



OCTOBER 8, 2023
Twenty-Seventh 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

*"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?"*

Matthew 21:33-43

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

St. Joseph Parish 540-863-5371

Office Hours: Call for appointment

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| 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. | Jimmy Withrow | 540-494-3987 |

Sacred Heart Parish 540-962-6541

Office Hours: Call for appointment

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| In Emergency | Fr. Lukenge | 434-755-1208 |
| 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

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| 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 |
| 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 – Michael Buchanan, Joshua
Crawford, Andy Shepard

PRAYER LIST

St. Joseph

Mark Asma, Clair Dilley, Bob Gardiner, Tom Greenwood, Rita Luther, Sally Putnam, Bob Umstead, Terry Windsor.

Sacred Heart

Pam Austin, Nola Beach, Josephine Brown, Mack Brown, Wanda Callaham, Robert Childs, Esther Ewing, Tony Forbes, Roberta Frampton, Arthur Headley, Marcella Jordan, Raphael Lopez, David Palance, Maria Perron, Paul Perron, Shaun Perron, Pam Poole, Michael Rybka, Cathy Savage, Maureen Stec, Sophia Veras, Thomas Wade, Bill Withrow

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Margaret Fields, Molly Sasser, John W. Smith, Clarissa Westenburger



WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

St. Joseph

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| Sunday Offertory | \$1,100.00 |
| Retired Religious Fund | 25.00 |

Sacred Heart

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| Sunday Offertory | \$3,807.00 |
| Capital Improvements | 764.00 |
| COPE Food Pantry | 40 |

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

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| Sunday Offertory | \$2,407.98 |
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CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph - 12NOON Thursday

Sacred Heart - Friday - 10:45 Adoration and Benediction, Mass at 12 Noon

Due to the Annual Priests Convocation, there will be no weekday Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 10-12.

First Friday Mass at Sacred Heart beginning with Mass at 11am followed by 8 hours of Adoration. Benediction will be at 8PM.

First Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart at 9AM beginning with the Rosary and Litany of Our Lady followed by Mass at 9:30AM.

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

THE VINEYARD

A grape vineyard is a highly specialized kind of farm. The plants produce vines that can reach up to 56 feet (about 17 meters). Unless pruned most of the growth goes into vines and tendril branches. The farmer trims the plant and cuts the most fruitful branches. These are transferred to other vines and grafted into them.

Centuries ago the plants were cultivated by Egyptians and Babylonians. In Israel they had to be protected by armed guards from watchtowers. A thorn hedge prevented outsiders from stealing the grapes at harvest time. The grapes were crushed by feet in pits dug in the ground.

The bible compares the people of Israel with a vine taken from Egypt and cultured by God. Isaiah prophecies that God has found little fruit in his "vineyard" except for wild, bitter grapes.

NOTICES

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before each Sunday Mass throughout the month of October.

The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets for a rifle after the Sunday Masses at St. Joseph and Sacred Heart on October 15.

Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

October 21, 2023

Join Bishop Knestout and faithful from across the Commonwealth for a pilgrimage focused on the source and summit of our faith, the Eucharist. Pilgrims will be invited to talks, tours, Eucharistic Procession, Adoration, Music and Mass with Bishop Knestout, all surrounded by the awe-inspiring beauty of the largest Catholic Church in North America. This pilgrimage will offer resources in multiple languages. We request all pilgrims register by October 13th so we can prepare resources and scheduling. Registration is free and a Diocesan bus will leave from St. Andrew - Roanoke (160 seats); Morning departure: 6:00 a.m. Approximate Evening Return: 10:30 p.m. (includes one hour dinner stop). For more information

<https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/diocesan-pilgrimage/pilgrimage>

World Mission Sunday collection is on October 22. World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue.

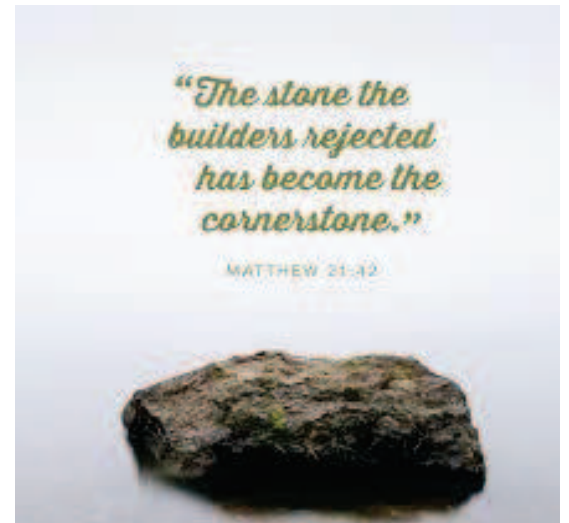


DAILY READINGS

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| Sun. Oct. 8 | Isaiah 5: 1-7; Psalms 80: 9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Philippians 4: 6-9; John 15: 16; Matthew 21: 33-43 |
| Mon. Oct. 9 | Jonah 1: 1 – 2: 1-2, 11; Jonah 2: 3, 4, 5, 8; John 13: 34; Luke 10: 25-37 |
| Tues. Oct. 10 | Jonah 3: 1-10; Psalms 130: 1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Luke 11: 28; Luke 10: 38-42 |
| Wed. Oct. 11 | Jonah 4: 1-11; Psalms 86: 3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Romans 8: 15bc; Luke 11: 1-4 |
| Thurs. Oct. 12 | Malachi 3: 13-20b; Psalms 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Acts 16: 14b; Luke 11: 5-13 |
| Fri. Oct. 13 | Joel 1: 13-15; 2: 1-2; Psalms 9: 2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9; John 12: 31b-32; Luke 11: 15-26 |
| Sat. Oct. 14 | Joel 4: 12-21; Psalms 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Luke 11: 28; Luke 11: 27-28 |
| Sun. Oct. 15 | Isaiah 25: 6-10a; Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20; Ephesians 1: 17-18; Matthew 22: 1-14 |

VOCATIONS

“He humbled Himself and became obedient....” If the Lord invites you to follow Him in humble obedience as a priest or in the consecrated life, how will you respond? Call Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.



USE YOUR BLESSINGS WELL

We have been given so many gifts and blessings by our Heavenly Father. Yet, in our fallen state it is all too easy to take them for granted. Our readings today teach us that we must live with an intentional awareness of our many blessings and use them gratefully to glorify God.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus uses the image of a vineyard to teach the importance of using our blessings well. He tells the story of a landowner who plants a vineyard and leases it to tenants before he goes on a journey. Instead of tending the vineyard, the tenants mistreat the servants in the vineyard and even the son of the landowner, whom they kill.

When the landowner realizes what the tenants have done, he puts them to death and leases his vineyard to tenants who “will give him the produce at the proper times.”

By Baptism, we have received the gift of salvation and membership in Kingdom of God — we are now “tenants” called to work in the “vineyard” and produce fruit for its owner, our Heavenly Father. Jesus makes it clear that we if we squander the gift of salvation, we will lose it. It is a sobering truth.

So, let us use our intellect to think on these gifts throughout the day and resolve to use all our gifts for God’s glory.