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27, 2022**

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil	5 PM
Sunday	8 AM + 11 AM**
Monday + Friday	12 PM
<i>(except First Friday)</i>	
Tuesday-Thursday	7 AM
First Friday	6 PM
Saturday	8 AM

HOLY HOUR

Thursday	7 PM
First Friday	7 PM

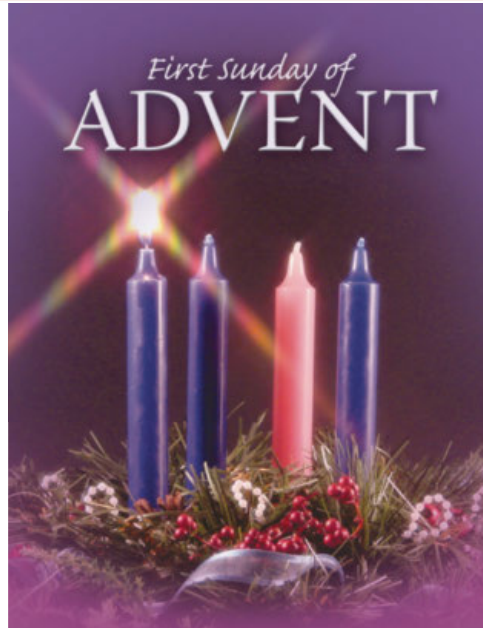
CONFESSION

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	6:30-7:30 PM
Thursday	6:30-8 PM
First Friday	7:30 PM
Sunday	1:30 PM

Office Hours

Monday-Friday	9 AM-4 PM
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***We livestream our 11AM Sunday Mass on our Facebook page:
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First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2022

As we look to the birth of our Savior, that many will be called to follow in His footsteps to minister to His flock, we pray to the Lord

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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 (11/26)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (11/27) FIRST SUNDAY IN

ADVENT

Altar Flowers Donations Appreciated

8 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

1:30 PM Confession

4 PM Vespers

MONDAY (11/28)

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (11/29)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (11/30)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

6:30 PM-8:30 PM Youth Group (LL)

7 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY (12/1)

7 AM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6:30 PM Confession

7-8 PM Holy Hour

FRIDAY (12/2) FIRST FRIDAY

6 PM MASS

12 HOUR ADORATION

7 PM Confession

SATURDAY (12/3)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (12/4) SECOND SUNDAY IN

ADVENT HAITI CRAFT FAIR AFTER ALL MASSES

Altar Flowers Donations Appreciated

8 AM Mass

11 AM Mass RCIA Rites of Acceptance and Welcome, Rite of Initiation

Reception following 11 AM Mass

for Newly Received, Colin Anderson

1:30 PM Confession

4 PM Vespers

4:30 PM Saint Nicholas Celebration AND Potluck

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.

11/29 Saint Clement

11/30 Saint Andrew

12/1 Saint Charles de Foucauld

12/2 Saint Rafal Chylinski

12/3 Saint Francis Xavier

12/4 Saint John Damascene

Welcome New Parishioners

Joshua & Sandra Jordan and Children;
Priscilla, Madeline, Anthony and Liam.

We welcome you to join our Holy Comforter Parish Family.
Registration forms are 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 (11/26)

8 AM Souls of Deceased Loved Ones

5 PM † Anne Stallard

SUNDAY (11/27)

8 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM Heather Burns

MONDAY (11/28)

12 PM Simon Ospina (Martha Ospina)

TUESDAY (11/29)

7 AM Souls of Deceased Loved Ones
(Beth Sutherland)

WEDNESDAY (11/30)

7 AM † Beverly J. Shrank

THURSDAY (12/1)

7 AM † Richard and † Naomi Saathoff

FRIDAY (12/2)

12 PM Deacon Henry

SATURDAY (12/3)

8 AM † Blake Palmer

5 PM † Anne Schaaf

SUNDAY (12/4)

8 AM RCIA Catechumens and Candidates

11 AM † Lavel Davis

† D'Sean Perry

† Devin Chandler

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

11/26 Saint Columban

11/27 Saint Francesco Antonio Fasani

11/28 Saint James of the Marche

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 13, 2022

Offertory	\$4,446
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,500)
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>\$4,054</i>

Due to early publication deadlines, the Offertory Report for week ending November 20, 2022 will appear in the next Bulletin.

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER

ALL MONTH Christian

Formation + Haiti + Justice and Peace

12/11/2022 Outreach

12/25/2022 Catholic Charities

STOCK DONATION INSTRUCTIONS

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Schwab's DTC number: 0164

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Account Number: 2162-7521

GIVE THANKS WITH ONLINE GIVING

We have much to be thankful for! If you will be sharing your bounty with our parish, contributions may be made in pew, by mail, or online. Consider using the "Quick Give" feature to make a one-time gift without creating a login. Contributions can be designated for our Offertory and for our parish ministries, as well as all Diocesan and National collections. Please visit: <https://holycorforterparish.org/online-giving/> for the Online Giving link.

