



JANUARY 8, 2023  
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**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**

*"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?"*

*We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."*

**Matthew 2:1-12**

## 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.	Jimmy Withrow	540-494-3987

### Sacred Heart Parish 540-962-6541

Office Hours: Call for appointment

In Emergency	Fr. Lukenge	434-755-1208
Council Chair	Laurie O'Doherty	703-282-9203
Vice Chair	Vacant	
Secretary	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, Kevin Albrecht, Clair Dilley Tom Greenwood, Larry Griffith, Rita Luther, Sally Putnam, Terry Windsor.

### Sacred Heart

Josephine Brown, Kevin Brown, Mack Brown, Tom Callaham, Wanda Callaham, Robert Childs, Lisa Dickson, Esther Ewing, Tony Forbes, Roberta Frampton, Arthur Headley, Robert Hoke, Marcella Jordan, David Palance, Maria and Bob Perron, Michael Rybka, Cathy Savage, Maureen Stec, Thomas Wade, 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	\$2,135.00
Flower Fund	25.00

### Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$3,615.00
Capital Improvements	901.00

### Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,811.98
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## 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. Service  
starts at 9:00AM with the Rosary and Litany of  
the Blessed Mother followed by Mass.

Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> is the Baptism of the Lord.  
Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart at 9AM.

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

## PRESENCE

Through our subscription to FORMED, an online faith  
formation platform produced by the Augustine  
Institute and Ignatius Press, we are able to access a  
wonderful three-part series: Presence: The Mystery of  
the Eucharist that will help us understand the true  
meaning of the Eucharist, and indeed our faith.

### **PRESENCE: THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread  
and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of  
the Christian life. Presence: The Mystery of the  
Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's  
real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in  
Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the  
Church and her members.

1. Go to: [Formed.org](http://Formed.org)
2. Click on: Sign up as a parishioner
3. Enter zip code 24426 to create a new account
4. Click on Sacred Heart 255 W Main Street
5. Enter your name and email address

## NOTICES

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Stephen  
McNally who died suddenly last week. Fr. McNally  
was pastor at the Church of the Transfiguration in  
Fincastle and was our pastor for a time.

### EPIPHANY

"Epiphany" means manifestation. And the "Epiphany  
of the Lord" is Jesus' manifestation not only to these  
three Magi from the East, but it's also a symbolic but  
real manifestation of the Christ to the whole  
world. These Magi, traveling from a foreign and non-  
Jewish nation, reveal that Jesus came for all people  
and all are called to adore Him.

These Magi were "wise men" who studied the stars  
and were aware of the Jewish belief that a Messiah  
was coming. They would have been versed in much  
of the wisdom of the day and would have been  
intrigued by the Jewish belief in the Messiah.

God used what they were familiar with to call them to  
adore the Christ. He used a star. They understood the  
stars and when they saw this new and unique star over  
Bethlehem they realized that something special was  
happening. So the first lesson we take from this for  
our own lives is that God will use what is familiar to  
us to call us to Himself. Look for the "star" that God  
is using to call you. It's closer than you may think.

**Sacred Art Retreat: Making Mosaics.** Are you looking  
for a unique way to rejuvenate your spiritual  
health? February 17-18, the Catholic Conference  
Center in Hickory NC is offering an "Art as Spiritual  
Therapy" retreat. Using hands-on activities, skilled  
presenters will invite you to explore the mosaics of  
your own life. Assemble your very own cross from  
personal mementos, and offer prayers through the  
ancient practice of making Pysanky eggs. Plus have  
time to enjoy our beautiful setting and some delicious  
full-course meals prepared by our own  
chef. Visit [www.catholicconference.org/mosaics](http://www.catholicconference.org/mosaics), e-  
mail [info@catholicconference.org](mailto:info@catholicconference.org), or call  
828.327.7441 for more information.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

## DAILY READINGS

Sun. Jan. 8	Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalms 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2: 2; Matthew 2: 1-12
Mon. Jan. 9	Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7; Psalms 29: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10; Acts 10: 34-38; Mark 9: 7; Matthew 3: 13-17
Tues. Jan. 10	Hebrews 2: 5-12; Psalms 8: 2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Thessalonians 2: 13; Mark 1: 21-28
Wed. Jan. 11	Hebrews 2: 14-18; Psalms 105: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; John 10: 27; Mark 1: 29-39
Thurs. Jan. 12	Hebrews 3: 7-14; Psalms 95: 6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Matthew 4: 23; Mark 1: 40-45
Fri. Jan. 13	Hebrews 4: 1-5, 11; Psalms 78: 3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Luke 7: 16; Mark 2: 1-12
Sat. Jan. 14	Hebrews 4: 12-16; Psalms 19: 8, 9, 10, 15; Luke 4: 18; Mark 2: 13-17
Sun. Jan. 15	Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6; Psalms 40: 2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3; John 1: 14a, 12a; John 1: 29-34

## VOCATIONS

“Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts.” Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 e-mail: vocations @richmonddiocese.org.



## BE AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

As our celebration of Christmas continues, today we observe the great feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. The word “epiphany” comes from Greek and means manifestation or appearance. The stewardship way of life is one in which we live in grateful response to God’s countless manifestations in our lives. Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, has much to teach us about stewardship, through the actions of the magi.

As good stewards, the magi were watching for manifestations of God’s presence in their lives. “We have seen the star at its rising,” they say. Good stewards are keenly aware of the “star” of God’s presence and His gifts in their lives. It is this awareness that fills them with gratitude and the desire to both worship God and share His gifts with others.

The magi, upon seeing the manifestation of God’s presence in their lives, “were overjoyed.” Good stewards, who live with the awareness of God’s presence and gifts to them, simply can’t help but be filled with joy. Not necessarily the fleeting and superficial kind of joy the world promises through wealth or power, but rather the deep, unalterable joy only God can give.

Finally, the magi were so filled with awe upon encountering the newborn Jesus, they prostrated themselves before him and “opened their treasures and offered him gifts.” This is precisely why good stewards generously share their material gifts — as a loving act of worship to an extravagantly loving God.

Let us rejoice in God’s manifestations in our lives and be watchful for the new ways He is calling us to share ourselves and our gifts in gratitude to our King in the year ahead.