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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 5PM

Sunday 8 :30AM & 11AM

Monday + Friday 12PM

(except First Friday)

Tuesday-Thursday 7AM
First Friday 6PM
Saturday 8AM

ADORATION

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

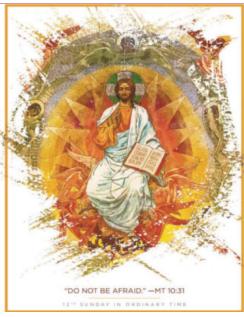
CONFESSION

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

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9AM-4PM

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<u>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> June 25, 2023

That men and women will respond with compassion to the hunger of all people for knowledge of Jesus, by praying to know and be faithful to their vocations in Christ, 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 (6/24)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (6/25) 12th Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Second Collection: Maintenance Fund Altar Flowers donated Anonymously for **Dolores Sullivan and Nancy Vilar**

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Bible Basics for Catholics (LL)

11 AM Mass

4 PM Vespers

MONDAY (6/26)

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (6/27)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (6/28)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (6/29)

7 AM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6:30-8 PM Confession/Adoration

FRIDAY (6/30)

12 PM Mass

4-5:30 PM St John's Bonfire and Vespers (No

Confession)

SATURDAY (7/1)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (7/2) 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers Donations Appreciated

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Bible Basics for Catholics

(LL)

11 AM Mass

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. SUNDAY (6/25) 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 12 PM † Matilda Tinsler already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS Contact the Parish Office 434-295-7185 Reception@holycomforterparish.org

MASS INTENTIONS

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PARISHIONERS

We welcome you to join our Holy Comforter

Parish Family. Registration Forms are in the

Office and on the Commons Credenza.

SATURDAY (6/24)

8 AM Schrank Children and Their **Families**

5 PM † Naomi Wells

8:30 AM Members of the Parish 11 AM Lloyd Thomas Smith, Jr. (Diane Auger Smith)

MONDAY (6/26)

12 PM Holy Comforter Staff

TUESDAY (6/27)

7 AM Gunter Muller Family

WEDNESDAY (6/28)

7 AM Peter and Beth Family

THURSDAY (6/29)

7 AM Steven Musuubire

FRIDAY (6/30)

(DCSC of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity) Deceased Members of the Parish & Benefactors of Holy Comforter

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

7/1 Saint Junipero Serra

7/2 Saint Oliver Plunkett

7/3 Saint Thomas

7/4 Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

7/5 Saint Anthony Zaccaria 7/6 Saint Maria Goretti

7/7 Blessed Emmanuel Ruiz and

Companions

7/8 Saint Gregory Grassi & Companions SUNDAY (7/2) 7/9 Saint Augustin Zhao Rong and

Companions

SATURDAY (7/1)

8 AM Vinklarek Family **5 PM** † Dorothy Littley (Dotty and George Lilly)

8:30 AM Kevin Haag Family 11 AM Members of the Parish

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING JUNE 18, 2023	
Offertory	\$7,452
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$8,500)
Below Weekly Budget	(\$1,048)
Maintenance Funds Receipts to Date	\$6,122.80

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE

ALL MONTH Christian Formation + Haiti + Justice and Peace

6/11/2023 Peter's Pence **6/18/2023** Outreach

6/25/2023 Maintenance Fund

PARISH BUDGET

We will continue our presentation of the parish budget for the upcoming fiscal year with an address from Father Joseph Mary at all Masses this weekend. Copies of the report prepared by our Finance Council Chair, Gary Krutul, are available on the credenza in the Commons.

PLEASE SCAN THIS QR CODE TO SUPPORT HOLY COMFORTER PARISH

And, contributions may be made *anytime* in pew, by mail, or online at:

https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/PS-1665 Thank you!



LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: The Lord is the strength of his people, and the guardian of salvation for his Anointed. Save your people, O Lord, and bless your inheritance; be their guide for ever.

Offertory: 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: That which I tell you in the dark, utter in the light, says the Lord; and that which you hear whispered into your ear, proclaim upon the housetops.

It is not without difficulties that we follow Our Lord Jesus Christ. The first reading highlights Jeremiah's affliction at hearing that his countrymen were waiting for him to stumble and entrap him because they didn't like what he had to say. So, too, do we find ourselves often ridiculed for adhering to seemingly outdated notions of marriage, the value of human life at all its stages, and many other "hot button" topics. Jesus assures us in the Gospel that all things shall be brought to the light and that we will be vindicated. We must therefore persevere in holiness making known His saving teachings as it is permitted us to do so. The Offertory Antiphon becomes very meaningful, then, in its petition to "render secure my footsteps in your paths so that my feet do not slip". We must rely on God because in acknowledging Him before the world, we are contending with powers far greater than ourselves that do not want His message to be heard and embraced. We need not fear, though, because "The Lord is the strength of his people". Stay close to Jesus in the Eucharist, His Mother in the rosary, and keep the faith!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Melínda Wells, Director of Religious Education dre@holycomforterparish.org

Bible Basic for Catholics

Author Dr John Bergsma

NEW START DATE!

