

JUNE 26, 2022
THIRTEENTH 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

*"No one who sets a hand to the plow
and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."*

Luke 9:51-62

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, Robert Childs, Jay Ewing, Tony Forbes, Ken Headley, Marcella Jordan, John Misorek, Michael Rybka, John Stec, Maureen Stec, Tara Steinmezc 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	\$891.00
Peter's Pence	160.00

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$
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Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,534.75
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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.

ELISHA'S PLOW

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us the importance of an immediate response to a call from God. The first reading illustrates this premise. Elisha was a farmer who lived about 750 B.C. Elijah, another prophet, announced his vocation. Elisha briefly hesitates, but then severs any connection with his past life by burning the plow he had been using. It amounts to literally burning his bridges behind him.

YOKE OF SLAVERY

Paul writes an emotional and somewhat bitter letter to the Christians of Galatia. It was a region in north central Turkey. He had established some churches there, but learned that the people were backsliding into their old religion. Paul had taught that some of the negative laws proclaimed by Moses had been replaced by more positive law of Christian love. He believed that their return to the laws of Moses was a retreat into slavery.

NOTICES

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3. Enter your name and email
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Friday, July 1st, will be the 30th anniversary of the death of Aggie Albert. In view of this tragic anniversary and at the request of the Knights of Columbus, there will be a Vespers service in her honor that evening at 6:00PM at Sacred Heart.



Word On Fire Catholic Ministries, a nonprofit global media apostolate that supports the work of Bishop Robert Barron, has issued the full-length film "The Making of a Catholic Priest." The film features Father Stephen Gadberty and shares his trials, tragedy and ultimate joy in answering Christ. See this movie on the [Word of Fire YouTube channel](#) for free.

We can resolve to make a serious examination of our lives this week. Not necessarily to confess our sins, although that is a very valuable thing to do. We need to better understand the decisions we make, the way we spend our days, and our ongoing relationship with Christ. We might decide we need to make some changes. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us discern what we need to know -- and to do.

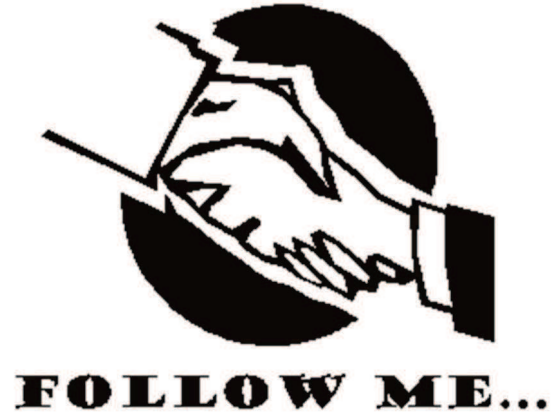
You are my inheritance, O Lord.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. June 26	1 Kings 19: 16b, 19-21; Psalms 16: 1-2 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Galatians 5: 1, 13-18; Samuel 3: 9; John 6: 68c ;Luke 9: 51-62
Mon. June 27	Amos 2: 6-10, 13-16; Psalms 50: 16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23; Psalms 95: 8; Matthew 8: 18-22
Tues. June 28	Amos 3: 1-8; 4: 11-12; Psalms 5: 4b-6, 7, 8; Psalms 130: 5; Matthew 8: 23-27
Wed. June 29	Acts 12: 1-11; Psalms 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16: 18; Matthew 16: 13-19
Thurs. June 20	Amos 7: 10-17; Psalms 19: 8, 9, 10, 11; 2 Corinthians 5: 19; Matthew 9: 1-8
Fri. July 1	Amos 8: 4-6, 9-12; Psalms 119: 2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131 ;Matthew 11: 28; Matthew 9: 9-13
Sat. July 2	Amos 9: 11-15; Psalms 85: 9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; John 10: 27; Matthew 9: 14-17
Sun. July 3	Amos 9: 11-15; Psalms 85: 9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; John 10: 27; Matthew 9: 14-17

VOCATIONS

“Serve one another through love.” Does a life of prayer and service as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life attract you? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661
e-mail: vocations @richmonddiocese.org.



FOLLOW ME

Today's readings take us back to the basics, inviting us to reflect honestly on our deepest priorities in life. In today's Gospel, from Luke, Christ refers to the struggle to put Him above all else as He encounters two "would be" disciples on His way to Jerusalem. "Follow me," Jesus says to the first man. "But he replied, 'Lord let me go first and bury my father.' The other said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." These two want to follow Christ but only on their own terms, only after taking care of some other, more pressing matters (at least in their own minds). To this, Christ says thanks but no thanks! Following Him requires an unqualified "yes" not a "yes but..." We are called to put Christ and His kingdom ahead of our own plans if we truly wish to be his disciples and to find victory in the battle of selfishness.

Living stewardship as a way of life can go a long way in arming us for victory. Stewardship living provides us with a custom-made "training plan" — the commitment to a specific offering of our time, talent, and treasure to the Kingdom of God. It is a plan discerned through prayer and by looking at the realities of our unique circumstances, strengths, and limitations. The daily discipline of committing to the plan strengthens us and helps us gradually move away from the "yes, but" attitude and towards an unqualified "yes!" to Christ and His will.

Do not be afraid to give the best of yourself and your gifts to Christ. He deserves nothing less. And this way of life, while challenging, will be characterized by a joy and peace that only comes from living for Him.