



JANUARY 7, 2024
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**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

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

Matthew 2:1-12

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, 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, Heidi Mulcahy, David Palance, Maria Perron, Paul Perron, Shaun Perron, Pam Poole, Michael Rybka, Cathy Savage, Maureen Stec, Sophia Veras, Karen Wenke, Bill Withrow

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Margo Oxendine, Molly Sasser, John W. Smith, Clarissa Westenburger

Diocese of Richmond Seminarian

Mr. Aventon Grimes



WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

St. Joseph	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,889.00
 Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$2,051.00
 Shrine of the Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	\$1,824.75

Jesus and the Eucharist Study

Every parish across the country is invited to host the Jesus and the Eucharist study during the Year of Parish Revival. This seven-session series will immerse participants in the kerygmatic proclamation (Sessions 1–4) and unveil God’s saving work in the Eucharist (Sessions 5–7).

Each session opens with an exhortation from a different bishop, followed by lectio divina prayer with scripture. The main lesson is drawn from content created by the Augustine Institute and will include personal testimonies from Catholics across the country. We will then transition into small group discussions. Each session will be 2 hours or less.

BELOW IS AN OVERVIEW OF EACH SESSION:

Session 1: What’s Our Story?

The Bible is the story of God’s love for us. He created us out of love, redeemed us by his love, and transforms us in his love.

Session 2: Who Is Jesus?

Jesus is both God and man, therefore he reveals who God is in relation to us. Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Who do you say that I am?” (Matthew 16:15) He asks this same question of us: who do you say Jesus is?

Session 3: Am I Saved?

Salvation is a gift from God through Jesus Christ that requires our “yes.”

Session 4: Why a Church?

Jesus didn’t simply leave us a written message or instruction manual to follow. He gave us a living, dynamic Church where we encounter him personally and allow ourselves to be transformed into his likeness.

Session 5: God Is With Us

God’s presence in the Old Testament foreshadows the gift of the Eucharist, one of the seven sacraments of the Church. Jesus established the Eucharist to give us strength and accompany us at every moment of our earthly journey.

Session 6: The Story of the Eucharist

The story of the Eucharist can be traced throughout Scripture. From Genesis to the present day, this session explores how the Cross is the new Tree of Life, and the Eucharist is its fruit.

Session 7: Bread for the Journey

The Eucharist sustains us on our spiritual journey. Our participation at Mass through the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist is an offering of thanksgiving to God. We are then sent forth to share what we have received.

**Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM
January 9, 16, 23, & 30, & February 6, 13, & 20**



CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

The Baptism of the Lord is Monday, January 8th.
Mass will be celebrated at the Shrine of the Sacred
Heart at 9:00AM and at Sacred Heart at 9:30AM.

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.

THANK YOU!

As we draw close to the conclusion of the
Christmas season with the celebration of the
Solemnity of the Epiphany, we would like to thank
all of you for your encouraging prayers, cards and
gifts during this holy season in support of our
various ministries as priests.

In addition, we are grateful for the ongoing faithful
ministries of so many in our three communities,
which in so many ways enhance our lives, worship
and outreach to others.

May God continue to bless you, as He has blessed
so many of us through you and through your
faithful services to so many.

Fr. Augustine, Fr. Dan, Fr. Tom

NOTICES

JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST STUDY

The Jesus and the Eucharist study, which is part
of the National Eucharistic Revival, will be
presented starting Tuesday, January 9 through
February 20 at 6:30 PM in Sacred Heart Parish
Hall. See Menu item "Jesus And The Eucharist"
on the parish website for more details.

Comfort Care Women's Health Centers of
Lexington & Staunton are having their annual
BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN once again. Our
Sacred Heart/St. Josephs Knights of Columbus
Council #17457 is the sponsor. The centers offer
free pre-natal care & counseling to mothers with
an unexpected pregnancy (baby), mothers who
might otherwise feel pressured into aborting
their child due to isolation from concrete
assistance. Much funding comes from donations
from caring people like Catholics. We have
plenty of bottles this year, in the back of the
church. Please take one after Mass today & fill it
with spare change, bills, and/or checks made out
to Knights of Columbus Council #17457. Keep
them for several weeks, then return the filled
bottles before Mass on the Sundays of February
18 & 25 [you will be given reminders from the
pulpit] for delivery to the local area Comfort Care
coordinator ...OR you may give them directly to
John Stec when you see him at Mass on any
Sunday. God bless you for supporting this
important Pro-Life ministry. Visit
www.supportcc.org for more information on this
ministry.



Have you remembered the good works of the
church in your Will? A bequest of part of your
estate will ensure the works of your parish will
continue.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Jan. 7	Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalms 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2: 2
Mon. Jan. 8	Isaiah 55: 1-1; Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; 1 John 5: 1-9; John 1: 29; Mark 1: 7-11
Tues. Jan. 9	1 Samuel 1: 9-20; 1 Samuel 2: 1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; 1 Thessalonians 2: 13; Mark 1: 21-28
Wed. Jan. 10	1 Samuel 3: 1-10, 19-20; Psalms 40: 2, 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; John 10: 27; Mark 1: 29-39
Thurs. Jan. 11	1 Samuel 4: 1-11; Psalms 44: 10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Matthew 4: 23; Mark 1: 40-45
Fri. Jan. 12	1 Samuel 8: 4-7, 10-22a; Psalms 89: 16-17, 18-19; Luke 7: 16; Mark 2: 1-12
Sat. Jan. 13	1 Samuel 9: 1-4, 17-19; 10: 1; Psalms 21: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Luke 4: 18; Mark 2: 13-17
Sun. Jan. 14	1 Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19; Psalms 40: 2, 4ab, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; 1 Corinthians 6: 13c-15a, 17-20; John 1: 41, 17b; John 1: 35-42

VOCATIONS

“They offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” Is God calling you to give Him the gold of your freedom, the incense of your prayer, and the myrrh of your love through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.



OFFER GOD OUR GIFTS

Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. The Gospel account of the three magi traveling to meet Baby Jesus is one that we know well. Yet, when we pause to reflect on this moment when these men met Christ for the first time, we recognize that there is much to be said for us still today.

When the magi entered the house, it says, “they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.” Clearly these men knew that they were in the presence of their King. They also came bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, which symbolize Christ’s kingship, divinity, and humanity.

Christ is still manifesting Himself to us today. We enter God’s house weekly, and we are in His presence. When we meet Him, do we offer Him our gifts — our time, talent, and treasure? As Christian stewards, we are called to respond with love, reverence, and gratitude.

Let us prepare our hearts to receive Christ’s many manifestations in our lives. We just need a grateful disposition to receive them.