



NOVEMBER 24, 2024
Solemnity of Christ the King

**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 email: stjoseph@ntelos.net
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. Ernest Dugah, Administrator
804-914-4977

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.

MT CARMEL CATHOLIC CEMETERY

Low Moor, Virginia

Contact: Mr. Carl Withrow (540) 968-3267

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

St. Joseph Parish 540-863-5371

Office Hours: Call for appointment

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| In Emergency | Fr. Dugah | 804-914-4977 |
| 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

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| In Emergency | Fr. Dugah | 804-914-4977 |
| 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

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| In Emergency | Fr. Dugah | 804-914-4977 |
| 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 Pokrwwka | 540-925-2413 |



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR
MILITARY MEN & WOMEN:

Sacred Heart – Arthur Headley, Jessie (Jesus) Morals, Joel Moscoso
St. Joseph –Joshua Crawford, Andy Shepard

We Believe In The Power Of Prayer



St. Joseph

Mark Asma, Clair Dilley, Katie Greenwood, Tom Greenwood, Ed and Sandra Haverlack, Rita Luther, Sally Putnam, Carol Turner, Terry Windsor.

Sacred Heart

Pam Austin, Debbie Brokaw, Josephine Brown, Mack Brown, Wanda Callaham, Karen Cody, Wanda Dameron, Esther Ewing, Jay Ewing, Rev. David Hanks, Tony Forbes, Roberta Frampton, April Headley, Arthur Headley, Raphael Lopez, Sandra Minter, Heidi Mulcahy, Brooke Nogueira, David Palance, Paul Perron, Pam Poole, Michael Rybka, Cathy Savage, Maureen Stec, Bill Withrow, Becky Woodson

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Molly Sasser, Clarissa Westenburger

Diocese of Richmond Seminarian

Mr. Aventon Grimes



WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

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| St. Joseph | |
| Sunday Offertory | \$781.00 |
| Thanksgiving Baskets | 260.00 |

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| Sacred Heart | |
| Sunday Offertory | \$1,154.00 |
| COPE Food Pantry | 361.00 |

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| Shrine of the Sacred Heart | |
| Sunday Offertory | \$1,153.00 |

CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

First Friday Mass is Friday, December 6, beginning with Mass at 11am followed by 8 hours of Adoration. Benediction will be at 8PM; There is a signup sheet for Adoration as you enter the church. First Saturday Mass is Saturday, December 7, at 9AM beginning with the Rosary and Litany of Our Lady followed by Mass at 9:30AM.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASSES

Sacred Heart: 9:00AM
Shrine of the Sacred Heart: 9:00AM
St. Joseph: 12Noon

NOTICES

The Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be held at the Good News Church on Main Street in Covington on Sunday, November 24, at 7PM.

Sacred Heart will host a Tri-Parish Children's Christmas Pageant and potluck dinner on December 15th 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!

Visit the Catholic Diocese of Richmond YouTube channel for interviews with our clergy and laypeople, coverage of the Eucharistic Revival, and happenings throughout the diocese.

ONE LIKE A SON OF MAN

Last week we read a portion of the book of Daniel that had a dream or vision of heaven. The author imagined it as if heaven were a Middle Eastern royal court. In a similar dream, he pictures God as an "Ancient One" or elder. Suddenly someone "like a son of man" comes zooming in on the clouds.

When we read the word "like" we must recognize this is meant to be a comparison, not a specific image. Jesus usually began his parables by saying, "The kingdom of God is like..." In this case, the person is compared with a "son of man". This was a stock phrase that simply mean "human". Any human of either gender was called a "son of man". So the figure that enters heaven is human-like in appearance. The author may be describing an angel; possibly the archangel, Michael. The Church interprets this figure as Jesus. The reference to "kingship" is appropriate for today's feast.

A THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

We wish all of our clustered parishioners a happy Thanksgiving.

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year.

This we ask in your Holy Name. Amen.

DAILY READINGS

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| Sun. Nov. 24 | Daniel 7: 13-14; Psalms 93: 1abc, 1d-2, 5; Revelation 1: 5-8; Mark 11: 9, 10; John 18: 33b-37 |
| Mon. Nov. 25 | Revelation 14: 1-3, 4b-5; Psalms 24: 1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Matthew 24: 42a, 44; Luke 21: 1-4 |
| Tues. Nov. 26 | Revelation 14: 14-19; Psalms 96: 10, 11-12, 13; Revelation 2: 10c; Luke 21: 5-11 |
| Wed. Nov. 27 | Revelation 15: 1-4; Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9; Revelation 2: 10c; Luke 21: 12-19 |
| Thurs. Nov. 28 | Revelation 18: 1-2, 21-23; 19: 1-3, 9a; Psalms 100: 2, 3, 4, 5; Luke 21: 28; Luke 21: 20-28 |
| Fri. Nov. 29 | Revelation 20: 1-4, 11-21: 2; Psalms 84: 3, 4, 5-6a, 8a; Luke 21: 28; Luke 21: 29-33 |
| Sat. Nov. 30 | Romans 10: 9-18; Psalms 19: 8, 9, 10, 11; Matthew 4: 19; Matthew 4: 18-22 |
| Sun. Dec. 1 | Jeremiah 33: 14-16; Psalms 25: 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thessalonians 3: 12 – 4: 2; Psalms 85: 8; Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36 |

VOCATIONS

“My kingdom is not from this world.” Are you being called to proclaim the glorious reign of Christ the King as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.



WE HAVE A KING OF KINGS

On this last Sunday of Ordinary Time for the liturgical year, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, at a time when the world was experiencing a rise of secularism, materialism and individualism, and an increasing denial of Christ’s existence and authority.

The hope was that the establishment of this feast would accomplish three goals: that nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, that leaders and nations would see that they are required to give respect to Christ, the King of kings, and that the faithful would be strengthened and encouraged by the reminder that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies. This feast is needed more than ever for all people and for us especially, as Christian stewards. It reminds us of three vital truths.

First, even when it seems the world is spinning out of control, we need not fear because we have a King of kings who is very much in charge and who is loving, merciful and just.

Second, if Christ is king of all, then He is also king of me, personally. I am not “lord” of my time, talents, and treasure. He is. I am a servant of the King and a steward of His gifts to me.

Third, as His disciple, I am called to imitate my King. Christ’s kingship is characterized by humble service, by emptying Himself for the good of others,

The Scriptures tell us He went about doing good and He says of Himself, “I came not to be served but to serve.” How can I live in any other way than as a humble servant like my King?