



DECEMBER 29, 2024  
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,  
MARY, AND JOSEPH

**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) email: [stjoseph@ntelos.net](mailto:stjoseph@ntelos.net)  
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. Ernest Dugah, Administrator**  
804-914-4977

**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.

**MT CARMEL CATHOLIC CEMETERY**

Low Moor, Virginia  
Contact: Mr. Carl Withrow (540) 968-3267

## CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

### St. Joseph Parish 540-863-5371

Office Hours: Call for appointment

In Emergency	Fr. Dugah	804-914-4977
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. Dugah	804-914-4977
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. Dugah	804-914-4977
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, Katie Greenwood, Tom Greenwood, Ed and Sandra Haverlack, Rita Luther, Sally Putnam, Carol Turner, Terry Windsor.

### Sacred Heart

Pam Austin, Debbie Brokaw, Josephine Brown, Mack Brown, Wanda Callaham, Esther Ewing, Jay Ewing, Rev. David Hanks, Tony Forbes, Roberta Frampton, April Headley, Arthur Headley, Raphael Lopez, Brooke Nogueira, David Palance, Paul Perron, Michael Rybka, Cathy Savage, Maureen Stec, Rayvi Veras, Bill Withrow, Becky Woodson

### Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Margo Oxendine, Molly Sasser, Clarissa Westenburger

### Diocese of Richmond Seminarian

Mr. Avention Grimes



## WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

<b>St. Joseph</b>	
Sunday Offertory	\$2,012.00

<b>Sacred Heart</b>	
Sunday Offertory	\$935.00
Catholic Charities	1,007.25

<b>Shrine of the Sacred Heart</b>	
Sunday Offertory	\$2,343.88

## CALENDAR

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph – Tuesday and Thursday at 12Noon  
Sacred Heart - Friday - 10:45AM Adoration and  
Benediction; Mass at 12Noon  
First Friday 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.

### SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD, A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

VIGIL MASS, DECEMBER 31  
Shrine of the Sacred Heart – 5:00PM  
Sacred Heart – 5:00PM  
MASS, JANUARY 1  
Shrine of the Sacred Heart – 9:00AM  
St. Joseph – 9:00AM  
Sacred Heart – 11:00AM

## NOTICES

The next Adult Faith Formation is Lectio: Salvation, New Life in Christ. Sessions begin on Tuesday, January 28 @ 6:30 PM in Sacred Heart Parish Hall and continue each Tuesday until April 1 (10 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](mailto:formed@sacredheartcovington.org) by Monday, January 13. View the trailer at <https://vimeo.com/386007441>

If you would like to subscribe to emails of late breaking news at Sacred Heart, email [news@sacredheartcovington.org](mailto:news@sacredheartcovington.org) to be added to the Sacred Heart News email distribution list. News emails are blind copied for your privacy.

The Church of the Transfiguration in Fincastle is seeking a piano player for 3 weekends a month. A small stipend per hour is available. If you are interested, please contact the parish office at 540-473-2656 or email: [office@churchofthetransfiguration.com](mailto:office@churchofthetransfiguration.com)

## CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Families today face many struggles, both through cultural pressure and through the personal struggles that accompany family life. Despite these struggles — and partly as a result of conquering them — families have great capacity for love and joy, a joy that is strengthened through the peace and truth found in Christ. This weekend Fr. Ernest and Fr. Tom will lead a Consecration to the Holy Family at each Mass in the clustered parishes. This Consecration is being sponsored by Sacred Heart - St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Council. A copy of the Prayer Card that will be distributed and a Trifold suggesting how to prepare for the Consecration are located under the Menu item "Consecration to Holy Family" on all three parish websites.

## THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS BEGINS

When the carols have been stilled,  
When the star-topped tree is taken down,  
When family and friends are gone home,  
When we are back to our schedules  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To welcome the refugee,  
To heal a broken planet,  
To feed the hungry,  
To build bridges of trust, not walls of fear,  
To share our gifts,  
To seek justice and peace for all people,  
To bring Christ's light to the world.

## DAILY READINGS

Sun. Dec. 29	1 Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28; Psalms 84: 2-3, 5-6, 9-10; 1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24; Colossians 3: 15a, 16a; Luke 2: 41-52
Mon. Dec. 30	1 John 2: 12-17; Psalms 96: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Luke 2: 36-40
Tues. Dec. 31	1 John 2: 18-21; Psalms 96: 1-2, 11-12, 13; John 1: 14a, 12a; John 1: 1-18
Wed. Jan. 1	Numbers 6: 22-27; Psalms 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8; Galatians 4: 4-7; Hebrews 1: 1-2; Luke 2: 16-21
Thurs. Jan. 2	1 John 2: 22-28; Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Hebrews 1: 1-2; John 1: 19-28
Fri. Jan. 3	1 John 2: 29 – 3: 6; Psalms 98: 1, 3cd-4, 5-6; John 1: 14a, 12a; John 1: 29-34
Sat. Jan. 4	1 John 3: 7-10; Psalms 98: 1, 7-8, 9; Hebrews 1: 1-2; John 1: 35-42
Sun. Jan. 5	Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalms 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2: 2; Matthew 2: 1-12

## VOCATIONS

“He gave power to become children of God.”  
If you think you may be called to share the Father’s love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.



## FOLLOW EXAMPLE OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The Holy Family experienced many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children experience today. And, so, we can look to this Family for help in our own family lives and see in them a model of stewardship in family life.

The Gospel passage from Luke starts by telling us something about Jesus’ parents: “Each year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, and when he was 12 years old, they went up according to festival custom.” This Family took seriously the stewardship of their time. The “Holy Couple” carefully observed the traditions and practice of their Jewish faith and brought up their Son to do the same. They worshiped as a family, and with their faith community. And they did so faithfully.

We can take their example to heart by making Sunday Mass attendance a priority for our families, by making prayer with our family a priority every day, by making sure that we regularly celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and by observing in our family life the feasts and fasts appropriate to the liturgical calendar. When we, as families, prioritize our Time with God and worship of Him we will be imitating the Holy Family.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life. Let’s commit to steward our families well in the coming year, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars.