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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil* 5 PM
Sunday 8 AM + 11 AM
Traditional Latin 2 PM

Monday + Friday 12 PM
(except First Friday)

Tuesday-Thursday 7 AM
First Friday 6:30 PM
Saturday 8 AM

*Masks Required

Thursday Holy Hour 7 PM

CONFESSION

Monday, Wednesday, Friday~ 6:30-7:30 PM
Thursday 6:30-7 PM
~First Friday & Holy Hour 7 PM-8 PM

Office Hours Mon-Fri 9 AM-3 PM

For those in a vulnerable category or who feel insecure, we invite you to attend Saturdays at 5 PM or to take advantage of the opportunity to view the 11 AM Sunday Mass via livestream on our Facebook page: facebook.com/holycomforterville

*Send Bulletin submissions by 3 PM Mondays
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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT -We, the members of Holy Comforter Parish, united in faith by God, nourished by Jesus through the Word and the Eucharist, and guided by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, believe that we are called to worship, formation, service, and evangelization within our parish, our local communities, and all those in need.

PRAYER & WORSHIP



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (1/29)

8 AM-11:45 AM First Penance Retreat

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass (Masks Required)

SUNDAY (1/30) FOURTH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

8 AM Mass

9:45 AM RCIA

11 AM Mass (Livestream)

1:30 PM Confession

2 PM Latin Mass

MONDAY (1/31)

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (2/1)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

7 PM-8:30 PM HS Youth Group (LL)

WEDNESDAY (2/2) PRESENTATION OF THE

LORD IN THE TEMPLE-CANDLEMAS

Bring your candles to be blessed!

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

6 PM Candlemas

7 PM-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (2/3)

12 PM Soup Kitchen-Bag lunch

6 PM Mass (Feast of St. Blaise with Throat Blessing)

6:30 PM-7 PM Confession

7 PM-8 PM Holy Hour

FRIDAY (2/4) First Friday

9 AM-12 PM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op

2:45 PM-4 PM Penitential Psalms & Rosary of Reparation

6:30-7 PM Mass

7 PM-8 PM Holy Hour and Confession

SATURDAY (2/5) First Saturday

8 AM Mass

9 AM-10:30 AM Altar Server Practice

10:30-12 AM Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

5 PM Vigil Mass (Masks Required)

SUNDAY (2/6) FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME

8 AM Mass

9:15-10:15 AM Christian Formation

9:45 AM RCIA

11 AM Mass (Livestream)

1:30 PM Confession

2 PM Latin Mass

Prayer for Protection

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the American People, and all people, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Hail Mary (x3) Adopted from Pope Francis

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Rosary of Reparation

Join us at Holy Comforter every Friday. The *Penitential Psalms* begins at 2:45 PM with *Rosary of Reparation* at 3 PM. For more information, please email Tina Blumenfeld, tmsblum@gmail.com

- 2/1 Saint Ansgar
- 2/2 Presentation of the Lord in the Temple
- 2/3 Saint Blaise
- 2/4 Saint Joseph of Leonissa
- 2/5 Saint Agatha
- 2/6 Saint Paul Miki and Companions

Welcome New Parishioners

*We welcome you to join our
Holy Comforter Parish Family.
Registration forms in the office and
on the Commons Credenza.*

TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS

Contact the Parish Office (434) 295-7185

reception@holycomforterparish.org

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY (1/29)

8 AM † Deceased Member of the Smith Family (Patricia McAdams)

5 PM Mary Frances Lilly, Personal Intention

SUNDAY (1/30)

8 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM Charlie Anne Xavier and Family

2 PM † Joseph Maroon (Patricia McAdams)

MONDAY (1/31)

12 PM Sandra Melancon (Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklerek)

TUESDAY (2/1)

7 AM † Antonio and † Divo Costa (Lucy Brudner)

Wednesday (2/2)

6 PM Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklerek (Father Joseph Mary)

Thursday (2/3)

6 PM † Avis Franke Halbert (Mary Frances Lilly and Family)

FRIDAY (2/4)

6 :30 PM † Greg Pease (Anna Stelow)

SATURDAY (2/5)

8 AM Intentions of McAdams Family (Patricia McAdams)

5 PM Members of Parish

SUNDAY (2/6)

8 AM Deceased Priests of Diocese of Richmond (Patricia McAdams)

11 AM † Laurie Ann Hilton (Hilton Beard Family)

2 PM † Leonard Riccardi (Peter Zinman)

SAINTS OF GOD *Blessed are You*

1/29 Servant of God Brother Juniper

1/30 Blessed Mary Angela Truskowska

1/31 Saint John Bosco

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING JANUARY 23, 2021

OFFERTORY	\$7,953
WEEKLY OFFERTORY BUDGET	(\$8,300)
BELOW WEEKLY BUDGET	(\$707)

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

1/23/2022 Respect Life

The Gospel is the Good News. It shows us the path to everlasting life.

