



NOVEMBER 28, 2021
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**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

*"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength
to escape the tribulations that are imminent
and to stand before the Son of Man."*

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

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	\$1,080.00
Roof Fund	200.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	40.00

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,715.00
COPE Food Pantry	441.00

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,402.00
Christmas Mother	200.00

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 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 December Sunday Brunch for St. Joseph Church will be held on Sunday, December 19th.

There will be a Sacred Heart Liturgy Committee meeting on Friday, December 3rd, in the parish hall immediately after the noon Mass.

SIGNS IN THE HEAVENS

This week's Gospel is a parallel to that of the feast of Christ the King. Jesus predicts the destruction of Jerusalem. He develops the idea further, to include a description of the end of the world. He teaches that there will be cosmic signs in the sky to herald these events. Jesus adds the idea that the "Son of Man" (a phrase that means "human") will be seen in the heavens, coming on a cloud. The book of Acts--also by Luke--begins with an angelic prediction of the same event. We can't be sure of the nature of these "signs". They may refer to actual physical events involving planets and the sun. Equally possible is the explanation that Jesus is talking about the "powers of heaven" and political governments, doomed to fail.

NOTICES

All Ladies of our clustered parishes, there will be a Christmas Cookie Exchange on Thursday, December 2nd, at 1 PM, at Dianne Garcia's house. Please bring 4 dozen of your favorite holiday cookies. Put one dozen on a plate to share. For the remaining 3 dozen, make 6 baggies or containers of 6 cookies each for others to take home. Directions furnished upon request. Dianne's phone number is 540-691-4896.

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://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

The sacredheartcovington.org and stjosephcf.org websites now have a menu item that takes you to a FORMED page on the websites. As you will see, the FORMED page promotes how FORMED will be used during Spring 2022 at Sacred Heart and how to use FORMED on your own.

"PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH" with Free Advent Daily Reflections. Signup at daily.formed.org."

GIVING TUESDAY & #IGIVECATHOLIC

Commonwealth Catholic Charities (CCC) is celebrating #iGiveCatholic on Giving Tuesday this November 30th. CCC provides life-changing human services to vulnerable individuals and families throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. Anyone inspired to give on this global day of generosity and kindness to help support CCC can visit the [Commonwealth Catholic Charities Giving Tuesday Donation Page](https://www.commonwealthcatholic.org/giving-tuesday).

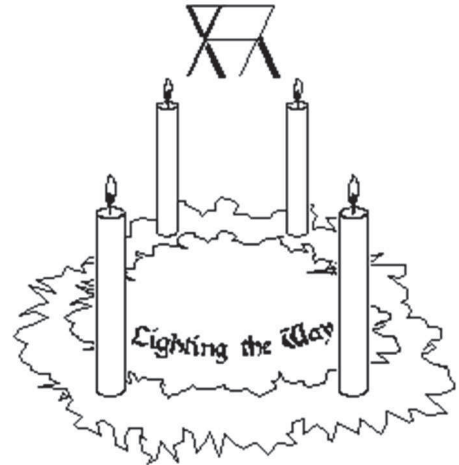
To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Nov. 28	Jeremiah 33: 14-16; Psalms 25: 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; First Thessalonians 3: 12 – 4: 2; Psalms 85: 8; Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36
Mon. Nov. 29	Isaiah 2: 1-5; Psalms 122: 1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Psalms 80: 4; Matthew 8: 5-11
Tues. Nov. 30	Romans 10: 9-18; Psalms 19: 8, 9, 10, 11; Matthew 4: 19; Matthew 4: 18-22
Wed. Dec. 1	Isaiah 25: 6-10a; Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Matthew 15: 29-37
Thurs. Dec. 2	Isaiah 26: 1-6; Psalms 118: 1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Isaiah 55: 6; Matthew 7: 21, 24-27
Fri. Dec. 3	Isaiah 29: 17-24; Psalms 27: 1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 9: 27-31
Sat. Dec. 4	Isaiah 30: 19-21, 23-26; Psalms 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Isaiah 33: 22; Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 1, 5a, 6-8
Sun. Dec. 5	Baruch 5: 1-9; Psalms 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11; Luke 3: 4, 6; Luke 3: 1-6

VOCATIONS

“Strengthen your hearts in holiness.” Are you being called to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661
e-mail: vocations @richmonddiocese.org.



WELCOME TO ADVENT

Welcome to Advent, the season to prepare with awe and wonder for the Feast of the Incarnation of Jesus — born to us as Savior and Brother. It is a season to prepare for His return at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our individual judgment day is coming, too, when we will be called to give an account for all that God has given to us during our lifetimes. In other words, Advent is a steward’s season!

Our readings for the first week of Advent waste no time in calling our urgent attention to these themes of reflection and preparation. They seem to shout, “Wake up! Get ready!” and offer us some practical advice as we enter into this season.

The Gospel, from Luke, warns, “Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life.” How easy it is to lose focus on our Lord either by too much indulgence in our lives or by too much worry about our lives. During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying on my “stuff” or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or for the coming of the Lord?