

FEBRUARY 13, 2022
SIXTH 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

"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours."

Luke 6:17, 20-26

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	Tom O'Doherty	540-962-6795
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	Tom O'Doherty	540-962-6795

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

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, Pam Austin, Natalie Austin, Betty Jo and Robert Brown, Josephine Brown, Mack Brown, Montana Brown, Tom Callaham, Wanda Callaham, Jay Ewing, Tony Forbes, John Misorek, Mary O'Neill, Michael Rybka, Thomas Wade, Dave Wenke, Stanley Young

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

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



WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

St. Joseph

Sunday Offertory	\$1,224.60
2 nd Collections	25.00

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$2,961.00
2 nd Collections	40.00

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,818.19
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CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASSES

12 Noon 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.

YOUR FAITH IS VAIN

When we read the pious words of Paul's first letter to the Christians of Corinth we miss the reality. The Greek city was a battleground between two very different ideas. Greek philosophy was concerned with the mind. It considered the body relatively unimportant. The physical world was only a poor copy of a spiritual reality. The spiritual world--what we might call heaven--existed beyond this one and could only be reached by the mind.

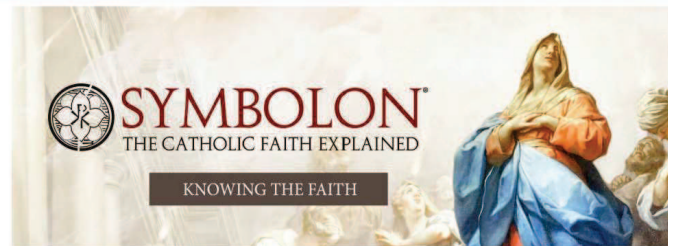
Biblical philosophy was exactly the opposite. The physical world was the only reality. There was little belief in a spiritual world. A person was not so much a combination of body and soul but of body and breath.

The real point of contention between the two views centered on the resurrection of the body. Greek philosophers saw it as unnecessary, since the body was not important. Biblical philosophy insisted on a physical resurrection. Paul argues for this philosophy. He says that if there is no rising of the body after death, Christian faith is in vain. Eventually St. Augustine would strike a harmony between the two beliefs.

NOTICES

If you would like to receive emails for late breaking parish updates and news, email news@sacredheartcovington.org or news@stjosephcf.org to be added to the email distribution lists. Emails from these accounts will blind copy email addresses for privacy.

Thank you for supporting the Knights of Columbus aluminum can recycling. Continue to drop off cans in the orange bins located next to the rectory garage at Sacred Heart and at the side of the church at St. Joseph.



Too often we try to live a faith we don't know or understand. Some of us stumble along with it, going through the motions. Others simply walk away. *Symbolon: Knowing the Faith* explains the essentials of the Catholic Faith in a way that will inform our minds and inspire our hearts.

Join us to watch the series and get a whole new perspective of Catholicism.

Time: 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM

Place: Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Covington, VA

Dates: Tuesdays, March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29, April 5
(Act I: God Unveils)

Contact: Don Rogowski, formed@sacredheartcovington.org, (540) 962-7344

Watch the Trailer at <https://vimeo.com/137622415>

PDF Study Guide available at <https://sacredheartcovington.org/formed/> and <https://stjosephcf.org/formed/>

Contact Don if you are interested in a hardcopy of the Study Guide

To find *Symbolon* and more great media, register for a free FORMED account at signup.formed.org

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Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Feb 13	Jeremiah 17: 5-8; Psalms 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20; Luke 6: 23ab; Luke 6: 17, 20-26
Mon. Feb. 14	James 1: 1-11; Psalms 119: 67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; John 14: 6; Mark 8: 11-13
Tues. Feb. 15	James 1: 12-18; Psalms 94: 12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; John 14: 23; Mark 8: 14-21
Wed. Feb. 16	James 1: 19-27; Psalms 15: 2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Ephesians 1: 17-18; Mark 8: 22-26
Thurs. Feb. 17	James 2: 1-9; Psalms 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; John 6: 63c, 68c; Mark 8: 27-33
Fri. Feb. 18	James 2: 14-24, 26; Psalms 112: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; John 15: 15b; Mark 8: 34 – 9: 1
Sat. Feb. 19	James 3: 1-10; Psalms 12: 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; Mark 9: 7; Mark 9: 2-13
Sun. Feb. 20	1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Psalms 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49; John 13: 34; Luke 6: 27-38

VOCATIONS

“Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD ...”
Are you considering a vocation to the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661
e-mail: vocations @richmonddiocese.org.

*One who
trusts in
human
beings*



LIVE A LIFE OF HOPE

Today’s readings speak of an essential quality for the Christian steward — hope. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, “Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1817).” In many ways, this is the very definition of a stewardship way of life — focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives and relying on God to provide for our needs and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness right now.

In today’s Gospel from Luke, Jesus describes the true richness of life that is possible for those of us who are willing to live as his hope-filled disciples. We are all familiar with this passage in which Jesus reveals the Beatitudes: blessed are the poor; they have the kingdom of God. Blessed are those now hungry because they will be satisfied. Blessed are those who weep because they will laugh. Blessed are those who are hated, excluded, and insulted because they are disciples of Jesus; they will be greatly rewarded in heaven. Jesus is describing here the character of one who is living a life of hope – the life of a Christian steward whose trust is firmly rooted in God and who is focused on others and eternity. It is not always an easy life, but it is a deeply meaningful life and one that leads to eternal reward.