



FEBRUARY 20, 2022
SEVENTH 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

"Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Luke 6:27-38

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	\$
Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$955.00
Shrine of the Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,655.19

CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASSES

12 Noon 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 LAST ADAM

Paul has been dealing with a local issue in Corinth. There is a group that has denied the need for a physical resurrection. They are influenced by Greek philosophy, which believes that anything material is of no value. To illustrate his belief that the body is important, he makes a connection between the first human being and Jesus. Adam was created from the dust of the earth. In fact, the word "adam" means "dust". Paul notes that though Jesus came from heaven, he became human--the new Adam. We have all descended from the first human, but now we begin to share divine life through the ultimate human: Jesus, the son of God.

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.

Return to the Lord
Saturday, March 5
A BIBLE CONFERENCE
FOR YOUR LENTEN PILGRIMAGE
Join us online
Saturday, March 5

This Lent, return home to the Father's house. Register today and join us on March 5, the first Saturday of Lent, for this free virtual event hosted by Dr. Tim Gray and featuring trusted scholars from the Augustine Institute. These talks will help you delve into the riches of the Scriptures and more fruitfully embark upon your Lenten journey.

This livestream event will begin at 7:00 A.M. (PST) / 10:00 A.M. (EST) on Saturday, March 5, 2022.

A weblink to view the following program online will be sent to all registrants via email.
<https://bibleconference.augustineinstitute.org>

Through your will, you can designate a gift to our church that will bless the Christian witness forever. Including the church in your will costs you nothing now yet makes a wonderful faith witness for your family, friends and others. It is a gift anyone can make, and costs nothing during lifetime.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

DAILY READINGS

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
Mon. Feb. 21	James 3: 13-18; Psalms 19: 8, 9, 10, 15; 2 Timothy 1: 10; Mark 9: 14-29
Tues. Feb. 22	1 Peter 5: 1-4; Psalms 23: 1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Matthew 16: 18; Matthew 16: 13-19
Wed. Feb. 23	James 4: 13-17; Psalms 49: 2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11; John 14: 6; Mark 9: 38-40
Thurs. Feb. 24	James 5: 1-6; Psalms 49: 14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20; 1 Thessalonians 2: 13; Mark 9: 41-50
Fri. Feb. 25	James 5: 9-12; Psalms 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12; John 17: 17b, 17a; Mark 10: 1-12
Sat. Feb. 26	James 5: 13-20; Psalms 141: 1-2, 3 and 8; Matthew 11: 25; Mark 10: 13-16
Sun. Feb. 27	Sirach 27: 4-7; Psalms 92: 2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58; Philippians 2: 15d, 16a; Luke 6: 39-45

VOCATIONS

“Love one another as I have loved you.” Are you discerning a call to follow the Lord? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661
e-mail: vocations @richmonddiocese.org.



Do Not Judge
And You Will
Not Be Judged

A STEWARD'S LOVE

In today's Gospel, taken from the sixth chapter of Luke, Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak do not withhold even your tunic." It makes one want to say, "Seriously, Lord?" And He doesn't stop there. Jesus adds, "Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."

It seems so unfair! That is, unless we look at this way of life from a stewardship point of view. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), but it also actually makes perfect sense. A steward understands clearly that all he has and all that he is — his very life — is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means "my" cloak, "my" tunic, "my" money, and time — all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory.

Does this mean we are to be passive "doormats" to anyone who wants to take advantage of us? Certainly not. Jesus explains this in the next verse of this passage when He says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." There is nothing wrong with loving oneself since God loves us and has made us in His own image and likeness. Jesus is simply asking that we also approach others, and the sharing of our gifts, with this same attitude. He is giving us a definition here of real love, a steward's love!