



JULY 31, 2022  
EIGHTEENTH 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; Sunday 9:00 AM

**Fr. Augustine Lukenge, Administrator**

434-755-1208

**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**

*"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich,  
one's life does not consist of possessions."*

**Luke 12:13-21**

## CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

**St. Joseph Parish 540-863-5371**

Office Hours: Call for appointment

In Emergency	Fr. Lukenge	434-755-1208
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. Lukenge	434-755-1208
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. Lukenge	434-755-1208
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, Kevin Brown, Mack Brown, Tom Callaham, Wanda Callaham, Robert Childs, Esther Ewing, Tony Forbes, Ken Headley, Marcella Jordan, John Misorek, Michael Rybka, John Stec, Maureen Stec, Tara Steinmecz and Baby Emma, Thomas Wade, Dave Wenke, Stanley Young

**Shrine of the Sacred Heart**

Margaret Fields, Dorothy Miller, Bill and Molly Sasser, John W. Smith, Clarissa Westenburger



## WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

<b>St. Joseph</b>	
Sunday Offertory	\$
<b>Sacred Heart</b>	
Sunday Offertory	\$449.00
<b>Shrine of the Sacred Heart</b>	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,059.00

## CALENDAR

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph – 12NOON Tuesday and Thursday  
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 next  
Saturday, August 6th, 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.

### FORMED - THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND

Our clustered parishes share a subscription to  
FORMED. It is FREE. 1. Go to [FORMED.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup)  
2. Enter: Sacred Heart, Covington, VA  
3. Enter your name and email

After you are registered, visit [FORMED.org](https://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.

## BARN BUILDING

Israel was a country ruled by religious laws. People  
often called upon a Rabbi to assist in legal decisions;  
hence a man asks Jesus to intervene in a matter of  
inheritance. Our Lord refuses and turns the  
conversation into a teaching against materialism. He  
illustrates this with a story about a prosperous farmer  
who decides to hoard his excess crops. The rich man  
decides to build extra barns or grain silos. Jesus  
seems to be suggesting that the farmer should have  
shared his extra grain with the poor. It is a variation  
on the motto, "you can't take it with you."

## NOTICES

Sacred Heart is responsible for Meals on Wheels,  
August 15 -18. There is a signup sheet as you enter  
the church. Please consider volunteering for this  
important ministry.

### NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of  
us are separated from the very source of our strength.  
Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and  
summit of our faith: his Real Presence in the Eucharist.  
The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to  
restore understanding and devotion to this great  
mystery here in the United States.

Watch the video at site listed below to learn more  
about the exciting journey ahead and how you can be  
a part of it! <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>

### NEW CATHOLIC BOOKSTORE IN LEXINGTON

The Interior Castle Catholic Bookstore and Reading  
Room invites you to visit us at 6 South Randolph  
Street in Lexington, Virginia.

For more information, hours and events,  
visit <https://www.theinteriorcastle.org> Hours  
are limited; we welcome special appointments. Please  
contact us at [emaib@aol.com](mailto:emaib@aol.com) or call 540-204-5969.  
We hope to greet you in person soon!

### THE CASE FOR JESUS

The adult faith formation offering "The Case for  
Jesus" with Dr. Brandt Pitre (FORMED) will begin  
Tuesday, September 6 at Sacred Heart Parish Hall at  
6:30 PM.

Promo on Youtube: <https://youtu.be/2byVX1r2Z9I>

If You Want A Hardcopy Of The Study Guide (Free),  
Email [Formed@Sacredheartcovington.Org](mailto:Formed@Sacredheartcovington.Org) Or Call  
540-962-7344 (Don Rogowski) by August 19.

To see the adult faith formation calendar using  
FORMED for 2022/2023 check out [FORMED – Sacred  
Heart Covington Catholic Church](#) or [FORMED – St.  
Joseph Catholic Church](#).

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

## DAILY READINGS

Sun. July 31	Ecclesiastes 1: 2; 2: 21-23; Psalms 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11; Matthew 5: 3; Luke 12: 13-21
Mon. Aug. 1	Jeremiah 28: 1-17; Psalms 119: 29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; John 1: 49b; Matthew 14: 22-36
Tues. Aug. 2	Jeremiah 30: 1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Psalms 102: 16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23; John 1: 49b; Matthew 14: 22-36
Wed. Aug. 3	Jeremiah 31: 1-7; Jeremiah 31: 10, 11-12ab, 13; Luke 7: 16; Matthew 15: 21-28
Thurs. Aug. 4	Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalms 51: 12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Matthew 16: 18; Matthew 16: 13-23
Fri. Aug. 5	Nahum 2: 1, 3; 3: 1-3, 6-7; Deuteronomy 32: 35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Matthew 5: 10; Matthew 16: 24-28
Sat. Aug. 6	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14; Psalms 97: 1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Peter 1: 16-19; Matthew 17: 5c; Luke 9: 28b-36
Sun. Aug. 7	Wisdom 18: 6-9; Psalms 33: 1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19; Matthew 24: 42a, 44; Luke 12: 32-48

## VOCATIONS

“Give us this day our daily bread.” Are you being called to help feed the people of God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



## LIFE IS NOT ABOUT “STUFF”

Today’s Gospel passage comes as a pat on the back from Heaven for all of us striving to live a stewardship way of life. It reminds us why we live the way we do and why we make the choices we make. Let’s face it, if we truly embrace this way of life, there will be people who find our choices — based on serving God and others — downright foolish. But let’s see what God thinks. Spoiler alert: turns out Christian stewards are not the fools!

In this passage, Jesus makes it clear that life is not about “stuff” as he tells the parable of the wealthy businessman who thought he had everything figured out. The man had such an abundance of stuff that he didn’t have room to store it all. So, thinking of earthly things and not on what is above, he decided to build a bigger place to store all that stuff. Patting himself on the back, he thought about what good times he would have in the years ahead. But Jesus tells us that day would turn out to be the man’s last day on the earth. And he had spent it thinking only of himself. How foolish!

Don’t be ashamed of living differently from the people around you. Be confident as you set priorities based on what is above. You are wise in God’s eyes, Christian steward. And you will be rich in what matters most.