



OCTOBER 24, 2021
THIRTIETH 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

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

"Go your way; your faith has saved you."

Mark 10:46-52

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, Norma Ellis, Jay Ewing, Steven Felder, Tony Forbes, Delores Goodwin, Jonnie Noel, Mary O’Neill, Michael Rybka, Thomas Wade, Dave Wenke

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Henslee Faulkenberry (infant great granddaughter of Sara Belle Worsham), Margaret Fields, Fr. John McGinity, John W. Smith, Clarissa Westenburger



WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

St. Joseph

Sunday Offertory	\$1,109.50
Retired Religious Fund	25.00
World Mission	100.00

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$935.00
World Mission	526.00

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,711.00
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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 will be celebrated 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.

The Augustine Institute/FORMED series, The Search, Week 7, Tuesday, October 26THth, @ 6:30 PM in Sacred Heart Parish Hall. This is the final week for this series. The FORMED series "The Presence" will start next year.

A BLIND RUNNER

Here's a simple experiment to try: go out into your backyard or into a park. Close your eyes and run in any direction. How far do you think you would get? Maybe a matter of a few feet before you stumble into something, a tree, a bush, a rock, or another person. The whole thing sounds impossible, but that is precisely what happens in today's Gospel.

Jesus is passing through Jericho, one of the lowest spots on earth. It is an oasis surrounded by desert, rocks and mountains. It is a stopover on the route to Jerusalem. Suddenly a blind man clamors for Jesus' attention. The lord calls him to come to him. Instantly the man jumps up and runs to Christ.

Jesus tells the man that his faith has already given him the power to see what the crowd does not. Immediately the man follows Jesus' way...to the cross.

NOTICES

We will say the Rosary 20 minutes before Mass every weekend in October.

Sacred Heart will host a Feast of Many Nations potluck in the parish hall after 11AM Sunday Mass on October 31st. Please bring a dish of your choice and join us in good food and fellowship. All are invited.

Our clustered parishes share a subscription to FORMED. FORMED is an online resource for videos, books, documentaries, and much more for the whole family. It is FREE.

1. Go to [FORMED.org/signup](https://www.formed.org/signup)
2. Enter: Shrine of the Sacred Heart, Hot Springs
3. Enter your name and email

After you are registered, visit FORMED.org and click "Sign In", just enter your email and click the link in your email. You'll be signed in on that device and no more passwords!

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

Jesus spoke these words to the Apostles. What would you say if he asked you?

Please log in to FORMED for this week's Bible Study: <https://watch.formed.org/the-search-1/season:1/videos/these-search-ep5>

The Search // Episode 5 // Who is Jesus?

The most beautiful part of this story is this we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history? Christianity isn't simply a philosophy for life – the center of Christianity is a person. We look at the life of Jesus and what he came to do. Ultimately, we need to decide if Jesus really was who he said he was. We can't sit on the fence. Because if Jesus really was who he said he was, we need to make him the Lord of our lives, and everything changes.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Oct. 24	Jeremiah 31: 7-9; Psalms 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Hebrews 5: 1-6; 2nd Timothy 1: 10; Mark 10: 46-52
Mon. Oct. 25	Romans 8: 12-17; Psalms 68: 2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; John 17: 17b, 17a; Luke 13: 10-17
Tues. Oct. 26	Romans 8: 18-25; Psalms 126: 1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Matthew 11: 25; Luke 13: 18-21
Wed. Oct. 27	Romans 8: 26-30; Psalms 13: 4-5, 6; 2nd Thessalonians 2: 14; Luke 13: 22-30
Thurs. Oct. 28	Ephesians 2: 19-22; Psalms 19: 2-3, 4-5; Luke 6: 12-16
Fri. Oct. 29	Romans 9: 1-5; Psalms 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20; John 10: 27; Luke 14: 1-6
Sat. Oct. 30	Romans 11: 1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Psalms 94: 12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Matthew 11: 29ab; Luke 14: 1, 7-11
Sun. Oct. 31	Deuteronomy 6: 2-6; Psalms 18: 2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Hebrews 7: 23-28; John 14: 23; Mark 12: 28b-34

VOCATIONS

"What do you want Me to do you for you?"
What do you ask of the Lord? If you are looking for clarity in your vocation, Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661
e-mail: vocations @richmonddiocese.org.



HAVE FAITH IN JESUS

Our Psalm today, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy," sheds light on our glorious Gospel reading about the healing of the blind man, Bartimaeus.

We can learn a lot from Bartimaeus when it comes to our own personal relationships with Jesus. Many of us struggle with something from which we need healing — physical blindness, illness, addiction, bad habits, anger, sin. In our weakness, do we confidently cry out to Jesus knowing that He will help us?

Oftentimes we begin to, but then a voice in our thoughts tells us to doubt and encourages us to stop trying, like the crowd in our Gospel. Although that voice is persistent and strong, we are called to cry out all the more. If Jesus can hear one voice in a crowd of many, then He can hear our direct prayer to Him in our hearts.

Our Gospel story closes with the miraculous moment when Bartimaeus is healed. The conversation with Jesus was simple. Jesus asked Bartimaeus what he would like Him to do. This man, blind for who knows how many years, desired sight. Jesus responded, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." He was healed and continued to follow Christ.

There was not much that Bartimaeus had to do to become healed. All he needed was his undoubting faith.

Whatever it is that we are struggling with in this life, all Jesus asks of us is to have faith in Him. As a result, we will remain steadfast in our relationship with Christ and will have the strength to keep going. And although we might not be healed in this life, Jesus still hears our confident cries. And through our faith we will surely be healed in the next.