



APRIL 3, 2022  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**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**

*"Let the one among you who is without sin  
be the first to throw a stone at her."*

**John 8:1-11**

## 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, Maureen Stec, 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	\$1,426.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	525.00

**Sacred Heart**

Sunday Offertory	\$3,082.00
Catholic Relief Services	122.00

**Shrine of the Sacred Heart**

Sunday Offertory	\$1,180.30
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## 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 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.

### Stations of the Cross

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

There will be a Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service at St. Joseph at 6:00PM Monday, April 4th. In preparation for Holy Week, all are welcome to share more deeply in the blessings of Divine Mercy offered through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

## NOTICES

The Spring Life Chain will be held TODAY from 2:30PM to 3:45PM at the intersection [light], on sidewalk entrance to Wal-Mart. Pray silently while holding a sign explaining a truth about abortion. Please arrive at 2:15 pm, pick up your sign and take your place on the sidewalk in the LIFE CHAIN. Park at the Highlands Community Bank. For more information about the Life Chain, please call 862-1917 or 962-1565.

## NOTICES

### HOLY WEEK LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### PALM SUNDAY

##### Saturday:

5:00PM, Mass for Palm (Passion) Sunday at the Shrine;

##### Sunday:

8:45AM – Mass (Passion Sunday) at St. Joseph;  
10:45AM – Mass (Passion Sunday) at Sacred Heart.

##### Wednesday:

11:00AM – Mass and Rosary at Sacred Heart;  
5:00PM – Stations of the Cross and Mass at the Shrine.

##### Friday:

9:00AM – Stations of the Cross at the Shrine;  
3:00PM – Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart

### EASTER TRIDUUM

#### Holy Thursday:

7:00PM – Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Supper at St. Joseph.

#### Good Friday:

7:00PM – Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at St. Joseph.

#### Holy Saturday:

8:30PM – Solemn Easter Vigil and Mass at Sacred Heart;

#### Easter Sunday:

7:30AM–Mass at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart:  
9:15AM–Mass at St. Joseph;  
11:00AM–Mass at Sacred Heart.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

## DAILY READINGS

Sun. Apr. 3	Ezekiel 37: 12-14; Psalms 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Romans 8: 8-11; John 11: 25a, 26; John 11: 1-45
Mon. Apr. 4	Daniel 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Ezekiel 33: 11; John 8: 12-20
Tues. Apr. 5	Numbers 21: 4-9; Psalms 102: 2-3, 16-18, 19-21; John 8: 21-30
Wed. Apr. 6	Daniel 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Luke 8: 15; John 8: 31-42
Thurs. Apr. 7	Genesis 17: 3-9; Psalms 105: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Psalms 95: 8; John 8: 51-59
Fri. Apr. 8	Jeremiah 20: 10-13; Psalms 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; John 6: 63c, 68c; John 10: 31-42
Sat. Apr. 9	Ezekiel 37: 21-28; Jeremiah 31: 10, 11-12, 13; Ezekiel 18: 31; John 11: 45-56
Sun. Apr. 10	Luke 19: 28-40; Isaiah 50: 4-7; Psalms 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Philippians 2: 8-9; Luke 22: 14 – 23: 56

## VOCATIONS

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." Are you called to bring the joy of Christ to His people? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661  
e-mail: vocations @richmonddiocese.org.



## TURN TO GOD FOR FORGIVENESS

Once again this week, we are reminded of what a loving and merciful God we serve. The theme of the readings for this fifth Sunday of Lent are summed up beautifully in today's Gospel passage from Luke, which recounts the story of the woman caught in adultery. After all those who would have stoned this woman leave the scene, Christ says to her, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore." When we turn to God for forgiveness, He is indeed gracious and merciful. So much so, that not only will He forgive our sins without condemnation, He will make us completely new creations in Christ.

What is more amazing is that this all-perfect and holy God of ours draws so very near to us. Our sins do not drive Him from us, but rather to us so that He can set us free from them. Look carefully at Christ's actions and posture in the Gospel reading as He deals with both the crowd of people, the Scribes and Pharisees, and the adulterous woman. "All the people started coming to Him and he sat down and taught them." "He bent down and began to write with His finger." He "straightened up" when He confronted the Scribes and Pharisees about their own sins. And he "straightened up" when He assured the woman that He did not condemn her for her past. Like a skilled teacher, or loving "big brother," Christ bends down to where we are, He sits among us, He stands to confront us when needed and He stands to look us in the eye to remind us of our true dignity.

We're all unworthy of the great privilege of serving Him. But that, quite simply, is cause for greater joy in serving Him with all our hearts.