



JUNE 12, 2022
SOLEMNITY OF THE
MOST HOLY TRINITY

**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

He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.

John 16:12-15

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 Gardiner, Tom Greenwood, Rita Luther, Marie Martin, Sally Putnam.

Sacred Heart

Pam Austin, Natalie Austin, Josephine Brown, Mack Brown, Montana Brown, Tom Callaham, Wanda Callaham, Jay Ewing, Tony Forbes, Ken Headley, Marcella Jordan, John Misorek, Michael Rybka, John Stec, Maureen Stec, Tara Steinmecz and Baby Girl, Thomas Wade, Dave Wenke, Stanley Young

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Henslee Faulkenberry (infant great granddaughter of Sara Belle Worsham), Margaret Fields, Dorothy Miller, Bill and Molly Sasser, John W. Smith, Clarissa Westenburger



WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

St. Joseph

Sunday Offertory	\$965.00
Diocesan Home Missions	35.00
Roof Fund	100.00

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$3553.00
Misc. 2 nd Collections	423.00

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$2,489.56
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CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph – No weekday Masses this week
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.

Contact Fr. Tom (540-588-8492) to schedule a time for weekday Mass at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart.

WHEN HE COMES, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

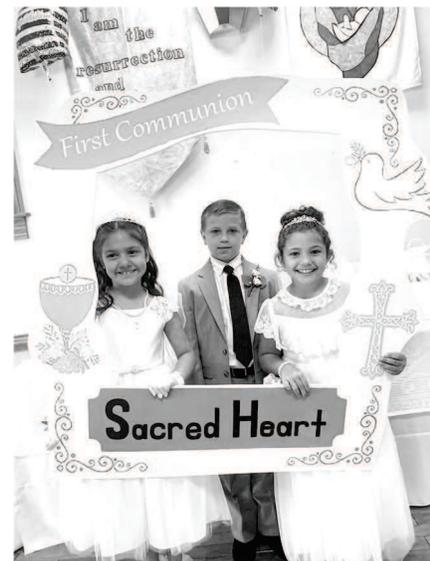
When we speak of God as "He" or "Him" we must remember that, strictly speaking, God does not have a gender. Animals and even some plants have gender differences. God is a spirit. God allows us to use gender-specific words--when referring to the Trinity--only for our convenience. Most human languages are rooted in gender-related words. Originally this probably came from the fact that certain items were used more by one gender than another. For example, "table" in French is feminine probably because dining tables were traditionally set and tended by women. Today such gender terms are becoming meaningless as traditional roles are breaking down. Still, it is difficult to refer to a person without some gender language. In Hebrew and Greek the word for "Spirit" is feminine. It was only when the Bible was translated into Latin that it took upon a masculine gender. The point is that God is people--grammatically incorrect, perhaps--but true.

NOTICES

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2. Enter: Sacred Heart, Covington, VA
3. Enter your name and email
After you are registered, visit FORMED.org and click "Sign In", just enter your email and click the link in your email. You'll be signed in on that device and no more passwords.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Solemnity of the Sacred Heart is Friday, June 24th. There will be Adoration and Benediction at Sacred Heart from 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 PM, not 12:00 PM. There will be a Potluck following Mass in the parish hall. Since it is a solemnity, meat dishes are fine.

Thank you to all who made the potluck reception last Sunday at Sacred Heart parish hall such a success. Thank you to all who shared such a special event with us! It was such a pleasure to enjoy a big variety of good food and celebrate our three First Communicants. Thank you all for bringing such an amazing selection of food to share with one another and to all those who attended.



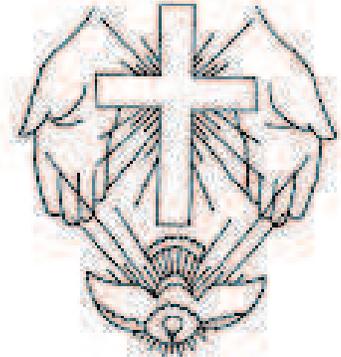
O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

DAILY READINGS

Sun. June 12	Proverbs 8: 22-31; Psalms 8: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Romans 5: 1-5; Revelation 1: 8; John 16: 12-15
Mon. June 13	1 Kings 21: 1-16; Psalms 5: 2-3ab, 4b-6, 7; Psalms 119: 105; Matthew 5: 38-42
Tues. June 14	1 Kings 21: 17-29; Psalms 51: 3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16; John 13: 34; Matthew 5: 43-48
Wed. June 15	2 Kings 2: 1, 6-14; Psalms 31: 20, 21, 24; John 14: 23; Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18
Thurs. June 16	Sirach 48: 1-14; Psalms 97: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7; Romans 8: 15bc; Matthew 6: 7-15
Fri. June 17	2 Kings 11: 1-4, 9-18, 20; Psalms 132: 11, 12, 13-14, 17-18; Matthew 5: 3; Matthew 6: 19-23
Sat. June 18	2 Chronicles 24: 17-25; Psalms 89: 4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34; 2 Corinthians 8: 9; Matthew 6: 24-34
Sun. June 19	Genesis 14: 18-20; Psalms 110: 1, 2, 3, 4; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26; John 6: 51; Luke 9: 11b-17

VOCATIONS

How do you hope to share in God's glory...as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 e-mail: vocations @richmonddiocese.org.



MYSTERY OF THE HOLY TRINITY

Today we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. What we are commemorating is a central reality of our Christian faith, that God is Trinitarian in nature — three distinct persons in one God.

The Church calls this truth a mystery, as indeed it is. Some have said that “mystery” in this context is “not a wall to run up against but an ocean in which to swim.” Contemplating the “ocean depths” of this mystery can make us humans feel so small, and almighty God so far from us. Yet nothing could be further from the truth as today’s readings demonstrate.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that God is intimately connected to us. “The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” God wants live in the very depths of our being and in all the intimate details of our lives if we will let Him.

And in the Gospel from St. John, we learn that God holds back nothing of Himself from us. Jesus tells His disciples (this includes us!) that the Holy Spirit “will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything the Father has is mine.” Thus, we find ourselves drawn right into the midst of this Trinitarian love. In fact, if the mystery of Holy Trinity is an ocean which to swim, the “water” that makes up that ocean is love.

What then should be the response of the Christian steward to this sublime mystery? All we can do is worship. And offer our lives back to God in total gratitude for calling us to live in the richness of such unfathomable love.