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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/hollycomforterville

Please Send Bulletin Submissions by 3 PM Mondays
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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest."
- Lk 19:38

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Is your marriage bearing fruit? Don't wait until it is too late, take time for your marriage by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Mar 25-27, 2022 in Warrenton, VA and May 6-8, 2022 in Hickory, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at:
<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 (4/9)

8 AM-10 AM Mass, Confession/
Adoration

5 PM Vigil Mass (Masks)

SUNDAY (4/10) PALM SUNDAY

8 AM Mass

9:15-10:15 AM Christian Formation

9:45 AM RCIA

11 AM Mass

No Confession

2:30 PM Latin Mass

MONDAY (4/11)

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (4/12)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (4/13)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (4/14) HOLY

THURSDAY

12 PM Soup Kitchen-Bag lunch

7 PM Mass, followed by Adoration
until 12 AM

FRIDAY (4/15) GOOD FRIDAY

Office Closed

12 PM Stations of the Cross

1:30 PM Seven Last Words

3 PM Passion Liturgy

SATURDAY (4/16)

8:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (4/17) EASTER SUNDAY

7 AM Latin Mass

9 AM Mass

11 AM 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

Holy Week 2022

Monday Mass 12 PM

Tuesday & Wednesday Mass 7 AM

Holy Thursday

Mass & Adoration 7 PM

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross 12 PM

The Seven Last Words of Christ 1:30 PM

Passion Liturgy 3 PM

Easter

Easter Vigil Mass 8:30 PM

Sunday Mass (Latin) 7 AM

Sunday Mass 9 AM & 11 AM

TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS

Contact the Parish Office (434) 295-7185
reception@holyccomforterparish.org

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY (4/9)

8 AM Taafe Family

5 PM † Michael Ludgate

SUNDAY (4/10)

8 AM † Gene Cadman

(Christine Morrison)

11 AM Members of the Parish

2 PM Schmidt Family

MONDAY (4/11)

12 PM Charmaine Nowicki (Jill Paitzel)

TUESDAY (4/12)

7 AM Gallagher Family

WEDNESDAY (4/13)

7 AM † Raymond F. Littlely
(Dottie and George Lilly)

HOLY THURSDAY (4/14)

7 PM Gambarelli Family

GOOD FRIDAY (4/15)

No Mass

SATURDAY (4/16)

No Morning Mass

8:30 PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (4/17)

7 AM Ann Ripley and Kim Fontecchio

9 AM † Anne O'Neill

11 AM † William Beard (Beard Family)

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

4/9 Saint Casilda

4/10 Saint Magdalene of Canossa

4/11 Saint Stanislaus

4/12 Saint Teresa of Los Andes

4/13 Saint Martin I

4/14 Blessed Peter Gonzales

4/15 Blessed Caesar de Bus

4/16 Saint Bernadette Soubirous

4/17 Saint Benedict Joseph Labre

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

Due to publication deadlines, the offertory report for Week Ending April 3, 2022 will be made next weekend.

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

As we begin Holy Week, we enter the “home stretch” of our Lenten season and our preparations for Easter. Now is time to make sure that we finish well the journey we set out on together nearly 40 days ago. If you’re still looking for an opportunity for Lenten almsgiving, consider supporting our **Annual Diocesan Appeal**. Contributions can be made at the Parish or by scanning the QR Code. We have met 58% 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: Hosanna to the Son of Da-vid, the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Offertory: My heart awaited reproach and misery; and I hoped for one that would grieve together with me, but there was none; I looked for one who would comfort me, and found no one. For food they gave me gall; in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

Communion: Father, if this cup cannot pass away unless I drink it, thy will be done.

The readings for Palm Sunday are diverse and rich in teaching, containing a plethora of meditations. What the Church chooses to focus on in her Propers, then, should be of great concern to us. How striking, then, that she should highlight our Lord in His human suffering. We see in the Offertory Antiphon the heartrending cry of the Sacred Heart, “I hoped for one that would grieve together with me, but there was none”. Our Lord entered into the very depths of our suffering that we might never be alone in our own sufferings. This is the true meaning of the Passion: it was a display of fiery Divine Love. There is nothing He wouldn’t undergo to save us. Yet, He

beseeked the Father to take “this cup” from Him. Why? St. Faustina, the visionary who received the Divine Mercy message, wrote in her diary that our Lord confided that the greatest suffering of His Passion was the loss of souls. In undergoing the Passion, Jesus would go to extreme lengths to show us His love for us, that no sin was too great for His Mercy; but His love for us also respects our capacity to choose against Him, which we have seen throughout history. For the sake of those who would receive Him, however, He consented, “thy will be done”. Commemorating the Passion of Jesus, then, is an invitation to respond in gratitude to the unfathomable love of our Savior and to unite our own daily sufferings with His for the conversion of poor sinners who, for whatever reason, turn away from His invitation to reconciliation with God, which engenders true peace. Deliver us, O Lord, from hardness of heart! Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education
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Calendar

