



NOVEMBER 26, 2023

The Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the  
Universe

**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**

*Amen, I say to you, whatever you did  
for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'*

**Matthew 25:31-46**

## 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) Morales, 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**

Molly Sasser, John W. Smith, Clarissa Westenburger



## WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

**St. Joseph**

Sunday Offertory	\$920.00
Baskets	50.00
Computer/Reimbursement	1064.49

**Sacred Heart**

Sunday Offertory	\$1,251.00
COPE Food Pantry	355.00

**Shrine of the Sacred Heart**

Sunday Offertory	\$ 991.00
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# Jesus and the Eucharist Study

Every parish across the country is invited to host the Jesus and the Eucharist study during the Year of Parish Revival. This seven-session series will immerse participants in the kerygmatic proclamation (Sessions 1–4) and unveil God’s saving work in the Eucharist (Sessions 5–7).

Each session opens with an exhortation from a different bishop, followed by lectio divina prayer with scripture. The main lesson is drawn from content created by the Augustine Institute and will include personal testimonies from Catholics across the country. We will then transition into small group discussions. Each session will be 2 hours or less.

## BELOW IS AN OVERVIEW OF EACH SESSION:

### **Session 1: What’s Our Story?**

The Bible is the story of God’s love for us. He created us out of love, redeemed us by his love, and transforms us in his love.

### **Session 2: Who Is Jesus?**

Jesus is both God and man, therefore he reveals who God is in relation to us. Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Who do you say that I am?” (Matthew 16:15) He asks this same question of us: who do you say Jesus is?

### **Session 3: Am I Saved?**

Salvation is a gift from God through Jesus Christ that requires our “yes.”

### **Session 4: Why a Church?**

Jesus didn’t simply leave us a written message or instruction manual to follow. He gave us a living, dynamic Church where we encounter him personally and allow ourselves to be transformed into his likeness.

### **Session 5: God Is With Us**

God’s presence in the Old Testament foreshadows the gift of the Eucharist, one of the seven sacraments of the Church. Jesus established the Eucharist to give us strength and accompany us at every moment of our earthly journey.

### **Session 6: The Story of the Eucharist**

The story of the Eucharist can be traced throughout Scripture. From Genesis to the present day, this session explores how the Cross is the new Tree of Life, and the Eucharist is its fruit.

### **Session 7: Bread for the Journey**

The Eucharist sustains us on our spiritual journey. Our participation at Mass through the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist is an offering of thanksgiving to God. We are then sent forth to share what we have received.

**Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM  
January 9, 16, 23, & 30, & February 6, 13, & 20**



## CALENDAR

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph - 12NOON Tuesday and Thursday  
Sacred Heart – 11:30AM Wednesday; 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.

### ADVENT SCHEDULE

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
(Holy Day of Obligation)  
December 7 – Vigil Mass at Shrine of the Sacred  
Heart at 5:00PM  
December 8 – Mass at Sacred Heart at 12 Noon; St.  
Joseph at 5:30PM.

Our Lady of Guadalupe – December 12 Masses:  
Shrine of the Sacred Heart - 9:00AM  
St. Joseph - 12Noon  
Sacred Heart - 6:00PM

The Nativity of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)  
December 24 – Vigil Masses:  
Shrine of the Sacred Heart – 5:00PM  
Sacred Heart – 5:00PM  
St. Joseph – 10:00PM  
December 25 Masses:  
Shrine of the Sacred Heart – 9:00AM  
Sacred Heart – 11:00AM  
St. Joseph – No Mass

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holy  
Day of Obligation)  
December 31 Vigil Mass:  
Shrine of the Sacred Heart – 5:00PM  
January 1 Masses:  
Shrine of the Sacred Heart – 9:00AM  
St. Joseph – 9:00AM  
Sacred Heart – 11:00AM

## NOTICES

### ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Sacred Heart – 5PM before Mass and 7PM  
December 13: St. Joseph – 7:00PM

### CLUSTERED PARISH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND POTLUCK DINNER

Sacred Heart will host a Tri-Parish Children's  
Christmas Pageant and potluck dinner on  
December 17th in the parish hall at 5PM. All  
parishioners from our clustered parishes are  
invited. Please bring a dish of your choice and  
join us. You are welcome to attend even if you  
cannot bring a dish. There will be a special  
appearance by Santa!

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](mailto:news@sacredheartcovington.org) or  
[news@stjosephcf.org](mailto:news@stjosephcf.org) to be added to the email  
distribution lists. Emails from these accounts will  
blind copy email addresses for privacy."

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore  
all things in your beloved Son, the King of the  
universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation,  
set free from slavery, may render your majesty  
service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.



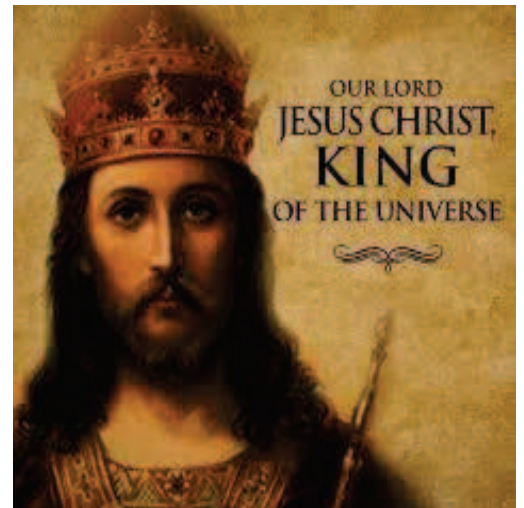
The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.

## DAILY READINGS

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
Mon. Nov. 27	Daniel 1: 1-6, 8-20; Daniel 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Matthew 24: 42a, 44; Luke 21: 1-4
Tues. Nov. 28	Daniel 2: 31-45; Daniel 3: 57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Revelation 2: 10c; Luke 21: 5-11
Wed. Nov. 29	Daniel 5: 1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Daniel 3: 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Revelation 2: 10c Luke 21: 12-19
Thurs. Nov. 30	Romans 10: 9-18; Psalms 19: 8, 9, 10, 11; Matthew 4: 19; Matthew 4: 18-22
Fri. Dec. 1	Daniel 7: 2-14; Daniel 3: 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Luke 21: 28; Luke 21: 29-33
Sat. Dec. 2	Daniel 7: 15-27; Daniel 3: 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Luke 21: 36; Luke 21: 34-36
Sun. Dec. 3	Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64: 2-7; Psalms 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9; Psalms 85: 8; Mark 13: 33-37

## VOCATIONS

"I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink." Is Christ calling you to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, deacon or priest? Call Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations@richmond diocese .org.



## JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Today we come to the end of the liturgical year, celebrating the magnificent feast of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Our readings provide contrasting images of this King of ours — He has authority over all, and yet, He is humble and tender in His care for us, especially the most vulnerable. How can we properly honor and love such a King? By offering Him our very lives through the stewardship way of life.

The Gospel passage from Matthew shows us how. The passage begins with Christ's own description of His Second Coming, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him." Then the moment of judgment will come. Some will be invited into the Kingdom of Heaven — the others to eternal punishment.

This judgment will be based not on how influential we became in society, how high we climbed the corporate ladder, or any "worldly" achievements. Rather our judgment will be based on how we treated the least of those around us, whom Jesus calls His brothers. "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." To make His point very clear, Jesus gives specifics — feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, showing hospitality to the stranger, and caring for the ill and imprisoned.

The more deeply we embrace the stewardship way of life, the more closely our priorities will align with His.