



AUGUST 3, 2025
EIGHTEENTH 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 email: stjoseph@ntelos.net
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, Pastor

540-620-9309

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

Sacred Heart – St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Council 17457

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 21 @ Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Rosary: 6:25 PM, Meal: 6:45, Meeting: 7:10 PM

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

St. Joseph Parish 540-863-5371

Office Hours: Call for appointment

In Emergency	Fr. Dugah	540-620-9309
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	540-620-9309
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	202-373-9571
Community Life	Alvina Nida	540-747-2211
Justice & Peace	John Stec	540-862-1917
Grds & Maint.	Leo Mulcahy	540-862-3021
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	540-620-9309
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 –Joshua Crawford, Andy Shepard

PRAYER LIST

St. Joseph

Maria Amerio, Clair Dilley, Tom Greenwood, Ed and Sandra Haverlack, Rita Luther, Sally Putnam, Carol Turner, Terry Windsor, Elaina Wright, Katie Greenwood White

Sacred Heart

Pam Austin, Josephine Brown, Mack Brown, Wanda Callahan, Janice Campbell, Karen Cody, Jeanette Deardorff, John Dziedzic, Esther Ewing, John Roberta Frampton, Gordon, Rev. David Hanks, Tony Forbes, April Headley, Arthur Headley, Annabella LaPosta, Raphael Lopez, Fr. Augustine Lukenge, Brooke Nogueira, David Palance, Paul Perron, Michael Rybka, Cathy Savage, Maureen Stec, Rayvi Veras, Patricia Whitlow, Bill Withrow, Becky Woodson, Francine Young

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Margo Oxendine, Molly Sasser

Diocese of Richmond Seminarian

Mr. Aventon Grimes

WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

St. Joseph

Sunday Offertory	\$

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$1,141.45

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$887.75

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 at 10:45AM followed by Mass at 12NOON.

First Friday: Mass is celebrated at 11AM followed by 8 hours of Adoration and Benediction.

First Saturday: Rosary and Litany of Our Lady at 9AM followed by Mass at 9:30AM

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Friday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **THIS IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.**

Vigil Mass will be celebrated on August 14:

5:00 PM @ Shrine of the Sacred Heart

5:30 PM @ St. Joseph

Mass on August 15:

9:00 AM @ Shrine of the Sacred Heart

5:30 PM @ Sacred Heart. There will be no Adoration before Mass.

BARN BUILDING

Israel was a country ruled by religious laws. People often called upon a Rabbi to assist in legal decisions; hence a man asks Jesus to intervene in a matter of inheritance. Our Lord refuses and turns the conversation into a teaching against materialism. He illustrates this with a story about a prosperous farmer who decides to hoard his excess crops. The rich man decides to build extra barns or grain silos. Jesus seems to be suggesting that the farmer should have shared his extra grain with the poor. It is a variation on the motto, "you can't take it with you."

NOTICES

Do you know someone who might be inquiring about the Catholic Faith or may want to become a Catholic? If yes, beginning Monday, August 18 that someone can start the process of learning more about the Catholic Faith with the possibility of becoming Catholic at the Easter Vigil 2026 (April 5, 2026). To learn more contact Don Rogowski at 540-962-7344 or Janice Campbell at 540-969-9073.

SAVE THE DATE: The Tri-Parish picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 28th, at the large picnic shelter at the Jackson River Sports Complex in Covington. Sacred Heart is hosting the picnic this year. More information will be available in future bulletins.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The next Adult Faith Formation is Lectio: Peter: Cornerstone of Catholicism. Sessions begin on Tuesday, September 9 @ 6:30 PM in Sacred Heart Parish Hall and continue each Tuesday until November 11 (10 sessions, each ~1 hour). If you want to attend and want a study guide, contact Don Rogowski at 540-962-7344.

CATHOLIC FEST

Join Bishop Knestout, and the entire diocese at a one-day festival in Richmond. The day will be full of music, food, fun, fellowship, faith, and celebrating the Mass as the Diocese of Richmond. The festival will be held at The Diamond in Richmond, VA on October 11, 2025, from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Sacred Heart is responsible for Meals on Wheels August 11-15. Please consider volunteering for this important ministry. There is a sign-up sheet on the podium as you enter the church.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. Aug. 3	Ecclesiastes 1: 2; 2: 21-23; Psalms 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11; Matthew 5: 3; Luke 12: 13-21
Mon. Aug. 4	Numbers 11: 4b-15; Psalms 81: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Matthew 4: 4; Matthew 14: 13-21
Tues. Aug. 5	Numbers 12: 1-13; Psalms 51: 3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; John 1: 49b; Matthew 14: 22-36
Wed. Aug. 6	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14; Psalms 97: 1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Peter 1: 16-19; Matthew 17: 5c; Luke 9: 28b-36
Thurs. Aug. 7	Numbers 20: 1-13; Psalms 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Matthew 16: 18; Matthew 16: 13-23
Fri. Aug. 8	Deuteronomy 4: 32-40; Psalms 77: 12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21; Matthew 5: 10; Matthew 16: 24-28
Sat. Aug. 9	Deuteronomy 6: 4-13; Psalms 18: 2-3a, 3c-4, 47 and 51; 2 Timothy 1: 10; Matthew 17: 14-20
Sun. Aug. 10	Wisdom 18: 6-9; Psalms 33: 1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19; Matthew 24: 42a, 44; Luke 12: 32-48

VOCATIONS

“One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” If simplicity of life and the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience especially attract you, discover that life as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Contact Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.



LIFE IS NOT ABOUT POSSESSIONS

Today's Gospel passage comes as a pat on the back from Heaven for all of us striving to live a stewardship way of life. It reminds us why we live the way we do and why we make the choices we make. Let's face it, if we truly embrace this way of life, there will be people who find our choices — based on serving God and others — downright foolish. But let's see what God thinks. Spoiler alert: turns out Christian stewards are not the fools!

In this passage, Jesus makes it clear that life is not about “stuff” as he tells the parable of the wealthy businessman who thought he had everything figured out. The man had such an abundance of stuff that he didn't have room to store it all. So, thinking of earthly things and not on what is above, he decided to build a bigger place to store all that stuff. Patting himself on the back, he thought about what good times he would have in the years ahead. But Jesus tells us that day would turn out to be the man's last day on the earth. And he had spent it thinking only of himself. How foolish!

Don't be ashamed of living differently from the people around you. Be confident as you set priorities based on what is above. You are wise in God's eyes, Christian steward. And you will be rich in what matters most.