



LENT

MARCH 3, 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**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

"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."

John 2:13-25

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, Tom Greenwood, Rita Luther, Sally Putnam, Carol Turner, Bob Umstead, Terry Windsor.

Sacred Heart

Pam Austin, Nola Beach, Josephine Brown, Mack Brown, Wanda Callaham, Robert Childs, Esther Ewing, Jay Ewing, Tony Forbes, Roberta Frampton, Paulino Gutierrez, Arthur Headley, Raphael Lopez, Heidi Mulcahy, David Palance, Maria Perron, Paul Perron, Shaun Perron, Pam Poole, Michael Rybka, Cathy Savage, Maureen Stec, Sophia Veras, Karen Wenke, Bill Withrow, Becky Woodson

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Margo Oxendine, Molly Sasser, John W. Smith, Clarissa Westenburger

Diocese of Richmond Seminarian

Mr. Avention Grimes



WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

St. Joseph

Sunday Offertory \$837.00

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory \$908.00
Haiti/Easter Flowers/Cope 614/240/5

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory \$1,942.63

CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph - Tuesday and Thursday at 12Noon
Sacred Heart - Wednesday at 11:30AM. The Rosary will be prayed after Mass.
Friday – Adoration and Benediction begin at 10:45AM followed by Mass at 12Noon.

Stations of the Cross

Shrine of the Sacred Heart: 5:00PM on Wednesdays;
St. Joseph: 6:00PM on Wednesdays;
Sacred Heart: 5:30PM on Fridays followed by a meatless soup supper in the parish hall.

Lenten Luncheon Schedule

March 6 – Good News Christian Church
March 13 – First Christian Church
March 30 – Parrish Court UM Church
All lunches begin at 12 Noon and end prior to 1pm. A free will offering is collected each Wednesday to support a local mission or ministry. Each week a different minister will bring us a message. Join together with brothers and sisters of all denominations to worship and glorify God.

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 10th. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before retiring on Saturday evening.

Reflecting on today's readings, which seem to be all about legality, rules, and regulations, one can find the theme of authority running through the passages. After all, these readings include the ten commandments which God delivers to the Israelites after a period of unruliness. Moreover, we read in the gospel that Jesus also uses his authority to dispel those who would attempt to commodify the temple grounds. This authority we read about is not just any sort of authority, however; it is the authority of the king of the universe.

NOTICES

Sacred Heart will have a St. Patrick's Day potluck following Mass on Sunday, March 17th. Please bring a dish of your choice and join in good food and fellowship. You are welcome to come even if you cannot bring a dish. All clustered parishes are invited.

The next Adult Faith Formation, Lectio: Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God, uses the discipline of Lectio Divina to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy. In six sessions, Finding Intimacy with God captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving to live in and through his love. Sessions begin on Tuesday, April 9 @ 6:30 PM in Sacred Heart Parish Hall and continue each Tuesday until May 14. If you would like a free Participant Guide (over 100 pages), contact Don Rogowski @ 540-962-7344 or formed@sacredheartcovington.org by Monday, March 25. View the trailer at <https://watch.formed.org/lectio-prayer-with-dr-tim-gray/videos/lectio-prayer-trailer>

The theme of this year's Annual Lenten Appeal is "Sharing His Love With Others". Gifts to the Annual Diocesan Appeal help to build up the Church and answer the call to Share His Love with Others.

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DAILY READINGS

Sun. Mar. 3	Exodus 17: 3-7; Psalms 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8; John 4: 42, 15; John 4: 5-42
Mon. Mar. 4	2 Kings 5: 1-15; Psalms 42: 2, 3; 43: 3, 4; Psalms 130: 5, 7; Luke 4: 24-30
Tues. Mar. 5	Daniel 3: 25, 34-43; Psalms 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Joel 2: 12-13; Matthew 18: 21-35
Wed. Mar. 6	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalms 147: 12-13, 15-16, 19-20; John 6: 63c, 68c; Matthew 5: 17-19
Thurs. Mar. 7	Jeremiah 7: 23-28; Psalms 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Joel 2: 12-13; Luke 11: 14-23
Fri. Mar. 8	Hosea 14: 2-10; Psalms 81: 6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14, 17; Matthew 4: 17; Mark 12: 28-34
Sat. Mar. 9	Hosea 6: 1-6; Psalms 51: 3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Psalms 95: 8; Luke 18: 9-14
Sun. Mar. 10	2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23; Psalms 137: 1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Ephesians 2: 4-10; John 3: 16 John 3: 14-21

VOCATIONS

"We proclaim Christ crucified...the power and wisdom of God." Could Jesus be calling you to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.



JESUS PURIFIES THE TEMPLE

Our readings call us to roll up our sleeves and persevere through the remainder of Lent by committing to a more faithful life with Christ.

In today's Gospel, Jesus purifies the temple area because it is being misused as a marketplace. He becomes angry at their lack of reverence for God. He spills the coins of the money changers and overturns tables, saying, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."

Jesus witnessed the way people mistreated the temple — the place to worship God and God alone. He drives out evil and works to purify all that is sinful in that place. This is what Jesus wants to do for us this Lenten season. He wants to remove all impurity and evil in our lives and hearts so that we may have a proper dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. Let us ask ourselves, what areas of our life need cleansing? Let us name those areas and invite Jesus to purify us. He became man to carry our burdens and wipe away our sins. He has given us boundless mercy, but we must do our part to seek it and commit to living a more faithful life as a disciple of Christ. With this knowledge, let us seek to be purified from our sins so that our hearts might be a true temple of the Holy Spirit.

This season of Lent is only halfway done — there is still time to work through our shortcomings and purify our hearts for Easter morning. But let us not waste another moment. Let us name our shortcomings, seek God's mercy and invite Him to transform our hearts.