



JUNE 25, 2023
TWELFTH 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

"But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

Matthew 10:26-33

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 \$877.00

Sacred Heart
Sunday Offertory \$

Shrine of the Sacred Heart
Sunday Offertory \$1,238.00

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 on Friday, July
7th, at 11:00AM followed by eight hours of
Adoration; Benediction will be at 8:00PM.

First Saturday Mass will be celebrated at Sacred
Heart this Saturday, July 1st, in honor of the Blessed
Mother. Service starts at 9:00AM with the Rosary
and Litany of Our Lady 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.

LESSONS FROM JEREMIAH

The first reading on the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A introduces Jeremiah, a prophet who faces
betrayal and attacks from trusted friends. Despite this,
Jeremiah remains steadfast in his mission,
demonstrating unwavering faith and trust in God's care.
His example reminds us that our faith should not depend
on external circumstances or the support of others, but
rather on our unyielding trust in God's presence and
guidance.

Jeremiah's story challenges us to reflect on the nature of
our own commitment to God and His mission. It
prompts us to examine whether our faith remains
resilient in the face of challenges, opposition, and
betrayal. By drawing inspiration from Jeremiah's
unwavering trust, we can cultivate a deep and authentic
faith that sustains us through adversity, knowing that
God's care endures and empowers us to fulfill our
purpose with unwavering confidence.

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.

LUMEN CHRISTI

Catholics can use their estates to demonstrate
one final act of stewardship. Our possessions are
gifts from God, and God has intended for us to
use them wisely throughout our lifetimes.
Through our estate plans, we can provide for our
loved ones while also making a faithful
distribution back to God to further God's work.
We will be remembered by our giving. Please
remember the church in your Will.

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

DAILY READINGS

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
Mon. June 26	Genesis 12: 1-9; Psalms 33: 12-13, 18-19, 20 & 22; Hebrews 4: 12; Matthew 7: 1-5
Tues. June 27	Genesis 13: 2, 5-18; Psalms 15: 2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; John 8: 12; Matthew 7: 6, 12-14
Wed. June 28	Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18; Psalms 105: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; John 15: 4a, 5b; Matthew 7: 15-20
Thurs. June 29	Acts 12: 1-11; Psalms 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16: 18; Matthew 16: 13-19
Fri. June 30	Genesis 17: 1, 9-10, 15-22; Psalms 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; Matthew 8: 17; Matthew 8: 1-4
Sat. July 1	Genesis 18: 1-15; Luke 1: 46-47, 48-49, 50 & 53, 54-55; Matthew 8: 17; Matthew 8: 5-17
Sun. July 2	2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16a; Psalms 89: 2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11; 1 Peter 2: 9; Matthew 10: 37-42

VOCATIONS

"So, do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." God is always looking out for what's best for us. If He is calling you to be a priest, sister or brother, there is nothing to fear. Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661
e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



FEAR AND TRUST

Today's readings call us to tackle the challenging issues of fear and trust — two concepts that must be confronted and dealt with by all of us who wish to live the stewardship way of life.

The Lord knows that facing down our fears and choosing to trust Him with all areas of our lives is an ongoing challenge for us. He is generous with reassurances to us throughout the Scriptures. Today's Gospel passage from Matthew is a case in point. In the span of eight verses, Jesus addresses the topic of fear four times.

- "Fear no one."
- "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul."
- "Rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body."
- "So do not be afraid."

And the reassurance continues. "Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted." Notice that Jesus says, "your Father" in describing God's intimate knowledge and tender care for each one of us. He is truly "Abba," our Dad, Who knows us inside and out.

With that, let us all breathe a huge sigh of relief. All is well. Our Father knows us through and through, sent His Son to save us, and will always take care of us.

Let's stop wasting any more time with fear. Instead, let's put all our energy, all our time, our talents, and our treasure into trusting this great and loving God, using all that we are and all that He has given us to bring Him glory.