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MASS TIMES

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

ADORATION

Thursday	7 PM-8 PM
First Friday	7 PM-8 AM

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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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 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.

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 (2/4) FIRST SATURDAY

First Friday All Night Adoration Benediction

8 AM Mass Blessings of Objects

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (2/5) FIFTH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

Altar Flowers Donated in Honor of Joaquin Perez

8:30 AM Mass

9:45 AM-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:00 PM RCIA

4 PM Vespers

MONDAY (2/6)

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (2/7)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (2/8)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-8:30 PM Youth Group

7 PM Choir

THURSDAY (2/9)

7 AM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6:30 PM Confession

7-8 PM Holy Hour

FRIDAY (2/10)

9 AM-12 PM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (2/11)

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (2/12) SIXTH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

Altar Flowers Donations Appreciated

8:30 AM Mass

9:45 AM-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass (RCIA RITES)

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.

- 2/7 Saint Colette
- 2/8 Saint Josephine Bakhita
- 2/9 Saint Jerome Emiliani
- 2/10 Saint Scholastica
- 2/11 Our Lady of Lourdes
- 2/12 Saint Apollonia

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

- 2/4 Saint Joseph of Leonissa
- 2/5 Saint Agatha
- 2/6 Saint Paul Miki and Companions

NEW PARISHIONERS

*James and Christina Wyant
and Children*

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 (2/4)

8 AM Adele Lavadia (Patricia Cuadros)

5 PM Sandy Owen

SUNDAY (2/5)

8:30 AM † James Swofford (Dan Swofford)

11 AM Members of the Parish

MONDAY (2/6)

12 PM † John Smith (Patricia McAdams)
William Yearout

TUESDAY (2/7)

7 AM † Jack and † Margaret Kirkland

WEDNESDAY (2/8)

7 AM † Randy Pyles

THURSDAY (2/9)

7 AM Mel Crews (Holy Comforter Staff)
Melinda Wells

FRIDAY (2/10)

6 PM † James Smith (Patricia McAdams)

SATURDAY (2/11)

8 AM World Day of the Sick
(Diane Auger Smith)
Holy Comforter's Sick and Homebound

5 PM Daniel Lapinell

SUNDAY (2/12)

8:30 AM † John and † Jadwiga Mickiewicz
(Ed and Jean Mickiewicz)

† Annie Wallace

11 AM The Anderson Family

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING JANUARY 29, 2023

Offertory	\$3,407
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,500)
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$5,093)</i>

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY ALL MONTH

Christian Formation + Haiti + Justice and Peace

2/12/2023 Outreach

2/22/2023 Ash Wednesday SVdP Holy Trinity Conference

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

The world can get inside us, often affecting how we feel.

Living in the 21st century involves wading through a spiritual slog. The world is filled with as many opportunities for vice as virtue. We swim in a sea of ads, agendas, and social pressures. It subtly wears on us.

Jesus says that we, His followers, are the world's way out. "You are the light of the world" is a weighty metaphor to describe us (Matthew 5:14). Jesus' description of His followers might energize us, sober us, or make us want to run away like Jonah the prophet.

Jesus believes that when we work through Him we are the world's best hope. Our parish takes Him seriously. We trust that His words in today's Gospel carry *power*. We're going to draw from it. We know from experience that we can shine the light of Christ through good deeds. We need your help to be able to continue doing that for our local community. Our Annual Diocesan Appeal is a significant opportunity for you to help us advance our mission to bring the light of hope to our little corner of the world. Maybe, with your help, our Annual Appeal will be a link that will get at least one soul to the light of Christ. We hope for more than one. Give without counting the cost, and watch how God outdoes you. May He bless us!

LITURGICAL NOTES

Processional Chant (Presentation of the Lord): Sion, adorn your bridal chamber and welcome Christ the King; take Mary in your arms, who is the gate of heaven, for she herself is carrying the King of glory and new light. A Virgin she remains, though bringing in her hands the Son before the morning star begotten, whom Simeon, taking in his arms announced to the peoples as Lord of life and death and Savior of the world.

Offertory (5th Sunday in OT): Render secure my footsteps in your paths so that my feet do not slip; incline your ear and hear my words; display your wonderful mercies, O Lord, Savior of those who place their hope in you.

