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Saturday Vigil* 5 PM

Sunday 8 AM + 11 AM Traditional Latin 2 PM

Monday + Friday 12 PM

(except First Friday)

Tuesday-Thursday 7 AM
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Saturday 8 AM

*Masks Required

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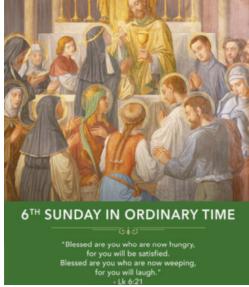
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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6:30-7:30 PM
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*First Friday & Holy Hour 7 PM-8 PM

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PRAYER & WORSHIP



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (2/12)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass (Masks Required) Second Collection Outreach

SUNDAY (2/13) SIXTH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME Second Collection Outreach

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

MONDAY (2/14)

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (2/15)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

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

WEDNESDAY (2/16)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (2/17)

7 AM Mass

12 PM Soup Kitchen-Bag lunch

6:30 PM-7 PM Confession

7 PM-8 PM Holy Hour

FRIDAY (2/18)

9 AM-12 PM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op

12 PM Mass

2:45 PM-4 PM Penitential Psalms & Rosary

of Reparation

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (2/19)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass (Masks Required)

SUNDAY (2/20) SEVENTH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

8 AM Mass

9:15-10:15 AM Christian Formation

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

2/13 Saint Giles Mary of Saint Joseph

2/14 Saints Cyril and Methodius

9:45 AM RCIA

11 AM Mass (Livestream)

2/12 Saint Apollonia

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. Thursday (2/17) 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

2/15 Saint Claude de la Colombiere

2/16 Saint Gilbert Sempringham

2/17 Seven Founders of the Servite Order (Richard Nordin)

2/18 Our John of Fiesole

2/19 Saint Conrad of Piacenza

2/20 Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto

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 (2/12)

8 AM Matthew Schnur

5 PM Personal Intention (Mary Frances Lilly)

SUNDAY (2/13)

8 AM John Higginbotham (Dotty and George

11 AM Members of the Parish

2 PM Matthew Schnur

MONDAY (2/14)

12 PM Siena Meade (Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklarek)

TUESDAY(2/15)

7 AM † John G. Engler (Jack Engler)

Wednesday (2/16)

7 AM Matthew Schnur

7 AM † Robert Wood

FRIDAY (2/18)

12 PM † Al Bracuti (Jill and Steve Paistel)

SATURDAY (2/19)

8 AM Special Intention

5 PM † Kathleen Moore Ruhmel

SUNDAY (2/20)

8 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM † Marie Murray (Staff and Fr. JML)

2 PM Matthew Schnur

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PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 6, 2022 OFFERTORY \$3.993 WEEKLY OFFERTORY BUDGET (\$8,300)

BELOW WEEKLY BUDGET (\$4,307)

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY
ALL MONTH Christian Formation + Haiti +
Justice and Peace
2/13/2022 Outreach

Scripture can sometimes be confusing. We know that God created everything and called it all "good."

But in today's Gospel reading, Jesus seems to suggest that partaking in this good creation—having enough to eat, being able to provide for our material needs, and enjoying ourselves and the earth—is somehow bad, even a curse. What's going on?

None of these things—wealth, good food, laughter, or praise—are bad in their own right. The problem is when we are *satisfied* by these earthly things—when we're so filled up with them that we lose the desire for God.

In contrast to this, Jesus praises those who are *empty*—the poor, the hungry, the sorrowful, and the excluded—again, not because poverty or hunger or any of these things are good in their own right, but because when we find ourselves in these conditions, we're more open to God. We know that nothing here will ultimately satisfy us, and so we turn to Him.

The Church calls this the virtue of spiritual poverty—and it can transform the way we think about wealth. Instead of wealth becoming a kind of ball and chain, that holds us down and holds us back, spiritual poverty allows us to see that whatever we have is a gift—a gift God has entrusted to us and asks us to use prudently as His stewards. Let's keep the virtue of spiritual poverty in mind as we discern—as a community and as families—how we can support our Annual Diocesan Appeal.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Be unto me a protecting God and a house of refuge, to save me; for you are my support and my refuge; and for the sake of your name you will lead me and nourish me.

Offertory: Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me your commandments. O Lord, you are blessed, teach me your commandments. With my lips have I declared all the judgments spoken by your mouth.

Communion: They ate and were fully satisfied; the Lord gave them all that they desired; they were not deprived of their wants.

Following the "narrow path" is fraught with difficulties that can often be discouraging. We would perish on the way without the grace of God. The Entrance Antiphon, then, gives us a beautiful prayer of confidence, begging for God's protection "for the sake of [His] name". The boundless trust in this prayer flows from the strength of the Holy Name of God, Whose very identity is unchanging. When He swears on His own Name, it is a promise he does not intend to break, and we know He has promised mercy to those who fear Him, as our Lady said in her Magnificat. Hence the first reading today, which says that a man who trusts in God "is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream" and therefore has a constant source of nourishment. Not only will we weather the heat and drought of trials with His aid, but we will also find our deepest desires "fully satisfied". The Communion Antiphon offers us this stunning consolation, a reinforcement of Christ's promises of happiness in the sermon of the Beatitudes. This is the power of God! He is not only the Creator of the universe and Mover of cosmic forces, but the God of intimacy. This happiness that one experiences from union with God is but a foretaste of the joys of heaven where none shall be "deprived of their wants". Deo gratias!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

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CALENDAR

- ♦ February 13, Sunday, 9:15-10:15 AM: Christian Formation/Sacraments
- February 13, Sunday, 9:45-10:45 AM: RCIA
- February 15, Tuesday, 7 PM-8:30 PM: High School Youth Group (Discussing "The Forged Coupon," by Leo Tolstoy.)
- February 20, Sunday, 9:15-10:15 AM: Christian Formation/Sacraments
- ◆ February 20, Sunday, 9:45-10:45 AM: RCIA
- February 22, Tuesday, 7 PM-8:30 PM: High School Youth Group
- ◆ February 27, Sunday, 8 AM Mass: RCIA Rite of Sending

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9,12-13,22-23 David does not kill Saul.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103:1-4,8,10,12-13
A song in praise of Go's mercy

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 As we bear the image of Adam, so we will bear the image of the one from heaven.

Gospel Luke 6:27-38

Jesus teaches his disciples to be merciful as God is merciful.

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

<u>PARISHIONERS</u> (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 Vinklarek, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, Charlie Anne and Andre Xavier and their two children.

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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

<u>OUTREACH</u>: We appreciate your continued contributions and donations to Outreach! In 2021, we gave food pantry bags to **973** households/ **2,670** individuals. And served lunches to **3,017** people during soup kitchen. Both Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen are safely taking place by the 3rd Street door. Please leave any food donations in the basket by the stairs in the Commons.

<u>HAITI:</u> Bi Parish Haiti Committee: Dan Wassilchalk 434 852-6126 or <u>dmw9v@virginia.edu</u>. Ginny Zeller <u>ginnyannZeller@gmail.com</u>. Haiti Committee website:

Thank you for helping your neighbors in need. God Bless!

hhtps://info941709.wixsite.com/haiti-committee-site/news

The next Haiti mission trip will be February13-23 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: Please inform the church office of any parishioner who is ill or homebound, so the Works of Mercy Committee may minister to them. The ministry is also glad to accept new members interested in spreading the love of Christ to those in our parish in need. The Ministry focuses on prayer and communication.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

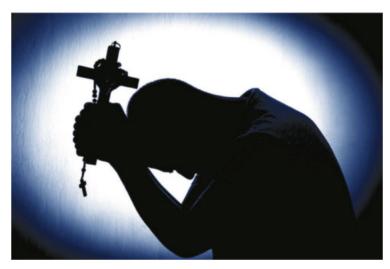
The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking a Director for the Office of Christian Formation which supports the Bishop's responsibility for the total catechetical mission of the diocese, integrated with the diocesan pastoral plan for evangelization and coordinated with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). This is a full-time position and interested candidates should please send a cover letter, resume, and completed Diocesan Application to Kelly Shumate, HR Coordinator, at jobs@richmonddiocese.org What is the Synod on Synodality? This is an initiative of our Church to hear from every Catholic worldwide on "Communion, Participation, & Mission". You are invited to review the "Participant's Guide" which can be accessed through the Diocesan website or Flocknote, and there will be hard copies available in the Commons for the next few weeks. Use the Guide to formulate & record your thoughts. Expect more information on how to share your ideas with Parish facilitators soon.

<u>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- February 13, 2022</u> "Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD" Are you considering a vocation to the priesthood? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or vocations@richmonddiocese.org

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FROM THE PASTOR





PREPARING FOR LENT

Part I

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Ephesians 6:13

Lent is a wonderful and great season that can lead us into a greater union with God. But to benefit well from it, we need some preparation. Traditionally we had the Septuagesima season, a short liturgical season seventeen (17) days long that included the three Sundays before Ash Wednesday: Septuagesima (seventieth), Sexagesima (sixtieth), and Quinquagesima (fiftieth).

The origins of Septuagesima as a liturgical season are obscure. The roots are Roman, and it is not mentioned until the sixth century during the time of Pope St. Gregory the Great. It is often thought St. Gregory himself might have written the Mass formularies, especially since the content reflects so much of the conflict and suffering during that time: "The note of sadness in most of the texts of these Masses has given rise to the theory that they were composed at a time when Italy, and Rome in particular, were once more exposed to barbarian invasions, and threatened with misfortunes similar to those which had overwhelmed them in the fifth century. The sixth century, the time of the institution of Septuagesima, was also a period of pillage and havoc, and hence we have a sorrowful echo in the petitions framed at this time." (The Year's Liturgy, Vol. 1, Fernand Cabrol, p. 101)

The Septuagesima season eased people into Lent as a type of preconditioning program. Liturgically it looked and felt very

much like Lent. The Gloria and Alleluia were no longer allowed, and the overall tone was very penitential with the priest wearing purple vestments. The main difference would be that there were no fasting requirements in the later centuries. With so many similarities to Lent, it is easy, then, to see how the Septuagesima season could be confusing. I can imagine that a person who wasn't in tune with the Church's calendar might say, "Is it Lent already? Did I miss Ash Wednesday? Am I supposed to be fasting?"

Vatican II in the document <u>Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy</u> (<u>Sacrosanctum Concilium</u>) from 1963 called for the Liturgical Year to be revised, so that it would "duly nourish the piety of the faithful who celebrate the mysteries of the Christian redemption and, above all, the paschal mystery...The minds of the faithful should be directed primarily toward the feasts of the Lord whereby the mysteries of salvation are celebrated throughout the year." (SC, 107 & 108) A return to essentiality was the main reason for the reform. The central character of the Paschal Mystery of the Liturgical Year needed to be restored.

The commentary accompanying the General Norms explains that Septuagesima time, an anticipation of Lent, is suppressed...This revision returns Lent to its original unity and significance. The season of Septuagesima is abolished since it had no meaning of its own...It was difficult to explain the season to the people, and even the names of its Sundays were obscure. Therefore, since 1969, the General Roman Calendar and Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite count the original Septuagesima, Sexagesima, or Quinquagesima Sundays as Sundays in Ordinary Time (though not in the extra-ordinary form).

However, the need to be made aware of the importance of the season of Lent and to be well prepared for it cannot be ignored. Before Ash Wednesday catches you unawares, make a point of sitting down and giving some thought to how you want to spend this Lent (begins March 2nd, 2022). If you have no idea where to begin, rest assured that there is a solid foundation to build upon. The Church doesn't leave us to figure things out ourselves. There are three holy practices which Catholics are called to embrace in penitential seasons such as Lent and Advent. These three practices are **prayer**, **fasting**, and **almsgiving**. When you make your Lenten plan, choose something specific from each category—then you're set for a grace-filled journey to Easter. *To be continued*...



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