



NOVEMBER 19, 2023
THIRTY-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

*"For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich;
but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."*

Matthew 25:14-30

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, 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, Jay Ewing, Tony Forbes, Roberta Frampton, Arthur Headley, Marcella Jordan, Raphael Lopez, Heidi Mulcahy, David Palance, Maria Perron, Paul Perron, Shaun Perron, Pam Poole, Michael Rybka, Cathy Savage, Maureen Stec, Sophia Veras, Bill Withrow

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

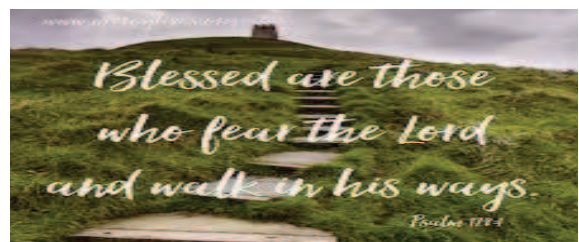
Margaret Fields, Molly Sasser, John W. Smith, Clarissa Westenburger

Prayer Requests



WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

St. Joseph	
Sunday Offertory	\$
Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,670.00
Christmas Mother	640.00
Shrine of the Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,391.42



**Additions to Normal Mass & Reconciliation Schedule
for Advent & Christmas Seasons 2023**

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

December 7 (Thursday), Vigil Masses

- Shrine of the Sacred Heart @ 5:00 PM

December 8 (Friday), Masses

- Shrine of the Sacred Heart @ 9:00 AM
- Sacred Heart @ 12:00 PM
- St. Joseph @ 5:30 PM

Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12 (Tuesday), Masses

- Shrine of the Sacred Heart @ 9:00 AM
- St. Joseph @ 12:00 PM
- Sacred Heart @ 6:00 PM

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) (Holy Day of Obligation)

December 24 (Sunday), Vigil Masses

- Shrine of the Sacred Heart @ 5:00 PM
- Sacred Heart @ 5:00 PM
- St. Joseph @ 10:00 PM

December 25 (Monday), Masses

- Shrine of the Sacred Heart @ 9:00 AM
- Sacred Heart @ 11:00 AM
- St. Joseph @ No Mass

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

December 31 (Sunday), Vigil Masses

- Shrine of the Sacred Heart @ 5:00 PM

January 1 (Monday), Masses

- Shrine of the Sacred Heart @ 9:00 AM
- St. Joseph @ 9:00 AM
- Sacred Heart @ 11:00 AM

Advent Reconciliation Services

December 12 (Tuesday)

- Sacred Heart @ 7:00 PM

December 13 (Wednesday)

- St. Joseph @ 7:00 PM

CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at The Shrine of the Sacred Heart at 9AM and at Sacred Heart at 10:00AM.

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

First Saturday Mass 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 DAY OF THE LORD

Jesus spoke of his return from heaven, implying that it would happen within the lifetimes of some of his listeners. Paul preached this and stirred audiences with the notion of a forthcoming cataclysm. The congregation at Thessalonica, Greece certainly took him literally. Many quit their jobs, anticipating the end of the world. This earned Christians a reputation for laziness.

Paul realized the error and wrote his first letter to warn his followers against panic. Even if the world--the Day of the Lord--should end suddenly, Christians must not worry. They are secure in their faith-relationship with Jesus. We will not be overcome unprepared. Still, we must be vigilant.

NOTICES

The downtown ecumenical Thanksgiving Service is scheduled for 5PM Sunday, Nov 19th, at Granbery United Methodist Church.

IT'S TIME FOR A NEW PARISH DIRECTORY!

The dates for the directory photos for our parishes:

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. However, you must register in advance. There are sign-up sheets at each parish. Families, couples and singles who are photographed will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory. Your parish contacts can help you register.

Parish contacts are:

Sacred Heart: Laurie O'Doherty and Zee Withrow; St. Joseph: Libby Burger and Paul Cormier

The Knights of Columbus thank all who are collecting aluminum cans and dropping them off in the orange bin located along the side of the Sacred Heart Rectory garage. Over 700 lbs. or roughly 22,000 cans have been recycled so far. The proceeds from recycling aluminum cans are used to fund KofC charitable efforts. Be creative and ask your friends, neighbors, or a business establishment to save aluminum cans for you to drop off at the Rectory garage."

"If you would like to receive emails for late breaking parish updates and news, email news@sacredheartcovington.org or news@stjosephcf.org to be added to the email distribution lists. Emails from these accounts will blind copy email addresses for privacy."

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Nov. 19	Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalms 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6; John 15: 4a, 5b; Matthew 25: 14-30
Mon. Nov. 20	1 Maccabees 1: 10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Psalms 119: 53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; John 8: 12; Luke 18: 35-43
Tues. Nov. 21	2 Maccabees 6: 18-31; Psalms 3: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 1 John 4: 10b; Luke 19: 1-10
Wed. Nov. 22	2 Maccabees 7: 1, 20-31; Psalms 17: 1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; John 15: 16; Luke 19: 11-28
Thurs. Nov. 23	1 Maccabees 2: 15-29; Psalms 50: 1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Psalms 95: 8; Luke 19: 41-44
Fri. Nov. 24	1 Maccabees 4: 36-37, 52-59; 1 Chronicles 29: 10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; John 10: 27; Luke 19: 45-48
Sat. Nov. 25	1 Maccabees 6: 1-13; Psalms 9: 2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19; 2 Timothy 1: 10; Luke 20: 27-40
Sun. Nov. 26	Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17; Psalms 23: 1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6; 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28; Mark 11: 9, 10; Matthew 25: 31-46

VOCATIONS

"Well done, good and faithful servant..."
How are you called to use your talents? Are you being called to love the Lord with an undivided heart as a priest, deacon or the consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.

The Parable of the Talents



TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

We are reminded today that we will each be called to give an account for the gifts God has given us — our physical, intellectual and material gifts — as well as the gift of time itself.

Jesus illustrates this truth in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of a wealthy man who is about to go on a journey. Before he leaves, the man calls his three servants to "entrust his possessions to them."

The master in our parable gives to the care of each servant a portion of his money ("talent") commensurate with that servant's abilities. The first two prove to be good and faithful servants — they "immediately" put the talents to use, doubling what had been entrusted to them. The third servant reacted to this responsibility with fear — in fact, he did the opposite. He hid master's talent, burying it in the ground. He took the safe way, the easy way out.

What a tragic response!

This servant did not understand his master at all. He failed to see what a privilege he had been given. The master wanted to give all his servants the joy and satisfaction of helping him grow his kingdom. This is what our Heavenly Father wants for us, too — the incredible privilege of helping to advance the coming of the Kingdom of God.

Let us embrace the stewardship way of life, using all the gifts entrusted to us — Time, Talent, and Treasure — in such a way that at the end of our life on this earth, we will hear these words from our Father: "Well done, my good and faithful servant... Come, share your master's joy."