



FEBRUARY 27, 2022  
EIGHTH 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](http://sacredheartcovington.org)  
Mass Schedule: Sunday 11:00 AM

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

620 Jefferson Ave. Clifton Forge, VA 24422  
540-863-5371 [stjosephcf.org](http://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](http://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 do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye,  
but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?"*

**Luke 6:39-45**

## 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

<b>St. Joseph</b>	
Sunday Offertory	\$
<b>Sacred Heart</b>	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,156.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collections	440.00
<b>Shrine of the Sacred Heart</b>	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,071.00

## CALENDAR

### WEEKDAY MASSES

12NOON Tuesday and Thursday at St. Joseph  
12NOON Friday at Sacred Heart \*(10:45AM Friday,  
Holy Hour with Benediction at Sacred Heart)  
First Saturday Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart  
this Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Ash Wednesday (March 2)  
Mass @ 9:00 AM @ Shrine of the Sacred Heart  
Mass @ 12:00 PM @ Sacred Heart  
Mass @ 5:30 PM @ St. Joseph

Stations of the Cross  
Wednesdays @ 5:00 PM @ Shrine of the Sacred Heart  
Thursdays @ 6:00 PM @ St. Joseph  
Fridays @ 5:30 PM @ Sacred Heart ♣ Meatless Soup  
Supper afterwards in Parish Hall

## THE "STING" OF DEATH

One of Paul's favorite themes is that the negative law of the Old Testament by has been replaced by the positive law of Christian love. He will develop this idea in his Letter to the Romans. Today he introduces it as a conclusion to his discussion of the resurrection. He paraphrases Hosea 13:14, comparing death to wasp that implants its "stinger" in a victim. Death's stinger is sin. Death has no power in an environment of love. We know that the Father's love will bring us to eternal life; so we no longer have to fear death or sin. We will win a victory through the power of Christ.

## NOTICES

There will be a Healing Service following each Mass next weekend.

Don't forget to return your ComfortCare baby bottles by next Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all.

Sacred Heart is responsible for Meals on Wheels March 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule as you enter the church. Please consider volunteering for this important ministry.

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

*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.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

## DAILY READINGS

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
Mon. Feb. 28	1 Peter 1: 3-9; Psalms 111: 1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c; 2 Corinthians 8: 9; Mark 10: 17-27
Tues. Mar. 1	1 Peter 1: 10-16; Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Matthew 11: 25; Mark 10: 28-31
Wed. Mar. 2	Joel 2: 12-18; Psalms 51: 3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Corinthians 5: 20 – 6:2; Psalms 95: 8; Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18
Thurs. Mar. 3	Deuteronomy 30: 15-20; Psalms 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Matthew 4: 17; Luke 9: 22-25
Fri. Mar. 4	Isaiah 58: 1-9a; Psalms 51: 3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Amos 5: 14; Matthew 9: 14-15
Sat. Mar. 5	Isaiah 58: 9b-14; Psalms 86: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Ezekiel 33: 11; Luke 5: 27-32
Sun. Mar. 6	Deuteronomy 26: 4-10; Psalms 91: 1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Romans 10: 8-13; Matthew 4: 4b; Luke 4: 1-13

## VOCATIONS

“Therefore ... be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord,” Are you considering devoting your work to the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661  
e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



## REFLECT HIS GOODNESS

Today's readings exhort us Christian disciples to form ourselves — mind and heart — in imitation of Christ so we can better reflect His goodness in our daily lives.

The first reading from Sirach offers timeless counsel: “the fruit of a tree shows the care it has had: so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks.” Jesus uses the very same analogy in today's Gospel reading from Luke: “A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit.”

Everything we have is a gift from God to be used for His honor and glory. This includes the gift of speech and, even more broadly, all forms of modern-day communication — email, text, Twitter, Facebook, and the rest. What comes forth from our mouths, or keyboard, or phone, reflects what is in our minds and hearts. Our ability to communicate with each other is itself a gift which we must steward well.

In the same Gospel passage, Jesus reminds us, “No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher.” The more time we spend with Jesus, our teacher, through regular prayer and a strong sacramental life, the more we will become like Him. Then all that we do and say (and tweet and post) will bring others to closer to Him. This is the life's work of the Christian steward. It is privileged work indeed.