Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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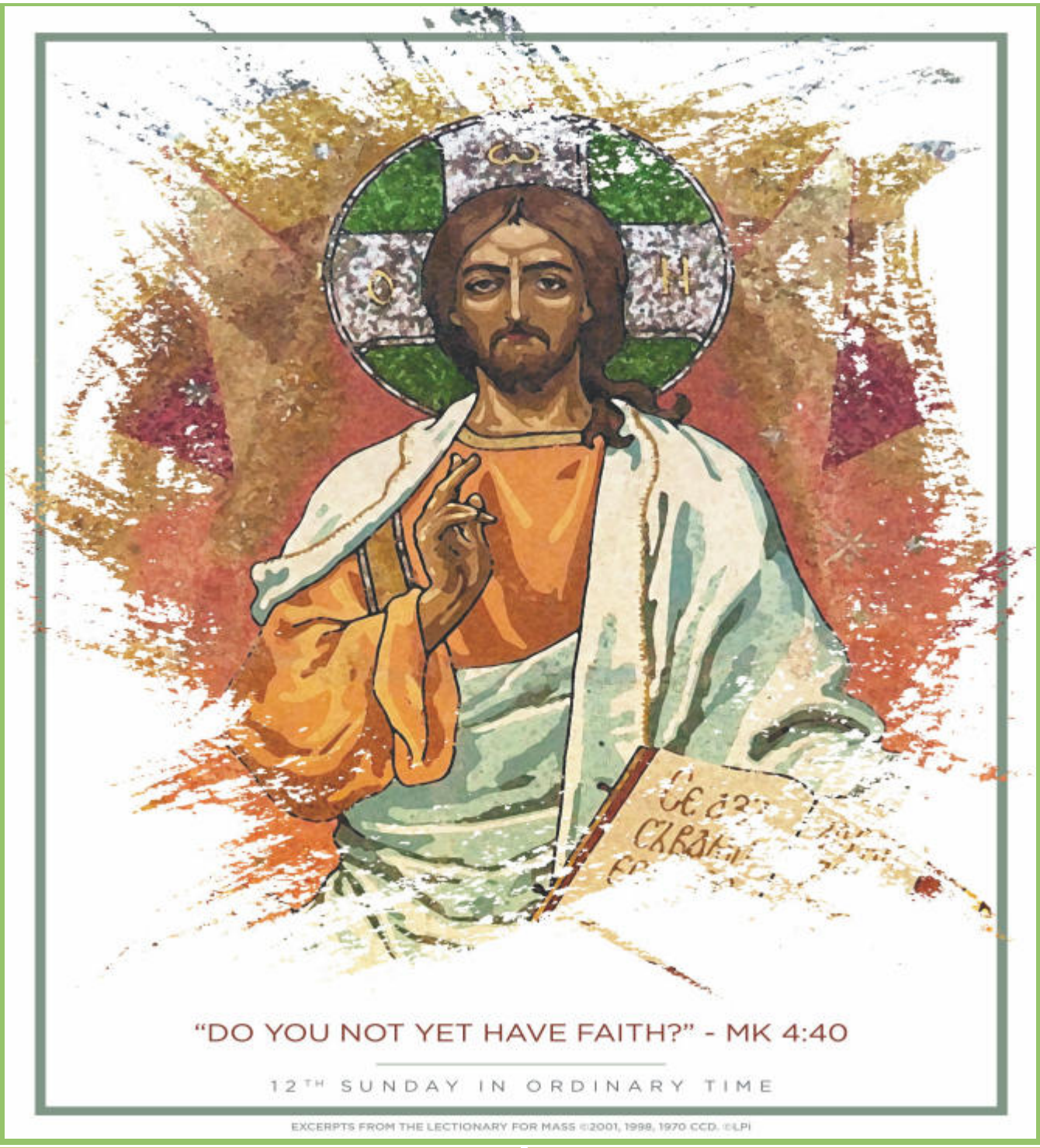

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SATURDAY/SUNDAY MASSES -
Saturday: 5pm English
Sunday: 11am English (livestream and recorded)
Sunday: 1:15pm Spanish (livestream and recorded)

First Friday Adoration and Mass begins at 9am. Our next celebration will be **August** 6, 2021. Adoration will begin after Mass.

WELCOME FATHER PAT:
Father Patricio Alcantara will come to Holy Spirit beginning the weekend of July 10th/11th. Help us greet him and plan to stay for a welcome reception following Masses.
All committees will be present representing their individual committees and looking for volunteers to join them—an opportunity for Fr. Pat to meet the members and for new members to join. Please consider your gifts and join a committee on this weekend. We look forward to building our volunteer participation! Thank you!

GOSPEL MEDITATION: As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey.

That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into unchartered waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"?

