



JANUARY 15, 2023
SECOND 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; 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

*"I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven
and remain upon him."*

John 1:29-34

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	\$
Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$303.00
Shrine of the Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$ 1,832.98

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.

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

"You are my strength Lord Jesus. Help me to carry my
responsibilities with grace. Help me to lift each worry
or burden to You. Help me to defend truth, justice and
righteousness in my practices. You are my strength
Jesus. Thank you. Amen"

SOSTHENES, OUR BROTHER

Paul had come to Corinth after a debacle in Athens.
He had been literally laughed out of town the Board
of Philosophers, which granted licenses to teach.
Discouraged, he traveled about 60 miles away to the
city with two ports. Expecting to remain only a few
days, he proved such a success that his visit lasted 18
months. It came to a dramatic conclusion when
several members of the local Synagogue dragged
Paul before a pagan judge. Gallio, the magistrate,
refused to listen to the case. So the people from the
Synagogue beat up their leader, Sosthenes. The story
has a happy ending because Sosthenes becomes one
of Paul's co-workers.

NOTICES

Mass of Christian Burial for Fr. Steven Joseph McNally
will be held at 12 Noon Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at
Our Lady of Nazareth Roman Catholic Church, 2505
Electric Road, Roanoke, with The Most Reverend
Barry C. Knestout officiating with brother priests of
the Diocese of Richmond con-celebrating. Burial will
be held at Godwin Cemetery in Fincastle. Father
McNally's body will lie in repose from 2 until 8 p.m.
Monday, January 16, 2023, at Church of the
Transfiguration, 7624 Roanoke Road, Fincastle, where
a Parish Vigil Service will be held at 7 p.m.
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be
made to Church of the Transfiguration Capital
Building Fund, 7624 Roanoke Road, Fincastle, VA
24090, or to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church,
99 Second Street, New Castle, VA 24127.

Comfort Care Women's Health Centers of Lexington,
Staunton, & Waynesboro are having their annual
BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN once again. Our Sacred
Heart/St. Josephs Knights of Columbus Council
#17457 is the sponsor. The centers offer free pre-
natal care & counseling to mothers with an
unexpected pregnancy (baby), mothers who might
otherwise feel pressured into aborting their child due
to isolation from concrete assistance. Much funding
comes from donations from caring people like
Catholics. We have plenty of bottles this year, in the
back of the church. Please take one after Mass today
& fill it with spare change, bills, and/or checks made
out to Comfort Care Women's Health. Keep them for
several weeks, then return the filled bottles before
Mass on the Sundays of February 19 & 26 [you will be
given reminders from the pulpit] for delivery to the
local area Comfort Care coordinator [Ann Condon]
...OR you may give them directly to John Stec when
you see him at Mass on any Sunday. God bless you
for supporting this important Pro-Life ministry. Visit
www.supportcc.org for more information on this
ministry.

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

DAILY READINGS

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
Mon. Jan. 16	Hebrews 9: 15, 24-28; Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; 2 Timothy 1: 10; Mark 3: 22-30
Tues. Jan. 17	Hebrews 10: 1-10; Psalms 40: 2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Matthew 11: 25; Mark 3: 31-35
Wed. Jan. 18	Acts 22: 3-16; Psalms 117: 1bc, 2; John 15: 16; Mark 16: 15-18
Thurs. Jan. 19	2 Timothy 1: 1-8; Psalms 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Psalms 119: 105; Mark 4: 21-25
Fri. Jan. 20	Hebrews 10: 32-39; Psalms 37: 3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Matthew 11: 25; Mark 4: 26-34
Sat. Jan. 21	Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19; Luke 1: 69, 70-72, 73-75; John 3: 16; Mark 4: 35-41
Sun. Jan. 22	Zephaniah 2: 3; Psalms 146: 6-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31; Matthew 5: 12a; Matthew 5: 1-12a

VOCATIONS

"To you who have been consecrated in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people." Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661



IS GOD YOUR FIRST PRIORITY?

Today's readings provide clear and inspiring reminders of the most fundamental aspect of our identity — that of servants of our most high and holy God, His modern-day disciples, and stewards. John the Baptist recognized the holiness of Jesus and the response due to Him when he encountered Christ in person on the day they met at the Jordan River. His response, which we read in our Gospel passage from St. John was, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world... He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'"

What a powerful description of our Lord and the place He should rightfully have in each of our lives. He is truly our Savior, the only one who can free us from our sinfulness. We are utterly and completely dependent on His power, love, and mercy. Therefore, He truly does "rank ahead" of us; he deserves to be first, above all other priorities and plans in our lives. Let us examine our daily lives and encourage our children to do the same.

Does the way I spend my time reflect that God comes first? Do prayer and weekly Mass, regular confession, and time with my family "rank ahead" of everything else on my calendar? Do I use my talents, skills, and energy to serve my family, parish and community in thanksgiving and recognition that God's kingdom ranks ahead of any other goals or ambitions? Do I spend my money and use my material possessions to glorify God?

Challenge questions, to be sure. But questions worthy of our high calling as Christian stewards offered a glorious mission in service of our Lord and His kingdom. What will our response be?