Communion (5th Sunday in OT): I will go in to the altar of God, to the God who gives joy to my youth.

There are some noteworthy connections between the antiphons for the Presentation of the Lord ("Candlemas") and this Sunday's antiphons. In the processional antiphon for Candlemas, we see a striking emphasis on carrying and being carried. Sion, the City of God, is exhorted to "take Mary in your arms" and to welcome her since she herself "is carrying the King of glory and new light", Who will then be carried by Simeon and presented to the peoples and to God. That same Mass has an ancient alleluia verse that says, "the old man carried the Child, but the Child governed the old man", further highlighting this theme. What are we to make of this? God the Son, Jesus Christ in the flesh, has demonstrated that we must be humble in following Him. We must let ourselves be carried by Him because grace sustains the soul as food sustains the body. The effects of Original Sin on the soul (in general, finding it easier to do bad than good) make it especially important for us to rely on God in all things. Hence, the Offertory Antiphon for this Sunday begs God to "render secure [our] footsteps" in His paths. With joy in our hearts, let us "go in to the altar of God" and place our trust in His never-ending care for us and all our needs.

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Religious Education Calendar

- ◆ Sunday, February 5, 9:45-10:45 AM: Children's and High School Christian Formation / Sacraments
- ◆ Sunday, February 5, 12:00 PM –1:00 PM: RCIA

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Sirach 15:15–20

The eyes of God see all he has made.

Responsorial

Psalms 119:1–2,4–5, 17–18,33–34
Happy are those who walk in the way of the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:6–10

God has revealed this wisdom to us through the Spirit.

Gospel

Matthew 5:17–37

I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfill them.

February 5, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS (includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers) Normand Auger, Eileen Bracuti, Emmett Dudley, Eileen Foster, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Barbara Isak, Ann Jackson, Victoria Lannon, Mary Nguyen, Mary Polce, Ed Shaffrey, Shawn Simpson-Smith, Mae Trentanove, 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 Benteecjac, 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, Mary Ann Uzzo, Brendan and Maria Walsh, Don and 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

BECOMING A PROFESSED LAY DOMINICAN is a lifelong vocation open to all practicing Catholic men and women, single or married, who embrace Dominican Spirituality that includes the four pillars of prayer, study, apostolate, and community. Lay Dominicans meet in community once a month for prayer, study, and friendship, then —fortified by Grace and their Chapter meeting—go out into the world to serve secular society. By making a commitment to an apostolate, the Lay Dominican finds ways to share with all the Truth and Love of God for man.

The St. Thomas Aquinas Chapter is the local Dominican Laity Chapter. If you are interested in visiting the local Chapter, please email oplaity55@gmail.com and a Lay Dominican will contact you with additional information.

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: We appreciate your generous support to Outreach through your contributions and donations this year! During 2022, we handed out bags of food to 1,001 families/2,626 individuals. And we served 3,033 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).

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

HOLY COMFORTER LOST & FOUND (IN THE PIANO ROOM): *A friendly reminder, If you have lost something, please check the Lost & Found. Valuables are kept at the front desk. Eventually, what has been there for months will be donated to a thrift store. A notice will be given before that happens and in the meantime, please check for your lost item.*

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL is seeking a Director of Development. Responsible for overseeing the school's comprehensive fundraising efforts. CCS seeks an exceptional relationship builder who will passionately convey the mission and values of the school. For more information, please send a resume and Diocesan Application, Attn: Vada Fallica, Principal; 1205 Pen Park Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901 or email to v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org.

MR. BLUE! AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS UNIVERSITY PARISH:

Saturday, Feb. 25 (7pm) Based on Myles Connolly's novel, the inspiring new Catholic play by Mary Kay Williams will be staged by the St. Anselm Institute for Catholic Thought at UVA. About a young man, who has everything and decides to live his faith dramatically in 1920s New York. Provides a joyful antidote to an age of indifference not so very unfamiliar today. Staged reading with live jazz piano, directed by Kate Burke (UVA Theater). *Free tickets now available.*