But sometimes it does this not just by showing us what to do, but also demonstrating what *not* to do. Today is a great example. Jesus preaches in Nazareth, where he grew up. The hometown crowd is expecting to hear some inspiring words, and maybe even see some miracles. But that's not what Jesus has in store for them. Instead, he challenges them, pointing to their self-centeredness and their unwillingness to open-up to God. Not the easy message they wanted to hear!

This is a moment of decision for his audience. Do they allow Jesus's hard words to change them, leading to conversion and deeper relationship with God? Or do they put up walls, and respond with anger and stubbornness?

We know how they chose. The challenge is to choose differently when we're confronted by a challenging message from Christ and His Church. One of those challenging topics in our parish today is the need to support the **Annual Diocesan Appeal**. It can be easy to react to this conversation by putting up walls or tuning things out. But the parish's needs are real. What's more important than whether we give or not is whether we allow ourselves to be challenged by the invitation to contribute, allowing ourselves to lower our defenses and to prayerfully listen and discern. Try it out today, and see how the Lord prompts you.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice; seek the Lord and be strengthened; seek his face for evermore.

Offertory: It is good to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing in honor of your name, O Most High.

Communion: Let your face shine down upon your servant, deliver me in your mercy. Lord, let me not be confounded, for I have called upon you.

We continue to give thanks in the liturgy for God's revelation of Himself in Jesus Christ ("It is good to give thanks unto the Lord..."). However, the Entrance and Communion Antiphons, taking a page from the Gospel where Jesus was rejected by His hometown, begin to foreshadow what is to come in Lenten days. In manifesting Himself, our Lord is both a source of consolation for those weighed down and consternation for those who do not believe. Strength of spirit will be needed to face the onslaught of unbelief and persecution from His own people, the Chosen People to whom He was sent to save and, through them, the whole world. It is fitting that the Church offers us the beautiful words, "Let your face shine down upon your servant, deliver me in your mercy, Lord," for Christ Himself would likely have prayed these words in response to the obstacles confronting His burgeoning public ministry. Why begin reflecting on Lent now, though? Prior to the liturgical reforms following the Council, there was a reason of preparation for Lent known as Septuagesima ("seventieth" [day]), which consisted of approximately three weeks of increasingly penitential readings leading up to Ash Wednesday. For now, the Church has seen it fit to suppress this season, but these Propers have been retained and passed down to us. Let us follow the example of the great saints and steel ourselves for whatever crosses we may encounter while not losing the joy of knowing that God has trodden this path already and will not abandon us. Deo gratias!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

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CALENDAR

- ◆ **February 1**, Tuesday, 7:00-8:30 PM: High School Youth Group
- ◆ **February 2**, Wednesday, 6:00 PM: Candlemas; Bring your candles to be blessed!
- ◆ **February 3**, Wednesday, 6:00 PM: Feast of St. Blaise, **Throat Blessing**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8

Isaiah describes his vision and call from the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 138:1-5,7-8

A song of thanks to God who saves us

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Paul reminds the Corinthians of the gospel that he announced to them.

Gospel *Luke 5:1-11*

The fishermen (Simon, James, and John) leave their fishing boats and follow Jesus.

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS (includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers) Emmett Dudley, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Pam Heron, Barbara Isaac, Victoria Lannon, Michael Ludgate, Scarlett Makielski, Kitty Moore, Mary Mullen, Mary Nguyen, Marian Ortmann, Mary Polce, Shawn Simpson-Smith, Deacon Henry Vinklerek, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, Charlie Anne and Andre Xavier and their two children.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Charlotte, Kent and Brittney Anderson, Blandine Attey, Christine Bentejac, Maureen Bradley, Tom Cassidy, Roxanne Crittenden, Steven D'Arca, Virginia Davis, Joe Ferguson, Beth Howard, Andrew Hunt & Family, Kajihara Family, Steve Kirchmeyer, Coty Lockett, Frank McClendon, Melodie Mougeolle and Children, Josephine Nampijja, Aimee Nyriamugisha, Isaak & Ada Pyatetsky, Randall Saathoff, Julia Savona, Daniel and Shirley Shifflett, David Shrank, Jonathan Shrank, Aiden Smith, The Sullivan Family, Brendan and Maria Walsh, B. Waugh Cigler, Lisa Wells, Henry Francis Wojtala, Andrew Wood, and Carol Wood.

MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

Joey Smith, Matthew Schrank, Benjamin Schrank, Jonathan Schrank, Elijah Schrank, Nick Bruno, Nathaniel Byrd, Jeffrey Jaeger, Pete Bakke, Michael Eiermann, Tom Logan, Trey Linebrink, Charles G. Ellison, and Matthew Mickiewicz

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like a name added or removed, please call the Office 434.295.7185 or email reception@holycomforterparish.org



To arrange to receive Holy Communion or a visit from Father Joseph Mary, please call the office 434.295.7185

Holy Comforter Parishioners, Francis & Erminia Olimpio-Poni Janabio are fundraising to adopt their orphaned niece, Sarafina, in South Sudan. *Please use this link for more information;*
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/a-better-life-for-sarafina>

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: We appreciate your continued contributions and donations to Outreach! In the 4th Quarter of 2021, we gave food pantry bags to 313 households/896 individuals. And served lunches to 551 people during soup kitchen. Both Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen are safely taking place by the 3rd Street door. Thank you for helping your neighbors in need. God Bless!