- ◆ **April 10, Sunday, 9:15-10:15 AM:** Christian Formation/Sacraments
- ◆ **April 10, Sundays 9:45-10:45 AM:** RCIA
- ◆ **April 12, Tuesday, 7-8:30 PM:** **NO High School Youth Group**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

EASTER SUNDAY

First Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43
Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23
Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-
Colossians: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

Gospel John 20:1-9
Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS (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 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, 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 your continued contributions and donations to Outreach! During the 1st quarter of 2022, our Food Pantry, distributed **206** bags for groceries to **553** individuals. Both Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen are safely taking place by the 3rd Street door. Please leave any donations of food in the basket by the stairs in the Commons. Food Pantry is open Tues and Wed from 10:30am-1:30pm. 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. The "Hope for Haiti" Golf Tournament planning meeting is April 11 at 7PM. This is a virtual meeting. All golfers, this is the time to get involved. Contact Dan Wassilchalk, to sign up for meeting. Haiti Committee website: <https://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!*

SACRISTAN MINISTRY: Volunteers are needed to become altar cloth sacristans. These sacristans are responsible for maintaining the altar cloths and for changing the altar colors at appropriate times. Please contact Suzanne Bailey (slank@ntelos.net or 434-326-3166) for details.

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!
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION – APRIL 10, 2022 "... He opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled,..." Prayer and reflection are essential to discerning a vocation. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org

SAVE THE DATE! "27TH" ANNUAL GALA AUCTION" CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL Saturday, April 30, 2022. Sponsorships available, call 434-964-0400 or email c.smith@cvillecatholic.org

FROM THE PASTOR



THE JOURNEY OF RENEWAL—LENT 2022

Part VI

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

“So, we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.”

2 Corinthians 4:16

Imagine a man who had to go through all this to have new life in Christ: **whipped with 39 lashes (5 different times), beaten with rods (3 different times), thrashed with stones (1 time), shipwrecked (3 times), adrift at sea (one night, one day), journeys (frequent), danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from his own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers, toil and hardship, sleepless nights (many), hungry and thirsty (often), cold and exposed, the daily pressure of anxiety for all the churches (cf. 2 Cor. 11:24).** Such was Paul. He knew that no matter how much it hurt in the hear-and-now, it was as nothing compared to the hope and healing

that he would experience for eternity in the presence of his Savior.

The cross of Christ is the surprising secret to life for a Christian! The surprise is that life comes from death, power comes from defeat, fullness comes from giving, redemption comes from suffering, gain comes from loss, and so forth. The gospel points to Jesus on his cross, suffering and losing, and says to us, *“There is the most brilliant move God ever made. There is your better future. Everything in this impressive world will let you down. But that cross cannot fail you.”* There is nothing in our culture to help us believe that, but it’s real. The cross is where God’s blessing gushes out on unworthy people like us.

Our Christian life is a life of suffering, but in the midst of sufferings we rejoice, for more of God is added to our being, and we are daily being renewed; our desire becomes to be more filled with God. Our sufferings and difficulties are an opportunity for God to flood our souls with His being, for us to be renewed and become as new as the New Jerusalem, even as the cross is applied to our being and the “natural man” is being consumed. Paul testified that death operates in him but life in the others; as he was in prison, suffering for the sake of Christ, he was identified with Christ in His sufferings, and he completed “what was lacking to the sufferings of Christ in the Body of Christ.”

In our situation and experience today, the putting to death of Jesus in our environment cooperates with the indwelling Spirit who operates in us with the result that the natural man (the outer man) is consumed and even killed, and the inner man is being renewed for us to gain more of God. Our outer man is composed of our body with the soul as its person; it is the totality of our fallen being, and throughout our life, we build up and perfect this outer man. We are in the process of growing in life and being transformed by our old man dying out and our new man being renewed day by day.

Praise the Lord, our old man is being consumed, is dying out, and is put away, and our new man is growing up, is renewed, and is being manifested, just as the old generation of the children of Israel were scattered in the wilderness while the new generation entered into the Promised Land! Praise the Lord! **“Truly, truly I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.” John. 12:24**

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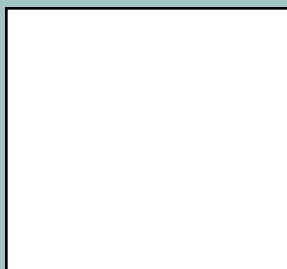
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