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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

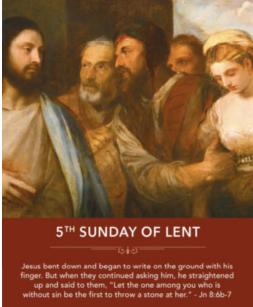
CONFESSION

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/holycomfortercville

> Please Send Bulletin Submissions by 3 PM Mondays dre@holycomforterparish.org



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https:/renewmarriagevasouth.org/

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 (4/2)

8 AM-10AM 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

11 AM Mass

12:30-1:30 PM Lenten Reading Group

1:15 PM Confession

2 PM Latin Mass

MONDAY (4/4)

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (4/5)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

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

WEDNESDAY (4/6)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (4/7)

7 AM Mass

12 PM Soup Kitchen-Bag lunch

6 PM-8 PM Penance Service/Adoration

FRIDAY (4/8)

9 AM-12 PM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op

12 PM Mass

2:45 PM-4 PM Penitential Psalms &

Rosary of Reparation

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross-Soup

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (4/9)

8 AM-10 AM Mass, Confession/Adoration

5 PM Vigil Mass (Masks/Distancing Required)

SUNDAY (4/10) PALM SUNDAY

8 AM Mass

9:15-10:15 AM Christian Formation

SAINTS OF GOD

4/3 Saint Benedict the African

4/2 Saint Francis of Paola

4/4 Saint Isidore of Seville

Blessed are You

9:45 AM RCIA

11 AM Mass

No Confession

2:30 PM Latin Mass

4/5 Saint Vincent Ferrer 4/6 Saint Crecentia Hoess

4/7 Saint John Baptist de la Salle

4/8 Saint Julie Billiart

4/9 Saint Casilda

4/10 Saint Magdalene of Canossa

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 5 PM † Stephanie Gettys 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(4/5) into my heart. I embrace You as if You **7 AM** † Margaret Radish 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 (4/7) 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

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday 7 PM Mass

Good Friday 12 PM Stations of the Cross 3 PM Passion Liturgy

> Easter Vigil 8:30 PM Mass

Easter Sunday 7 AM Latin Mass 9 AM Mass 11 AM Mass

TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS Contact the Parish Office (434) 295-7185

reception@holycomforterparish.org

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY (4/2)

8 AM Robert D. Foley (Brennen McCoy)

SUNDAY (4/3)

8 AM Members of the Parish 11 AM Larry Waters

2 PM Veve Broadbent

MONDAY (4/4)

12 PM Thomas Hickman

WEDNESDAY (4/6)

7 AM Karen Furey

7 AM † Paul Marsh (Margaret Marsh)

FRIDAY (4/8)

12 PM Schwartz Family

SATURDAY (4/9)

8 AM Taafe Family

5 PM In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SUNDAY (4/10)

8 AM † Gene Cadman (Christine Morrison)

11 AM Members of the Parish

2 PM Schmidt Family

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING MARCH 27, 2022

Offertory \$7,564

Weekly Offertory Budget (\$8,300)

Below Weekly Budget (\$736)

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL

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

ALL MONTH Christian Formation + Haiti + Justice and Peace 4/10/2022 Outreach 4/15/2022 Good Friday (for Holy Land)

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Christ calls us to new life, and our Lenten disciplines are one way of freeing ourselves to respond to his invitation. Supporting the **Annual Diocesan Appeal** is an act of almsgiving that will enable us to continue Christ's work of inviting others into the fullness of life he offers. Contributions can be made at the Parish or by scanning the QR Code. We have met 56% of our \$26,170 parish goal so far! Thank you!!

Your contributions can be made at the Parish or by scanning the QR Code. Thank you for your support!



LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly nation; from wicked and deceitful men deliver me, for you are my God and my strength.

(\$8,300) Offertory: I will praise you, O Lord, with my whole heart; deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and observe your word; revive me according to your word, O Lord.

Communion: Woman, has no one condemned you? – No one, Lord. – Neither do I condemn you; go and do not sin again.

As so beautifully foreshadowed in Isaiah today, the love and mercy of Jesus Christ flows like a river in the parched desert of humanity, bringing life to what was once dead. This dual imagery of life and death traditionally becomes quite pronounced starting with the fifth Sunday of Lent, the beginning of "Passiontide". The Pharisees are now actively conspiring to have our Lord killed, and He in turn begins speaking plainly in condemnation of the prevailing hardness of hearts in those days. We sense both the impending doom of the crucifixion and the saving action of God being at hand: "Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly nation". Life and death prepare for decisive warfare; what is the response of the Church? Faith in God: "I will praise you, O Lord, with my whole heart; deal bountifully with your servant". When all seems humanly impossible, the Psalmist exhorts us to turn to God. Christ himself would have prayed these words, modeling for us the steadfastness required to navigate the stormy waters of this life, especially our days where self-serving indifference and angry resentment against "oppressive religion" prevail, creating an environment of – at best – distrust towards people of faith and - at worst - outright persecution. May we find strength in the patient suffering of our Savior, who endured all things for all of us. I am all yours! Totus tuus! Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Melínda Wells,, Director of Religious Education dre@holycomforterparish.org

Calendar

- April 3, Sunday, 9:15-10:15 AM: Christian Formation
- ◆ April 3, Sundays 9:45-10:45 AM: RCIA
- ♦ April 3, Sunday, 12:30-1:30 PM: Lenten Reading Group
- April 5, Tuesday, 7-8:30 PM: High School Youth Group Meeting

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

PALM SUNDAY

Gospel at the Procession with the Psalms

Luke 19:28-40 Jesus sends his disciples for a colt and then rides into Jerusalem.

