

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Aug. 22	Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Psalms 34: 2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23; Ephesians 5: 21-32; John 6: 60-69
Mon. Aug. 23	1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5, 8b-10; Psalms 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Matthew 23: 13-22
Tues. Aug. 24	Revelation 21: 9b-14; Psalms 145: 10-11, 12-13, 17-18; John 1: 45-51
Wed. Aug. 25	1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13; Psalms 139: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Matthew 23: 27-32
Thurs. Aug. 26	1 Thessalonians 3: 7-13; Psalms 90: 3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Matthew 24: 42-51
Fri. Aug. 27	1 Thessalonians 4: 1-8; Psalms 97: 1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Matthew 25: 1-13
Sat. Aug. 28	1 Thessalonians 4: 9-11; Psalms 98: 1, 7-8, 9; Matthew 25: 14-30
Sun. Aug. 29	Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8; Psalms 15: 2-3, 3-4, 4-5; James 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

VOCATIONS

"Choose this day whom you will serve."
Consider as well how you are being called to serve the Lord! If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

BE SUBORDINATE
TO ONE ANOTHER



PUT GOD FIRST

Our readings offer us examples of how we should be living, and they present us with an opportunity to make a radical change in our lives.

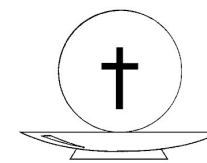
In our first reading, Joshua tells the leaders of the Israelites to decide as to who they shall serve in this life. As he presents them with this choice, he boldly states, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Who or what does your household serve? Whether you are a household of one or twelve, now is the time to decide, 'will we serve the Lord?'

We are constantly bombarded with endless distractions around us. It can be very easy to serve other 'gods' in our lives. For instance, putting technology (phone, internet, TV), kids' extracurricular activities, our jobs, or our social lives before the Lord. We also might be putting these things above our loved ones, and if we are doing that, then we are putting them above our relationship with God.

With this in mind, we must strive each day to intentionally live as disciples of Christ. It starts with commitment — incorporating personal daily prayer and increasing that prayer week by week, incorporating prayer into our marriages and families, frequenting the sacraments, and serving others. Through this time with the Lord and service to those around us, He will reveal to us where to go next.

Reflect on how you may not be putting God first in your life and decide to respond like the Israelites, "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods... Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

CATHOLICS IN ALLEGHANY, BATH & HIGHLAND



AUGUST 22, 2021
TWENTY-FIRST 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
Mass Schedule: Sunday 11:00 AM

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

620 Jefferson Ave. Clifton Forge, VA 24422
540-863-5371
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:00 PM and Sunday 9:00 AM

SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART

1499 Shady Ln. (P.O. Box 38) Hot Springs, VA 24445
540-839-2603
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:00 PM and Sunday 9:00 AM

Fr. Jim Dorson, Retired Priest

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 this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."

John 6: 60-69

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

St. Joseph Parish 540-863-5371

Office Hours: Call for appointment

In Emergency	Fr. Tom Collins	540-588-8492
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.	Bob Gardiner	540-863-9452

Sacred Heart Parish 540-962-6541

Office Hours: Call for appointment

In Emergency	Fr. Tom Collins	540-588-8492
Council Chair	Mark Taylor	540-968-1183
Vice Chair	Greg Kristoff	540-962-8900
Secretary	Zelpha Withrow	540-962-2181
Worship	Janice Campbell	540-969-9073
Community Life	Alvina Nida	540-747-2211
Justice & Peace	John Stec	540-862-1917
Grds&Maint.	Ron Brunetti	540-962-1565
K of C Contact	Greg Kristoff	540-962-8900

Shrine of the Sacred Heart Parish 540-839-2603

Office Hours: Call for appointment

In Emergency	Fr. Tom Collins	540-588-8492
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



Please pray for our
Military Men & Women:

Sacred Heart – Arthur Headley, Jessie (Jesus) Morals, Joel Moscoso; St. Joseph – Michael Buchanan, Joshua Crawford, Andy Shepard; Shrine of Sacred Heart – David Moynihan

Thank you for
your support!

PRAYER LIST

St. Joseph

Clair Dilley, Bob and Sandra Gardiner, Tom Greenwood, Rita Luther, Marie Martin, Sally Putnam.

Sacred Heart

Sergio Arambula, Natalie Austin, Betty Jo and Robert Brown, Josephine Brown, Mack Brown, Jay Ewing, Steven Felder, Tony Forbes, Delores Goodwin, Mary O'Neill, Thomas Wade, Dave Wenke, Chuck Woodson

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Fr. John McGinity, John W. Smith, Clarissa Westenburger



WEEKLY DONATIONS

BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

St. Joseph	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,040.00
Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$435.00
COPE Food Pantry	245.00
Shrine of the Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,505.00

CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASSES

12NOON Tuesday and Thursday at St. Joseph;
11:30AM Wednesday, and 12NOON Friday at Sacred Heart
*(10:45AM Friday, Holy Hour with Benediction at Sacred Heart)
First Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart in honor of the Blessed Mother: 9:00AM Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Mother 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.

SAVE THE DATE: The annual Clustered Parish Picnic will be hosted by The Shrine of the Sacred Heart on September 19th at the Old Dairy Barn, located on Route 220 in Warm Springs. Meat and drinks will be furnished by the Shrine. All other attendees should bring a dessert or a side dish.

BREAD OF LIFE

For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the "Bread of Life discourse" in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

NOTICES

FRIDAY FISH FRY!!

August 27th 5 – 7 pm
Church of the Transfiguration
7624 Roanoke Rd., Fincastle
Invite Friends and Neighbors
Lightly Breaded Flounder
Homemade Cole Slaw
Crispy Fries
Sweet Cornbread
Dessert and Beverage

EAT-IN OR TAKE-OUT

Price – \$10. Age 7 and under free.
Children, optional chicken nuggets

Benefiting the Botetourt Food Pantry Sponsored By
The Knights of Columbus

Who is the Holy Spirit calling you to invite and sponsor for the upcoming weekends?

Men's Fall Weekend, September 23-26, 2021
Women's Fall Weekend, October 21-24, 2021
Women's Spring Weekend, March 31-April 3, 2022
The weekends will be held at the Saint Clare of Assisi Retreat Center, 620 Buckroe Ave, Hampton VA
Weekend Fee is \$100

Email: ghrcursillo@gmail.com
Phone: 757-874-5670

Cursillo is a worldwide Christian movement dedicated to helping others encounter the Spirit of God. Our goal is to provide a beautiful and powerful retreat experience that allows the babe chicks (people on the retreat) to get closer to God and build a community centered in Christ. On the last day, everyone on the retreat is entered into a lifelong experience of faith filled friendship.