HOLIDAY GIFT SHOPPING ON AMAZON

When you shop, sign in with smile.amazon.com and designate your support to "Holy Comforter Catholic Church." AMAZON SMILE works with your Amazon, Amazon Prime and Business Prime accounts (even in the App!) and donates to Holy Comforter at **no cost to you**. Every little bit helps us! Thank you!!

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Unto you have I lifted up my soul. O my God, I trust in you, let me not be put to shame; do not allow my enemies to laugh at me; for none of those who are awaiting you will be disappointed.

Offertory: Unto you, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul; O my God, I trust in you, let me not be put to shame; do not allow my enemies to laugh at me; for none of those who are awaiting you will be disappointed.

Communion: The Lord will bestow his loving kindness, and our land will yield its fruit.

Psalm 25 (24) is always the first thing we hear in Advent. It is a plea to God not to abandon us, an act of trust that having "lifted up" our souls to Him (i.e., in prayer) He will not let us stumble. In the last days before His Second Coming, the Church will undergo the severest trial of faith, fighting for her very existence against the Antichrist and his demands to be worshipped. The Church, in her wisdom, has given us this psalm (twice! – entrance and offertory) to fill us with hope that our trials are short-lived. Further, the first Sunday of Advent (and usually the second as well) reminds us that Christ's coming to judge the living and the dead is near at hand. This year we see a comparison made between the Second Coming and Noah, which is striking because the ark was built over the course of a century, giving people ample opportunity to ponder Noah's message of repentance. Ultimately, they ignored this call even to the very last second when God Himself sealed the ark. We must be ready, and we will be given ample warning beforehand if we have but eyes to see. In the end, those who endure – to quote Father's homily from a few weeks ago – will see the fruit of their patience and revel in the ultimate victory of Christ over death and sin. Trust in God and he will "bestow his loving kindness" upon us. Come, Lord Jesus! Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education

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DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ◆ DECEMBER 4, Sunday, 11 AM Mass
RCIA Rite of Initiation for Colin Anderson
- ◆ DECEMBER 4, Sunday, 11 AM Mass
RCIA Rite of Acceptance AND Rite of Welcome (Please see Commons bulletin board for photos and bios of Catechumens and Candidates)

SAINT NICHOLAS CELEBRATION AND POTLUCK!!!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 4:30 PM

You are invited to join the children of Holy Comforter to celebrate the Saint who loved Christ through his charity for others and his strong defense of our Faith! This wonderful event will be filled with stories, songs and a very special visit by a very special guest! Followed by a potluck! **See you there!**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

A descendent of Jesse will usher in a time of peace.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17

The Messiah will bring justice and peace to the nations.

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-9

Both Jews and Gentiles glorify God for the salvation found in Christ Jesus.

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist appears in Judea preaching a message of repentance.

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS (includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers) Normand Auger, Emmett Dudley, Eileen Foster, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Victoria Lannon, Mary Nguyen, Mary Polce, Hank Rainville, Ed Shaffrey, Shawn Simpson-Smith, Deacon Henry Vinklerek, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, Charlie Anne and Andre Xavier and children.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Charlotte, Kent and Brittney Anderson, Blandine Attey, Sonia Bell, Christine Bentejac, Maureen Bradley, Tom Cassidy, Joseph Checkler, Roxanne Crittenden, Steven D'Arca, Virginia Davis, Father Gerald Fogarty, Joe Ferguson, Richard Harmer, Sallie Harris, Beth Howard, Andrew Hunt & Family, Kajihara Family, Steve Kirchmeyer, Coty Lockett, Eduardo Mendes and family, Melodie Mougeolle and Children, Mary Mullen, Josephine Nampijja, Aimee Nyriamugisha, Isaak & Ada Pyatetsky, David Rathburn, Kathy Robinson, Residents and Staff of the Blue Ridge Detention Center, Randall Saathoff, David Shrank, Yulia Savona, Daniel and Shirley Shifflett, Aiden Smith, The Sullivan Family, Brendan and Maria Walsh, B. Waugh Crigler, Lisa Wells, Henry Francis Wojtala, Andrew Wood.

MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

Pete Bakke, Nick Bruno, Nathaniel Byrd, Michael Eiermann, Charles G. Ellison, Katharine Ernst, Jeffrey Jaeger, Trey Linebrink, Tom Logan, Matthew Mickiewicz, S. Proffitt, M. Rankin, Benjamin Schrank, Elijah Schrank, Jonathan Schrank, Joseph Schrank, Matthew Schrank, and Joey Smith.

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



There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond ourselves; for we long for the coming of the Lord. The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul offer our prayers on behalf of the deceased students, injured

students, their families, their friends and the entire UVA community. You are invited to join us in our journey. We meet at 7 pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month at the Church of the Incarnation. If you would like more information about our conference, or if you would like to donate, please visit our website at www.svdp-ht.org or email us at info@svdp-ht.org

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: Schedule Change! Food Pantry schedule is open **Mon, Tues, Wed from 10:30am-12:30pm.** We appreciate your generous support to Outreach through your contributions and donations! During the month of October, we distributed pantry bags to **195** individuals/**80** households and served **256** lunches during Soup Kitchen. Please leave your donations in the basket in the Commons. Thank you and God Bless! (This USDA food pantry institution is an equal opportunity provider).