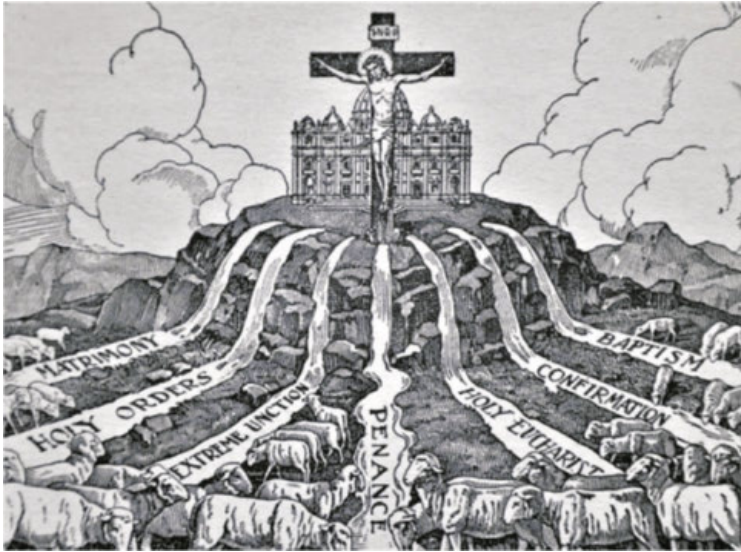
THE OFFICE OF SOCIAL MINISTRIES AT HOLY COMFORTER

gratefully acknowledges receipt of a \$1500 Food and Fuel grant from the Diocese of Richmond to support our OUTREACH programs—Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen—during the next fiscal year.



IN THE GOSPEL TODAY, JESUS SAYS, "You are the light of the world," he is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness, and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need. We help our friends in need by providing assistance with food, rent, utilities, emergency needs, and spiritual support. We seek the face of Christ in all we meet. We are in **urgent need of members who can speak Spanish** to help us support and communicate with our many Spanish speaking friends in need. If you would like to help us by joining the Society, contact us at info@svdp-ht.org or call (434) 226-8022. Thank you! God bless you for your prayerful consideration.

FROM THE PASTOR



CHRISTIAN LIFE AND THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

Part III

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you"

Matthew 28:19-20

At the baptism of Jesus, God reveals what it means to be the Son of God in the special public mission given to Jesus. **What is the mission that Jesus receives from his Father?** It is that of the servant described by Isaiah. It is a mission of justice and peace as Mathew records it: **"He shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting...A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench"** (Mt. 12: 18-20). This mission of Jesus is also about teaching, healing, and liberation. Isaiah says that he is to be **"a light to the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon those who live in darkness"** (Is. 42:6-7).

The baptism of Jesus also tells us about our own baptism. If Jesus was commissioned at his baptism, so, too, are we. Baptism does not just wash away sin; baptism is not just for our personal salvation. Baptism commissions us with the Spirit to the same mission that Jesus had. We are to be

servants of the Lord working for peace and justice; we are to be prophets preaching the good news of God's love and compassion; and we are to be a healing presence.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that baptism calls people to participate in the apostolic and missionary activity of the People of God and to the witness of holy lives and practical charity: ***"Having become a member of the Church, the person baptized belongs no longer to himself, but to Him who died and rose for us. From now on, he is called to be subject to others, to serve them in the communion of the Church, and to 'obey and submit' to the Church's leaders, holding them in respect and affection. Just as baptism is the source of responsibilities and duties, the baptized person also enjoys rights within the Church: to receive the sacraments, to be nourished with the Word of God and to be sustained by the other spiritual helps of the Church"*** (Catechism, 1269).

The question for Christians is: how do we continue the mission of Jesus? Any time we are a healing and peaceful presence in our families, our neighborhood, our workplace, and in politics, we are fulfilling the mission of Jesus. Any time we oppose racism, sexism, abortion, and any social vice that degrades human dignity, we are fulfilling the mission of our baptisms. We continue the mission of Jesus when we work to stop global warming and promote peace in war-torn areas, create good jobs for the poor and provide healthcare to the sick, teach children and free those unjustly imprisoned, speak out for justice and protect human rights, witness and profess God's love to the world.

We are not simply baptized for our personal salvation; we are baptized into the Christian community for service to the world. To be a Christian is not simply to be saved by Jesus; to be a Christian is also to be Christ active in the world today. We do not do this mission alone. We do it with Jesus, and we do it in community by the power of the Spirit. If we continue the mission of Jesus, then the Father can say of us, ***"These are my beloved sons and daughters, with whom I am well pleased."***

(To be continued...)

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