



MARCH 5, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**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

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Matthew 17:1-9

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	202-373-9571

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) Morales, Joel Moscoso
St. Joseph – Michael Buchanan, Joshua Crawford, Andy Shepard

PRAYER LIST

St. Joseph

Brian Albrecht, Kevin Albrecht, Clair Dilley, Bob Gardiner, Tom Greenwood, Larry Griffith, Rita Luther, Sally Putnam, Terry Windsor.

Sacred Heart

Josephine Brown, Kevin Brown, Mack Brown, Wanda Callaham, Robert Childs, Lisa Dickson, Esther Ewing, Tony Forbes, Roberta Frampton, Arthur Headley, Robert Hoke, Marcella Jordan, Alvina Nida, David Palance, Maria and Bob Perron, Michael Rybka, Cathy Savage, Maureen Stec, Thomas Wade, Bill Withrow

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Margaret Fields, Molly Sasser, John W. Smith, Clarissa Westenburger



WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

St. Joseph
 Sunday Offertory \$625.00

Sacred Heart
 Sunday Offertory \$1,122.00
 Haitian Twin Parish 650.00

Shrine of the Sacred Heart
 Sunday Offertory \$1,448.63

CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

Stations of the Cross: 6PM on Wednesday at St. Joseph; 5:30pm on Friday at Sacred Heart followed by a meatless soup supper in the parish hall. Shrine of the Sacred Heart, Stations of the Cross will be on Wednesday at 5PM beginning on March 1st.

There will be a Sacred Heart Pastoral and Finance Council meeting on Thursday, March 9th, at 5:30pm in the parish hall.

Sacred Heart is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels March 27-30. There is a sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church.

SAVE THE DATE: April 2nd, Palm Sunday, is the day of this year's annual Spring Life Chain, sponsored by our local Knights of Columbus Council #17457. A significant change is that the Life Chain will begin one hour earlier than in previous Life Chains. That means it will start at 1:15 in the afternoon on April 2nd. Additional details will be forthcoming.

NOTICES

The Knights of Columbus and Sacred Heart are hosting a St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day party on Saturday, March 18th in the Sacred Heart parish hall at 5PM. All clustered parishes are invited to attend. The Knights will provide the Irish food. Other attendees should bring an Italian dish and/or dessert. Join us in good food and fellowship. You do not have to bring a dish to attend.

The Knights of Columbus are raffling a Cheer Basket for charity. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from any Knight. The Drawing will be on March 18th at the St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day party in the parish hall. You must be 21 years of age or older to purchase a ticket.

Lenten Luncheon Schedule

March 8 - First Christian Church

March 15 - Good News Christian Church

March 22 - Gospel Tabernacle COGC

March 29 - Mallow Presbyterian Church

All lunches begin at 12 Noon and end prior to 1pm.

A free will offering is collected each Wednesday to support a local mission or ministry.

Each week a different minister will bring us a message. Join together with brothers and sisters of all denominations to worship and glorify God.

LENTEN FRIED OR BAKED TILAPIA DINNERS

March 10, 17, 24, 31 at White Sulphur Springs Community Center (behind Emanuel United Methodist Church) from 4-7pm. Menu: Tilapia, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, hard rolls, desserts and drinks. Adults: \$15; children under 12: \$8; children under 5: free.

Mike Pietrzyk will share a presentation on the Shroud Of Turin on Thursday, March 30th at 5:30pm in the Sacred Heart Covington Parish Hall. The presentation is a wonderful lead into Holy Week. All parishes are encouraged to attend.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Mar. 5	Genesis 12: 1-4a; Psalms 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Timothy 1: 8b-10; Matthew 17: 5; Matthew 17: 1-9
Mon. Mar. 6	Daniel 9: 4b-10; Psalms 79: 8, 9, 11 and 13; John 6: 63c, 68c; Luke 6: 36-38
Tues. Mar. 7	Isaiah 1: 10, 16-20; Psalms 50: 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Ezekiel 18: 31; Matthew 23: 1-12
Wed. Mar. 8	Jeremiah 18: 18-20; Psalms 31: 5-6, 14, 15-16; John 8: 12; Matthew 20: 17-28
Thurs. Mar. 9	Jeremiah 17: 5-10; Psalms 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Luke 8: 15; Luke 16: 19-31
Fri. Mar. 10	Genesis 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; Psalms 105: 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; John 3: 16; Matthew 21: 33-43, 45-46
Sat. Mar. 11	Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20; Psalms 103: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Luke 15: 18; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32
Sun. Mar. 12	Exodus 17: 3-7; Psalms 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8; John 4: 42, 15; John 4: 5-42

VOCATIONS

"God has called us with a holy calling...according to His own purpose and grace." Do you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661
e-mail: vocations @richmonddiocese.org.



LENT – 40 DAY JOURNEY TO HOLINESS

Our readings for this second Sunday of Lent offer us, as Christian stewards, the motivation to continue our 40-day journey toward deeper holiness.

The first reading from the book of Genesis describes God's call to Abram (who would later be called Abraham). God instructs Abram to leave his home and set out to a land that God had chosen for him. Abram's response is an ancient example of good stewardship. Instead of clinging to his comfortable home and way of life, he recognizes that all he has is a gift from God, puts his trust in God, and obeys. And God rewards him saying, "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."

To "be a blessing" is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. It is also an excellent way to live out the season of Lent. The sacrifices we take on, the spiritual disciplines we practice, and the extra acts of service we perform during this season — all give glory to God and transform our lives into a blessing for others.

Lest we grow weary on this path, our Gospel passage today, from Matthew, offers us a powerful image of the great God we serve. It is the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus, when our Lord reveals Himself in His true glory and the Father says, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The apostles who witnessed this were awestruck. But our loving Savior reassured them saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us take these two verses, "Listen to him," "Rise, and do not be afraid" to heart. Let us rely on God's strength to aid us in our spiritual disciplines as we move through Lent. We will arrive at Easter with deeper holiness, as a blessing to God and others — and as better stewards of all God's gifts to us.