



OCTOBER 9, 2022  
TWENTY-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; Sunday 9:00 AM

**Fr. Augustine Lukenge, Pastor**

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**

*"Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."*

**Luke 17:11-19**

## 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
	Laurie O'Doherty	703-282-9203
	DeDe Rogowski	540-962-7344
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
Religious Educ.	Dianne Garcia	540-691-4896
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

## PRAYER LIST

### St. Joseph

Clair Dilley, Bob Gardiner, Tom Greenwood, Rita Luther, Sally Putnam.

### Sacred Heart

Joseph Arambula, Pam Austin, Natalie Austin, Josephine Brown, Kevin Brown, Mack Brown, Tom Callaham, Wanda Callaham, Robert Childs, Esther Ewing, Tony Forbes, Roberta Frampton, Marcella Jordan, John Misorek, David Palance, Maria and Bob Perron, Michael Rybka, Cathy Savage, Maureen Stec, 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

### St. Joseph

Sunday Offertory	\$581.00
Religious Education	10.00

### Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$3,726.00
Capital Improvements	912.00

### Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,958.98
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Thank you for  
your support!

## 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 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.

## SHOW YOURSELVES TO THE PRIESTS

People were terrified by the idea of leprosy in biblical times. They lumped several different things under the name. These ranged from true leprosy and cancer to simple rust or mildew. If a person showed any white spots on his body he had to strip and be examined by a priest. A period of quarantine would be followed by another exam. If the symptoms cleared up, the victim could return home. If the spots remained or grew worse, the person would be banished. The priest carried the responsibility of protecting society from contagion.

## NOTICES

October is the month of the Rosary. We will recite the Rosary 20 minutes before each weekend Mass.

LIFE CHAIN TODAY from 2:30 to 3:45 PM at the sidewalk entrance of Wal-Mart Industrial Park.

### POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Sacred Heart will have a potluck luncheon following Mass today in the parish hall. Parishioners from all our clustered parishes are invited. Join us in good food and fellowship. You do not have to bring a dish to attend. All are welcome.

### BLUE RIDGE CURSILLO MEN'S WEEKEND

The Men's Cursillo Weekend takes place October 20 – 23 at Camp Altamons in Shawsville, VA. Applications can be obtained on Our Lady of Perpetual Help website. Click on menu, click on Religious Formation, click on Cursillo to download. For more information please contact: Patti Dugger at [pgdugger@msn.com](mailto:pgdugger@msn.com).

### National Estate Planning Awareness Week 10/17-1/24!

Even though a will is one of the best ways to protect what you love and plan for the future, more than 67% of American adults don't have an up-to-date will. This week is an ideal opportunity to create an estate plan that stewards all that God has entrusted to your care.

Through the Catholic Community Foundation's partnership with FreeWill, you can create your legal will and protect what matters most — at no cost to you. Visit [FreeWill.com/RichmondCatholicFoundation](http://FreeWill.com/RichmondCatholicFoundation) to learn more and get started!

## DAILY READINGS

Sun. Oct. 9	2 Kings 5: 14-17; Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3c-4; 2 Timothy 2: 8-13; 1 Thessalonians 5: 18; Luke 17: 11-19
Mon. Oct. 10	Galatians 4: 22-24, 26-27, 31 – 5; 1 Psalms 113: 1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7; Psalms 95: 8; Luke 11: 29-32
Tues. Oct. 11	Galatians 5: 1-6; Psalms 119: 41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48; Hebrews 4: 12; Luke 11: 37-41
Wed. Oct. 12	Galatians 5: 18-25; Psalms 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; John 10: 27; Luke 11: 42-46
Thurs. Oct. 13	Ephesians 1: 1-10; Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; John 14: 6; Luke 11: 47-54
Fri. Oct. 14	Ephesians 1: 11-14; Psalms 33: 1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Psalms 33: 22; Luke 12: 1-7
Sat. Oct. 15	Ephesians 1: 15-23; Psalms 8: 2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7; John 15: 26a, 27a; Luke 12: 8-12
Sun. Oct. 16	Exodus 17: 8-13; Psalms 121: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 2; Hebrews 4: 12; Luke 18: 1-8

## VOCATIONS

“But the word of God is not chained.” Are you considering a vocation to proclaim the word of God as a priest or consecrated religious? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



## GIVE GRATITUDE TO GOD

Gratitude is the key to a stewardship way of life. Today's readings demonstrate the power and vital importance of gratitude in the life of the Christian disciple, for gratitude leads us to worship God who offers us salvation.

We see the power of gratitude on display in the Gospel passage from Luke after Jesus heals ten lepers. “And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned.” Only one of the ten recognized the tremendous blessing he had received from Jesus and returned to thank him. While it's easy to feel indignant at the failure of the nine others to return and thank Jesus, how often do we fail to recognize the blessings, answered prayers, and healings (both physical and spiritual), that the Lord showers upon us, day and night?

The truth is that our very lives and every breath we take are His gift to us. But we can get so caught up in the stresses and distractions of daily life that we lose touch with this truth. The Samaritan reacts to his gift of healing with the proper response to our loving God. Recognizing what he had just received from the Lord, he “returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him.” He was grateful for what God had done for him and this gratitude led to worship.

And because of this response, Jesus offered him a far more precious gift than physical healing; He offered him the gift of salvation. “Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.” Too often we hear the phrase, “Count your blessings,” and write it off as nothing more than a trite saying.

Today's Gospel shows us otherwise. Gratitude is powerful. It deepens our faith in God and leads us to fitting worship of Him.