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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

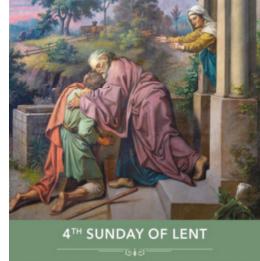
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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6:30-7:30 PM
Thursday 6:30-7 PM
*First Friday & Holy Hour 7 PM-8 PM

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/holycomfortercville

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"His son said to him. 'Father. I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'

Lk 15:21.22a 23b-24a

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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 (3/26)

8 AM-10 AM Mass, Confession/Adoration 8 AM-3 PM RCIA Retreat

5 PM Vigil Mass (Masks/Distancing Required)

SUNDAY (3/27) FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(2nd Collection Catholic Relief Services)

8 AM Mass

9:15-10:15 AM Christian Formation

9:45 AM RCIA

11 AM Mass RCIA 3rd Scrutiny (Livestream)

1:30 PM Confession

2 PM Latin Mass

MONDAY (3/28)

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (3/29)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

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

WEDNESDAY (3/30)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (3/31)

7 AM Mass

12 PM Soup Kitchen-Bag lunch

6:30 PM-7 PM Confession

7 PM-8 PM Holy Hour

FRIDAY (4/1) First Friday

9 AM-12 PM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op

2:45 PM-4 PM Penitential Psalms & Rosary

of Reparation

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

6:30 PM Mass

7-8:00 PM Holy Hour/Confession

SATURDAY (4/2)

8 AM-10 AM Mass. Confession/Adoration

5 PM Vigil Mass (Masks/Distancing

Required)

SUNDAY (4/3) FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8 AM Mass

9:15-10:15 AM Christian Formation

9:45 AM RCIA

11 AM Mass RCIA 3rd Scrutiny (Livestream)

SAINTS OF GOD

3/26 Saint Catherine of Genoa

3/28 Saint Catherine of Bologna

3/27 Saint Gregory of Narek

Blessed are You

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, Oglorious SUNDAY (3/27) 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 TUESDAY(3/29) 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 (3/31) 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

3/29 Saint Ludovico of Casoria

3/30 Saint Peter Regalado

3/31 Saint Stephen of Mar Saba

4/1 Saint Hugh of Grenoble

4/2 Saint Francis of Paola

4/3 Saint Gregory of Narek

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 (3/26)

8 AM † Gene Cadman (Christine Morrison) **5 PM** Members of the Parish

8 AM † Ron Lavis (Eileen Lavis)

11 AM Lane Embrey

2 PM † Helen Savino (Patricia McAdams)

MONDAY (3/28)

12 PM George Lilly

(Dotty Lilly and Mary Frances Lilly)

7 AM † Philomena Marsh (Margaret Marsh)

WEDNESDAY (3/30)

7 AM † Rosemary Voigt (Mary Voigt and Kate Burke)

7 AM Robin Calligan (Kate Burke)

FRIDAY (4/1)

12 PM † Antonia and Divo Costa (Lucy Brudner)

SATURDAY (4/2)

8 AM Robert D. Foley (Brennen McCoy) **5 PM** † Stephanie Gettys

SUNDAY (4/3)

8 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM Larry Waters

2 PM Veve Broadbent

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PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING MARCH 20, 2022

Offertory \$2,740

Weekly Offertory Budget (\$8,300)

Below Weekly Budget (\$5,560)

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Easter Flowers + Justice and Peace

3/2/2022 Ash Wednesday (For St. Vincent De Paul) 3/13/2022 Outreach

3/20/2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal (Make checks payable to Catholic Diocese of Richmond and include your address for proper credit.)

3/27/2022 Catholic Relief Services (Catholic Relief Services is partnering with CARITAS in providing relief on the ground in **Ukraine.**)

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

God's mercy transforms our lives and calls us to gratitude and generosity. Renewed in our gratefulness for the Lord's many gifts, we have met 44% of our \$26,170 goal so far.

