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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

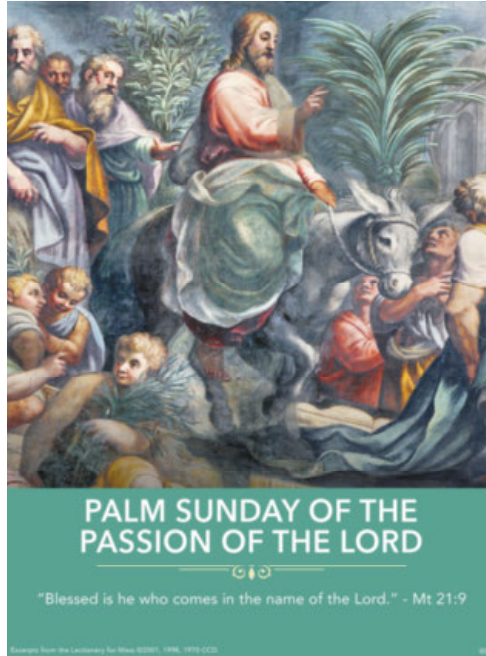
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	6:30-7:30 PM
Thursday	6:30-8 PM
First Friday	7:30 PM
Sunday	1:30 PM

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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Uganda	Theresa Lynch
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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion April 2, 2023

For all those being called to share in the passion of Christ as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, that they will echo His Eternal Words of love and mercy in their own faithfulness to the Father's will, 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 (4/1)

8 AM Mass

(Blessings of Objects after Rosary)

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (4/2) PALM SUNDAY

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12 PM RCIA

4:00 PM Vespers

MONDAY (4/3)

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

TUESDAY (4/4)

7 AM Mass

Followed by Morning Prayer

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (4/5)

7 AM Mass

Followed by Morning Prayer

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 (4/6) HOLY THURSDAY

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

7 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:30 PM-12 AM Adoration

FRIDAY (4/7) GOOD FRIDAY

12 PM Stations

1:30 PM Seven Last Words

3 PM Passion Service

6 PM Confession

SATURDAY (4/8) EASTER VIGIL

8 AM Office of readings/Morning Prayer

8:30 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (4/9) EASTER SUNDAY

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.

SAINTS OF GOD *Blessed are You*

4/1 Saint Hugh of Grenoble

4/2 Saint Francis of Paola

4/3 Saint Benedict the African

4/4 Saint Isadore of Seville

4/5 Saint Vincent Ferrer

4/6 Saint Crescentia Hoess

4/7 Saint John the Baptist de la Salle

4/8 Saint Julie Billiart

4/9 Saint Casilda

NEW PARISHIONERS

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 (4/1)

8 AM Diane Auger Smith

5 PM Nathaniel Capps for Healing

SUNDAY (4/2)

8:30 AM † Mary Morrisard-Larkin
(Jim and Marlene Satca)

11 AM Members of Parish

MONDAY (4/3)

12 PM Sharon Packett (Stelow Family)

TUESDAY (4/4)

7 AM † Judy Windsong (Patricia McAdams)

WEDNESDAY (4/5)

7 AM † Dr. Carlos Gomez (Patricia McAdams)

THURSDAY (4/6) HOLY THURSDAY

7 PM Randy and Sharlene Saathoff

FRIDAY (4/7) GOOD FRIDAY

No Mass-Passion Service

SATURDAY (4/8) Easter Vigil

8:30 PM Julie Kajihara

SUNDAY (4/9)

9 AM Hannah Gentry

Josephine Dougherty

† Scarlett Makielski (Stelow Family)

11 AM Members of the Parish

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING MARCH 26, 2023

Offertory (Online Giving)	\$11,760
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,500)
Above Weekly Budget	\$3,260

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace + Outreach

4/7/2023 Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

4/16/2023 Outreach

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, he initiated the chain of events that would lead to his execution. Palm Sunday is also our entrance into Holy Week. Lift your palm branches today in joy against the coming darkness. Find strength in praise of God to endure the Triduum's trial close by our Savior's side.

Possibly the bitterest truth of Holy Week is that we are complicit in Jesus' crucifixion. "All have sinned," Paul writes in the Letter to the Romans (3:23). Sadly, we can identify with Judas because we betray Jesus when we sin and avoid speaking about Him out of fear. We can identify with the crowd shouting "Crucify him!" because we condemn Jesus when we judge others.

