



AUGUST 13, 2023  
NINETEENTH 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](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**

*"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."*

**Matthew 14:22-33**

## 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	Don Rogowski	540-962-7344

### 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

<b>St. Joseph</b>	
Sunday Offertory	\$602.00
<b>Sacred Heart</b>	
Sunday Offertory	\$3,390.00
<b>Shrine of the Sacred Heart</b>	
Sunday Offertory	\$2,286.00

## CALENDAR

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph - 12NOON Tuesday and Thursday

Sacred Heart - 11:30AM Wednesday

Friday – 10:45 Adoration and Benediction, Mass at 12 Noon

First Friday Mass at Sacred Heart beginning with Mass at 11am followed by 8 hours of Adoration. Benediction will be at 8PM.

First Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart at 9AM beginning 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.

## CRITICAL HELP NEEDED

There is an immediate and urgent need for Volunteer Drivers to take Josephine Brown's husband, Mack, to his radiation treatments from Selma to Fairlea WV. He started radiation treatment on Thursday July 27. Radiation treatments are daily, 5 days a week for eight weeks. ALL treatments begin at 1:00 p.m. and last 1/2 hour. The treatments take place in Fairlea, WV at the Greenbrier Medical Center, just past the WV State Fair Grounds. If you are able to volunteer: individual/single days are better than no days; two or more days in a row in any given week are great; one day a week for several weeks is better than solo days; one day a week for all remaining weeks is most wonderful, if you can fit it in your schedule. In other words, **IF YOU CAN BE A DRIVER AT ALL, YOUR HELP IS MOST APPRECIATED AND NEEDED.** Please contact John Stec at home 540-862-1917 or mobile 540-958-9107. We have exhausted all other transportation options.

## NOTICES

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is this Tuesday, August 15th. Vigil Mass will be celebrated at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart on Monday, August 14th, at 5PM. On August 15th, Mass will be celebrated at the Shrine at 9AM, at St. Joseph at 12 noon and at Sacred Heart at 6PM. **THIS IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.**

Reminder to our volunteers: Sacred Heart will deliver Meals on Wheels this week, August 14th – 18th.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The 2023 Annual Clustered Parish Picnic, hosted by the Shrine of the Sacred Heart, will be on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:formed@sacredheartcovington.org) or contact Don Rogowski at 540-962-7344 by August 15th.

A good estate plan provides security for a spouse and/or family. Every adult should prepare a will. Be sure to include your parish.

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

## DAILY READINGS

Sun. Aug. 13	1 Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a; Psalms 85: 9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Romans 9: 1-5; Psalms 130: 5; Matthew 14: 22-33
Mon. Aug. 14	Deuteronomy 10: 12-22; Psalms 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20; 2 Thessalonians 2: 14; Matthew 17: 22-27
Tues. Aug. 15	Revelation 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab; Psalms 45: 10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Corinthians 15: 20-27; Luke 1: 39-56
Wed. Aug. 16	Deuteronomy 34: 1-12; Psalms 66: 1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; 2 Corinthians 5: 19; Matthew 18: 15-20
Thurs. Aug. 17	Joshua 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17; Psalms 114: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Psalms 119: 135; Matthew 18: 21 – 19: 1
Fri. Aug. 18	Joshua 24: 1-13; Psalms 136: 1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; 1 Thessalonians 2: 13; Matthew 19: 3-12
Sat. Aug. 19	Joshua 24: 14-29; Psalms 16: 1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Matthew 11: 25; Matthew 19: 13-15
Sun. Aug. 20	Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7; Psalms 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8; Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32; Matthew 4: 23; Matthew 15: 21-28

## VOCATIONS

“Get hold of yourselves! It is I. Do not be afraid!” If the Lord truly calls you, what you need is trust. Are you called to lead the Lord’s people as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.



## KEEP YOUR EYES ON GOD

Stewardship spirituality invites us to surrender control of our lives to God in grateful recognition that all that we have is a gift from Him.

While today’s readings remind us that, of course, God is always in control of His creation and His creatures, they illustrate what amazing things can happen when we fully permit God to take charge of our lives — in other words, what can happen when we embrace the stewardship way of life.

When we take our eyes off God, we fail to see that all is gift from Him, we lose trust in Him and we do not make our lives a grateful response to Him.

Peter makes this mistake in our Gospel passage from Matthew. Jesus sends the disciples in a boat ahead of Him to the other side of the shore. Later that evening, Jesus casually strolls up to the boat, walking on the sea. He invites Peter to join Him. As Peter begins to walk on the water, he momentarily takes his eyes off Jesus to notice the strong wind surrounding them. With that, he sinks.

But what if Peter had not taken his eyes off Christ? What a grand adventure he could have had out there walking on the sea with Jesus! When we take our eyes off Christ, the many blessings He has given us, and the loving way He treats us, we sink, too.