



**FEBRUARY 25, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**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

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Mark 9:2-10

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, Carol Turner, 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, Paulino Gutierrez, Arthur Headley, 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, Becky Woodson

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

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

Diocese of Richmond Seminarian

Mr. Avention Grimes



WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

St. Joseph

Sunday Offertory \$1,312.00

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory \$898.00
COPE Food Pantry 309.00
Various 2nd Collections 10.00

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory \$1,177.00

CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph - Tuesday and Thursday at 12Noon
Sacred Heart - Wednesday at 11:30AM. The Rosary will be prayed after Mass.

First Friday Mass is this Friday, March 1st at 11am followed by 5 hours of Adoration. Benediction will be at 8PM; First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, March 2nd at 9AM beginning with the Rosary and Litany of Our Lady followed by Mass at 9:30AM.

Stations of the Cross

Shrine of the Sacred Heart: 5:00PM on Wednesdays;
St. Joseph: 6:00PM on Wednesdays;
Sacred Heart: 5:30PM on Fridays followed by a meatless soup supper in the parish hall.

Lenten Luncheon Schedule

February 28 – Gospel Tabernacle COGC
March 6 – Good News Christian Church
March 13 – First Christian Church
March 30 – Parrish Court UM Church
All lunches begin at 12 Noon and end prior to 1pm. A free will offering is collected each Wednesday to support a local mission or ministry. Each week a different minister will bring us a message. Join together with brothers and sisters of all denominations to worship and glorify God.

The Gospel for the 2nd Sunday of Lent, from Mark 9:2-10, conveys a powerful message about Jesus' identity through the event of the Transfiguration. Jesus is revealed in divine glory, affirmed as the beloved Son of God by a voice from heaven. This event underscores Jesus' divine sonship, His role as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets, and His mission leading to the Paschal Mystery. It invites believers to recognize and respond to Jesus as the central figure of God's salvific plan.

NOTICES

SAVE THE DATE: Sacred Heart will have a St. Patrick's Day potluck following Mass on Sunday, March 17th. Please bring a dish of your choice and join in good food and fellowship. You are welcome to come even if you cannot bring a dish.

The next Adult Faith Formation, Lectio: Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God, uses the discipline of Lectio Divina to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy. In six sessions, Finding Intimacy with God captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving to live in and through his love. Sessions begin on Tuesday, April 9 @ 6:30 PM in Sacred Heart Parish Hall and continue each Tuesday until May 14. If you would like a free Participant Guide (over 100 pages), contact Don Rogowski @ 540-962-7344 or formed@sacredheartcovington.org by Monday, March 25. View the trailer at <https://watch.formed.org/lectio-prayer-with-dr-tim-gray/videos/lectio-prayer-trailer>

A special thank you to Sacred Heart parishioners who have donated \$7,499.45 to COPE Food Pantry and are the largest contributors to this worthy cause.

The theme of this year's Annual Lenten Appeal is "Sharing His Love With Others". Gifts to the Annual Diocesan Appeal help to build up the Church and answer the call to Share His Love with Others.

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DAILY READINGS

Sun. Feb.25	Genesis 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Psalms 116: 10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Romans 8: 31b-34; Matthew 17: 5; Mark 9: 2-10
Mon. Feb. 26	Daniel 9: 4b-10; Psalms 79: 8, 9, 11 and 13; John 6: 63c, 68c ;Luke 6: 36-38
Tues. Feb. 27	Isaiah 1: 10, 16-20; Psalms 50: 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Ezekiel 18: 31; Matthew 23: 1-12
Wed. Feb. 28	Jeremiah 18: 18-20; Psalms 31: 5-6, 14, 15-16; John 8: 12; Matthew 20: 17-28
Thurs. Feb. 29	Jeremiah 17: 5-10; Psalms 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Luke 8: 15; Luke 16: 19-31
Fri. Mar. 1	Genesis 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; Psalms 105: 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; John 3: 16; Matthew 21: 33-43, 45-46
Sat. Mar. 2	Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20; Psalms 103: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Luke 15: 18; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32
Sun. Mar. 3	Exodus 17: 3-7; Psalms 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8; John 4: 42, 15; John 4: 5-42

VOCATIONS

"If God is with us, who can be against us?" Is the Lord strengthening you to consider the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.



ENTRUST ALL TO GOD

Today's readings are a powerful testimony to God's profound love for each one of us. It is a reminder for us, as Christian stewards, to surrender all that we have to the Gracious Giver.

The First Reading from Genesis is the infamous story of God putting Abraham to the test. God commands Abraham to offer his son, Isaac, to the Lord as a sacrifice. Abraham obeys the Lord. Yet, a messenger of the Lord cries out at the last moment to stop him. Because of Abraham's faithfulness and surrender to the Lord, he is blessed abundantly.

We can only imagine how Abraham felt, offering the life of his son, not understanding why, but blindly obeying. Yet, Abraham's response of total surrender to God's plan is a testament to trust in God's deep love for us. As Christian stewards, we are called to surrender all to the Lord — our time, our talents, and even our material possessions. We should willingly give God our entire lives with the confidence that He will take care of us.

St. Paul echoes this message so beautifully in our Second Reading. He says, "He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?" God loves us so much that He gave us His only Son who suffered, died, and rose for us. He has given us His very best. Can we not entrust our entire lives to Him knowing He will continue to pour out His love on us? As we continue our journey through Lent, let us reflect on God's profound love for us.