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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil	5 PM
Sunday	8 :30 AM
	11 AM*
Monday + Friday	12 PM
(except First Friday)	
Tuesday-Thursday	7 AM
First Friday	6 PM
Saturday	8 AM

HOLY HOUR

Thursday	7 PM
First Friday	7 PM

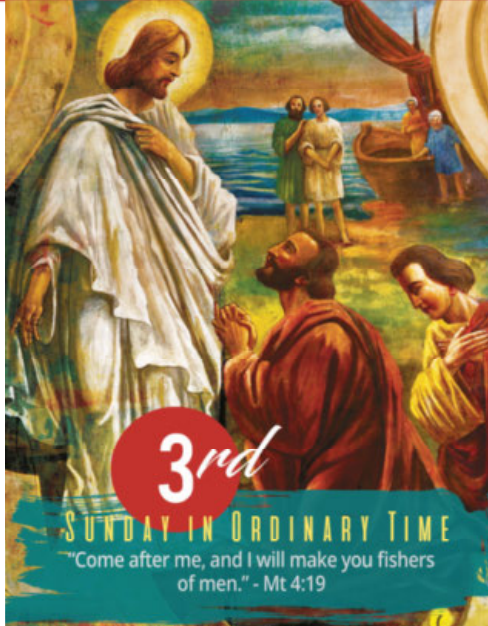
CONFESSION

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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Uganda	Theresa Lynch
Ushers	Dennis Dougherty

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 2023

For all men and women called by Jesus to teach the Gospel as priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers, that the joy of the Lord will remain their strength during their discernment, formation and mission, we pray to the Lord.

Please Send Bulletin Submissions by 3 PM Mondays to
dre@hollycomforterparish.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 (1/21)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (1/22) THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Altar Flowers donated in Memory of Deborah Okada (Mel Crews)

8:30 AM Mass

9:45 AM-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:00 PM RCIA

4 PM Vespers

MONDAY (1/23)

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-8:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (1/24)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (1/25)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

6:30-8:30 PM Youth Group

7 PM Choir

THURSDAY (1/26)

7 AM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6:30 PM Confession

7-8 PM Holy Hour

FRIDAY (1/27)

9 AM-12 PM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (1/28)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (1/29) FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Altar Flowers donated Memory of Nick Stiso (Tylka Family)

8:30 AM Mass

9:45 AM-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:00 PM RCIA

4 PM Vespers

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.

- 1/24 Saint Francis de Sales
- 1/25 Conversion of Saint Paul
- 1/26 Saints Timothy and Titus
- 1/27 Saint Angela Merici
- 1/28 Saint Thomas Aquinas
- 1/29 Servant of God
Brother Juniper

NEW PARISHIONERS

*Charles and Katie Keller
& Baby Charles*

Ethan Savage

Aline Maciel

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 (1/21)

8 AM Auria Rose Geary (Stelow Family)
† Catherine Martin
(Patricia McAdams)

5 PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (1/22)

8:30 AM † Helen and † Gerard Zink
(Ed and Jean Mickiewicz)

11 AM † Al Bracuti (Jill and Steve Paitsel)

MONDAY (1/23)

12 PM † Joseph Smith (Patricia McAdams)

TUESDAY (1/24)

7 AM † Amy Wilson

WEDNESDAY (1/25)

7 AM † Steve Owens

THURSDAY (1/26)

7 AM Andrew Clark

FRIDAY (1/27)

12 PM Daniel Higginbotham
(Dotty and George Lilly)

SATURDAY (1/28)

8 AM Mel Crews (Holy Comforter Staff)

5 PM Personal Intention (Mary Frances Lilly)

SUNDAY (1/29)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM The Schrank Children and their Families

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

- 1/21 Saint Agnes
- 1/22 Saint Vincent of Saragossa
- 1/23 Saint Marianne Cope

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING JANUARY 8, 2023

Offertory	\$4,049
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,500)
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$4,451)</i>

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY ALL MONTH

Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation +
Justice and Peace

1/8/2023 Outreach

1/22/2023 Respect Life

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

This year, we encourage you to make a New Year's resolution that will make a big difference for you and Holy Comforter Parish: commit to consistent giving. This can be difficult, but we have a tool that will make it just a bit easier. In our secure **Online Giving** program, you can set up recurring or one-time gifts for our Offertory and for our parish ministries, as well as all Diocesan and National collections. Those who give online tend to give more and give consistently. Please visit ; <https://hollycomforterparish.org/online-giving/> for the **Online Giving** link. Thank you for your support!

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: The Lord, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Peter and Andrew, and he called out to them: Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

Offertory: The Lord's right hand has shown strength, the Lord's right hand has exalted me. I shall not die, but live; and I shall declare the works of the Lord.

Communion: Follow me; I will make you fishers of men. Whereupon they, leaving their nets and their boat, followed the Lord.

