



AUGUST 14, 2022  
TWENTIETH 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](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)  
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. Augustine Lukenge, Administrator**  
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**

*"I have come to set the earth on fire,  
and how I wish it were already blazing!"*

**Luke 12:49-53**

## 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.	Bob Gardiner	540-863-9452

**Sacred Heart Parish 540-962-6541**

Office Hours: Call for appointment

In Emergency	Fr. Lukenge	434-755-1208
Council Chair	Mark Taylor	540-968-1183
Vice Chair	Greg Kristoff	540-962-8900
Secretary	Zelpha Withrow	540-962-2181
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
K of C Contact	Tom O'Doherty	540-962-6795

**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

Thank you for your support!

## PRAYER LIST

**St. Joseph**

Clair Dilley, Bob Gardiner, Tom Greenwood, Rita Luther, Marie Martin, Sally Putnam.

**Sacred Heart**

Pam Austin, Natalie Austin, Josephine Brown, Kevin Brown, Mack Brown, Tom Callaham, Wanda Callaham, Robert Childs, Esther Ewing, Tony Forbes, Ken Headley, Marcella Jordan, John Misorek, Michael Rybka, John Stec, Maureen Stec, Tara Steinmecz and Baby Emma, Thomas Wade, Dave Wenke, Stanley Young

**Shrine of the Sacred Heart**

Margaret Fields, Dorothy Miller, Bill and Molly Sasser, John W. Smith, Clarissa Westenburger



## WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

<b>St. Joseph</b>	
Sunday Offertory	\$755.00
 <b>Sacred Heart</b>	
Sunday Offertory	\$3,513.00
 <b>Shrine of the Sacred Heart</b>	
Sunday Offertory	\$2,480.52

## CALENDAR

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph – 12NOON Tuesday and Thursday  
11:30AM Wednesday and 12NOON Friday at  
Sacred Heart \*(10:45AM Friday, Holy Hour with  
Benediction at Sacred Heart)

First Saturday Mass will be celebrated at Sacred  
Heart in honor of the Blessed Mother: 9:00AM  
Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Mother  
followed by Mass.

Contact Fr. Tom (540-588-8492) to schedule a  
time for weekday Mass at the Shrine of the  
Sacred Heart.

Jesus Christ has been called "the prince of peace." Why does he say that he has come for "division"? One reason may be that too many people practice a passive religion. They express faith and go through the motions, but don't really commit themselves. Jesus calls for an active religion. Christianity is a revolution against the values of this world. Christians must be rebels. Jesus preaches a faith that must suit radicals. We will always be divided from those who want a "safe" faith.

## JEREMIAH'S SAVIOR

Iraq (Babylon) attacked Israel in the 6th century B.C. The prophet Jeremiah interpreted this as a punishment from God for the sins of the people. He warned them not to resist the enemy. They called him a traitor and defeatist. A group of leaders pressured the weak to allow them to kill Jeremiah. They threw him into an underground water tank. He was rescued by an official from Ethiopia (Cush). A black foreigner had more faith and compassion than Jeremiah's peers.

## NOTICES

### SAVE THE DATE

Life Chain - Fall 2022

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS LIFE CHAIN, sponsored by Sacred Heart & St Joseph K of C Council 17457, will be held on Sunday, October 2, 2022, from 2:30 pm to 3:45 pm at traffic light, on sidewalks at the entrance to Wal-Mart Industrial Park.

### REMINDER

Just a reminder to all who have signed up, Sacred Heart will deliver Meals on Wheels on August 15-18.

### POPE'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION: 'FOR SMALL BUSINESSES'

Pope Francis released his prayer intention for the month of August, urging special prayers for small businesses. As August kicked off, Pope Francis is calling on Catholics to pray for small and medium-sized businesses, so that "in the midst of economic and social crisis, they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities."

*"Stores, workshops, cleaning businesses, transportation businesses, and so many others. The ones that don't appear on the world's richest and most powerful lists, and despite the difficulties, they create jobs, fulfilling their social responsibility."*

The Holy Father concluded his message by remembering the value of small businesses.

*"Let us pray for small and medium-sized businesses, hard hit by the economic and social crisis, so they may find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities."*

### THANK YOU

Thank you for supporting the Knights of Columbus aluminum can recycling. Please continue to drop off cans in the orange bins located next to the rectory garage at Sacred Heart and at the side of the church at St. Joseph.

Lord, come to my aid!

## DAILY READINGS

Sun. Aug. 14	Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10; Psalms 40: 2, 3, 4, 18; Hebrews 12: 1-4; John 10: 27; Luke 12: 49-53
Mon. Aug. 15	Revelation 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab; Psalms 45: 10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Corinthians 15: 20-27; Luke 1: 39-56
Tues. Aug. 16	Ezekiel 28: 1-10; Deuteronomy 32: 26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; 2 Corinthians 8: 9; Matthew 19: 23-30
Wed. Aug. 17	Ezekiel 34: 1-11; Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Hebrews 4: 12; Matthew 20: 1-16
Thurs. Aug. 18	Ezekiel 36: 23-28; Psalms 51: 12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Psalms 95: 8; Matthew 22: 1-14
Fri. Aug. 19	Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Psalms 107: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Psalms 25: 4b, 5a; Matthew 22: 34-40
Sat. Aug. 20	Ezekiel 43: 1-7ab; Psalms 85: 9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Matthew 23: 9b, 10b; Matthew 23: 1-12
Sun. Aug. 21	Isaiah 66: 18-21; Psalms 117: 1, 2; Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13; John 14: 6; Luke 13: 22-30

## VOCATIONS

"I have come to set the earth on fire," Do you want to carry the fire of the Lord to his people as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661

e-mail: vocations @richmonddiocese.org.



## STEWARDSHIP IS CHALLENGING

Today's readings set a high bar for us Christian stewards, reminding us that a stewardship way of life is meant to be a challenging way of life.

In the second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, we are told to live as Christ lived. And how did Christ live? "For the sake of the joy that lay before Him He endured the cross." If we are tempted to complain about the sufferings we must endure in living as Christ's disciples, we are told, "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood." In other words, "If you're not bleeding, what are you complaining about?" That is quite a high bar!

The Gospel reading from Luke continues this challenging theme. Our Lord tells His disciples "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing." A couple of verses later Jesus adds, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

Jesus's life on this earth and the message He brought were not meant to simply make us feel good. In fact, His words can make us downright uncomfortable at times. That's because His Good News (and it is indeed good news!) is meant to change us, to make saints of us. The stewardship way of life sets a high bar indeed. But deeply embraced, this way of life focused on God and others will make us the saints we are called to be.