



JULY 23, 2023
SIXTEENTH 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

*"Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire,
so will it be at the end of the age".*

Matthew 13:1-23

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 \$893.00

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory \$1,149.00
 COPE Food Pantry 319.00

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory \$1,088.00

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 the first
Friday of each month at Sacred Heart at 11:00AM
followed by eight hours of Adoration; Benediction
will be at 8:00PM.

First Saturday Mass will be celebrated on the first
Saturday of each month at Sacred Heart 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.

PATRI CORDE PRAYER

Hail Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
With you Christ became Man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend Us from every evil. Amen

*From the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis on the
150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of St. Joseph
as Patron of the Universal Church.*

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. St. Joseph parishioners are
asked to bring a side dish and Sacred Heart
parishioners should bring a dessert.

The next adult faith formation will be
"Evangelization (and the Acts of the Apostles)"
and will begin on Tuesday, September 5, in the
Sacred Heart Parish Hall at 6:30 PM. Check out
this link for details on this series:
<https://www.augustineinstitute.org/bible-studies/lectio-evangelization>. To request a free
hardcopy of the participant guide, email
formed@sacredheartcovington.org or contact
Don Rogowski at 540-962-7344 by August 15th.

On Monday, July 24th at 7:00 P. M. the Garth
Newel Emerging Artists Performance will be held
at First Presbyterian Church. Come and enjoy an
evening of beautiful music.

When requesting a Mass for special intentions,
the stipend for the priest is typically \$10, or more
if desired. This payment should go directly to the
priest and not to the parish. If writing a check,
please make the check out to the priest.

The first Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart on
August 5 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.

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. July 23	Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19; Psalms 86: 5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Romans 8: 26-27; Matthew 11: 25; Matthew 13: 24-43
Mon. July 24	Exodus 14: 5-18; Exodus 15: 1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Psalms 95: 8; Matthew 12: 38-42
Tues. July 25	2 Corinthians 4: 7-15; Psalms 126: 1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; John 15: 16; Matthew 20: 20-28
Wed. July 26	Exodus 16: 1-5, 9-15; Psalms 78: 18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Matthew 13: 1-9
Thurs. July 27	Exodus 19: 1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Daniel 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Matthew 11: 25; Matthew 13: 10-17
Fri. July 28	Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalms 19: 8, 9, 10, 11; Luke 8: 15; Matthew 13: 18-23
Sat. July 29	Exodus 24: 3-8; Psalms 50: 1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; John 8: 12; John 11: 19-27
Sun. July 30	1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12; Psalms 119: 57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Romans 8: 28-30; Matthew 11: 25; Matthew 13: 44-52

VOCATIONS

"It is He whom we proclaim." Are you being called to proclaim Christ and the word of God?

Call Father Matthew Kiehle (804) 359-5661
email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



REMAIN FAITHFUL TO THE MISSION

Today's Gospel passage from Matthew is filled with lessons both cautionary and consoling for the Christian steward as Jesus uses several parables to describe the kingdom of heaven and our role in it.

First, He compares it to a field where both wheat and weeds have been sown. Both weeds and wheat are permitted to grow and only at the harvest time are they separated, or "judged" — the wheat gathered into the sower's barn and the weeds finally destroyed. So it will be for each of us at the end of our time on earth. It is a sobering reminder of the justice of God.

Next, He says the kingdom of heaven is like the small portion of yeast that is mixed in with flour for the making of bread. The yeast makes up an insignificant fraction of the ingredients, yet it is vital to the outcome — without that tiny bit of yeast, the bread simply will not rise. Similarly, He compares the kingdom of heaven to a mustard seed, "the smallest of all the seeds." But when it is full-grown it becomes the largest of all the plants, a sturdy and hardy bush where "birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches."

So often, the prayers that we pray, the service we offer, the gifts we give — in comparison to the immense needs around us — can seem laughably small. But, as Jesus makes clear through the images of yeast and mustard seed, that is not the truth!

God sees and treasures and "grows" our offerings of time, talent, and treasure in ways we cannot begin to imagine. In justice, in gratitude, in love, let us remain faithful to the mission entrusted to our care for the building of the kingdom of heaven.