Christ as the Light of the nations permeates today's readings, extending the season of Epiphany a little further into Ordinary Time. Traditionally, Epiphany was so important that it was an octave (the same liturgical day for eight days!) since its message of salvation was universal in scope. Christ revealed Himself to the Gentiles in addition to the Jews, and now we see in Isaiah and the Gospel today that a "great light" has dawned in the lands where Gentiles predominate, foreshadowing both the restoration of the remnant people of Israel and the grafting of the Gentiles into this higher, spiritual Israel. "The Lord's right hand has shown strength" in this marvelous work of redemption, and we are gladdened by these "tidings of great joy" that are directed "to all people". Now, like Peter and Andrew, He calls us to participate in the joy of this message, let it permeate our lives, and bring this Good News to whomever will receive our Lord as their Savior.

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

TREASURES OF THE TRADITION WITH JOHN BUGBEE returns with two reading groups for spring 2023:

(1) **Dante's Purgatory and Paradise** - come join us for the less known but more interesting parts of the *Divine Comedy*! Two options, Saturday afternoons and Monday evenings, starting Jan. 14-16.

(2) **Theology of the Trinity** - beginning in the extraordinarily creative period after the Council of Nicea with Sts. Augustine, Basil of Caesarea, Gregory of Nazianzus, and others. Discussing short passages of the original writers illuminates the ideas like nothing else! Likely alternate Wednesday evenings from Jan. 11. Participants may come as often or as seldom as they like, and everyone's first meeting is a free trial. For more details see <https://thetreasures.org> or email bugbee@thetreasures.org.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

There will be a people who remain sheltered from God's anger.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146:6-10

The Lord is faithful forever.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God chooses the weak to show his power.

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12a

Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

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, Ed Shaffrey, Shawn Simpson-Smith, Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklerek, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, Sara Winter, and Charlie Anne Xavier.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Charlotte, Kent and Brittney Anderson, Blandine Attey, Sonia Bell, Christine Bentejac, Maureen Bradley, Tom Cassidy, B. Waugh Crigler, Roxanne Crittenden, Virginia Davis, Father Gerald Fogarty, Joe Ferguson, Richard Harmer, Cindy Harris, Sallie Harris, Beth Howard, Andrew Hunt & Family, Kajihara Family, Steve Kirchmeyer, Shannon and 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, Matthew Schrank and Family, David Shrank, Joseph Schrank, Yulia Savona, Daniel and Shirley Shifflett, Aiden Smith, The Sullivan Family, Brendan and Maria Walsh, Lisa Wells, Sara Winter, 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, 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



In this Sunday's Gospel, we find that Jesus "... went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and curing every disease and illness among the people."

Vincent de Paul (VIII: 173) said "Do not be afraid of announcing Christian truths to the people with the simplicity of the Gospel." Please join us in our journey to help our neighbors in need. 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.svdh-ht.org or email us at info@svdp-ht.org

ENTERING CANAAN IS A SUPPORT GROUP for women and men to promote healing from the pain, isolation, and silent suffering of abortion. With Sisters of Life resources, the group focuses on moving forward with freedom and peace through the love of Christ. We meet at St. Frances (Mary's House) in Staunton, 3rd Saturday of each month, 12-3PM. Please Contact Miriam (949-274-6075) / Mark Karafa (240-643-1249).

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: We appreciate your generous support to Outreach through your contributions and donations this year! In the fourth quarter of 2022, we handed out bags of food to 74 families/202 individuals. And we served 277 meals at Soup Kitchen. Please leave your food donations in the basket in the Commons. God Bless You! (This USDA pantry institution is an equal opportunity provider).

SACRISTAN MINISTRY is in need of volunteers to help maintain the beauty of the altar and to wash and iron altar linens used in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Suzanne Bailey (slank@ntelos.net or 434-326-3166) to volunteer or learn more.

WORKS OF MERCY MINISTRY: A parishioner who lives at the Colonnades on Barracks Road would like a ride to Sunday's 11AM Mass. To help, please email mercy@holycomforterparish.org

HAITI: Thirteen years ago this month, was the most destructive Haitian earthquake. That was a natural disaster and what is currently occurring is devastating but manmade. The UNICEF food supply, in the warehouses that were looted, exceeded six million dollars with no resupply at this time. Doctors without Borders provided a statistic that half the hospital beds on Port au Prince were filled with civilian wounded, or worse, from the gang warfare. This is before they had to close their hospitals. The last of the elected officials terms of office also ended this past week. Haiti is now a country without a government. Prior to that the "acting government" did ask for formal military assistance.