SVdP: Thank you to all who donated to St. Vincent de Paul Holy Trinity Conference in 2021. Last month our Keep the Lights On fundraiser, received \$8,000, it enabled us to help many friends with unpaid utility bills so their service was restored. Also, we received a \$4,000 grant from the Diocese of Richmond Fuel and Hunger Fund. It is only with such support that we can help our friends in need, for which we are very grateful and truly blessed. Thank you for helping us help others.

HAITI: **Bi Parish Haiti Committee: Dan Wassilchalk** 434 852-6126 or dmw9v@virginia.edu. **Ginny Zeller** ginnyannZeller@gmail.com.

Haiti Committee website:

<https://info941709.wixsite.com/haiti-committee-site/news>

The next Haiti mission trip will be February 13-23 with the possibility of late arrivals in Santo Domingo on 15 February. A Valentine themed sponsorship fair will be held at St. Thomas on the weekend of February 12-13 in the Parish Hall. A \$150 a year donation assures that a child will be educated and have at least one healthy meal a day

THE WORKS OF MERCY MINISTRY: Holy Comforter's Works of Mercy Ministry invites all Holy Comforter parishioners to pray the Our Lady of Lourdes Novena for our parish's sick and homebound along with our own private intentions, from February 2—11, ending on the eve of Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day, which is World Day of the Sick. Please either email: mercy@holycomforterparish.org and we will email you the novena. You can also sign-up and pick up a novena copy in the Commons. Thank you and God bless you for your precious prayers on behalf of Holy Comforter's sick and homebound and for others in need.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marie Murray passed away on Sunday, January 24, 2022, seven weeks after her beloved Joe passed away. She and Joe were Holy Comforter Parishioners since 2002. She died in Georgia where she lived close to their daughter, Susan. There will not be a memorial, both of their urns will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery next year.

Please pray for the repose of her soul. To send condolences:

Susan Harlow
3117 Bunker Hill Circle
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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 30, 2022 "Before you were born, I consecrated you." Do you think that you may be called by the Lord to serve Him as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

THE SACRISTAN MINISTRY IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS to maintain the beauty of our church altar by caring for the altar cloths and altar linens. Service as a sacristan is a lovely way to quietly serve the parish. **Parent/Teen teams are welcome and encouraged to volunteer!** Training will be provided. For more information, please contact Suzanne Bailey at slank@ntelos.net or (434) 326-3166.

FROM THE PASTOR



Where is the Star? The Journey with the Magi. Part IV

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." Matthew. 2:11

The Magi, driven by their spiritual hunger, began the journey seeking the King of Kings — seeking to find Him, seeking to know Him, seeking to get close to Him, seeking to worship Him. This is the greatest goal we can ever have in life! Deep within themselves, they knew who Jesus was and recognized that he was worthy of their worship. After they inquired of Him during their encounter with Herod, the gospel says that they continued the journey following the star: ***"And when they come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh."*** After they had laid down their gifts, they bowed down and began to worship Him. Therefore, the fourth and most important of all their gifts was the gift of worship.

The wise men did not hug Him or stand in amazement of how cute He was; instead, they bent their knees in total reverence to the King of Kings. We cannot overlook that the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels all had one thing in common: they all came to Jesus to WORSHIP HIM. Luke tells us that the angels announced the birth to

the shepherds and began to sing, ***"Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."*** **Luke 2:14** After the shepherds were told of the birth of the Messiah, they visited Him and returned praising and glorifying God. God is interested in our worship more than any material thing we can give in offering. It is Jesus who said, ***"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."*** **John 4:23, 24**

Furthermore, God is not so much concerned about anything we can do for Him as He is about our relationship with Him. In other words, He is interested in your relationship and not your workmanship. He wants true worship and not empty lip service. He desires to have the heart of someone who is adamant on giving Him the glory He so well deserves. **Revelation 5:12** says, ***"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!"*** John goes on to write, ***"And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth...and all that are in them, I heard saying: 'Blessing and honor and glory and power, Be to Him who sits on the throne'...Then the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever."*** **Revelation 5:13, 14**

One person we know for sure who was not interested in worshipping the child was Herod. Upon hearing of the birth of a King, Herod immediately felt threatened and was ready to take Him out. He did not know that Jesus was not at all interested in his earthly throne. He left the right hand of His Father in heaven and came to die for the sins of men. Of Herod the gospel says, ***"And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also'."*** **Matthew 2:8** However, being warned by God in a dream, they departed without returning to the power-hungry, wicked Herod. When he realized he was deceived by the Magi, he was enraged and gave an order to kill every male child two years and under. What is your attitude in worship? Whom do you seek to worship? And how do you worship?

To be continued...

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