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 22:8-9,17-20,23-24* A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers.

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was obedient even to death, but God has exalted him

Gospel Luke 22:14—23:56 From the cross, Jesus speaks words of forgiveness and promises that the good thief will be with him in paradise.

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, 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, Grant Foley, 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 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 those in need. God Bless! HAITI Ministry: Bi-Parish Haiti Committee: Dan Wassilchalk 434-852-6126 or dmw9v@virginia.edu. Ginny Zeller ginnyannZeller@gmail.com. New members are welcome! April 12 Meeting Cancelled. There will be a table in St. Thomas Hall, on Palm Sunday, at the morning Masses. We will be selling Haitian metal craft and "Itsy-bitsy" Easter baskets, and they are specially made for us by the village. In this Lenten season, the Tri-Parish Haiti committee would like to thank the overwhelming support that our communities have, and continue to provide the twinning parish of St. Michel. Over the years this has made a major difference to 10,000s of lives. Mesi Anpil (Thank You). Haiti Committee website: hhtps://info941709.wixsite.com/haiti-committee-site/news **NEW EVANGELISM:** 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 invites the entire parish in praying the Divine Mercy Novena, a 9-day prayer. It begins Good Friday and is for the salvation of souls. A novena pamphlet will be in this week's bulletin. More pamphlets will be available in the Commons, or email mercy@holycomforterparish.org and request one. Jesus, I trust in you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUPPORT CENTRAL VA THRIVE WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE: This is Holy Comforter's Lenten Family Project. Please pick up a baby bottle in the Commons after Mass today. Help by collecting change, dollar bills, or giving checks to support the Centers. The faith based, pro-life work helps women with unplanned pregnancies by providing pregnancy testing, sonograms and more. Return bottles to the church by Sunday, April 24th where there will be a box for their deposit. Thank you! HC PARISHIONER IS MISSING HOLY ITEMS FROM ST JOSEPH TABLE: 2 Third class relics: one of St. Teresa of Avila and one of St. Teresa of the Andes. Also, a small statue of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and a small, framed watercolor painting. The painting has great sentimental value. Please contact Melinda Wells dre@holycomforterparish.org ASAP. Thank you! CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL: CCS invites you to learn about the many opportunities waiting for you at CCS. They look forward to sharing with you the beautiful facilities and campus as well as the engaging and rigorous curriculum and very welcoming community that God has blessed CCS with. Please Call all 434.964.0400 or email admissions@cvillecatholic.org to schedule your visit today! FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-FEBRUARY 6, 2022 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send?" Do you think that the Lord wants to send you as a as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org. THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND OPEN POSITION: Director of Human Resources. Please send a cover letter, resume, and completed Diocesan Application to Kelly Shumate, HR Coordinator, at jobs@richmonddiocese.org

FROM THE PASTOR





THE JOURNEY OF RENEWAL—LENT 2022

Part V

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

Lent in this year of 2022 is not about worshipping from home. We are wanted and expected to come back and be part of the Church, worshiping and praising the Lord together and renewing our community spirit. Pope Francis reminds us that it is "a favorable time to prepare to celebrate with renewed hearts the great mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, the cornerstone of our personal and communal Christian life. We must continually return to this mystery in mind and heart, for it will continue to grow within us in the measure that we are open to its spiritual power and respond with freedom and generosity."

This is a season in which we are called to stop whatever we are doing, no matter how important it might be, and do some spring cleaning of the soul. We are invited to enter more intentionally into the disciplines of prayer, self-examination, and repentance for the purpose of renewal and restoration. We cannot be willing to sit in our messy house and be settled in it; we have to be honest about the fact that we are in chaos. To the best of our ability, we must search and acknowledge what got us into the mess

we are in, feel remorse, and say, "I wish I hadn't done that." This is truth in the inward being and a step towards renewal.

Many of us have a hard time admitting that our house is messy. We have many ways of distracting ourselves from knowing the truth in the inward being and seeing ourselves and our lives as they truly are; that is why you find a number of people who fear silence! The renewal of our hearts and souls begins with a willingness to be honest about the ways in which we have given ourselves over to distraction, to half-truths, and to sin. It is the willingness to be honest about the ways in which we feel distant from God and to tell as much truth as possible about how we got there. The psalmist says: "...You desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place" (Ps. 51: 6). Oftentimes, the practice of entering into the Lenten season has been reduced to the question: "What are you giving up for Lent?" This is a fine question, but it can only take us so far. The real question of the Lenten season is: how will I clear out the junk and garbage in my life so that I can be restored to God in some fresh way? What are the disciplines that will open space for God to create a clean heart and new spirit in me?

To begin, we might consider disciplines of abstinence that help us clear out the clutter of things we distract ourselves with and depend upon that are not God. These can include fasting from foods that comfort our emptiness, from caffeine or alcohol that keeps us stimulated, from certain forms of media or technology that keep us distracted from proper introspection, from mindless spending that keeps us numb, or from addiction to the spotlight that keeps us dependent on other people's praise. Disciplines of fasting and other kinds of abstinence help us to clear the decks for spiritual action. As we clear out the clutter in our souls, we become more finely attuned to what is spiritually going on in our lives and the invitations that God extends to us. As we experience a broken and contrite heart in the face of what we are seeing, the way is opened for God to "teach us wisdom in our secret heart".

To be continued...



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