



JANUARY 14, 2024
SECOND 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 are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas"

Matthew 2:1-12

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, Carol Turner, 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, Paulino Gutierrez, 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, Karen Wenke, Bill Withrow

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Margo Oxendine, Molly Sasser, John W. Smith, Clarissa Westenburger

Diocese of Richmond Seminarian

Mr. Avention Grimes



WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

St. Joseph

Sunday Offertory \$

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory \$3,922.00
Capital Improvements 817.00

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory \$2,437.87

CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

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.



ORDINARY TIME

Last week we began what is called "Ordinary time" in the Church calendar. Ordinary does not mean plain or simple. It means "numbered" as in first, second, etc, the ordinal numbers. This was the original sense of the word. Since we are not celebrating major feasts like Christmas or Easter, this title has come to represent a less spectacular or more "average" period in Church celebrations. Because of the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we do not hold a specific 1st Sunday in Ordinary time. It is used for the weekday Masses where no feast or memorial is observed.

The numbers are meant to remind us that we are working toward a goal. Our life has a purpose. We are moving toward an ultimate Sunday. That will be observed in heaven when we are joined with the whole company of the saints and angels.

NOTICES

Comfort Care Women's Health Centers of Lexington & Staunton are having their annual **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** once again. Our Sacred Heart/St. Josephs Knights of Columbus Council #17457 is the sponsor. The centers offer free pre-natal care & counseling to mothers with an unexpected pregnancy (baby), mothers who might otherwise feel pressured into aborting their child due to isolation from concrete assistance. Much funding comes from donations from caring people like Catholics. We have plenty of bottles this year, in the back of the church. Please take one after Mass today & fill it with spare change, bills, and/or checks made out to Knights of Columbus Council #17457. Keep them for several weeks, then return the filled bottles before Mass on the Sundays of February 18 & 25 [you will be given reminders from the pulpit] for delivery to the local area Comfort Care coordinator ...OR you may give them directly to John Stec when you see him at Mass on any Sunday. God bless you for supporting this important Pro-Life ministry. Visit www.supportcc.org for more information on this ministry.

Save the Date for Virginia Pro-Life Day - February 21st, 2024 (<https://vaprolifeday.org/>)

7:30am: Doors Open at Greater Richmond Convention Center

8:30am: Gather in constituent groups

9:15am: Short walk to General Assembly Offices (Shuttle available with prior registration for those unable to walk)

10:00am: Senate Meetings

10:30am: Delegate Meetings

11:00am: Appear in House or Senate Galleries to be announced during GA session

11:00am: March for Life Rally (@ clocktower)

12:00pm: Virginia March for Life

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Jan. 14	1 Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19; Psalms 40: 2, 4ab, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; 1 Corinthians 6: 13c-15a, 17-20; John 1: 41, 17b; John 1: 35-42
Mon. Jan. 15	1 Samuel 15: 16-23; Psalms 50: 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Hebrews 4: 12; Mark 2: 18-22
Tues. Jan. 16	1 Samuel 16: 1-13; Psalms 89: 20, 21-22, 27-28; Ephesians 1: 17-18; Mark 2: 23-28
Wed. Jan. 17	1 Samuel 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51; Psalms 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Matthew 4: 23; Mark 3: 1-6
Thurs. Jan. 18	1 Samuel 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7; Psalms 56: 2-3, 9-10a, 10b-12, 13-14; 2 Timothy 1: 10; Mark 3: 7-12
Fri. Jan. 19	1 Samuel 24: 3-2; Psalms 57: 2, 3-4, 6 and 11; 2 Corinthians 5: 19; Mark 3: 13-19
Sat. Jan. 20	2 Samuel 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Psalms 80: 2-3, 5-7; Acts 16: 14b; Mark 3: 20-21
Sun. Jan. 21	Jonah 3: 1-5, 10; Psalms 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31; Mark 1: 15; Mark 1: 14-20

VOCATIONS

"Behold the Lamb of God." Could it be that you are being called to be a shepherd for the Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.



WE NEED TO LISTEN TO GOD

"Speak, for your servant is listening." With those few words, Samuel humbles himself and declares his loyalty and obedience to God. There are perhaps for many of us challenges in those words. Initially, Samuel responds, "Here I am," but thinks it was Eli who called him. The idea of being a servant and the willingness to serve are what may be trials for us in terms of how we live.

Samuel does not recognize the voice of the Lord. That, too, might be a problem for us. First, we need to be listening. Are we, or are we merely going through the motions? Responding to God with "Here I am" is a magnificent way to react to God. It is not that God does not know where we are but saying that can serve as a reminder to us that we are stewards and servants to Him, and it implies we are prepared to hear what He wants us to do.

"Here I am" is said numerous times by those in the Old Testament including Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Isaiah, and by Ananias in the New Testament. When Jesus says, "Come follow me," as He does to us, do we hear Him, and even more importantly do we respond, and do we follow?

In order to do that properly we have to be prepared to serve Him and others. Thus, like Samuel, we need to listen, and then we need to serve. At a recent papal audience, Pope Francis said, "Love and charity are service, helping others, serving others. When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love!"