



MAY 7, 2023
FIFTH 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

*Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.*

John 14:1-12

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	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, Mark Asma, Clair Dilley, Bob Gardiner, Tom Greenwood, Larry Griffith, Rita Luther, Jean Manner, 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 \$906.00

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory \$2,165.00
Various 2nd Collections 120.00
Votive 13.00

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory \$ 992.75

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 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

There are four children who will be making their
First Communion at Sacred Heart on Sunday,
May 14th. Instead of the potluck originally
planned, there will be a cake reception in the
parish hall following Mass.

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.

This week's Faith Formation Series: Symbol, Act
IV, God Gives Life to the Full, will be held on
Monday, May 8 at 6:30 PM in the Sacred Heart
Parish Hall rather than on Tuesday, May 9 to
allow participants to attend the Legacy Planning
Seminar at St. Joseph Parish Hall on Tuesday,
May 9.

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.

WHOEVER HAS SEEN ME HAS SEEN THE FATHER

Philip plays only a small role in the Gospels, but
here his role is pivotal. Jesus has warned his apostles
that he is leaving--probably a reference to his death
and ascension. Philip responds to Jesus' claim that
they "have seen the Father". Like the other
apostles, he has not comprehended the depth of
Christ's identity. He can see only the man and not
the God. Our Lord expresses the nature of his
person and his unity with the Father. It is a clear
statement that he is God. In the beauty of Jesus we
see the qualities of God because Jesus is divine.
What do we see in Jesus? Surely among his
attributes are love, mercy, compassion, strength,
humility, self-sacrifice...in short all that is good and
nothing that is wrong.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. May 7	Acts 6: 1-7; Psalms 33: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Peter 2: 4-9; John 14: 6; John 14: 1-12
Mon. May 8	Acts 14: 5-18; Psalms 115: 1-2, 3-4, 15-16; John 14: 26; John 14: 21-26
Tues. May 9	Acts 14: 19-28; Psalms 145: 10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Luke 24: 46, 26; John 14: 27-31a
Wed. May 10	Acts 15: 1-6; Psalms 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; John 15: 4a, 5b; John 15: 1-8
Thurs. May 11	Acts 15: 7-21; Psalms 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 10; John 10: 27; John 15: 9-11
Fri. May 12	Acts 15: 22-31; Psalms 57: 8-9, 10 and 12; John 15: 15b; John 15: 12-17
Sat. May 13	Acts 16: 1-10; Psalms 100: 2, 3, 5; Colossians 3: 1; John 15: 18-21
Sun. May 14	Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17; Psalms 66: 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Peter 3: 15-18; John 14: 23; John 14: 15-21

VOCATIONS

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life."
How will you manifest your discipleship?
Consider bringing others to the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661
e-mail: vocations @richmonddiocese.org.



MAKE YOUR HOMES "DOMESTIC CHURCHES"

The readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter present us with themes of dwelling places and home. As Christian stewards, we are well aware that this world is not our permanent home. We are merely pilgrims here, making our way through the stewardship way of life to our true home, heaven.

Yet, as we make our way to heaven, we are called to make our dwelling here — whether we are in a household of one or bursting at the seams — a true "domestic church." In other words, the stewardship way of life begins long before we set foot on the parish grounds. Stewardship starts at home. It begins with our families — our domestic churches.

The domestic church plays a key role in our sanctification because it is the primary place where we practice intimate and selfless love of other persons.

In our Gospel passage from John, Jesus speaks of heaven as a home filled with dwelling places. "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" This is a beautiful image of the glory that awaits us and the personal love our Lord has for us in preparing the perfect "spot" for each one of us who remain faithful to Him.

Let us respond to this great love by becoming good stewards of our earthly dwellings, making our homes true "domestic churches" where we honor God with our prayer, our thoughtfulness to each other, and our generous hospitality to all.

Let us never forget that stewardship starts at home!