



OCTOBER 13, 2024
TWENTY-EIGHTH 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
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. Ernest Dugah, Administrator
804-914-4977

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.

MT CARMEL CATHOLIC CEMETERY

Low Moor, Virginia
Contact: Mr. Carl Withrow (540) 968-3267

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

St. Joseph Parish 540-863-5371

Office Hours: Call for appointment

In Emergency	Fr. Dugah	804-914-4977
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. Dugah	804-914-4977
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. Dugah	804-914-4977
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, Ed and Sandra Haverlack, Rita Luther, Sally Putnam, Carol Turner, Terry Windsor.

Sacred Heart

Pam Austin, Debbie Brokaw, Josephine Brown, Mack Brown, Wanda Callaham, Robert Childs, Karen Cody, Wanda Dameron, Esther Ewing, Jay Ewing, Tony Forbes, Roberta Frampton, Erin Gutierrez, Paulino Gutierrez, April Headley, Arthur Headley, Raphael Lopez, Sandra Minter, Heidi Mulcahy, David Palance, Paul Perron, Shaun Perron, Pam Poole, Michael Rybka, Cathy Savage, Maureen Stec, 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	\$1,175.00
Diocese Reimbursement	2,893.24

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$3,304.00
Capital Improvements	784.00
Misc.	337.87

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$ 3,605.00
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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 Benediction and Adoration at
10:45AM followed by Mass at 12Noon.

-First Friday of each month at Sacred Heart beginning
with Mass at 11am followed by 8 hours of Adoration.
Benediction will be at 8PM.

-First Saturday of each month beginning at 9AM with
the Rosary and Litany of Our Lady followed by Mass
at 9:30AM.

NOTICES

Sacred Hearts-St. Joseph Knights of Columbus
Council is continuing to provide spiritual and
financial support to Mr. Aventon Grimes, a
seminarian of the Diocese of Richmond, during the
2024/2025 Seminary Year. Mr. Grimes' birthday is
November 4th. Today after Mass and at the potluck,
and the following Sunday, there will be a birthday
card for Mr. Grimes that the Knights are asking
everyone to sign.

October is the month of the Rosary. We will pray the
Rosary 20 minutes before Mass each Sunday of
October.

All ladies of Sacred Heart are invited to a Baby
Shower for Lauren Clark following Mass on October
27th in the parish hall. To add a personal touch,
we're making it a covered dish event! Bring a finger
food to share.

Lauren's baby registry can be found at babylist.com.
Go to the website, select Find A Baby Registry. Type
Lauren Clark in the search box. Then select the one
with the due date of 12/12/2024.

NOTICES

Sacred Heart will have a Fall potluck today
following Mass in the parish hall. Please join in
good food and fellowship even if you did not
bring a dish. All are welcome.

This fall, voters will select candidates for the
office of President, U.S. Senator, U.S.
Representative and – in some areas – “down-
ballot” offices. At the Virginia Catholic
Conference Election Resource Hub you'll find
information on registering to vote, faithfully
preparing to vote, and more!
<https://vacatholic.org/election2024/>

There will be a special collection today for
those impacted by Hurricane Helene and
relief efforts. If you are contributing by
check, write in the memo section of your
check “Hurricane Helene Relief”.

Since 1973, the Catholic Church in the United
States has observed October as Respect Life
Month. As Catholics, we are called to cherish
and protect those who are most vulnerable,
from the beginning of life to its end, and at
every point in between. During the month
of October, the Church asks us to reflect
more deeply on the dignity and gift of every
human life.

Fr. Augustine Lukenge, our former pastor,
has been appointed Dean of Deanery 1 by
Bishop Knestout. The formal title for a dean
is “Very Reverend” and when that title is
used, the priest has the initials “V.F.”
following his name, which stands for his title
as a dean: *vicar forane*.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Oct. 13	Wisdom 7: 7-11; Psalms 90: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Hebrews 4: 12-13; Matthew 5: 3; Mark 10: 17-30
Mon. Oct. 14	Galatians 4: 22-24, 26-27, 31 – 5: 1 Psalms 113: 1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 Psalms 95:8 Luke 11: 29-32
Tues. Oct. 15	Galatians 5: 1-6; Psalms 119: 41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 ;Hebrews 4: 12; Luke 11: 37-41
Wed. Oct. 16	Galatians 5: 18-25; Psalms 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; John 10: 27; Luke 11: 42-46
Thurs. Oct. 17	Ephesians 1: 1-10; Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; John 14: 6; Luke 11: 47-54
Fri. Oct. 18	2 Timothy 4: 10-17b; Psalms 145: 10-11, 12-13, 17-18; John 15: 16; Luke 10: 1-9
Sat. Oct. 19	Ephesians 1: 15-23; Psalms 8: 2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7; John 15: 26a, 27a; Luke 12: 8-12
Sun. Oct. 20	Isaiah 53: 10-11; Psalms 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Hebrews 4: 14-16; Mark 10: 45; Mark 10: 35-45

VOCATIONS

“Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” If you ask the Lord this question in prayer, are you ready to respond with a joyful “yes” or will you turn from Him with a heavy, unyielding heart. Consider following Christ more closely as a priest or in consecrated life. Contact Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations@richmond diocese .org.



JESUS DOESN'T WANT OUR STUFF

In our Gospel today we hear the story of a man who ran up to Jesus and asked Him what he must do to reach eternal life. Jesus said, “You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” It says the man went away sad because he had much.

We might cringe when we hear this story because it is sad — this man was so close to becoming an active disciple of Jesus, but instead turned away. We also might cringe because it could be deeply applicable to our lives. Jesus states that, “It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

One of the metaphors for the “eye of a needle” was a tight passageway into Jerusalem that people had to enter to get into the city. In order for their camels to pass through, they had to remove whatever the camel was carrying, only then, could they enter. If we look at our own lives, we can most likely think of something that we tightly carry with us. Maybe it is possessions — material goods or money — like Jesus references in our Gospel. Or maybe it is something less material — like status, pride or control.

Jesus doesn't want our stuff — our job promotions, our designer house or our bank account. He just wants us. So, we need to be willing to strip those things from our lives in order to reach Him. It might seem difficult, but the outcome will be more than we could have ever imagined — peace on earth and treasure in heaven.