



OCTOBER 29, 2023
THIRTIETH 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
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

*"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind."*

Matthew 22:34-40

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	\$1,366.00
World Missions	377.00

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,007.00
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Votive	5.00

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,568.63
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CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph - 12NOON Tuesday and Thursday
Sacred Heart – 11:30AM Wednesday; First Friday Mass beginning with Mass at 11am followed by 8 hours of Adoration. Benediction will be at 8PM. First Saturday Mass 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.

All Saints Day is Wednesday, November 1 (Holy Day of Obligation). Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM at the Shrine; 11:30 AM at Sacred Heart and 5:30 PM at St. Joseph.

All Souls Day is Thursday, November 2. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM at the Shrine, 12:00 PM at St. Joseph, and 5:30 PM at Sacred Heart.

DEMANDING INTEREST

A few people have more goods or money than they need for their personal survival. A common practice from ancient times has been to lend wealth to someone else with hope of a return. This was a serious issue in the bible. Scripture taught that it was immoral to charge interest. It was condemned as usury".

Loans could be made as a charitable acts. The loaner could request a pledge or bond that the money be repaid. The first reading teaches that pledges could not be kept from the owner in dire need. A cloak could be taken, but must be returned at night.

In the Middle Ages, the term usury was applied to excessive interest. Rates were fixed by rulers, but individual terms could still make extreme demands privately.

NOTICES

IT'S TIME FOR A NEW PARISH DIRECTORY!

The dates for the directory photos for our parishes:

Shrine of the Sacred Heart: Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Sacred Heart: Wednesday, December 13, 2023

St. Joseph: Wednesday, December 20, 2023

You can have your portrait done at any of these locations. You do not have to have your picture taken at your member parish. However, you must register in advance.

There are sign-up sheets at each parish with the time slots available.

Families, couples and singles who are photographed will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory.

Your parish contacts can help you register.

Parish contacts are:

Shrine of the Sacred Heart: Sue Godschalk, Eileen Judah and Beth Eley; Sacred Heart: Laurie O'Doherty and Zee Withrow; St. Joseph: Libby Burger and Paul Cormier

Edgemont Presbyterian Church, Covington, is hosting a special 1-hour seminar on Saturday 11/4, for those interested in learning about dementia resources locally available, what dementia is, and tips for communicating with people who have dementia. The hour will also include fun activities and interaction.

Also, the session is FREE and no registration is necessary. But it would help Edgemont's planning if attendees would either call our church office to let them know, or register online at <https://www.edgemontarpchurch.com/>.

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2AM on Sunday, November 5th. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Oct. 29	Exodus 22: 20-26; Psalms 18: 2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; 1 Thessalonians 1: 5c-10; John 14: 23; Matthew 22: 34-40
Mon. Oct. 30	Romans 8: 12-17; Psalms 68: 2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; John 17: 17b, 17a; Luke 13: 10-17
Tues. Oct. 31	Romans 8: 18-25; Psalms 126: 1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Matthew 11: 25; Luke 13: 18-21
Wed. Nov. 1	Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14; Psalms 24: 1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; First John 3: 1-3; Matthew 11: 28; Matthew 5: 1-12a
Thurs. Nov. 2	Wisdom 3: 1-9; Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Romans 5: 5-11; Matthew 25: 34; John 6: 37-40
Fri. Nov. 3	Romans 9: 1-5; Psalms 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20; John 10: 27; Luke 14: 1-6
Sat. Nov. 4	Romans 11: 1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Psalms 94: 12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Matthew 11: 29ab; Luke 14: 1, 7-11
Sun. Nov. 5	Malachi 1: 14b – 2: 2b, 8-10; Psalms 131: 1, 2, 3; 1 Thessalonians 2: 7b-9, 13; Matthew 23: 9b, 10b Matthew 23: 1-12

VOCATIONS

“Love God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind.” Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? Call Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.



LOVE GOD FIRST

Today's readings are all about love — the radical love of God for His people and the radical love we are called to live out in response. The stewardship way of life is nothing more and nothing less than the practical application of loving God and neighbor in our daily lives.

Jesus sums up the message of all the prophets, as well as the purpose of all God's laws in today's Gospel passage, from Matthew. It is a message we have likely grown up hearing — but it is so beautiful and so challenging, it bears repeating again and again. It is Christ's response to a question about which commandment is greatest. His answer reveals both the greatest and the second greatest commandments.

He says, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... The second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

How is the second like the first? What do the two commands have in common? Love.

Love God first and love neighbor as self. This is the heart of the stewardship way of life — simple enough for a child to understand, challenging enough to be the life's work of every “grown-up.”