Giant Food Bloomin' 4 Good Program: Holy Comforter's Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen was selected as the November beneficiary by local store leadership at the Giant Food located at 1900 Abbey Rd. Charlottesville. Holy Comforter Outreach will receive a \$1 donation for every Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with a purple hanging tag purchased at this Giant Food Store.

SALVATION ARMY'S ANGEL TREE PROGRAM: The Angel Tree is in the Commons! Please take a tag and have fun shopping for the child you have chosen. Bring the unwrapped gifts back to Holy Comforter by Fri. Dec 9th. Thank you for providing a special Christmas for these children! Note: Please add the number/letter code located on the tag above the child's name to each gift. God Bless!

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: X "A Daily Reflection from the Church's Greatest Writers" Each day the Liturgy of the Hours, the daily prayer practice of priests, nuns, monks, and many laypersons worldwide, includes a short reading from a Church Father, pope, saint, or theologian. During Advent the readings are chosen to lead us to readiness for the gift of God's Incarnation, and Holy Comforter parishioners have the opportunity to be sent an electronic copy each day via email. Go to Flocknote, Advent Office of Readings.

THE HAITI MINISTRY A Blest and Happy Thanksgiving from the Tri-Parish Haiti Committee for all our parishes do and give. Fathers' Asmith, Millien, and Isador send their blessing to all. Due to the violence, the clinic doctors have left. The lack of fuel, food, and safe drinking water has taken a toll on arresting Cholera with a hundred deaths in the past few months. The U.N. is trying fund medical aid, but no country is coming forward to assist. Please keep Haiti and the priests in your prayers. **SAVE THE DATE! HOLY COMFORTER HAITI CRAFT FAIR, SUNDAY, DEC. 4, AT ALL MASSES!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE NOTE: Every First Saturday, Father Joseph Mary will bless your holy objects after the Rosary following the First Saturday 8 AM Mass.

ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE: The month of November we will be remembering our dearly departed loved ones. A table in the Commons displays photos of our dearly departed loved ones. Please be sure to join us in this beautiful remembrance.



JOIN US FOR FRIENDSGIVING! Celebrate community at Casa Alma, **Sunday, Nov. 20 at 1pm.** Side dishes and desserts are welcome contributions; we'll provide the rest. We'll be outdoors in nice weather or indoors if not. RSVP **by 11/18** to cvillecw@gmail.com or please text us at 434-220-2221

FROM THE PASTOR



KEEPING DEATH BEFORE OUR EYES IN THIS MONTH FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY (& BEYOND)

Part IV

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

“Death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away”

Revelations 21:4

Although most of us prefer to avoid the topic of death, it is an inevitable event that we must come to terms with, especially if we are serious about our spiritual development. For the experienced spiritual aspirant, death ceases to be a source of fear or uncertainty, and instead is revealed to be what it truly is: a doorway, an integral part of existence, and an opportunity to elevate our conscience. Paul writing to the Corinthians says: **“Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands” (2 Cor. 5:1).**

The ancient teachings tell us that if we want to know what happens when we die, we must look to what happens when we sleep each night. When we die, we enter the same world we dream within, but instead of returning to the deceased body we are propelled towards a new birth.

If, each night when we sleep, we practice entering the world of dreams with awareness, then when the moment of our death arrives we will be prepared to exit the body with awareness, and be capable of influencing what happens to us after death. Such are some of the thoughts for people who may have not faith in Jesus Christ who triumphed over death and set our mind on the hope of the resurrection.

For some, just the mention of death brings with it a variety of negative emotions such as fear, anguish, and sadness. But what if the experience of death is the exact opposite? What if, for the believer in Christ, death is filled with exuberant joy and overwhelming happiness? What if death is like slipping out of old clothes? St. Paul to the Corinthians said this; **“For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands” (2 Cor. 5:1).**

And Jesus says, **“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God, have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.”** The Christian virtue of Hope is a disposition of trust in God’s promises. Our Christian Hope is that our loved ones are in the Father’s house, the dwelling place with many mansions. Death then becomes a threshold, a door, to that place.

The actual door is not the death of the loved one but the death of the One who loves, Christ on the Cross. Everyone who participates in the death of this One will participate in the life to come. This side of heaven we only see a Body nailed to a tree. From the other side, what shall we see? I think we shall see the shadow of the Cross falling on all mankind, with the Resurrected Christ as the light source. We cannot know for sure, for if I went there to heaven and looked back at the world, I wouldn’t be coming back to tell you. The shadow of the Cross falls on all of us, more so on those who take to heart Jesus’ words, **“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”**

The more we surrender to the Lord and “prefer nothing whatsoever to Christ”, the more we shall appreciate the keeping of death before our eyes as a guide and means to arrive where we need to be – in the mansions of the Father. So, we pray: *Lord, what a glorious promise! You have turned the sting of death into joy! I can’t wait to see you in eternity and experience the glorious freedom you have promised to those who believe in you. Thank you, My Lord Jesus. AMEN.*

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