REMEMBER IN PRAYER **When we pray for others, we lift them up to God, seeking God's grace and blessing in their individual situations. When we ask others to pray for us, we honor them with our prayers.** ***Please pray for the terminally ill, the sick, for those who are recovering, and for those who minister to us:***

Kathy Hummel	*Kenny & Nicole Roberts*
Nancy Gates	*Robert Wharton*
Terry Arnold	*David Mattox*
Fr. Anthony	*Fr. Patricio*
Deacon Jose	

(This group will rotate weekly. *If you know of someone who may be removed from this list, please let us know. If someone should be added, contact: officemanager@holyspiritcatholic.net.)*

And the repose of the soul of :

Frank Partsch	Harry Richardson
Doris Ballard	Cleofas Ortiz
Julian Torres Lopez	Angie Clexton
Ana Bella Eberhardt	Marie Fizer

Please, kindly inform Fr. Anthony or the office of anyone who may need our love and prayers, whether aged, sick, hospitalized, in a life crisis, grieving or unable to attend a weekly mass.
asenyah@richmonddiocese.org

OPTIONS FOR OFFERTORY GIFTS TO HOLY SPIRIT:
Thank you for your continuing contributions to the support of Holy Spirit. Your offertory donation may be mailed to Holy Spirit at 355 Independence Blvd., Christiansburg or set-up a BILL PAY through your bank. Offertory envelopes are available at your request and blank envelopes for special collections and flowers are available in the Narthex.

Mass Intention envelopes are also available for your requested Masses. Ask an usher if you would like a Mass card. Donations appreciated.

OFFERTORY REPORT: **FISCAL NEWS 2020-2021**	**May - 2021** **Week 49** 6/6/21	**Week 50** 6/13/21
Weekly Budgeted Collection	3,404.00	3,404.00
Actual Collection	7,389.00	6,126.00
Over (Under) Weekly Budget	**3,985.00**	**2,722.00**
Year-to-Date Budgeted Collection	159,988.00	170,200.00
Year-to-Date Actual Collection	188,071.51	194,197.51
Over or (Under) Yearly Budget	**21,275.51**	**23,997.51**

Peter's Pence: We apologize for the confusion on the Peter's Pence Collection date. If you are an offertory envelope user, you may have noticed that the collection date on your envelope says June 26th and we announced the collection on June 6th. This is due to the different Dioceses' dates for collection and the envelope company attempting to accommodate. Your contribution, whether given on June 6th or the 26th, will be collected and forwarded to the Diocese for this important mission. Thank you.

PRAYER GARDEN DEDICATION: We were recently approached by Henry Valatka about an Eagle Scout project and Father Anthony proposed a prayer garden to house our statue of Mary and possibly other statues (St. Joseph, maybe?). Henry agreed and is working to have the project underway before Father Anthony returns from Ghana. The project will cost approximately $3000.

We are all sad to see Father Anthony go but as a way to remember him always and show our appreciation for his love for us, we would like to dedicate the new Prayer Garden to him. (An approximate rendering is pictured above.) The dedication will take place the weekend Father returns home.

If you would like to contribute to this project, please mark your donation as "Prayer Garden" and add to the collection basket or mail to the church directly. Thank you!

MEET FATHER PATRICIO D. ALCANTARA—Fr. Patricio has been assigned to Holy Spirit and Holy Family, and we look forward to his arrival on July 5th.

Father was ordained to the Priesthood on August 15, 1995 at Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Sorsogon City, Philippines.

Fr. Patricio comes to us from the Central Virginia Catholic Cluster of Farmville, Blackstone and Meherrin.

A Welcoming Event is planned for the weekend of July 10/11.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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HISPANIC COMMITTEE

Alejandro Guzman — Guadalupe Carrillo

Father Anthony is traveling home for the month of June. Father Louis Benoit will be with us for all the weekend Masses and reconciliation on Saturday afternoons at 3:30pm. Please welcome him! We are so grateful he could be with us.

Father John Asare has agreed to say Mass for the 65+ group on Mondays at 9am.

There will be no other weekday Masses, Tuesday or Friday, until after Father returns Saturday, July 3rd.

Please offer prayers for Father Anthony's safe trip home to visit family and friends, and a safe return to us in July.

BISHOP'S APPEAL REPORT: **Your contributions are coming in, THANK YOU! Pledged to date: $11,180.00. Donate today at https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal/

We are always in need of volunteers! If you have an interest in helping at Holy Spirit, please email the office. We'd love to hear from you! officemanager@holyspiritcatholic.net

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Prayer to Miraculous Infant Jesus

O Miraculous Infant Jesus, look upon us as we turn to you, imploring your assistance in our needs and anxieties. Let your compassionate heart be moved to pity by our supplications and grant us the favor which we ardently implore you. Free us from all affliction and despair, all trials and misfortunes, and give us your support and consolation, so that we may praise you and the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever, Amen.

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