

OCTOBER 8, 2023  
TWENTY-SEVENTH 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**

*"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;  
by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?"*

**Matthew 21:33-43**

## 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**

Mark Asma, Clair Dilley, Bob Gardiner, Tom Greenwood, Rita Luther, Sally Putnam, Bob Umstead, Terry Windsor.

**Sacred Heart**

Pam Austin, Nola Beach, Josephine Brown, Mack Brown, Wanda Callaham, Robert Childs, Esther Ewing, Tony Forbes, Roberta Frampton, Arthur Headley, Marcella Jordan, Raphael Lopez, David Palance, Maria Perron, Paul Perron, Shaun Perron, Pam Poole, 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	\$1,100.00
Retired Religious Fund	25.00

**Sacred Heart**

Sunday Offertory	\$3,807.00
Capital Improvements	764.00
COPE Food Pantry	40

**Shrine of the Sacred Heart**

Sunday Offertory	\$2,407.98
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## CALENDAR

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**St. Joseph - No Masses**

**Sacred Heart - Friday – 10:45 Adoration and Benediction, Mass at 12 Noon**

**Due to the Annual Priests Convocation, there will be no weekday Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 10-12.**

**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.**

## THE VINEYARD

**A grape vineyard is a highly specialized kind of farm. The plants produce vines that can reach up to 56 feet (about 17 meters). Unless pruned most of the growth goes into vines and tendril branches. The farmer trims the plant and cuts the most fruitful branches. These are transferred to other vines and grafted into them.**

**Centuries ago the plants were cultivated by Egyptians and Babylonians. In Israel they had to be protected by armed guards from watchtowers. A thorn hedge prevented outsiders from stealing the grapes at harvest time. The grapes were crushed by feet in pits dug in the ground.**

**The bible compares the people of Israel with a vine taken from Egypt and cultured by God. Isaiah prophesies that God has found little fruit in his "vineyard" except for wild, bitter grapes.**

## NOTICES

**The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before each Sunday Mass throughout the month of October.**

**The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets for a rifle after the Sunday Masses at St. Joseph and Sacred Heart on October 15.**

### 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: 6:00 a.m. Approximate Evening Return: 10:30 p.m. (includes one hour dinner stop). For more information**

**<https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/diocesan-pilgrimage/pilgrimage>**

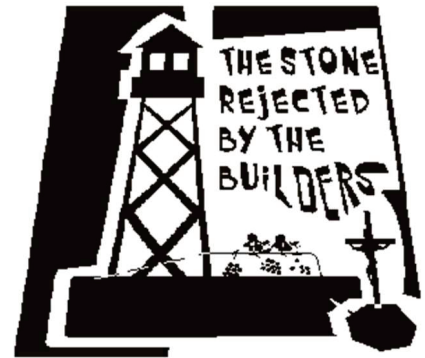
**World Mission Sunday collection is on October 22. World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue.**

## DAILY READINGS

Sun. Oct. 8	Isaiah 5: 1-7; Psalms 80: 9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Philippians 4: 6-9; John 15: 16; Matthew 21: 33-43
Mon. Oct. 9	Jonah 1: 1 – 2: 1-2, 11; Jonah 2: 3, 4, 5, 8; John 13: 34; Luke 10: 25-37
Tues. Oct. 10	Jonah 3: 1-10; Psalms 130: 1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Luke 11: 28; Luke 10: 38-42
Wed. Oct. 11	Jonah 4: 1-11; Psalms 86: 3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Romans 8: 15bc; Luke 11: 1-4
Thurs. Oct. 12	Malachi 3: 13-20b; Psalms 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Acts 16: 14b; Luke 11: 5-13
Fri. Oct. 13	Joel 1: 13-15; 2: 1-2; Psalms 9: 2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9; John 12: 31b-32; Luke 11: 15-26
Sat. Oct. 14	Joel 4: 12-21; Psalms 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Luke 11: 28; Luke 11: 27-28
Sun. Oct. 15	Isaiah 25: 6-10a; Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20; Ephesians 1: 17-18; Matthew 22: 1-14

## VOCATIONS

“He humbled Himself and became obedient....” If the Lord invites you to follow Him in humble obedience as a priest or in the consecrated life, how will you respond? Call Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.



## USE YOUR BLESSINGS WELL

We have been given so many gifts and blessings by our Heavenly Father. Yet, in our fallen state it is all too easy to take them for granted. Our readings today teach us that we must live with an intentional awareness of our many blessings and use them gratefully to glorify God.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus uses the image of a vineyard to teach the importance of using our blessings well. He tells the story of a landowner who plants a vineyard and leases it to tenants before he goes on a journey. Instead of tending the vineyard, the tenants mistreat the servants in the vineyard and even the son of the landowner, whom they kill.

When the landowner realizes what the tenants have done, he puts them to death and leases his vineyard to tenants who “will give him the produce at the proper times.”

By Baptism, we have received the gift of salvation and membership in Kingdom of God — we are now “tenants” called to work in the “vineyard” and produce fruit for its owner, our Heavenly Father. Jesus makes it clear that we if we squander the gift of salvation, we will lose it. It is a sobering truth.

So, let us use our intellect to think on these gifts throughout the day and resolve to use all our gifts for God’s glory.