



APRIL 13, 2025  
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S  
PASSION

**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**  
540-620-9309

**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

Sacred Heart – St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Council 17457

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 24 @ Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Rosary: 6:25 PM, Meal: 6:45, Meeting: 7:10 PM

## CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Office Hours: Call for appointment

In Emergency	Fr. Dugah	540-620-9309
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	540-620-9309
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	202-373-9571
Community Life	Alvina Nida	540-747-2211
Justice & Peace	John Stec	540-862-1917
Grds & Maint.	Leo Mulcahy	540-862-3021
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	540-620-9309
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, Jake Lekan, Rita Luther, Roy Putnam, Sally Putnam, Carol Turner, Terry Windsor, Elaina Wright, Katie Greenwood White

### Sacred Heart

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

### Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Margo Oxendine, Molly Sasser

### Diocese of Richmond Seminarian

Mr. Avention Grimes

## WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

St. Joseph	
Sunday Offertory	\$2,406.25
Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$4,428.00
COPE Food Pantry	442.00
Shrine of the Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,864.09

## CALENDAR

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph – Tuesday at 12Noon Sacred Heart –  
Wednesday at 11:30AM followed by the Rosary;  
First Friday: Mass at 11AM followed by Adoration;  
Benediction at 8:00PM  
First Saturday: Rosary and Litany of Our Lady prayed  
at 9AM followed by Mass at 9:30AM

### EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

#### HOLY THURSDAY

Shrine of the Sacred Heart: Mass at 5:00PM  
Sacred Heart: Mass at 7:00PM

#### GOOD FRIDAY

Shrine of the Sacred Heart: Stations of the Cross at  
12 Noon; Passion of the Lord, 5:00PM  
Sacred Heart: Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm;  
Passion of the Lord, 7:00PM

#### EASTER VIGIL

Shrine of the Sacred Heart: Mass at 8:00PM  
St. Joseph: Mass at 8:00PM

#### EASTER SUNDAY

Shrine of the Sacred: Mass at 9:00AM  
St. Joseph: Mass at 9:00AM  
Sacred Heart: Mass at 11:00AM

#### EASTER MONDAY

Sacred Heart Mass at 9:30AM

## NOTICES

Sign in to FORMED for the daily Mass readings and insightful reflections This is a great way to start your day!

Faith Formation, Salvation, resumes at Sacred Heart on Tuesday, April 22nd, at 6:30pm in the parish hall.

St. Joseph's Bible Study continues to meet every Tuesday after noon Mass. The lessons are from The Word Among Us daily reading. Everyone is welcome. Those attending should bring a bag lunch. Coffee, tea and water are provided.

A bow is made before receiving Communion, and this also applies when receiving both the Body and Blood of Christ, according to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal.

#### REGARDLESS OF RECEPTION:

**\*\*Whether or not one is receiving from the cup, the bow is a sign of reverence for the Blood of Christ being offered. \*\***

Please remember to return your Operation Rice Bowls next Sunday.

## PALM SUNDAY

"In the palm procession our heart feels a joy mixed with sadness at sight of the Master's seemingly ephemeral triumph, prelude of suffering and death" (Archbishop Luis Martínez). Today's Mass recognizes that Jesus' full glory and kingship would only come about when he was lifted up. Our greatest sorrow and shame is our great relief—the cross. Jesus' experience of being loved and hated, of being welcomed and then rejected, provides us strength to endure the caprices and injustices of our own life.

## PALM SUNDAY PRAYER FOR HOPE

O Father, as we gather to commemorate Palm Sunday, we humbly seek Your guidance and grace. May we embrace the spirit of humility and joy that marked Christ's triumphant entry. Help us to carry His message of love and peace into our hearts and communities. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

## DAILY READINGS

Sun. April 13	Luke 19: 28-40; Isaiah 50: 4-7 Psalms 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Philippians 2: 8-9; Luke 22: 14 – 23: 56
Mon. April 14	Isaiah 42: 1-7; Psalms 27: 1, 2, 3, 13-14; John 12: 1-11
Tues. April 15	Isaiah 49: 1-6; Psalms 71: 1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; John 13: 21-33, 36-38
Wed. April 16	Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalms 69: 8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Matthew 26: 14-25
Thurs. April 17	Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14; Psalms 116: 12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26; John 13: 34; John 13: 1-15
Fri. April 18	Isaiah 52: 13 – 53: 12; Psalms 31: 2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Hebrews 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9; Philippians 2: 8-9; John 18: 1 – 19: 42
Sat. April 19	Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 2; Psalms 104: 1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; Genesis 22: 1-18; Psalms 16: 5, 8, 9-10, 11; Isaiah 55: 1-11; Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6; Romans 6: 3-11; Psalms 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Luke 24: 1-12
Sun. April 20	Acts 10: 34a, 37-43; Psalms 118: 1-2, 16 17, 22-23; Colossians 3: 1-4; 1 Corinthians 5: 7b-8a; John 20: 1-9

## VOCATIONS

Contact Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org. "The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious." Docility in prayer is essential to vocation discernment. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life?



## WHERE WILL YOU PLACE YOURSELF THIS WEEK?

Two very different responses to our Lord's passion are highlighted during the Gospel reading from Luke today: the response of Simon of Cyrene and the response of Jesus' acquaintances. Of Simon we are told, "They took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus." Whether Simon entered willingly and compassionately into this service or whether he took up the Cross of Christ with a grudge, we don't know. What we do know is this: Simon did his part faithfully. He stayed near to Christ, carrying the Cross until our Lord reached Golgotha, the site of His crucifixion. We also know that Simon's family was among the first of the early Christians. Staying near to Christ, embracing the Cross (quite literally), transformed his life and the life of his family. In contrast, near the end of this Gospel account, we are told of another reaction to Jesus' passion and death, namely that "all His acquaintances stood at a distance." They knew Jesus! They had heard him preaching and teaching, witnessed His signs and miracles, maybe even benefitted personally from them. Perhaps they did not participate in mocking Him or calling for His crucifixion. But they chose to stay a safe distance from Him when the going got tough. Unlike Simon, they refused to go too near to Christ.

Where will you place yourself this week? Keeping your distance from all the pain and suffering Christ endured? Or close by, staying near to Him as Simon did? It is when we go near to Christ that we can be transformed by Him. It is by embracing the crosses in our lives, stewarding them well rather than trying to run from them, that we become His true disciples.