



OCTOBER 15, 2023  
Twenty-Eighth 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, 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**

*"Many are invited, but few are chosen."*

**Matthew 22:1-14**

## 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.	Jimmy Withrow	540-494-3987

### Sacred Heart Parish 540-962-6541

Office Hours: Call for appointment

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

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

Sunday Offertory	\$1,246.00
Learn to Lead	100.00

### Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,259.00
Capital Improvement Fund	320.00

### Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$2,146.00
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# Save the Date!

## Cluster Parish Directory Photo Shoot Information



**Please see the dates below for the directory photos for our parishes:**

**Shrine of the Sacred Heart**

**Wednesday, December 6, 2023**

**Sacred Heart**

**Wednesday, December 13, 2023**

**St. Joseph**

**Wednesday, December 20, 2023**

**You can have your portrait done at any of these locations. You do not have to have your picture taken at your member parish.**

**Everyone who is photographed will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory.**

**More information to come!**

## CALENDAR

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph - 12NOON Tuesday and Thursday  
Sacred Heart – 11:30AM Wednesday; Friday – 10:45AM Adoration and Benediction, Mass at 12 Noon

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.

## 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.

### 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>

### National Eucharistic Revival: Year of Parish Revival (June 11, 2023-July 17, 2024)

Beginning in January 2024, Sacred Heart will offer the “Jesus and the Eucharist” small group study as part of the National Eucharistic Revival sponsored by the Bishops of the United States. Details about this seven-week study will be provided later.

For information about the National Eucharistic Revival and to access resources to learn more about the reality of Jesus in the Eucharist and fall more deeply in love with him, check out [www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org).

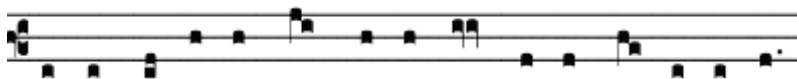
## WITHOUT A WEDDING GARMENT?

The last section of today's gospel doesn't seem to fit. It may have been a separate story, but the author of Matthew's gospel sees it as a unit.

The first section describes a king's disappointment at the response to an invitation. This probably refers to God's sadness at people's indifference to Jesus. Others are invited in their place--all of those who will come to Christ.

The final part of the story presents the king's anger at one of the guests who isn't properly dressed. How could the guest be ready if he's been dragged in at the last minute? If you just came off the street, would you be likely to have one?

The answer may be that God provides the right clothes for all of us: a suit of love. If we accept an invitation without caring about the guest of honor, why should we bother?



I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

## DAILY READINGS

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
Mon. Oct. 16	Romans 1: 1-7; Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Psalms 95: 8; Luke 11: 29-32
Tues. Oct. 17	Romans 1: 16-25; Psalms 19: 2-3, 4-5; Hebrews 4: 12; Luke 11: 37-41
Wed. Oct. 18	2 Timothy 4: 10-17b; Psalms 145: 10-11, 12-13, 17-18; John 15: 16; Luke 10: 1-9
Thurs. Oct. 19	Romans 3: 21-30; Psalms 130: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; John 14: 6; Luke 11: 47-54
Fri. Oct. 20	Romans 4: 1-8; Psalms 32: 1b-2, 5, 11; Psalms 33: 22; Luke 12: 1-7
Sat. Oct. 21	Romans 4: 13, 16-18; Psalms 105: 6-7, 8-9, 42-43; John 15: 26b, 27a; Luke 12: 8-12
Sun. Oct. 22	Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6; Psalms 96: 1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1Thessalonians 1: 1-5b; Philippians 2: 15d, 16a; Matthew 22: 15-21

## VOCATIONS

“Many are called, but few are chosen.” Are you considering a vocation to proclaim the word of God as a priest or consecrated religious? Call Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.



My friend, how is it that you came here without a wedding garment?

## KEEP ETERNITY IN MIND

How easy it is, especially in these times, to be consumed by the cares and distractions of the “here and now,” forgetting about what matters most — living for the Kingdom of Heaven. The stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the virtuous use of our Time, Talent and Treasure, allows us to embrace daily life and all its demands — with eternity in mind.

In our First Reading, the prophet Isaiah paints a beautiful and compelling picture of what we can hope for in Heaven. “The LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.” And not only that, our loving Father will personally heal us of each and every suffering we endured during our lives. “The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face.”

How can we say “no” to such an enticing invitation? Yet, so often we are tempted to do just that. We ignore our relationship with God, neglect our prayer and sacramental life, and the call to put others ahead of ourselves. We prioritize the “immediate” over the “eternal.”

How do we keep focused on the Kingdom of Heaven? St. Paul shares his secret for an eternity-driven life. In our Second Reading from his Letter to the Philippians, Paul says, “I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need.” In other words, Paul has learned to live the stewardship way of life.

What is the secret? It is this: “I can do all things in him who strengthens me.” How? Through this: “My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” It is so simple! But it is not easy. It takes both courage and humility to live this way. God will supply these to us if we ask.