

NOVEMBER 7, 2021
THIRTY-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

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

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury."

Mark 12:38-44

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, Rob Bennett, Betty Jo and Robert Brown, Josephine Brown, Mack Brown, Tom Callaham, Wanda Callaham, Edith Collins, Norma Ellis, Jay Ewing, Steven Felder, Tony Forbes, Delores Goodwin, John Misorek, 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	\$740.00
Rent	400.00

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$11,355.00
Misc. 2 nd Collections	35.00

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,045.00
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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 Sunday Brunch for St. Joseph Church will be held on Sunday, November 21st, after the 9:00 am Mass, and in December, it will be held on Sunday, December 19th.

THE WIDOW AND THE COLLECTION

Jewish people have always been very generous to the poor. In the time of Jesus there were collection boxes outside the Temple. They were containers with large horns, like old-fashioned phonographs, and were called the "Trumpets." Proceeds from these boxes help provide food and other assistance. There was a custom of dropping in money in each as an offering to God.

One elderly woman places in a few shekels, a trifling amount. Jesus cites her example to the apostles. The widow's offering may be small, but it is all that she has. Christ contrasts it with the larger donations given by the rich. Their gifts are small compared to their wealth.

NOTICES

Special Remembrance cards are available on the table in the back of the church. Please clearly print the names of the departed you wish to remember and place the card in the collection basket. The cards will be kept on the altar during the month of November.

The Knights of Columbus will recycle aluminum cans as an ongoing activity to generate funds to support their charitable efforts. An orange recycle "bin" is at Sacred Heart on the right side of the rectory garage behind the garbage bin. An orange recycle "bin" is at Saint Joseph on the right side of the church to the left of the garbage bin. Aluminum cans can be put in these "bins" at any time. Please put cans in a plastic bag (shopping or garbage). Crushing of cans is encouraged but not required. So, save your aluminum cans, drop them off, and support the Knights of Columbus.

Who will take your place as a generous benefactor to Sacred Heart, St. Joseph or the Shrine of the Sacred Heart? A memorial gift in your will could continue your generosity after death. Make that gift through a bequest in your will.

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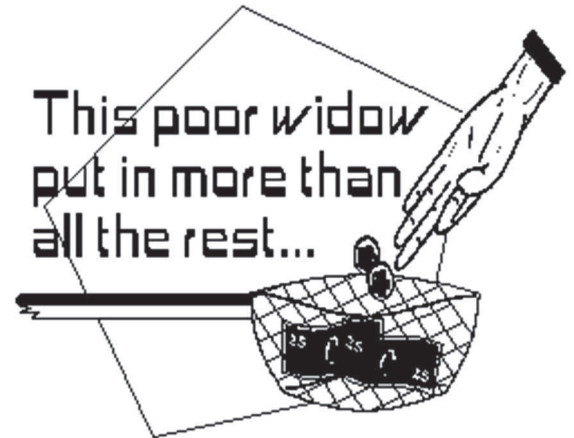
DAILY READINGS

Sun. Nov. 7	First Kings 17: 10-16; Psalms 146: 7, 8-9, 9-10; Hebrews 9: 24-28; Matthew 5: 3; Mark 12: 38-44
Mon. Nov. 8	Wisdom 1: 1-7; Psalms 139: 1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Philippians 2: 15d, 16a; Luke 17: 1-6
Tues. Nov. 9	Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12; Psalms 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1st Corinthians 3: 9c-11, 16-17; 2nd Chronicles 7: 16; John 2: 13-22
Wed. Nov. 10	Wisdom 6: 1-11; Psalms 82: 3-4, 6-7; 1st Thessalonians 5: 18; Luke 17: 11-19
Thurs. Nov. 11	Wisdom 7: 22b – 8: 1; Psalms 119: 89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175; John 15: 5; Luke 17: 20-25
Fri. Nov. 12	Wisdom 13: 1-9; Psalms 19: 2-3, 4-5ab; Luke 21: 28; Luke 17: 26-37
Sat. Nov. 13	Wisdom 18: 14-16; 19: 6-9; Psalms 105: 2-3, 36-37, 42-43; 2nd Thessalonians 2: 14; Luke 18: 1-8
Sun. Nov. 14	Daniel 12: 1-3; Psalms 16: 5, 8, 9-10, 11; Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18; Luke 21: 36; Mark 13: 24-32

VOCATIONS

“Out of her poverty she has put in everything she had.” Will you respond with generosity should the Lord choose you for priesthood or the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661

e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



TWO POOR WIDOWS

Today's First Reading from the First Book of Kings, as well as the Gospel passage from Mark, both center on the actions of two seemingly poor and helpless widows who show themselves to be faith-filled and generous stewards.

In the eyes of the world, particularly in biblical times when there was no life insurance or Social Security, these widows were weak and dependent on others to take care of them. They each found themselves in desperate situations — one in the midst of famine with a child for which to care, and the other clearly impoverished. Yet, each demonstrated strength and generosity that distinguished them from those around them. From where did this strength come?

It came from knowing who they are, and Whose they are. These women must have known their security would not come from a good life insurance policy or connections to someone with a hidden storehouse of flour.

No, their security came from knowing they were daughters of the Most High God and from putting their faith in Him. They had no need to panic in the midst of natural disaster or cling desperately to their menial resources. Their faith in God set them free to trust Him when all seemed hopeless. Their faith kept them detached from material possessions. Their faith allowed them to be brave and generous, to think of others despite their own trials.

These women saw themselves as stewards, not owners, of the resources God gave them, regardless of how much or how little they had. And acting as stewards made them gracious, generous and mighty indeed.