



MAY 5, 2024
SIXTH Sunday of Easter

**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

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

John 15:9-17

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 –Joshua Crawford, Andy Shepard



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, Mitchell Garcia, Paulino Gutierrez, Arthur Headley, 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, Becky Woodson

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

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

Diocese of Richmond Seminarian

Mr. Aventon Grimes

WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

St. Joseph	
Sunday Offertory	\$
Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$964.00
Shrine of the Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,059.75

CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph - Tuesday and Thursday at 12Noon
Sacred Heart - Wednesday at 11:30AM followed by the Rosary.

Friday: Adoration and Benediction begin at 10:45AM followed by Mass at 12NOON.

First Friday Mass will be celebrated on at 11AM followed by 8 hours of Adoration and Benediction at 8PM.

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

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

For The Formation Of Religious And Seminarians

"We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel."

I CHOSE YOU

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of an important part of faith. Some Christians place a great emphasis on the fact that THEY chose Jesus as their savior. But our Lord reminds us, that HE made the choice, not us. All that we can do is simply to be grateful for this one-sided decision and respond with love. We show our response by the loving acts that we practice. The gospel is not about choosing, it is about being chosen. Along with this choice comes the duty of loving others as Jesus loves them.

NOTICES

May is the month of Mary. During the month of May, join in honoring our Blessed Mother. Take time this month to pray the rosary and give thanks for her daily intercessions for us. To honor our Blessed Mother, we will pray the Rosary 20 minutes before Mass each Sunday during May.

There will be a First Communion at Sacred Heart on Sunday, May 19th with a luncheon reception in the parish hall following Mass. Please bring a dish of your choice and join in this celebration. All are welcome even if you do not bring a dish.

Many of you in our clustered parishes have received your postcard invitations to Sacred Heart's Centennial Celebration Mass at 11 AM on Saturday, June 8th followed by a celebratory luncheon in the parish hall. We need to know if you are planning on attending by May 6th. If you did not receive your postcard invitation, it is possible that we do not have an address for you. In that case, please contact Zee Withrow, 703-244-0308, or Laura George, 540-962-1328, to provide your current address. You are still welcome to to come, just let us know. Bishop Knestout will join us in this milestone celebration and we hope you will too.



What Will Your Legacy Be?

Through your Will, you can designate a gift to our church that will bless the Christian witness forever. Including the church in your Will costs you nothing now yet makes a wonderful faith witness for your family, friends, and others. It is a gift anyone can make, and costs nothing during lifetime.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. May 5	Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalms 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 John 4: 7-10; John 14: 23; John 15: 9-17
Mon. May 6	Acts 16: 11-15; Psalms 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; John 15: 26b, 27a; John 15: 26 – 16: 4
Tues. May 7	Acts 16: 22-34; Psalms 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; John 16: 7, 13; John 16: 5-11
Wed. May 8	Acts 17: 15, 22 – 18: 1; Psalms 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; John 14: 16; John 16: 12-15
Thurs. May 9	Acts 18: 1-8; Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 14: 18; John 16: 16-20
Fri. May 10	Acts 18: 9-18; Psalms 47: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Luke 24: 46, 26; John 16: 20-23
Sat. May 11	Acts 18: 23-28; Psalms 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10; John 16: 28; John 16: 23b-28
Sun. May 12	Acts 1: 1-11; Psalms 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Ephesians 4: 1-13; Matthew 28: 19a, 20b; Mark 16: 15-20

VOCATIONS

“God sent His Only Son into the world so that we might live through Him.” Are you open to the call to be sent into the world as a priest or consecrated religious, that others might live in Christ? If you think God may be offering you this grace, contact: Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations@richmond diocese .org.



LOVE AS CHRIST LOVES

Our readings today call us to love as Christ loves. In our Gospel, Jesus says, “Love one another as I have loved you.” The ways Jesus has loved us and continues to love us are endless.

We are called to imitate this love. And He tells us the greatest way to do this when He said, “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

It is difficult to live that out in our humanity. Yet, it is made much easier when we faithfully love Christ. The fact of the matter is, as our love for Christ increases, so too does our capacity to love others.

There are countless moments when we can do just that — for instance, waking up Saturday morning to attend daily Mass instead of sleeping in, or talking to God in the car on the way to work instead of listening to music. These are simple ways to express our love for the Lord by laying down our lives for Him.

The more we find ways to love the Lord, the more we will find it easier to put aside our selfishness and serve others.

Christ’s command to love others may seem daunting. Yet, Christ would never ask something of us that we cannot live out. All we need to do is take baby steps. Ask yourself, “How can I better love Jesus right now?” for it is in loving Christ that we will better love others, and it is in loving others that we love Christ Himself.