



MAY 14, 2023
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**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

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

John 14:15-21

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)
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 \$888.00

Sacred Heart
Sunday Offertory \$3,034.00

Shrine of the Sacred Heart
Sunday Offertory \$2,689.00

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 Friday Mass will be celebrated at 11:00AM
followed by eight hours of Adoration; Benediction
will be at 8:00PM.

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.

NOTICES

Congratulations to Luca Judah Cucci, Finnley
Eoghan Mauricio Rosales, James Price Thompson
and Samuel Davieli Veras who will be making
their First Communion today at Sacred Heart.
There will be a cake reception for them in the
parish hall following Mass.

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for
mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and
count toes and tend to our every need; May they
be blessed with patience and tenderness to care
for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured
and cared for us; May they continue to guide us
in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from
their children because of war, poverty, or
conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our
God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still
love and shape us with motherly care and
compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and
great-grandmothers who are no longer with us
but who live forever in our memory and nourish
us with their love. Amen.

I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU ORPHANS

Jesus did not want the apostles to remain
dependent upon his physical presence. They would
have to make their own way in the world. They had
a destiny to fulfill as missionaries, spreading the
faith to the world. At a certain point Christ had to
cut the apron strings. As he had said to Mary
Magdalene on Easter, "do not cling to me, but go
and tell my brothers..." Now it was the apostles'
turn to let go.

But Jesus did not abandon them. He promised to
send another "Paraclete"--a legal word implying a
defender, a sort of barrister. This would be the Holy
Spirit who would come a little over a week later on
Pentecost. Jesus gave ample warning of his
departure, but the reality of this farewell did not
sink in until he finally ascended into heaven.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. May 14	Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17; Psalms 66: 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Peter 3: 15-18; John 14: 23; John 14: 15-21
Mon. May 15	Acts 16: 11-15; Psalms 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; John 15: 26b, 27a; John 15: 26 – 16: 4
Tues. May 16	Acts 16: 22-34; Psalms 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; John 16: 7, 13; John 16: 5-11
Wed. May 17	Acts 17: 15, 22 – 18: ;1 Psalms 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; John 14: 16; John 16: 12-15
Thurs. May 18	Acts 18: 1-8; Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 14: 18; John 16: 16-20
Fri. May 19	Acts 18: 9-18; Psalms 47: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Luke 24: 46, 26; John 16: 20-23
Sat. May 20	Acts 18: 23-28; Psalms 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10; John 16: 28; John 16: 23b-28
Sun. May 21	Acts 1: 1-11; Psalms 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Ephesians 1: 17-23; Matthew 28: 19a, 20b; Matthew 28: 16-20

VOCATIONS

"Whoever loves me will keep my word." Are you called to bring the word of Christ to his flock? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661
e-mail: vocations @richmonddiocese.org.



GOD MUST COME FIRST

On this sixth Sunday of Easter, our readings remind us that God must come first in our lives, and that love of God shows itself in concrete actions — this is precisely why the stewardship way of life is so necessary.

Our second reading, from St. Peter, challenges us to, "Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts." In other words, we are to put Christ first above all else in our lives. His role is not merely as Savior of our lives, as significant as that role is — He is to be "Lord" of our lives as well. As His disciples, we are called to make Him ruler of all aspects of our lives — our time, talent, and treasure.

The beauty of the stewardship way of life is that it offers us a concrete means to show that Christ truly is Lord of our lives, to "prove" our love, in a manner of speaking, because true love is not a mere sentiment. "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me," Jesus tells us in our Gospel passage from John.

True love is an act of the will. It requires obedience to all of God's commandments. This requires courage, humility, and deep trust in Him. But the rewards of this kind of love are indescribably wonderful. Christ tells us Himself, "Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

Could there be anything more satisfying to live in such a way that the God of the universe is pleased to reveal more and more of Himself to us?