



APRIL 30, 2023  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

**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**

*"Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep."*

**John 10:1-10**

## 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

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|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| 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

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|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 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**

Kevin Albrecht, Mark Asma, Clair Dilley, Bob Gardiner, Tom Greenwood, Larry Griffith, Rita Luther, Jean Manner, Sally Putnam, Terry Windsor.

**Sacred Heart**

Clara Arbogast, Josephine Brown, Kevin Brown, Mack Brown, Wanda Callaham, Robert Childs, Lisa Dickson, Esther Ewing, Tony Forbes, Roberta Frampton, Arthur Headley, Robert Hoke, Marcella Jordan, Raphael Lopez, Alvina Nida, David Palance, Maria Perron, Paul Perron, Shaun 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 \$2,391.00

**Sacred Heart**  
Sunday Offertory 2,127.00

**Shrine of the Sacred Heart**  
Sunday Offertory \$ 1,244.88

## CALENDAR

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

First Friday Mass and Adoration, this Friday, May 5th: Mass will be celebrated at 11:00AM followed by eight hours of Adoration; Benediction will be at 8:00PM. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for each hour of Adoration from 12 noon to 8PM or contact Tom O'Doherty to sign up.

This Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 at 9:30AM.

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

## I AM THE GATE FOR THE SHEEP

Jesus often used examples from daily life to explain his teachings. Away from the Middle East in the first century, his examples may not be as compelling. Today's parable is a good example. Shepherds would have been common sights in his day. They literally gave up large portions of their lives for their flocks. Sheep are near-sighted and eat constantly. The shepherd has to live out in the wild, following them and protecting them from harm and from predators.

At night he herded them into stone enclosures that were open only one side. Since there was usually no gate for these pens, the shepherd lay his body across the entrance. He became the barrier against harm, putting his life on the line for the sheep.

## NOTICES

The first Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart on May 6th will be a Knights of Columbus quarterly Mass. All Mass attendees are invited to a free breakfast of biscuits, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee, milk, and orange juice in the Parish Hall following Mass.

The Knights of Columbus thank all who are collecting aluminum cans and dropping them off in the orange bin located along the side of the Sacred Heart Rectory garage. Over 300 lbs. or roughly 9,500 cans have been recycled so far. The proceeds from recycling aluminum cans are used to fund KofC charitable efforts. Be creative and ask your friends, neighbors, or a business establishment to save aluminum cans for you to drop off at the Rectory garage.

New seminar on May 9th beginning with a light dinner at 5:00PM and the seminar at 5:30PM at St. Joseph's Parish Hall.

This is for St. Joseph Church and Sacred Heart parishioners.

Get Your Affairs in Order: 4 things your family will thank you for, will provide you with information about Wills and Trusts, Catholic Advanced Medical Directives, Legacy Planning and Catholic Funeral Planning. This is a free informational seminar.

RSVP to the St. Joseph's parish office at 540-863-5371.

There are four children who will be making their First Communion at Sacred Heart on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be a potluck reception for them in the parish hall after Mass that day. Please bring a dish of your choice and join us in celebrating this milestone in their faith journey.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

## DAILY READINGS

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| Sun. Apr. 30 | Acts 2: 14a, 36-41; Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; 1 Peter 2: 20b-25; John 10: 14 John 10: 1-10 |
| Mon. May 1   | Acts 11: 1-18; Psalms 42: 2-3; 43: 3-4; John 10: 14; John 10: 11-18,                          |
| Tues. May 2  | Acts 11: 19-26; Psalms 87: 1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; John 10: 27; John 10: 22-30                        |
| Wed. May 3   | 1 Corinthians 15: 1-8; Psalms 19: 2-3, 4-5; John 14: 6b, 9c; John 14: 6-14                    |
| Thurs. May 4 | Acts 13: 13-25; Psalms 89: 2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27; Revelation 1: 5ab; John 13: 16-20           |
| Fri. May 5   | Acts 13: 26-33; Psalms 2: 6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; John 14: 6; John 14: 1-6                         |
| Sat. May 6   | Acts 13: 44-52; Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 8: 31b-32; John 14: 7-14                     |
| Sun. May 7   | Acts 6: 1-7; Psalms 33: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Peter 2: 4-9; John 14: 6; John 14: 1-12            |

## VOCATIONS

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. Do you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661  
e-mail: vocations @richmonddiocese.org.



## THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Today's readings on this fourth Sunday of Easter offer us a glimpse into the heart of our loving Savior. He is the Good Shepherd and we can confidently place our trust in Him as we live the stewardship way of life.

This endearing image of Jesus as our shepherd, and His personal love for each one of us, is described in our Gospel passage from John, through the words of Jesus Himself. Here we read Jesus' description of Himself as the "Good Shepherd." He says of Himself, "The sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice."

This aspect of our Lord's tender and personal love for each one of us is a compelling reason to embrace the stewardship way of life — in the offering of our time, talent, and treasure to Him, we can express our gratitude to Him for the incomprehensible love He has for us.

Embracing this way of life certainly requires trust on our part. But Christ has proven Himself worthy of our trust. He "bore our sins in His body." He calls Himself our shepherd and He offers Himself as the guardian of our souls. He has withheld nothing of Himself and His goodness from us. He would never ask anything of us that would bring us harm. He tells us "I came so that [you] might have life and have it more abundantly."

This Easter season, let us resolve to entrust ourselves and our lives gratefully to Him.