Appeal Pledge Cards will be available this weekend and your contributions can be made at the Parish or by scanning the QR Code. Thank you for your support!



LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Rejoice, O Jerusalem; and gather round, all you who love her; rejoice in gladness, after having been in sorrow; exult and be replenished with the consolation flowing from her motherly bosom. **Offertory:** Praise the Lord, for he is loving; sing in honor of his name, for he is gracious. He has accomplished whatever he resolved to do in heaven and on earth.

Communion: My son, you should rejoice; for your brother who was dead has come back to life; he was lost and he has been found. The Church preaches a perennially beautiful message this Sunday. The Entrance Antiphon, for which this particular is named, calls on us to rejoice ("laetare"). Flowers bedeck the altar, the organ can be heard, and rose vestments are donned, all signs of joy. Our cause of rejoicing is that God has restored what was broken and found what was lost. Israel rejoiced because Jerusalem had been restored to them after the Babylonian exile. In these latter days, we rejoice in humanity's restoration to friendship with God through the ministration of the New Jerusalem, the Catholic Church. The Offertory Antiphon therefore exhorts us to praise God for his love and goodness for "He has accomplished whatever he resolved to do in heaven and on earth." It is important to realize the underlying message in this antiphon. God has "resolved" to reconcile us; it is His active will to draw us to (the New) Jerusalem and cleanse us, replenishing our souls. Chastisements fall under His passive will, i.e., He does not will evil on us but permits us to undergo purification through suffering that we might repent of our sins, grow in faithfulness to Him, and learn to seek His assistance in all things. Let us cry out to the Lord with St. John Paul II, "Totus tuus!" I am all yours! Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Calendar

- March 25, Friday, 5:30-8 PM and March 26, Saturday, 8 AM-3 PM:
 RCIA Retreat
- ♦ March 27, Sundays, 9:15-10:15 AM: Christian Formation
- ♦ March 27, Sundays 9:45-10:45 AM: RCIA
- March 27, Sunday, 11 AM Mass: RCIA Third Scrutiny
- March 29, Tuesdays, 7-8:30 PM: High School Youth Group Meeting

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

The Lord is doing something new for his people.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 126:1-6*A song in praise of the Lord's marvelous Deeds

Second Reading

Philippians 3:8-14

Paul says that he counts all things as lot and focuses on one goal, Christ.

Gospel John 8:1-11

Jesus does not condemn the woman caught in adultery.

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

<u>PARISHIONERS</u> (includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers) Emmett Dudley, Dominique Faust, Eileen Foster, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Pam Heron, Barbara Isak, 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.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Charlotte, Kent and Brittney Anderson, Blandine Attey, Christine Benteejac, 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, Kathy Robinson, 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, Benjamin Schrank, Elijah Schrank, Matthew 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! Both Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen are safely taking place by the 3rd Street door. During February, we served 212 individuals in Soup Kitchen. Please leave any food donations in the basket by the stairs in the Commons. Thank you for helping those 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! On Palm Sunday, 10 April, after the morning Masses, the Haiti committee will have a table set up in the hall. The "Saltadere itsy-bitsy" Easter baskets will be available. Haiti Committee website: hhtps://info941709.wixsite.com/haiti-committee-site/news **NEW EVANGELISM:** The acclaimed *Sharing Christ* program is being offered by Incarnation Parish Wednesday April 20 for seven weeks. For details & to register visit the Incarnation website. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" Matthew 28:19-20.

THE WORKS OF MERCY MINISTRY along with the Prison Ministry at Sts. Peter and Paul, would like to invite parishioners to participate in a Sunday prison ministry to the women's prison in Fluvanna Co. Please email Will Kulick wkulick@vt.edu or cell: 540-308-5152

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUPPORT Central Virginia THRIVE Women's Healthcare:</u> Please pick up a baby bottle in the Commons after Mass today. *Take it home to collect change, dollar bills, or written checks to support the Centers.* The faith-based, pro-life work helps women with unplanned pregnancies by providing pregnancy testing, sonograms and more. *This is Holy Comforter's Lenten Family Project. The bottles are due back to the church by Sunday, April 24*th where there will be a box for their deposit. Thank you!

