



NOVEMBER 5, 2023
THIRTY-FIRST 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

*"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled;
but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."*

Matthew 23:1-12

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

Mark Asma, Clair Dilley, Bob Gardiner, Tom Greenwood, Rita Luther, Sally Putnam, Bob Umstead, Terry Windsor.

Sacred Heart

Pam Austin, Nola Beach, Josephine Brown, Mack Brown, Wanda Callaham, Robert Childs, Esther Ewing, Jay Ewing, Tony Forbes, Roberta Frampton, Arthur Headley, Marcella Jordan, Raphael Lopez, David Palance, Maria Perron, Paul Perron, Shaun Perron, Pam Poole, Michael Rybka, Cathy Savage, Maureen Stec, Sophia Veras, 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	\$676.00
Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$897.00
Shrine of the Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,472.75

CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph - 12NOON Tuesday and Thursday
Sacred Heart - 11:30AM Wednesday; Friday,
10:45AM Adoration and Benediction. Mass at
12Noon

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

First Saturday Mass 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.

NEW EVANGELIZATION TRAINING

When people talk about Evangelization, they often share that they feel ill-equipped to share the Gospel or answer questions. They know they are called, but don't feel prepared to talk about what they believe. This November, the Office for Evangelization will offer three Evangelization Training opportunities for parish employees and volunteers to learn important Evangelization skills. With a focus on the Kerygma (proclaiming the Good News) and having intentional conversations, these trainings will be helpful for anyone striving to live out the Great Commission. These trainings are a great opportunity for lay leaders, parish volunteers, staff, and clergy. Details for the sessions are as follows with dinner being served at each location:

November 15 at Saint Pius X, Norfolk at 6PM;
November 16 at the Pastoral Center, Richmond at 6PM; November 28 at Saint Andrew, Roanoke at 6PM. Register at <https://ofe.regfox.com/2023-new-evangelization-trainings>

NOTICES

IT'S TIME FOR A NEW PARISH DIRECTORY!

The dates for the directory photos for our parishes:

Shrine of the Sacred Heart: Wednesday,
December 6, 2023

Sacred Heart: Wednesday, December 13, 2023

St. Joseph: Wednesday, December 20, 2023

You can have your portrait done at any of these locations. You do not have to have your picture taken at your member parish. However, you must register in advance.

There are sign-up sheets at each parish with the time slots available.

Families, couples and singles who are photographed will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory.

Your parish contacts can help you register.

Parish contacts are:

Shrine of the Sacred Heart: Sue Godschalk, Eileen Judah and Beth Eley; Sacred Heart: Laurie O'Doherty and Zee Withrow; St. Joseph: Libby Burger and Paul Cormier

Bishop Barry C. Knestout announces Saint Andrew Catholic Church in Roanoke has been granted the title of minor basilica by the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of Sacraments in a letter dated Sept. 6, 2023. The special designation by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, makes St. Andrew the only named minor basilica in the western part of Virginia and the second in our diocese to be raised to this status by the Roman Catholic Church. Bishop Knestout will be the main celebrant during a Mass Dec. 3, 2023, at the Basilica of Saint Andrew, where he will read the official Vatican decree and bless the physical symbols signifying the church's elevation to this status.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Nov. 5	Malachi 1: 14b – 2: 2b, 8-10; Psalms 131: 1, 2, 3; 1 Thessalonians 2: 7b-9, 13; Matthew 23: 9b, 10b Matthew 23: 1-12
Mon. Nov. 6	Romans 11: 29-36; Psalms 69: 30-31, 33-34, 36; John 8: 31b-32; Luke 14: 12-14
Tues. Nov. 7	Romans 12: 5-16ab; Psalms 131: 1bcde, 2, 3; Matthew 11: 28; Luke 14: 15-24
Wed. Nov. 8	Romans 13: 8-10; Psalms 112: 1b-2, 4-5, 9; 1 Peter 4: 14; Luke 14: 25-33
Thurs. Nov. 9	Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12; Psalms 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Corinthians 3: 9c-11, 16-17; 2 Chronicles 7: 16; John 2: 13-22
Fri. Nov. 10	Romans 15: 14-21; Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; 1 John 2: 5; Luke 16: 1-8
Sat. Nov. 11	Romans 16: 3-9, 16, 22-27; Psalms 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11; 2 Corinthians 8: 9; Luke 16: 9-15
Sun. Nov. 12	Wisdom 6: 12-16; Psalms 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18; Matthew 24: 42a, 44; Matthew 25: 1-13

VOCATIONS

“...we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well...” Are you determined to give yourself in sharing the gospel of the God? Call Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.



SERVICE AND HUMILITY

There is no question that Jesus had a way with words. The Word of the Lord is filled with what we are very familiar with in our society — soundbites if you will, which convey so much meaning. The last verses of today’s Gospel from St. Matthew contain one of those short statements which carry so much more meaning. Jesus says, “The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

In those two sentences are found the key to a stewardship way of life, which revolve around service and humility. There is no question that these are powerful words. They reveal to us all that we need to understand to be a true disciple of Christ. In his letter to the Philippians St. Paul wrote, “Though He was in the form of God, He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” (Phil. 2:5-8).

True humility will be ultimately exalted by God. Our society teaches us to strive to reach the top, but Jesus is reminding us that we need to regard others as more important than we are. We have two choices in life perhaps, to be self-exalters, or to be God-exalted. Is there any doubt as to what we as Christians should pursue?