

JUNE 18, 2023
ELEVENTH 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

"Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."

Matthew 9:36—10:8

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	Leo Mulcahy	540-862-3021
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, Rita Luther, Jean Manner, Sally Putnam, Bob Umstead, Terry Windsor.

Sacred Heart

Pam Austin, Josephine Brown, Kevin Brown, Mack Brown, Wanda Callaham, Robert Childs, Lisa Dickson, Esther Ewing, Tony Forbes, Roberta Frampton, Arthur Headley, 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	\$997.03
Peter's Pence	255.00

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$985.00
------------------	----------

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,020.00
------------------	------------

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.

THEMES FOR TODAY'S READINGS

THE IMPORTANCE OF OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S COMMANDS AND COVENANT: The first reading from Exodus emphasizes the importance of obeying God's commands and covenant in order to receive His blessings and remain in a right relationship with Him. The Israelites are reminded of their covenant with God and encouraged to follow His laws in order to remain in His favor.

THE ROLE OF JESUS CHRIST AS THE SAVIOR OF HUMANITY: The second reading for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A from Romans describes how Jesus' death and resurrection has made it possible for humanity to be reconciled with God and receive the gift of eternal life. Through faith in Jesus Christ, we can be saved from the power of sin and death.

THE VALUE OF SERVING OTHERS WITH LOVE AND GENEROSITY: In the gospel for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A from Matthew, Jesus sends out His disciples to serve others and proclaim the good news of the kingdom of heaven. The disciples are instructed to freely give what they have received, encouraging them to serve others with love and generosity.

NOTICES

SAVE THE DATE: The 2023 Annual Clustered Parish Picnic, hosted by the Shrine of the Sacred Heart, will be on Sunday, September 17th, beginning at 1pm at the Old Dairy Barn, 46 Old Dairy Road, Warm Springs, VA. Meat and drinks will be provided. Parishioners are asked to bring a side dish or a dessert.

The Foundation for Human Civilization invites you to support the Uganda Water Project. The goal is to raise \$30,000 to drill a centralized well in Uganda. It will service the remote villages of Bugolo-Kireku. There is no indoor plumbing in these villages, no running water. Each household must collect rainwater into a cistern to service their needs or carry jugs to the closest natural spring which is up to three miles away from the two villages.

For more information on the project, please see our site at <https://f4hc.org>. We accept online donations through a secured form on the "Support" tab of the site. We also accept checks made to Foundation for Human Civilization, P.O. Box 82, Covington, VA 24426.

A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

God our Father, In your wisdom and love you have created us and called us your own. Bless our fathers, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. In moments of joy, rejoice with them. In times of struggle, give them your courage and perseverance. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them always with a spirit of profound respect. May the example and prayer of St. Joseph inspire them to live their vocation with courage. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

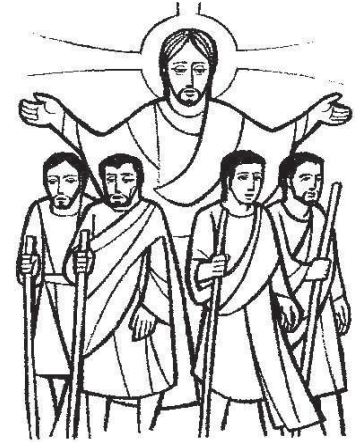
We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. June 18	Exodus 19: 2-6a; Psalms 100: 1-2, 3, 5 Romans 5: 6-11; Mark 1: 15; Matthew 9: 36 – 10: 8
Mon. June 19	2 Corinthians 6: 1-10; Psalms 98: 1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4; Psalms 119: 105; Matthew 5: 38-42
Tues. June 20	2 Corinthians 8: 1-9; Psalms 146: 2, 5- 6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a; John 13: 34; Matthew 5: 43-48
Wed. June 21	2 Corinthians 9: 6-11; Psalms 112: 1bc-2, 3-4, 9; John 14: 23; Matthew 6: 1-6, 16- 18
Thurs. June 22	2 Corinthians 11: 1-11; Psalms 111: 1b-2, 3-4, 7-8; Romans 8: 15bc; Matthew 6: 7- 15
Fri. June 23	2 Corinthians 11: 18, 21-30; Psalms 34: 2- 3, 4-5, 6-7; Matthew 5: 3; Matthew 6: 19- 23
Sat. June 24	Isaiah 49: 1-6; Psalms 139: 1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Acts 13: 22-26; Luke 1: 76; Luke 1: 57-66, 80
Sun. June 25	Jeremiah 20: 10-13; Psalms 69: 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Romans 5: 12-15; John 15: 26b, 27a; Matthew 10: 26-33

VOCATIONS

“The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.” Are you ready to labor for the harvest? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661
e-mail: vocations @richmonddioocese.org.



EMBRACE THE CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

In the first reading from Exodus, we witness the encounter between God and His chosen people at Mount Sinai. The Lord, through Moses, reminds the Israelites of His faithfulness and the covenant He has established with them. This reminds us of our vocation as stewards and disciples. They invite us to embrace the call to stewardship by recognizing our responsibility to care for God's creation and to generously share our gifts with others.

In our second reading from Romans, St. Paul beautifully articulates the depths of God's love for humanity. He reminds us that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us, reconciling us with God and offering us the gift of salvation. As stewards, we are called to gratefully recognize God's abundant love and respond by using our gifts and resources to build His kingdom. In our stewardship and discipleship, we discover the joy of participating in God's redemptive work, bringing hope and healing to a broken world.

The Gospel reading from Matthew recounts how Jesus is moved with compassion as He sees the crowds who are like sheep without a shepherd. He commissions His disciples, empowering them to continue His mission of healing and preaching the Kingdom of God. Like the Good Shepherd, we are called to have hearts filled with empathy and concern for those who are lost, suffering, or in need. Stewardship challenges us to extend a helping hand, offer comfort, and meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

By living a life of stewardship and discipleship, we are challenged to move beyond our comfort zones, embracing the call to serve and witness to the transformative power of Christ's love. This requires a willingness to step out in faith, be empowered by the Holy Spirit, and to be instruments of God's grace and healing.