



SEPTEMBER 4, 2022
TWENTY-THIRD 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

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14:25-33

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, Maureen Stec, 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

St. Joseph

Sunday Offertory	\$807.00
Roof Fund	150.00

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,055.00
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Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,336.75
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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.

HATING ONE'S FAMILY

In today's Gospel, Jesus says something shocking,
"Anyone who comes to me without hating father,
mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his
own life too, cannot be my disciple." We should
realize that it was intended to provoke a response. If
we took his words literally, it would be the exact
opposite of all that he preached. But are the words
meant in the literal sense?

Jesus used what we might call "reverse psychology"
to elicit a commitment from his disciples. Many came
to him because he was a free physician. They had only
a passing or no interest in his teachings. His words
might be interpreted to say, "Anyone who wants to
be my follower must love me far more than he does
his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, or
sisters--yes, more than his own life--otherwise he
cannot be my disciple."

NOTICES

Bishop Knestout has officially appointed Fr. Lukenge
from Administrator to Pastor of our clustered
parishes effective August 18th. The customary term
of a pastor is six renewable years which can be
modified by the needs of the Diocese.

THE CASE FOR JESUS

The adult faith formation offering "The Case for
Jesus" with Dr. Brandt Pitre (FORMED) will begin this
Tuesday, September 6, at Sacred Heart Parish Hall at
6:30 PM.

Promo on Youtube: <https://youtu.be/2byVX1r2Z9I>

Faith Formation studies are designed to help us better
understand, live and share our Catholic Faith. Please
join us in this dynamic series. All are welcome!

To see the adult faith formation calendar using
FORMED for 2022/2023 check out FORMED
information at:

<https://sacredheartcovington.org/formed/>

<https://stjosephcf.org/formed/>

"Are you a practicing Catholic man between the ages
of 18 and 118 who is looking to grow in our faith and
serve others? The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic
Fraternal Organization that serves the needs of our
Parish and Community, while fostering
spiritual growth in our members, our families and our
Parish. For more information on our many programs,
life insurance and opportunities to serve, please reach
out to any knight after Mass, or Thomas O'Doherty at
Sacred Heart Covington."

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.

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Sept. 4	Wisdom 9: 13-18b; Psalms 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17; Philemon 1: 9-10, 12-17; Psalms 119: 135; Luke 14: 25-33
Mon. Sept. 5	1 Corinthians 5: 1-8; Psalms 5: 5-6, 7, 12; John 10: 27; Luke 6: 6-11
Tues. Sept. 6	1 Corinthians 6: 1-11; Psalms 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; John 15: 16; Luke 6: 12-19
Wed. Sept. 7	1 Corinthians 7: 25-31; Psalms 45: 11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Luke 6: 23ab; Luke 6: 20-26
Thurs. Sept. 8	Micah 5: 1-4a; Psalms 13: 6ab, 6c; Matthew 1: 1-16, 18-23
Fri. Sept. 9	1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22b-27; Psalms 84: 3, 4, 5-6, 12; John 17: 17b, 17a; Luke 6: 39-42
Sat. Sept. 10	1 Corinthians 10: 14-22; Psalms 116: 12-13, 17-18; John 14: 23; Luke 6: 43-49
Sun. Sept. 11	Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14; Psalms 51: 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Timothy 1: 12-17; 2 Corinthians 5: 19; Luke 15: 1-32

VOCATIONS

"Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Are you being called to discipleship as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661
e-mail: vocations @richmonddiocese.org.



PUT GOD FIRST

Today's readings make very clear the demands that will be made of those wanting to be called disciples of Christ. We must be prepared to give our all to Him. But in the end, the life of discipleship — the stewardship way of life — is the only life that can truly satisfy.

In the Gospel passage from Luke, Christ says, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." Our Lord is speaking here not of emotions but rather of priorities. He must come first in all aspects of our lives. Period.

He goes on. "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." In other words, it's all or nothing. Compromise is simply not possible. Christ wants us to give all of ourselves, all aspects of our individual lives, our family life, our parish over to Him and to the pursuit of His kingdom.

And just when we think our Lord might soften His message to make it a little more palatable, He goes further! "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Why is our Lord being so demanding? Only because He knows us so well and loves us so much.

He knows that if we do not live by putting Him first before all else, we will easily be swallowed up by the earthly cares that weigh us down — our material things, our status, and our egos. He knows these things cannot satisfy us. He knows this because He is our Maker, and He made us for more.

We are made to be His disciples, to seek after Him and His Kingdom. Embracing stewardship as a way life allows us to count the cost, and then run after Him with all our might.