Join our Annual Diocesan Appeal so that our neighbors find the hope that comes from knowing that God can even use our sins for our salvation. The mercy of God has no limits, and our hearts cannot anticipate his

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Hosanna to the Son of David, 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.

From one day to the next, the Son of God receives the title "King" amongst accolades in His glorious entrance to Jerusalem and then as a title of mockery and derision on the Cross. The work of God is consummated in THE Passover of which all previous Passovers were a foreshadowing. The Paschal Lamb is slain for the sins of the people, both satisfying the demands of the Old Covenant and establishing a New Covenant for the whole world – for you and me. What is so striking in today's Propers is the Offertory Antiphon, which, while heartbreaking to read, should be a consolation to us. There's a spiritual that says: "Jesus walked this lonesome valley; He had to walk it by himself. Oh, nobody else could walk it for him; He had to walk it by himself." He did so that we might not be alone in the midst of our trials. He has walked the path ahead of us so that when we go down the road of Calvary, we might not get lost or despair. The Communion Antiphon brings it all back around; He drank from the "cup" because it was what was needed to free us. The Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the greatest display of love in all of history. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners! *Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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A huge thank you to everyone who donated egg cartons. Kindergarten through 4th grade participated in making a Triduum craft that will help to enhance their understanding of the meaning of Triduum. It was a very successful event!

Please remember to keep our RCIA Catechumen and Candidates in your prayers and they prepare in the upcoming week to be initiated into our glorious and holy Church! The following will be initiated into the Church during the Easter Vigil Mass:

Michelle Morlen
Aaron Wissinger
James Wyant

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS EASTER SUNDAY

First Reading

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 3:1-4
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.

April 2, Palm Sunday

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS (includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers) Normand Auger, Eileen Bracuti, Stephanie Crews, Emmett Dudley, Kelton Flinn, 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, Fr. Dan Bain, Christine Bentejac, Maureen Bradley, Tom Cassidy, B. Waugh Crigler, Roxanne Crittenden, Virginia Davis, Father Gerald Fogarty, Richard Harmer, Cindy Harris, Sallie Harris, Beth Howard, Andrew Hunt & Family, Anthony & Elizabeth Kapeluch, Kajihara Family, Steve Kirchmeyer, Teena and Raymond Klein, Chris Irwin Krupka, 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 and Family, Joseph Schrank, Yulia Savona, Daniel and Shirley Shifflett, Aiden Smith, The Sullivan Family, Mary Ann Uzzo, Brendan and Maria Walsh, Monica Wadium, Don and 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, Tom Logan, Matthew Mickiewicz, S. Proffitt, M. Rankin, Benjamin Schrank, Elijah Schrank, Jonathan Schrank, and Joey Smith.

**To request Holy Communion or a visit from Father Joseph Mary, or to add or remove a name, please contact the office 434.295.7185
reception@holycomforterparish.org**

2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (*Case for Support Overview*)

CASE ELEMENT	TARGET
<u>2023 Appeal Overall Target</u>	<u>\$3,989,235</u>
Empowering The Next Generation	\$817,056
Providing For Those in Need	\$1,405,000
Strengthening Catholic Communities	\$1,272,179
Building an Effective Annual Appeal	\$495,000



Holy Comforter Parish target is \$25,150 and we will receive 30% of contributions up to that goal and 50% of all contributions over it. All proceeds will be used here for church maintenance.
Please scan the QR code to contribute.

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: We appreciate your generous support to Outreach thought your contribution and donations, especially during Lent. Please leave your food donations in the basket in the Commons by the stairs. Thank you and God Bless! (This USDA pantry institution is an equal opportunity provider.)

THE WORKS OF MERCY MINISTRY invites Holy Comforter's parish in praying the Divine Mercy 9 Day Novena, beginning Good Friday. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is an act of Spiritual Communion and through this chaplet and novena, we obtain forgiveness and intercede for the salvation of souls through Our Lord's infinite mercy. An official Divine Mercy novena pamphlet that will guide you through this novena will be distributed after Mass. For a pamphlet sent to you, please email mercy@holycomforterparish.org w/your address and one will be mailed to you. Please join us. Jesus, I trust in you!