IMPACT FRIENDS AT HOLY COMFORTER: The Nehemiah Action is on Tuesday, March 29, 6:30-8:00 PM, in-person at Incarnation and also via ZOOM. To obtain the ZOOM link for the rally and the action, please write denise.zito@gmail.com

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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. 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; Please email Patricia McAdams, pamcadams@yahoo.com

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT-MARCH 27, 2022 "I am the light of the world, says the Lord." Are you called to bring the Light of Christ to the world through a vocation to the priesthood? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano, or email vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

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FROM THE PASTOR





THE JOURNEY OF RENEWAL—LENT 2022

Part III

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." Psalm 51:10

This season of Lent is as much about repentance as it is about renewal. In fact, maybe Lent is more about light than darkness, about lightening our load and reprioritizing our lives. Lent is about being real; and perhaps, that is exactly where we need to be. The seasons are changing; the days are getting longer. Light is returning. In the midst of painful revelations in the church and ongoing scandal in the world, Lent invites us into a time of discovery and recovery. This is a time for renewal of faith.

These forty days of wandering, of being proved, of finding strength, and of boosting faith are exactly what we need right now. From ashes and fasting to almsgiving and prayer, the spiritual deepening and awareness offered by this Lenten season invite us to a place of renewal, a place that, if we are honest, it would not hurt to spend some time in, individually and collectively. "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." Do such words ring true in your memory and help you become more focused on what is important? Yes, we are dust. We were born, and we will die. The life we live in between these two moments is God's gift to us. Recognizing our humble beginnings and our mortality is part of embracing the Lenten call to renewal.

When we remember that we are beloved creations of God, we

can embrace ourselves, others, and all of creation with the wonder that befits such a divine design. The same dust we are made of makes up the ones we look down upon, those we judge, and those who frustrate us, as well as those who bring us joy. We are united in our creation. Seeing the world this way, how could we ever tolerate or turn a blind eye to injustice? You are dust and I am dust, and we are dust together. From such dust can come new life. The seeds of faith are planted in the dust of our humanity. Lent invites us to acknowledge our humanity, where we have fallen short and how reliant we are on God. When we can do this, faith has space to grow and blossom. By honestly embracing our humanity and using the days of Lent to recommit to following Christ, we are renewed, becoming ever more mindful of how God is working in our lives and calling us to repent and live lives that reflect a belief in the Good News.

Full engagement in the renewal Lent calls forth is about examining and recommitting to the practices that ground our faith and remind us of who we are and who we were called to be. Traditionally, this has led people to focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving in an intentional way during Lent. Most often this entails giving something up or taking on a practice. This year, though, I wonder if we might not be better served by considering how these practices not only can focus us but can transform us if we delve into the truths that underpin them.

Our prayer, for instance, is an opportunity to grow closer to God; we might choose to prayerfully consider our shortcomings, look at our role in racial inequality, or share with God the wounds of our hearts. Wherever our prayer leads us and whatever we reflect on, we must remember the essential aim of our prayer: our relationship with God, incarnate in Jesus Christ. This is the God we journey with this season, the one who suffers with us, and ultimately the one who we long to know more deeply as we travel on the way towards the cross.

Bending our every effort through practices such as fasting, we recognize our dependence on God. By going without something, we discover the truth of where/who our strength comes from. We also come to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters who have no choice but to live simply. Our fasting is voluntary, theirs is not. By recognizing that, we are renewed in our sense of mission to be one with all people and to work so all are provided for. This renewed sense of unity and call to action is reflected in the giving called forth in us during Lent. We give freely and fully, modeling our sharing and sacrifice on Jesus' own. Doing this intentionally during Lent strengthens our relationship with God and neighbor far beyond this one season. *To be continued...*



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