



APRIL 23, 2023
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**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

"The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!"

Luke 24:13-35

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	\$1,385.00
2 ND Collection	454.00
 Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,626.00
 Shrine of the Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$ 6,679.00

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 Friday Mass and Adoration: Mass will be
celebrated at 11:00AM followed by eight hours of
Adoration; Benediction will be at 8:00PM

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 at 9:30AM.

Contact Fr. Tom (540-588-8492) to schedule a time
for weekday Mass at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart.

NOTICES

The next Faith Formation Series: Symbolon, Act
IV, God Gives Life to the Full, continues this
Tuesday, April 25, at 6:30pm in the Sacred Heart
parish hall.

The first Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart on May
6 will be a Knights of Columbus quarterly Mass.
All Mass attendees are invited to a free breakfast
of biscuits, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee,
milk, and orange juice in the Parish Hall
following Mass.

The Knights of Columbus thank all who are
collecting aluminum cans and dropping them off
in the orange bin located along the side of the
Sacred Heart Rectory garage. Over 300 lbs. or
roughly 9,500 cans have been recycled so far.
The proceeds from recycling aluminum cans are
used to fund KofC charitable efforts. Be creative
and ask your friends, neighbors, or a business
establishment to save aluminum cans for you to
drop off at the Rectory garage.

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.

UNDERGO CORRUPTION

Saint Peter gives his first sermon on Pentecost. Up
to this point he has been too frightened to speak
boldly in public. The Holy Spirit enlivens him to
proclaim his faith. He quotes several psalms as a
basis for his conviction in the Resurrection of Jesus.
Here cites Psalm 16, attributing it to King David.
Originally the psalm author may have thought of a
rescue from a symbolic death in military defeat.
Peter reinterprets it to suggest that God was
inspiring David to think of Jesus. Bodies begin to
decay shortly after death. Such degradation never
occurred with Christ, since he rose before the
onslaught of physical corruption.

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Apr. 23	Acts 2: 14, 22-33; Psalms 16: 1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Peter 1: 17-21; Luke 24: 32; Luke 24:13-35
Mon. Apr. 24	Acts 6: 8-15; Psalms 119: 23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Matthew 4: 4b; John 6: 22-29
Tues. Apr. 25	1 Peter 5: 5b-14; Psalms 89: 2-3, 6-7, 16-17; 1 Corinthians 1: 23a, 24b; Mark 16: 15-20
Wed. Apr. 26	Acts 8: 1b-8; Psalms 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; John 6: 40; John 6: 35-40
Thurs. Apr. 27	Acts 8: 26-40; Psalms 66: 8-9, 16-17, 20; John 6: 51; John 6: 44-51
Fri. Apr. 28	Acts 9: 1-20; Psalms 117: 1, 2; John 6: 56; John 6: 52-59
Sat. Apr. 29	Acts 9: 31-42; Psalms 116: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17; John 6: 63c, 68c; John 6: 60-69
Sun. Apr. 30	Acts 2: 14a, 36-41; Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; 1 Peter 2: 20b-25; John 10: 14 John 10: 1-10

VOCATIONS

Do you recognize Christ in your life and hope to make Him known to others? Perhaps you are being called to the priesthood or consecrated life. Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661

e-mail: vocations @richmonddiocese.org.



THE SCRIPTURES AND THE EUCHARIST

Today's readings focus on a theme of "sojourning." As Christian stewards, we know our lives are a sojourn toward the ultimate destination of heaven.

Our Gospel passage today describes the sojourn of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The two are dejected and despondent after Jesus' death. They knew Jesus personally. They had heard the Gospel message directly from His lips. They heard the testimony of the women who discovered the empty tomb of our Lord and saw a vision of angels announcing He was alive. They had been informed by other disciples who went to the tomb that all was exactly as the women reported. How much more obvious could the Good News be?

And yet, at times, the reaction of the two disciples describes our own stewardship journey, doesn't it? We have the fullness of the Catholic faith, the power of the sacraments, and the support of our parish family. Yet, we often lose our way. We fail to see all the gifts we have been given. We lack trust in the perfect goodness and almighty power of God.

But notice what happens to the two men when their eyes are opened once again, and they recognize Jesus in the Eucharist — the "breaking of the bread." They are transformed! Their hearts are set on fire with love for the Lord and their faith. They recall that their hearts began "burning within" as the Lord was explaining the Scriptures to them. When we find we have lost our way, we can go to the same sources as the two disciples on the road to Emmaus — the Scriptures and the Eucharist.

In this Easter season, resolve to feast deeply on these two sources of grace. They are the fuel that will propel us on our journey towards heaven.