Please keep Haiti in your Prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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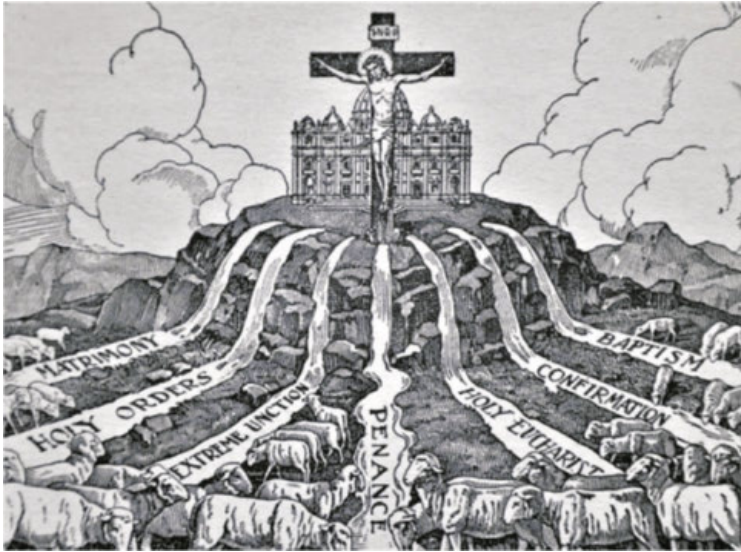
January 29 – February 4. **Join Charlottesville Catholic School in this celebration of the value Catholic education** provides to young people, its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation. **CCS offers Jr K-8th grade Catholic education.** For more information about Charlottesville Catholic School, please contact Admissions Coordinator, Christine Fowlkes ch.fowlkes@cvillecatholic.org We also invite you to join us for an Open House on Sunday, Feb. 5, 12PM-2PM.

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND PASTORAL CENTER is seeking a Full Time Parish and School Auditor. For full Ad and how to apply please visit <http://bit.ly/3VZiPyE> For any questions please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE on Feb 3-5, 2023 in Warrenton, VA and Mar 31-Apr 2, 2023 in Herndon, VA. Please visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or see applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369.

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED: January 26th at 4pm- Join Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors for an online discussion reviewing 2022 financial markets and an outlook for 2023. This presentation is open to all parishioners and will provide useful information in planning for the current financial year. Hosted by Anthony Minopoli, President, and Chief Investment Officer of KoCAA. Email Robert.Howard@kofc.org for more information and to RSVP!

FROM THE PASTOR



CHRISTIAN LIFE AND THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

Part 1

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”

John 10:10

Christians are people who acknowledge that they belong neither to themselves nor to the age, but to God in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. We cannot speak of the Christian life without Christ. We are out of step with a society that prizes individuality and autonomy, at odds with a culture in which power over persons and property gauges success and earns respect. Unlike our “secular friends”, we Christians do not aim to be self-created or self-directed. Instead, our life is interwoven with Christ so that the life we live is that of Christ. As St. Paul says: **“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me” (Gal. 2:20).**

It is therefore important to have a look at how our Christian life begins, ends, and is lived. So, I am going to walk with you in this article through the LIFE LIVED IN THE SACRAMENTS given by Christ to the Roman Catholic Church. The catechism of the Catholic Church holds that; *“Sacraments are efficacious signs of grace instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Catholic Church*

by which divine grace is dispensed to us” (CCC No. 1131).

There are seven Sacraments: **Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Matrimony, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick.** We traditionally classify them as Sacraments of Christian Initiation (**Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist**), Sacraments of Healing (**Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick**), and Sacraments of Commitment (**Matrimony, Holy Orders**). The Eucharist occupies a unique place as the *Sacrament of Sacraments*, and all the other Sacraments are ordered to it as to their end. The seven sacraments touch all the stages of Christian life: they give birth and increase, healing, and mission to the Christian’s life of faith. There is thus a certain resemblance between the stages of natural life and the stages of the spiritual life.

According to the Second Vatican Council, ***“The purpose of the sacraments is to sanctify men, to build up the body of Christ, and finally, to give worship to God. Because they are signs, they also instruct. They not only presuppose faith, but by words and objects they also nourish, strengthen, and express it; that is why they are called ‘sacraments of faith.’ They do indeed impart grace, but, in addition, the very act of celebrating them disposes the faithful most effectively to receive this grace in a fruitful manner, to worship God duly, and to practice charity” (Sacred Constitution on the Liturgy, 59).***

The seven sacraments are God’s gift to each of us. They allow us to grow closer to him and to deepen our faith and commitment to the Church. They are concrete actions by which Christians may be marked, fed and touched by the Holy Spirit so that the reality of God and the work of Christ become embedded in the body and psyche. Sacraments recall God’s promises and presence to the worshiping community, binding it together ever more tightly and to clearer purpose. The Holy Spirit is the specific agent of Christianization in the sacraments, binding us into the trinitarian life in baptism, and feeding us on the dramatic reenactment of redemption played out through the death and resurrection of Christ in the Eucharist. As St. Basil the Great put it; *“the Holy Spirit reaches down from the divine majesty to graft believers into the Holy Trinity by dwelling in them”.*

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