



MAY 12, 2024  
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
THE ASCENSION 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](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**

*"So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God."*

**Mark 16:15-20**

## 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
Organist	Dr. Leszek Fiutowski	304-456-5473



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR  
MILITARY MEN & WOMEN:

Sacred Heart – Arthur Headley, Jessie (Jesus) Morals, Joel Moscoso  
St. Joseph –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, Mitchell Garcia, 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	\$1,440.00
Furnace and Roof	650.00

### Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$4,357.00
Votive	12.00
COPE Food Pantry	80.00

### Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$ 2,802.63
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## CALENDAR

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph - Tuesday and Thursday at 12Noon  
Sacred Heart - Wednesday at 11:30AM followed by the Rosary.

Friday: Adoration and Benediction begin at 10:45AM followed by Mass at 12NOON.

First Friday Mass will be celebrated on at 11AM followed by 8 hours of Adoration and Benediction at 8PM.

First Saturday Mass will be celebrated beginning with the Rosary and Litany of Our Lady at 9AM followed by Mass at 9:30AM.

## MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

## NOTICES

May is the month of Mary. To honor our Blessed Mother, we will pray the Rosary 20 minutes before Mass each Sunday during May.

There will be a First Communion at Sacred Heart on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> with a luncheon reception in the parish hall following Mass. Please bring a dish of your choice and join in this celebration. All are welcome even if you do not bring a dish.

Many of you in our clustered parishes have received your postcard invitations to Sacred Heart's Centennial Celebration Mass at 11 AM on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> followed by a celebratory luncheon in the parish hall. We need to know if you are planning on attending. Please let us know no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

The Knights of Columbus invites all Knights, Parishioners, Families, and Friends to join in paying tribute to our Veterans at Mt. Carmel Catholic Cemetery on Memorial Day Monday 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. We will place American Flags on Veteran graves and recite the Rosary.

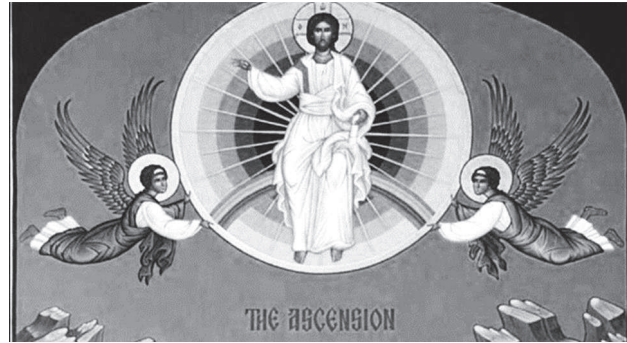
The Feast of Corpus Christi will be celebrated on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The feast of Corpus Christi is one time when our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is exposed not just to faithful Catholics but to all the world. This is a time when Catholics can show their love for Christ in the Real Presence by honoring Him in a very public way. It is also a wonderful way in which we can show our love for our neighbors by bringing Our Lord and Savior closer to them. Sacred Heart Covington will have its own Eucharistic Procession immediately following Mass on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will process around the block and conclude with a solemn blessing in the Church.

## DAILY READINGS

Sun. May 12	Acts 1: 1-11; Psalms 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Ephesians 4: 1-13; Matthew 28: 19a, 20b; Mark 16: 15-20
Mon. May 13	Acts 19: 1-8; Psalms 68: 2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Colossians 3: 1; John 16: 29-33
Tues. May 14	Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26; Psalms 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; John 15: 16; John 15: 9-17
Wed. May 15	Acts 20: 28-38; Psalms 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; John 17: 17b, 17a; John 17: 11b-19
Thurs. May 16	Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11; Psalms 16: 1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; John 17: 21; John 17: 20-26
Fri. May 17	Acts 25: 13b-21; Psalms 103: 1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; John 14: 26; John 21: 15-19
Sat. May 18	Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31; Psalms 11: 4, 5 and 7; John 16: 7, 13; John 21: 20-25
Sun. May 19	Acts 2: 1-11; Psalms 104: 1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13; John 20: 19-23

## VOCATIONS

“And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them.” If you are discerning a vocation to proclaim the Gospel as a priest or consecrated religious, contact: Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations@richmond diocese .org.



## SHARE THE “GOOD NEWS”

We often cite Jesus’ quote from today’s Gospel of Mark: “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.” This was not a suggestion from the Lord. It was quite frankly a command, and it is one which still holds for each of us. Being an evangelist, being a disciple, being a steward is not a matter of choice for those of us who are Catholic and Christian. It is something the Lord expects of us.

Often, we may like to spend time debating how to do that, but that does not lessen the fact that it is something we are supposed to do. We need to acknowledge that even the original Apostles and followers of Jesus did not do that immediately. We learn that they stayed in Jerusalem for some time, and it seemed to be only when the Church and its followers were persecuted that they began to reach out and truly share the “Good News.”

Once Christians accepted that charge from the Lord, they did indeed take the Word of God to all corners of the earth. Look at the Church today. It is incredible how this Church has grown from one Man/God and a small group into what it is today. That does not, however, get us “off the hook.”

As much as we may argue about how to carry out this command from Jesus, the fact remains that our very lives need to stand as a representation of what it means to be a Christian, what it means to “love one another,” what it means to live and to work as a disciple of Christ.