

NOVEMBER 12, 2023  
THIRTY-SECOND 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**

*"Therefore, stay awake,  
for you know neither the day nor the hour."*

**Matthew 25:1-13**

## 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, 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, 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	\$1,392.00
<b>Sacred Heart</b>	
Sunday Offertory	\$4,287.00
<b>Shrine of the Sacred Heart</b>	
Sunday Offertory	\$3,643.05

## CALENDAR

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at Sacred  
Heart at 10:00AM.

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.

## WISDOM

Wisdom is a gift from God that we all can drink from freely. Christ is the fount of wisdom which we can drink from to refresh ourselves and be renewed. Wisdom is used to give us encouragement to make the right decisions for our daily lives. It puts us on the right path in living our lives freely, courageously and with deep faith and love. In the Gospel of Mt 25:1-13, we come across five wise and five unwise virgins. The five wise virgins came prepared with oil for their lamps while waiting for the Bridegroom and eventually joined Him at the wedding banquet, whereas the foolish virgins were not prepared, and therefore suffered the consequences. We must always remain vigilant, through prayer, study and acts of mercy. No one can make that spiritual preparation for us. It is a decision we need to make ourselves for being prepared and for staying awake.

## NOTICES

The downtown ecumenical Thanksgiving Service is scheduled for 5PM Sunday, Nov 19th, at Granbery United Methodist Church.

### 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

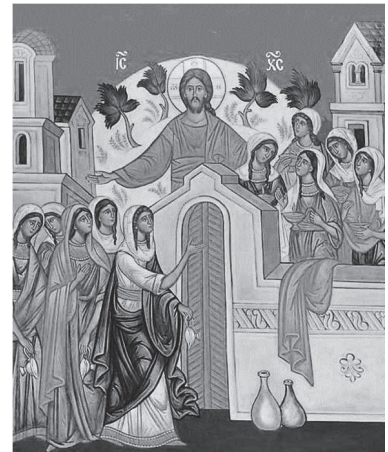
The month of November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory, whose feast was celebrated on November 2. With the exception of the last two days, the entire month of November falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

## DAILY READINGS

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
Mon. Nov. 13	Wisdom 1: 1-7; Psalms 139: 1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Philippians 2: 15d, 16a; Luke 17: 1-6
Tues. Nov. 14	Wisdom 2: 23 – 3: 9; Psalms 34: 2-3, 16-17, 18-19; John 14: 23; Luke 17: 7-10
Wed. Nov. 15	Wisdom 6: 1-11; Psalms 82: 3-4, 6-7; 1 Thessalonians 5: 18; Luke 17: 11-19
Thurs. Nov. 16	Wisdom 7: 22b – 8: 1; Psalms 119: 89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175; John 15: 5; Luke 17: 20-25
Fri. Nov. 17	Wisdom 13: 1-9; Psalms 19: 2-3, 4-5ab; Luke 21: 28; Luke 17: 26-37
Sat. Nov. 18	Wisdom 18: 14-16; 19: 6-9; Psalms 105: 2-3, 36-37, 42-43; 2 Thessalonians 2: 14; Luke 18: 1-8
Sun. Nov. 19	Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalms 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6; John 15: 4a, 5b; Matthew 25: 14-30

## VOCATIONS

**“My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.”**  
We were created with a thirst for God. Could He be calling you to quench it by living in Him as a priest, sister or brother? Call Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.



## WISDOM

**Wisdom is a central theme in our readings today. It is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, key to living the stewardship way of life in our complex world. As Christian stewards, we should rely on this gift and ask the Holy Spirit to increase it within us.**

**Jesus teaches the importance of wisdom in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of ten virgins awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom who will welcome them in to the wedding feast. Five of the virgins were foolish and five were wise. The foolish virgins failed to bring oil along with their lamps when they went to meet the bridegroom. The wise ones, however, had prepared and brought sufficient oil to keep their lamps lit when the bridegroom came. The foolish virgins, caught off guard, ran off to buy more oil, but they were too late. The door to the wedding feast was locked to them. Jesus cautions, “Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”**

**The stewardship way of life — with its daily and weekly commitments to giving God the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure — is the “oil” that we keep with us at all times. When we have this plan in place and we rely deeply on the Holy Spirit to guide us through the twists and turns of each day, we are free, we are ready to answer the Bridegroom when He calls us. We live in wisdom.**