reading of the Lord’s Passion from the Gospel of Matthew. It is fitting that during this week we intensely focus our minds and hearts on the steps of our Savior as He laid down His very life for us. But let us also examine the seemingly small acts of stewardship by some who encountered Jesus during this most eventful week. One occurred when Jesus gave instructions about the room where He would celebrate the Passover. Jesus said, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him...” ‘In your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples.’” While we do not know this man’s name, we do know he agreed to this request — he shared the material gift of his home and the gift of hospitality. Because of his good stewardship, his own home became the site of the institution of the Eucharist! There was also Simon the Cyrenian, who offered the gift of his physical strength, helping the Lord to carry His Cross. Consider, too, the actions of Joseph of Arimathea — he generously shared a material gift of the tomb that was his, and he gave the gift of service to our Lord by giving Him a proper burial. Then there were the “two Marys” who gave Jesus the gift of their time. Keeping watch in tender vigil after His death, they “remained sitting there, facing the tomb.”

Each of these were simple acts of good stewardship, yet God used them in mighty ways. God invites each of us, too, to cooperate with Him in small ways through the sharing of our time, talent, and material gifts. Small gifts can become mighty deeds when placed in God’s service.