



JUNE 16, 2024
ELEVENTH 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

"It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."

Mark 4:26-34

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
Organist	Dr. Leszek Fiutowski	304-456-5473



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR
MILITARY MEN & WOMEN:

Sacred Heart – Arthur Headley, Jessie (Jesus) Morals, Joel Moscoso
St. Joseph – 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, Mitchell Garcia, Paulino Gutierrez, April Headley, Arthur Headley, Raphael Lopez, Heidi Mulcahy, David Palance, Paul Perron, Shaun Perron, Pam Poole, Michael Rybka, Cathy Savage, Maureen Stec, 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	\$724.00
Roof Fund	200.00

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,359.00
2 nd Collections and Votive	129.00

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,918.75
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CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph - Tuesday and Thursday at 12Noon

Sacred Heart - Wednesday at 11:30AM followed by the Rosary.

Friday – Adoration and Benediction at 10:45AM followed by Mass at 12Noon.

Sacred Heart - First Friday 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.

PETER'S PENCE

Peter's Pence is the Holy Father's charitable outreach to victims of war, migrants and refugees, the poor, and those affected by illness and natural disasters is supported by your contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection. When you participate in the collection, you join Catholics across the globe in supporting the pope's mission of mercy as well as the Holy See dicasteries that assist his ministry.

A Tradition of Support for the Holy Father Support for such papal efforts is rooted in the scriptural message exhorting us to take care of the poor, and it expresses unity with the Holy Father in two ways: through the ongoing activities of the Holy See and through the charitable works of the Holy Father on behalf of those most in need.

For more information on Peter's Pence, please visit the Vatican's Peter's Pence website:

<https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html>

NOTICES

There will be a potluck to say goodbye to Fr. Lukenge at Sacred Heart on Sunday, June 30th, in the parish hall following Mass. Bring a dish of your choice and join us as we wish our beloved pastor God Speed and God Bless. You are welcome to come even if you can't bring a dish.

Do you know someone who might be inquiring about the Catholic Faith or may want to become a Catholic? If yes, beginning in August that someone can start the process of learning more about the Catholic Faith with the possibility of becoming Catholic at the Easter Vigil 2025 (April 19, 2025). To learn more contact Don Rogowski at 540-962-7344 or Janice Campbell at 540-969-9073

The next Adult Faith Formation, Lectio: Mark: Faith Not Fear, walks through each chapter of the Gospel of Mark in his action-packed story. Sessions begin on Tuesday, August 20 @ 6:30 PM in Sacred Heart Parish Hall and continue each Tuesday until November 19 (14 sessions, each ~1 hour). If you would like a free Participant Guide (over 200 pages), contact Don Rogowski @ 540-962-7344 or formed@sacredheartcovington.org by Monday, August 5. View the trailer at <https://vimeo.com/282582579>

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make Sacred Heart's Centennial celebration a great success.

Thank you to all who attended and helped us celebrate this milestone event. It was a wonderful day with a beautiful Mass celebrated by our Bishop, with altar servers from Sacred Heart and St. Joseph, and the ceremonial participation of the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard. All this was followed by a catered luncheon in our parish hall.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. June 17	Ezekiel 17: 22-24; Psalms 92: 2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10; Mark 4: 26-34
Mon. June 18	1 Kings 21: 1-16; Psalms 5: 2-3ab, 4b-6, 7; Psalms 119: 105; Matthew 5: 38-42
Tues. June 19	2 Kings 2: 1, 6-14; Psalms 31: 20, 21, 24; John 14: 23; Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18
Wed. June 20	1 Kings 21: 17-29; Psalms 51: 3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16; John 13: 34; Matthew 5: 43-48
Thurs. June 21	1 Kings 2: 1, 6-14; Psalms 31: 20, 21, 24; John 14: 23; Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18
Fri. June 22	Sirach 48: 1-14; Psalms 97: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7; Romans 8: 15bc; Matthew 6: 7-15
Sat. June 23	2 Chronicles 24: 17-25; Psalms 89: 4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34; 2 Corinthians 8: 9; Matthew 6: 24-34
Sun. June 24	Job 38: 1, 8-11; Psalms 107: 23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31; 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17; Luke 7: 16 Mark 4: 35-41

VOCATIONS

"The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed." Has Christ sown the seed of your vocation within you? Might it be to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.



OUR TRUE HOME IS HEAVEN

As we enter back into Ordinary Time, our readings today remind us that heaven is our true home and that we cannot make it there without God's assistance. In our First Reading, the prophet Ezekiel foretells the coming of the Kingdom of God. We can see that Jesus is the cedar that will become refuge for all people. He will humble the proud, lift up the lowly and produce good fruit in the weakened. It is God who does the wondrous works.

We often go through life wanting to be in control. We try to solve all our problems, as we think, "I can do it myself." We cling to our own ideas by putting certain events, future plans or even day-to-day moments into a perfect little box, "This is the way I want it." We can even push back in moments of suffering by trying to find every possible way to get out of it. We are "in control."

Imagine what life would be like if we surrendered a little more. It is easier said than done — but, oh, how freeing it would be. What if we opened our clenched hands to God and said, "Thy will be done"?

We would become free from attachment and more blessed than we could ever imagine.

Only God can do all that He promised in our First Reading. We need Him. All we need to do is surrender. To help us on this journey of total surrender, try starting each day with a prayer of surrender, "Lord, I give You this day and all that You have in store for me, my family and friends." With the guidance of the Lord, surely we will make it home to heaven.