



OCTOBER 23, 2022  
THIRTIETH 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**

*"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled,  
and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."*

**Luke 18:9-14**

## 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.	JimmyWithrow	540-494-3987

**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**

Brian Albrecht, Keith Albrecht, Clair Dilley Tom Greenwood, Rita Luther, Sally Putnam.

**Sacred Heart**

Pam Austin, Natalie Austin, Josephine Brown, Kevin Brown, Mack Brown, Tom Callaham, Wanda Callaham, Robert Childs, Esther Ewing, Tony Forbes, Roberta Frampton, Marcella Jordan, David Palance, Maria and Bob Perron, Michael Rybka, Cathy Savage, Maureen Stec, Thomas Wade, Dave Wenke, Bill Withrow

**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 \$

**Sacred Heart**

Sunday Offertory \$1,018.00  
World Missions 437.00

**Shrine of the Sacred Heart**

Sunday Offertory \$1,331.23

Thank you for  
your support!

## CALENDAR

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph - 12NOON Tuesday and Thursday  
Sacred Heart - 11:30AM Wednesday and  
12NOON Friday (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.

## NOTICES

The Mass schedule for All Saints and All Souls Days is  
as follows:

**ALL SAINTS, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022:**

Shrine of the Sacred Heart: 9:00 AM  
Sacred Heart: 12:00 Noon  
St. Joseph: 5:30 PM

**ALL SOULS, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2022:**

Shrine of the Sacred Heart: 9:00 AM  
Sacred Heart: 11:30 AM  
St. Joseph: 5:30 PM

The Highlands Christmas Mother is taking on-line  
applications at [www.HighlandsChristmasMother.org](http://www.HighlandsChristmasMother.org)  
through Friday, Oct. 28. If you or someone you know  
could benefit from this community organization,  
please apply now.

### **CCC PROGRAM NEEDS - AMAZON WISHLISTS**

At Commonwealth Catholic Charities (CCC), we are  
always in need of your support & the support of our  
local communities. Without that support, whether it  
be financial, with donations, or through volunteering,  
we could not serve the vulnerable in the way we do!  
Our Amazon Wishlists are a quick & easy way to not  
only learn what our tangible needs are but also to  
make a positive difference! Through the wishlists,  
anyone looking to help can order needed items and  
have them sent directly to our offices. These items will  
make an immediate impact on the individuals &  
families we serve across the Diocese of Richmond.

For more information & to see what our programs  
need, please visit [www.cccofva.org/wish-list](http://www.cccofva.org/wish-list). You can  
see multiple lists, specified by program & location.

## PHARISEES AND TAX COLLECTORS

Jesus strongly condemned religious hypocrisy.  
He illustrates this with a story that has lost much  
of its impact over the centuries. Partially  
because of the Gospels the name "Pharisee" has  
taken on a negative aspect. Actually, the  
Pharisees were the "good guys". They were a  
political group organized to defend the rights of  
migrant farm workers. Modern Judaism can be  
traced to the better ideals of the Pharisee  
movement.

In the first century tax collectors were not  
merely civil servants, they were mercenaries  
who actually bid for the right to extort from  
their fellow Jews. Jesus turned the tables by  
showing that the supposed "sinner" had more  
humility than the self-proclaimed "holy man."

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

## DAILY READINGS

Sun. Oct. 23	Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-18; Psalms 34: 2-3, 17-18, 19, 23; 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18; 2 Corinthians 5: 19; Luke 18: 9-14
Mon. Oct. 24	Ephesians 4: 32 – 5: 8; Psalms 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; John 17: 17b, 17a; Luke 13: 10-17
Tues. Oct. 25	Ephesians 5: 21-33; Psalms 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; Matthew 11: 25; Luke 13: 18-21
Wed. Oct. 26	Ephesians 6: 1-9; Psalms 145: 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; 2 Thessalonians 2: 14; Luke 13: 22-30
Thurs. Oct. 27	Ephesians 6: 10-20; Psalms 144: 1b, 2, 9-10; Luke 19: 38; 2:14; Luke 13: 31-35
Fri. Oct. 28	Ephesians 2: 19-22; Psalms 19: 2-3, 4-5; Luke 6: 12-16
Sat. Oct. 29	Philippians 1: 18b-26; Psalms 42: 2, 3, 5cdef; Matthew 11: 29ab; Luke 14: 1, 7-11
Sun. Oct. 30	Wisdom 11: 22 – 12: 2; Psalms 145: 1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14; 2 Thessalonians 1: 11 – 2: 2; John 3: 16; Luke 19: 1-10

## VOCATIONS

**“All who humble themselves will be exalted.”**  
Is humble service as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life your path to holiness and eternal glory in Christ? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661  
e-mail: vocations @richmonddiocese.org.



## PRAY WITH HUMILITY

In last week's readings we were encouraged to remain persistent and constant in our prayer life. Today we focus on the proper attitude of a steward at prayer.

In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus illustrates the humble attitude we must have as we approach God in prayer through a parable of two praying men. One is a Pharisee, a man with respected status, theological training and all the right credentials. He marches right up to the front of the temple to speak a prayer "to himself," thanking God for making him just a little bit superior to everyone else!

The other man is a tax collector, known by those of his day to be a cheater and a sell-out to his fellow Jews. In contrast to the Pharisee, he stands near the back and cries out to God in a simple and honest way: "Be merciful to me a sinner."

Jesus tells us that it is the tax collector and not the Pharisee who leaves the temple justified. Why?

The Pharisee was full of self as he approached God. He felt no real need for God as he rattled off his resume of good works and spiritual practices. He was simply going through the motions of prayer. His lack of humility prevented him from entering into a real dialogue with the Father. He was not transformed by his time of prayer because he was so full of himself that He left God no space to enter in.

The tax collector, by contrast, emptied himself as he approached God. He recognized who he truly was (a sinner) and asked simply for mercy, leaving all the rest up to God. This is the kind of attitude that God can work with! This is how a good steward prays — with trust, with complete openness to God's will, with a listening mind and heart, ready to serve as God leads.