



MARCH 24, 2024  
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S  
PASSION

**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**

*"Truly this man was the Son of God!"*

**Mark 14:1—15:47**

## 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	\$1,737.00
Catholic Relief Services	217.00
Chasuble	150.00

### Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$874.00
COPE Food Pantry	401.00

### Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,362.00
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## CALENDAR

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph - Tuesday at 12Noon

Sacred Heart - Wednesday at 11:30AM. The Rosary will be prayed after Mass.

### Stations of the Cross

Shrine of the Sacred Heart: 12 Noon on Good Friday

St. Joseph: 6:00PM on Wednesday

Sacred Heart: 3:00PM on Good Friday

### EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

#### HOLY THURSDAY

Shrine of the Sacred Heart: Mass at 5:00PM

St. Joseph: Mass at 7:00PM

#### GOOD FRIDAY

Shrine of the Sacred Heart -Passion of the Lord, 5:00PM

St. Joseph – Passion of the Lord, 7:00PM

#### EASTER VIGIL

Shrine of the Sacred Heart Mass at 8:00PM

Sacred Heart Mass at 8:00PM

#### EASTER SUNDAY

Shrine of the Sacred: Mass at 9:00AM

St. Joseph: Mass 9:00AM

Sacred Heart: Mass at 11:00AM

#### EASTER MONDAY

Sacred Heart Mass at 9:30AM

## LIFE CHAIN

The Alleghany Highlands Spring Life Chain will be held on Sunday - April 7, 2024, from 1:30 pm to 2:45 pm at the intersection [light], on the sidewalk entrance to the Wal-Mart Industrial Park. Pray silently while holding a sign explaining a truth about abortion. Please arrive at 1:15 pm to pick up your sign and take your place in the life chain. Park at the Highlands Community Bank.

## NOTICES

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](mailto: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>

In the ancient Middle East kings could enter a city in two ways. Horses were used for war, so if the king rode on a horse, it usually meant trouble. If they came in peace, they would ride a donkey, a humble act. Jesus was sending two clear messages to the people of Jerusalem. The first was that he is a king, the second message is that his intentions were peaceful. The point was not lost on the religious leaders.

Jesus came down the Mount of Olives into the Kidron valley, to the east of the temple. It is a very steep descent. The road was a dirt path. The spring rains made the passage slippery. The people hailing Jesus placed branches and clothing on the road so that the footing was safe. John is the only gospel that mentions that the branches were from palm trees. Matthew and Mark only refer to "branches". Luke leaves out the branches entirely and simply says that the people put their clothes on the road.

## DAILY READINGS

Sun. Mar. 24	Mark 11: 1-10; Isaiah 50: 4-7; Psalms 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Philippians 2: 6-11; Philippians 2: 8-9; Mark 14: 1 – 15: 47
Mon. Mar. 25	Isaiah 42: 1-7; Psalms 27: 1, 2, 3, 13-14; John 12: 1-11
Tues. Mar. 26	Isaiah 49: 1-6; Psalms 71: 1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; John 13: 21-33, 36-38
Wed. Mar. 27	Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalms 69: 8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Matthew 26: 14-25
Thurs. Mar. 28	Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14; Psalms 116: 12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26; John 13: 34; John 13: 1-15
Fri. Mar. 29	Isaiah 52: 13 – 53: 12; Psalms 31: 2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Hebrews 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9; Philippians 2: 8-9; John 18: 1 – 19: 42
Sat. Mar. 30	Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 2; Psalms 33: 4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20, 22; Genesis 22: 1-18; Psalms 16: 5, 8, 9-10, 11; Isaiah 55: 1-11; Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6; Romans 6: 3-11; Mark 16: 1-7
Sun. Mar. 31	Acts 10: 34a, 37-43; Psalms 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Colossians 3: 1-4; 1 Corinthians 5: 7b-8a; John 20: 1-9

## VOCATIONS

“Morning by morning He wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.” Listen in prayer daily to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, seek to know your vocation. If He is asking you to consider the priesthood or consecrated life. Call Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.



## REFLECT ON THE LIFE OF CHRIST

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. As we read about the climax of Christ's mission here on earth, we are reminded that He is the Perfect Steward, a model for us all on our stewardship journey. Our First Reading, from the prophet Isaiah, portrays a suffering servant. The suffering servant, in many ways, foreshadows what Jesus endured during His passion. Even though He didn't deserve such tortures, He humbly submitted to them. His mission as a steward was to fulfill His Father's mission. We, too, play a unique role in our Father's mission by bringing souls to Christ. It simply begins with the witness of our lives.

Today's Gospel shares the account of Jesus' last days on earth, and how He lives them says a great deal about how we should be living ours as faithful stewards. Jesus does many things in these last days, and they all revolve around prayer and service — two trademark actions of a good and faithful Catholic. He hosts a Passover meal in which He gives us His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. He intensely prays to His Father. Lastly, He submits to humiliation, torture and death for our sake, calling out to God the Father in His weakest moments. We might not be called to the same type of prayer and service, but we are all called to commit time in daily prayer with our Lord, and to serve our families, churches and neighbors. As we embark on this Holy week, let us take some time to reflect on the life of Christ as He is our model Steward, and may we strive to imitate Him daily.