ANNOUNCEMENT

HELP NEEDED OFFERTORY COLLECTION Consider joining our collection counter team! We love our parish and are dedicated to our service. Plenty of street parking is available when we meet at 8 AM on alternating Mondays. Please contact Mary Frances Lilly 434.295.7185 or office@holycomforterparish.org with questions or to volunteer.



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: As we consciously participate with Christ in the Liturgy of Palm Sunday, we walk with Christ through his triumphant entry into Jerusalem and through his passion to Calvary to accomplish his salvific mission. Vincentians seek Christ in the face of our neighbors in need and walk with them in their trials. 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. Your almsgiving helps to prevent evictions, utility disconnections and relieve stress in the hearts of many struggling neighbors. Those we visit share in God's blessings from the charity of our Catholic Community. Thank you. If you would like to help us by joining the Society, please contact us at info@svdph.org or call (434) 226-8022, and we will get back to you. Thank you! God bless you for your prayerful consideration.

JOIN US FOR THE 28TH ANNUAL CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL GALA AUCTION, which will be held on Saturday, April 29 at the Omni Hotel. The Gala Auction is a fabulous evening for the CCS community to come together and support the school! Featuring cocktail hour and a seated dinner, live and silent auctions, and a number of fun raffles, this is our school's biggest fundraising effort each year—you don't want to miss it!

FROM THE PASTOR



THE CLIMAX OF LENT BEFORE THE RESURRECTION

Part VI

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

**"He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows"
Isaiah 53:4**

To benefit from the joy of the resurrection, it is important for us to consider the Passion of Jesus that led to the glorious resurrection. St. Francis de Sales said: ***"I commend earnest mental prayer, especially on the Life and Passion of the Lord. If you contemplate Him frequently in meditation, your whole soul will be filled with him, and you will grow in His likeness and your actions will be molded by Him"* (Introduction to the Devout Life).**

We who are familiar with the Gospels may suffer, at times, from a certain indifference to the sufferings of Christ. We hear the story read each year, have seen many images of the Passion, and as a result of this familiarity, we can fail to allow it to have the proper effect on our lives. But the Passion is real, it happened, and we should give it our full attention. Though it may not be pleasant, on one level, it is an act of love so mysterious that it requires much grace to enable us to penetrate its meaning and significance in our lives. Every scourge, ridicule, nail, and thorn wounded not

only our Lord's body, but it caused excruciating pain to His soul.

Crucifixion was the most cruel and insulting form of execution known in ancient times. A Roman citizen could not be crucified. Death followed after a prolonged agony. At times, the executioners hastened the end of the Crucifixion by breaking the legs of the crucified. From apostolic times till today, there have been many who cannot accept a God made man who died on a piece of timber to save us; the drama of the cross continues to be a ***scandal for the Jews and folly to the gentiles (1 Cor. 1:23)***. There has always been, and there still is today, a temptation to detract from the value of the Cross.

The intimate union of each Christian with his Lord requires a full knowledge of his life and suffering, especially on the Cross. Here the Redemption is accomplished; here one finds the key to suffering in the world; here we learn a little about the malice of sin and the love of God for each man. We do not remain indifferent in front of a crucifix.

We must know that every pain that Jesus endured He took into His Heart and redeemed it, offering it to the Father for the salvation of all. We must see this great mystery of our faith and gaze upon it in awe and holy wonder.

Have you gazed upon the suffering Jesus? Have you allowed yourself to see His pain and His suffering? Have you seen Him endure all in silence and acceptance? Reflect upon this incredible mystery of our faith this week and allow yourself to grow in love and compassion for Him who endured so much for you. Know that His suffering destroyed the effects of sin and transformed suffering itself into the instrument of His Divine Mercy.

Precious Lord, I thank You for Your suffering. For in this act, You took human suffering into Your glorious soul and redeemed it. You endured the effects of my sin and said not a word. Lord, You paid the price for my sins and You did so with perfect love and resolve. Give me the grace, dear Lord, to embrace all that I suffer and to unite it to the redeeming power of Your holy Cross. In that unity, free me from my sins and pour forth Your abundance of Mercy. In you I put my trust...

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