



SEPTEMBER 24, 2023  
TWENTY-FIFTH 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**

*"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."*

**Matthew 20:1-16a**

## 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	Leo Mulcahy	540-862-3021
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	Don Rogowski	540-962-7344

### 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, Rita Luther, Sally Putnam, Bob Umstead, Terry Windsor.

### Sacred Heart

Pam Austin, Josephine Brown, Kevin Brown, Mack Brown, Wanda Callaham, Robert Childs, Lisa Dickson, Esther Ewing, Tony Forbes, Roberta Frampton, Arthur Headley, Marcella Jordan, Raphael Lopez, Alvina Nida, David Palance, Maria Perron, Paul Perron, Shaun Perron, Michael Rybka, Cathy Savage, Maureen Stec, Sophia Veras, 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	\$
Jean Ann Manner Memorial	

### Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,302.00
COPE Food Pantry	264.00

### Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$996.00
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## CALENDAR

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph - 12NOON Tuesday and Thursday

Sacred Heart - 11:30AM Wednesday

Friday – 10:45 Adoration and Benediction, Mass at 12 Noon

First Friday Mass at Sacred Heart beginning with Mass at 11am followed by 8 hours of Adoration. Benediction will be at 8PM.

First Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart at 9AM beginning with the Rosary and Litany of Our Lady 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 2023 Fall Life Chain will be on Sunday, October 1, from 1:30pm to 2:45pm on the sidewalk at the entrance to Walmart Industrial Park. More Information to come.

There will be a Sacred Heart Centennial Celebration meeting in the parish hall on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30PM. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to attend.

The first Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart on October 7 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.

### Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

October 21, 2023

Join Bishop Knestout and faithful from across the Commonwealth for a pilgrimage focused on the source and summit of our faith, the Eucharist. Pilgrims will be invited to talks, tours, Eucharistic Procession, Adoration, Music and Mass with Bishop Knestout, all surrounded by the awe-inspiring beauty of the largest Catholic Church in North America. This pilgrimage will offer resources in multiple languages. We request all pilgrims register by October 13th so we can prepare resources and scheduling. Registration is free and a Diocesan bus will leave from St. Andrew – Roanoke (160 seats); Morning departure: 5:30 a.m. Approximate Evening Return: 10:30 p.m. (includes one hour dinner stop) Register at

<https://ofe.regfox.com/2023-diocesan-pilgrimage>

## LEARN TO LEAD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Special Collection Weekend:  
September 30th – October 1st

Bishop Knestout invites your participation in the Learn to Lead Capital Campaign that will strengthen the extraordinary ministry of our Catholic schools. Our Catholic Schools shape the lives of more than 7,000 young people – helping them realize their greater purpose – succeeding and serving God, their families, churches, and communities. To learn more about this campaign or to make a secure online gift now, please visit

<https://www.learntoleadcampaign.org/>

Thank you!

The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

## DAILY READINGS

Sun. Sept. 24	Isaiah 55: 6-9; Psalms 145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a; Acts 16: 14b; Matthew 20: 1-16a
Mon. Sept. 25	Ezra 1: 1-6; Psalms 126: 1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Matthew 5: 16; Luke 8: 16-18
Tues. Sept. 26	Ezra 6: 7-8, 12b, 14-20; Psalms 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Luke 11: 28; Luke 8: 19-21
Wed. Sept. 27	Ezra 9: 5-9; Tobit 13: 2, 3-4a, 6, 8; Mark 1: 15; Luke 9: 1-6
Thurs. Sept. 28	Haggai 1: 1-8; Psalms 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; John 14: 6; Luke 9: 7-9
Fri. Sept. 29	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14; Psalms 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Psalms 103: 21; John 1: 47-51
Sat. Sept. 30	Zechariah 2: 5-9, 14-15a; Jeremiah 31: 10, 11-12ab, 13; 2 Timothy 1: 10; Luke 9: 43b-45
Sun. Oct. 1	Ezekiel 18: 25-28; Psalms 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Philippians 2: 1-11; John 10: 27 Matthew 21: 28-32

## VOCATIONS

“Seek the Lord while He may be found...”  
While seeking Him in prayer and the sacraments, listen to Him. Are you discerning a vocation to serve the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.



## STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE

Though we can never fully grasp the infinite perfection of God and His ways, a basic knowledge of Scripture reveals that God’s logic often differs from worldly logic.

Our first reading, from Isaiah, reminds us that God often thinks bigger than we do. “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.” As His followers we must strive as best we can to think as God does, using our time (and our talents and treasure, too) with eternity in mind.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus offers us a glimpse of the “Godly logic” of the Father through a parable of a landowner hiring workers for his vineyard. Some workers are called early in the day, others not until very late. Yet the landowner pays them all a full day’s wage. This angered the laborers who had worked longest. But those laborers were relying on human logic and human calculations. They were not thinking as God does.

This can happen to us Christian stewards as well. We can grumble and complain (at least internally) when we compare ourselves to others and sense that not everyone is contributing as much as we are to the parish, the neighborhood, within our family and so on. At those moments, we need to think bigger!

We must remember that it is a great privilege to have been called by the Father to work in His vineyard. Living the stewardship way of life brings us meaning, depth and purpose.

Let’s embrace this Godly thinking and thank Him for calling us to this way of life.