



SEPTEMBER 18, 2022
TWENTY-FIFTH 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

"You cannot serve both God and mammon."

Luke 16:1-13

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
	Laurie O'Doherty	703-282-9203
	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
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, Roberta Frampton, Marcella Jordan, John Misorek, David Palance, Maria and Bob Perron, 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	\$842.00
Religious Education	25.00

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,996.00
Haitian Twin Parish	429.00

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,501.62
Valley Elem. Backpack Prog.	245.00

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.

DISHONEST STEWARD

Jesus based his parables on real-life, and possibly
historical situations. He often added a small twist in
the story: something that did not make sense from a
human point of view. In today's Gospel he praises a
man who is openly a crook. A manager or steward is
about to be fired from his job. Realizing that he has
little prospect of being hired again, he conspires to
rob from his employer. He uses his authority to
reduce debts owed to the master, thinking that the
debtors will show him gratitude later.

Jesus and the employer praise this unscrupulous
action? Why? Because it portrays the virtue of
prudence, planning. Christ implies that Christians
often fail to practice foresight in thinking of their
future life. We do not take heaven into account when
we plan our daily lives. Do you?.

NOTICES

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Sacred Heart will have a potluck luncheon following
Mass on Sunday, October 9, in the parish hall.
Parishioners from all our clustered parishes are
invited. The theme is Oktoberfest. Bring a dish of
your choice and join us in good food and fellowship.
You do not have to bring a dish to attend. All are
welcome.

"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.

BLUE RIDGE CURSILLO MEN'S WEEKEND

Calling all men of the parish. Are you looking for a
deeper relationship with Jesus Christ? The Men's
Cursillo Weekend takes place October 20 – 23 at Camp
Altamons in Shawsville, VA. Applications can be
obtained on the website of Our Lady of Perpetual
Help. Click on menu, click on Religious Formation,
click on Cursillo. The application can be downloaded
and printed. For more information please contact:
Patti Dugger at pgdugger@msn.com.

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Sept. 18	Amos 8: 4-7; Psalms 113: 1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Timothy 2: 1-8; 2 Corinthians 8: 9; Luke 16: 1-13
Mon. Sept. 19	Proverbs 3: 27-34; Psalms 15: 2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Matthew 5: 16; Luke 8: 16-18
Tues. Sept. 20	Proverbs 21: 1-6, 10-13; Psalms 119: 1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Luke 11: 28; Luke 8: 19-21
Wed. Sept. 21	Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-13; Psalms 19: 2-3, 4-5; Matthew 9: 9-13
Thurs. Sept. 22	Ecclesiastes 1: 2-11; Psalms 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17bc; John 14: 6; Luke 9: 7-9
Fri. Sept. 23	Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11; Psalms 144: 1b, 2abc, 3-4; Mark 10: 45; Luke 9: 18-22
Sat. Sept. 24	Ecclesiastes 11: 9 – 12: 8; Psalms 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17; 2 Timothy 1: 10; Luke 9: 43b-45
Sun. Sept. 25	Amos 6: 1a, 4-7; Psalms 146: 7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Timothy 6: 11-16; 2 Corinthians 8: 9; Luke 16: 19-31

VOCATIONS

“No servant can serve two masters.” Are you discerning a vocation to serve the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?
Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661
e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



IS GOD YOUR FIRST PRIORITY?

After today's readings, we can't say we have not been warned about the dangers of mixed-up priorities. God's Word is so very clear today on the necessity of putting Him first in all areas of our lives.

We see this in the First Reading from Amos. The Lord has harsh words for those who would take advantage of the poor and whose priorities are not aligned with God's.

In the Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to Timothy, Paul gives us the antidote to the self-centeredness condemned in our First Reading. The antidote is to imitate Christ "who gave Himself as a ransom for all." Rather than thinking of Himself and how to "get ahead" Christ gave Himself away — completely — for our sake. That is how we are to live.

In our Gospel passage from Luke, the Lord shows us how to bridge the gap between worldly thinking and priorities and eternal thinking and priorities. Jesus tells the parable of the corrupt but clever steward who is about to get fired when the master discovers the steward has been squandering his property. Realizing his imminent unemployed status, the clever steward reaches out to the various debtors of his master to wheel and deal with them, making friends who would look out for him when he became jobless.

What if we put that kind of effort into our own tasks as good stewards of all God's gifts to us? Into our ministries, into the ways we could make more time for prayer as individuals, as couples, as families, and as a parish? What if we got as creative as the "bad steward" in the use of our finances so that we could give more generously to the poor and the advancement of God's kingdom on the earth?

That's our lesson and our challenge.