



DECEMBER 26, 2021
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH

**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

"Why were you looking for me?"

Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

Luke 2:41-52

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

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, John Misorek, 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	\$
Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,148.00
Misc. 2 nd Collections	25.00
COPE Food Pantry	385.00
Votive	70.00
Shrine of the Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$3,321.00

Thank you for
your support!

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.

Mary, Holy Mother of God (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this Year)

New Year's Eve Mass: (Friday)

5:00 PM @ Shrine of the Sacred Heart,

7:00 PM @ Sacred Heart

New Year's Day, January 1 (Saturday),

9:00AM at St. Joseph

NOTICES

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Presence, The Mystery of the Eucharist, explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her embers. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation. Join us to watch the series and experience the power of God's mercy in a new way. Series begins on Tuesday, January 11th, from 6:30PM to 7:45PM in the Sacred Heart parish hall.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: Saint John the Apostle

Born: around the time of Jesus

Died: around 100

John was the son of Zebedee and Salome. He was a fisherman by trade in Galilee, and James the Apostle was his brother. Jesus referred to the brothers in Scripture as "sons of thunder".

Defending Life Advocacy Day

Join us on February 9th to advocate for a pro-life Virginia! On this day, Virginians will come together in Richmond for prayer – led by Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Knestout – and to meet with their legislators to urge them to defend life. Our goal is to assemble advocates from every district in the Commonwealth – and we need you. Talking points, legislative updates, and tips for effective advocacy will be provided to make your constituent meetings easy and successful. Visit VAProLifeDay.org to sign up and learn more!

HANNAH'S CHILD

The priest-prophet Samuel was one of the pivotal figures in the history of Israel. He guided the country during its transition from a loose confederation of tribes to a kingdom. Samuel appointed the first two kings of Israel, Saul and David. The prophet's own life bears the stamp of the miraculous. His mother, Hannah (or Anne) had been sterile. She came to the shrine where the Ark of the Covenant was kept and prayed for a child. In her petition to God, Hannah promised that if she conceived she would dedicate her son to the Lord. In gratitude for the birth she calls her son Samuel, which means "his name is God". Then she consecrates the boy to a nazirite vow, like that made for Samson. Samuel's hair will never be cut and he will take no strong drink. Finally, she surrenders her son to be a servant at the shrine.

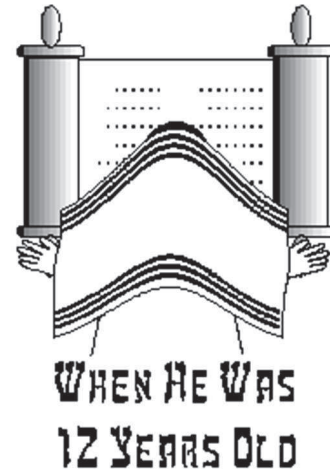
Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Dec. 26	First Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28; Psalms 84: 2-3, 5-6, 9-10; First John 3: 1-2, 21-24; Colossians 3: 15a, 16a; Luke 2: 41-52
Mon. Dec. 27	First John 1: 1-4; Psalms 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12; John 20: 1a and 2-8
Tues. Dec. 28	First John 1: 5 – 2: 2; Psalms 124: 2-3, 4-5, 7b-8; Matthew 2: 13-18
Wed. Dec. 29	First John 2: 3-11; Psalms 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Luke 2: 32; Luke 2: 22-35
Thurs. Dec. 30	First John 2: 12-17; Psalms 96: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Luke 2: 36-40
Fri. Dec. 31	First John 2: 18-21; Psalms 96: 1-2, 11-12, 13; John 1: 14a, 12a; John 1: 1-18
Sat. Jan. 1	Numbers 6: 22-27; Psalms 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8; Galatians 4: 4-7; Hebrews 1: 1-2; Luke 2: 16-21
Sun. Jan. 2	Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalms 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2: 2; Matthew 2: 1-12

VOCATIONS

Are you called to serve the family of the Lord and share the Father's love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661
e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



FOLLOW EXAMPLE OF G

The Holy Family experienced many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children experience today. And, so, we can look to this Family for help in our own family lives and see in them a model of stewardship in family life.

The Gospel passage from Luke starts by telling us something about Jesus' parents: "Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, and when he was 12 years old, they went up according to festival custom." This Family took seriously the stewardship of their time. The "Holy Couple" carefully observed the traditions and practice of their Jewish faith and brought up their Son to do the same. They worshiped as a family, and with their faith community. And they did so faithfully.

We can take their example to heart by making Sunday Mass attendance a priority for our families, by making prayer with our family a priority every day, by making sure that we regularly celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and by observing in our family life the feasts and fasts appropriate to the liturgical calendar. When we, as families, prioritize our Time with God and worship of Him we will be imitating the Holy Family.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life. Let's commit to steward our families well in 2022, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars.