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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil* 5 PM
*Masks Required
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
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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7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Lk 6:38

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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 (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
9:45 AM RCIA
11 AM Mass (Livestream)
1:30 PM Confession

2 PM Latin Mass

MONDAY (2/21)

Presidents Day, Office Closed

12 PM Mass
6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (2/22)

7 AM Mass
10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry
7 PM-8:30 PM HS Youth Group (LL)

WEDNESDAY (2/23)

7 AM Mass
10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry
6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (2/24)

7 AM Mass
12 PM Soup Kitchen-Bag lunch
6:30 PM-7 PM Confession

7 PM-8 PM Holy Hour

FRIDAY (2/25)

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 (2/26)

8 AM Mass
5 PM Vigil Mass (Masks Required)

SUNDAY (2/27) EIGHTH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

8 AM Mass RCIA Rite of Sending
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

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 (2/19)

8 AM Special Intention
5 PM † Kathleen Moore Ruhmel
(Richard Nordin)

SUNDAY (2/20)

8 AM Members of the Parish
11 AM † Marie Murray
(Parish Staff and Fr. Joseph Mary)
2 PM Matthew Schnur

MONDAY (2/21)

12 PM † Jane Till Danilek

TUESDAY (2/22)

7 AM † Theo Savory (The Delaneys)

Wednesday (2/23)

7 AM Lloyd Smith, III In honor of the Anniversary of his Baptism (Garrett and Diane Smith)

Thursday (2/24)

7 AM Tim Barnett (Dorothy Bush)

FRIDAY (2/25)

12 PM Travis Cole
(Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklerek)

SATURDAY (2/26)

8 AM Matthew Schnur
5 PM Stephanie Clark (Dotty and George Lilly)

SUNDAY (2/27)

8 AM Members of the Parish
11 AM Coby Savona Jr.
(Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklerek)
2 PM John Smith and Family

SAINTS OF GOD *Blessed are You*

2/19 Saint Conrad of Piacenza
2/20 Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto
2/21 Saint Peter Damian

2/22 Chair of Saint Peter
2/23 Saint Polycarp
2/24 Blessed Luke Belludi
2/25 Blessed Sabastian of Aparicio
2/26 Saint Maria Bertilla Boscardin
2/27 Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 13, 2022

OFFERTORY	\$3,150
WEEKLY OFFERTORY BUDGET	(\$8,300)
BELOW WEEKLY BUDGET	(\$5,150)

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

ALL MONTH Christian Formation + Haiti +
Justice and Peace
2/13/2022 Outreach

"What is love?" That phrase isn't just the opening to an early '90s Eurodance song. It's a question that the human heart has asked throughout history. Is it a feeling? A bond experienced between family and friends and romantic partners?

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us the unique, Christian answer: love gives without counting the cost. It seeks the good of the other without looking for repayment in return. This is the kind of love that Jesus encourages His disciples to have, "for the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

We're called to love like this in all our relationships. With our spouse, our children, our coworkers, and with others in our community. If you're looking for another concrete way to love—to give without counting the cost—consider contributing to our **Annual Diocesan Appeal**. Reread today's Gospel and see where the Lord leads you.

Entrance: O Lord, I have placed my trust in your merciful love; my heart has rejoiced in your salvation. I will sing unto the Lord who has dealt bountifully with me.

Offertory: Harken to the voice of my prayer, O my King and my God, for it is you, O Lord, whom I implore.

Communion: I will relate all your wondrous deeds. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing to the honor of your name, O Most High.

"O Lord, I have placed my trust in your merciful love" constitutes the heartbeat of the Propers and readings today. David spared King Saul because he (Saul) belonged to the Lord by virtue of his anointing, and David placed his trust in God to bring all things to a good end. Our Lord's exhortation to love our enemies is a call to trust in the God who made those same enemies of ours in His image and likeness. In short, we are called to exercise the virtue of hope. This splendid virtue gives us the courage to "sing to the honor of [His] name" in the midst of tribulation. Following in the footsteps of Christ is difficult; we need hope to assure us that God does not go back on His promises and that we will "bear the image of the heavenly [Adam]" after persevering through this vale of tears. Hope therefore offers us an interesting lens through which we examine the Offertory Antiphon in particular. The cry to harken to our prayers is imbued with confidence. The curious interjection, "for it is you, O Lord, whom I implore" seems redundant after just having addressed God as "my King", but the psalmist seems to be saying that he is addressing his prayer to God because he knows he will be heard. It is integral to God's identity to deliver those who trust in Him. Let us then, relate His "wondrous deeds" of mercy in our lives and share the fruits of the Good News in our lives with a world craving the peace and love that flows from union with God.

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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CALENDAR

- ◆ **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
- ◆ **February 27**, Sunday, 12:30-1:30 PM: Lenten Reading Group, *"Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist" Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper* by Brant Pitre.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Sirach 27:4-7

In his conversation is the test of the man.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 92: 2-3, 13-16

The just shall flourish like a palm tree.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58

Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

Luke 6:39-45

Each tree is known by its yield.

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, Dave Ibbeken, 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 Crigler, 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 Olimpioni 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! 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. Thank you for helping your neighbors in need. God Bless!

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

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 looking for 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

What is the Synod on Synodality? This is an initiative of our Church to hear from every Catholic worldwide on "Communion, Participation, and Mission". Please review the "Participant's Guide" which is on the Diocesan website or in Flocknote. Hard copies are available in the Commons for the next few weeks. Use the Guide to formulate & record your thoughts. More information on how to share your ideas with Parish facilitators coming soon.

Interested in reading and discussing a book for Lent? *"Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist" Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper* by Brant Pitre. Meets Sundays, 12:30-1:30PM Feb. 27, Mar 6, 20, and April 3. Sign up on the RE Table in the Commons, For more information; Patricia McAdams, pamcadams@yahoo.com
Enter into Lent prayerfully with inspiration from Servant of God, Dorothy Day. On Sunday, March 6 from 4:30-5:30pm Laura Brown, co-founder of the Charlottesville Catholic Worker, will give a Zoom presentation, *"Rooted in Prayer: the Life and Spirituality of Dorothy Day."* Please email cvillecw@gmail.com to register.

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 send a cover letter, resume, and completed a *Diocesan Application* to Kelly Shumate, HR Coordinator, jobs@richmonddiocese.org
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -- February 20, 2022 "Love one another as I have loved you." Are you discerning a call to follow the Lord? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

FROM THE PASTOR



PREPARING FOR LENT

Part II

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings." 1 Peter 5:8-9

It is common at the beginning of a running race to hear words like "On your mark, get set, go!"; if we were in the music field, we would hear "Ready Steady Go!" So, I would consider that if our Go is on Ash-Wednesday (March 2, 2022), then this period prior to the Go is very important for setting our minds on how we are going to run the upcoming Lenten race.

St. Paul, writing to the Ephesians calling them to preparedness, put it this way: ***"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. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, always praying in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication."*** Ephesians 6:13-18

When it comes to spiritual warfare, it's important to note that the end goal isn't finding a demon behind every bush. Instead, it's a call to be faithful and stand firm against the inevitable attacks. Standing firm in the face of temptation doesn't come from our

own will power. Christ is our ultimate source of power and where we find our strength and rest. Even when we lose a battle, Jesus is with us, and His love knows no end.

I believe this time of preparedness is a period of training and it must be somehow rigorous. Paul, writing to the Corinthians, said: ***"Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore, I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize."*** 1Corinthians 9:25-27. What we must be aware of is that every day that God blesses us to wake up, we are faced with a spiritual battle. The Bible says that Satan is like a thief that wants to steal, kill, and destroy. He wants to steal our joy, kill our spirit, and destroy our soul. The Bible describes Satan as ***a lion that roams around seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter)***. As such, every day we are faced with a spiritual battle, and if we plan on winning this spiritual battle then we must prepare to win. How are we going to win?

The Bible tells us, ***"Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might."*** Notice that it doesn't say *your power* or *your might* but the Lord's might. You see, when we try to lean on our own power and our own might, we will find ourselves getting in the way of the victory that God is trying to give us.

After wandering in the wilderness for just two years, God tells the Israelites that they could go in and possess the land he had promised them centuries ago. When the Israelites sent out spies to give a report, however, ten out of the twelve spies discouraged the Israelites from moving forward for they said there were giants in the land that made them look like grasshoppers. God had already told them that he would give them victory, but since the Israelites could not see how to win the battle by their own power and by their own might, they had decided not to fight at all. They lost before they even went into battle. So, when you trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding, when you rely on his power and not yours, instead of being a loser before you even go into battle, you can claim victory over every spiritual giant in your life because God has already given you the victory. It is important, then, to prepare to depend on God's power and not yours because God fights differently than we do.

To be continued...

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