Sunday, June 25, 9:45AM-10:45AM (LL)

Our Seminarians, Carl Baumann and Max McHugh will be teaching this Bible study. "It's an authentically Catholic introduction to the "big picture" of salvation history." It's the perfect opportunity to ask your questions and learn more about your Catholic Faith!

Please join us!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a

Hospitality extended to Elisha will be rewarded.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89:2-3,16-19

Sing God's praises forever.

Second Reading

Romans 6:3-4,8-11

Through Christ we are dead to sin but alive in God.

Gospel

Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

<u>PARISHIONERS</u> (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, Ed Shaffrey, Shawn Simpson-Smith, Mae Trentanove, Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklarek, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, Sara Winter, and Charlie Anne Xavier.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Charlotte, Kent and Brittney Anderson, Blandine Attey, Fr. Dan Bain, Christine Benteejac, Maureen Bradley, Florence Cassidy, Tom Cassidy, B. Waugh Crigler, Roxanne Crittenden, Virginia Davis, Arthur Eddleston, Father Gerald Fogarty, Richard Harmer, Cindy Harris, Sallie Harris, Beth Howard, Andrew Hunt & Family, Julie Kajihara & Family, Steve Kirchmeyer, Teena and Raymond Klein, Chris Irwin Krupka, Mike & Sibylle Llewellyn, Shannon and Coty Lockett, Eduardo Mendes and family, Melodie Mougeolle and Children, Mary Mullen, Josephine Nampijja, Aimee Nyriamugisha, Sally Paget-Brown, 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.

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

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. 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. Please join us. We are in urgent need of members who can return phone calls or visit our friends 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.svdp-ht.org, email us at info@svdp-ht.org or call (434) 226-8022, and we will get back to you. Thank you! God bless you for your prayerful consideration.

MINISTRIES

<u>OUTREACH</u>: During the month of May, we handed out **172** food bags to **451** individuals in Food Pantry and we served **323** lunches in Soup Kitchen. We appreciate your generous support to Outreach through your contributions and donations. Many thanks and may God Bless you!

THE WORKS OF MERCY MINISTRY: Our mission is to strengthen our parish community through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. For more information about joining our mission to visit/pray for the ill & recovering, as well as the parish homebound, email Sharon Dudley mercy@holycomforterparish.org.

HAITI: St. Michel school is now in summer recess after a successful school year. The school had a school day outing this year, a first, funded by the tuition charged to parents (\$8-14 USD/yr.). The students went to the Circe La Souce spring. A continuous feed from the spring is used for farming irrigation via aqueducts. These are also the same freshwater springs that pipe water to Saltadare, Circe la Souce and Thomassique. Less than 40% of the students are sponsored. To donate, send a check, memo line 'Haiti Sponsorship,' to Holy Comforter. Full sponsorship of a child is \$150. Thank you and God bless you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND IS SEEKING A DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS MINISTRY to serve the Catholic Campus Ministry communities of Virginia Military Institute and Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA. Qualifications: Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing. For any questions or additional information email Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter jobs@richmonddiocese.org Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and full application at https://bit.ly/3N4tPwl. The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is also seeking a Director of The McMahon Parater Scholarship Foundation and Catholic School Development for the Office of Development. For the full ad and how to apply, please see website; https://bit.ly/45ncRIZ. For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org. CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL is hiring for the 2023-2024 school year. Currently, we are seeking an Elementary Teacher (JK-5th), a full-time Spanish Teacher (capable of teaching Spanish I and II), and a School Counselor. Teacher applicants should have a current Virginia state Teaching License. If you are interested, send resume, Diocesan Application, three letters of reference, and a copy of your teaching license to Charlottesville Catholic School, Attn: Vada Fallica, Principal; 1205 Pen Park Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901 or email her at v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org.

ST. ZELIE'S GROUP NEXT MEETING: Sunday, June 25th 2023 6:30-8pm St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish-Downstairs in Library. A support group for women carrying the invisible cross of miscarriage and stillbirth. For more information and to RSVP Courtney Dickinson (301) 928-7066 or email dickinson.courtney@yahoo.com.

FROM THE PASTOR



IMMERSED IN THE LIFE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Part III

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh" Galatians 5:16

Of all the gifts given to mankind by God, there is none greater than the presence of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit has many functions, roles, and activities. First, He does a work in the hearts of all people everywhere. Jesus told the disciples that He would send the Spirit into the world to "convict the world regarding sin, and righteousness, and judgment" (Jn. 16:8). Everyone has a "God consciousness," whether or not they admit it. The Spirit applies God's truths to people's minds to convince them by fair and sufficient arguments that they are sinners. Responding to that conviction brings us to salvation.

Once we are saved by our baptism and belong to God, the Spirit takes up residence in our hearts forever, sealing us with the confirming, certifying, and assuring pledge of our eternal state as God's children. Jesus said He would send the Spirit to us to be our Helper, Comforter, and Guide. "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever" (Jn. 14:16). St. Paul writing to the Romans says: "You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells

in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him" (Rom. 8:9). No doubt the Holy Spirit takes up permanent residence in the hearts of believers. Jesus gave the Spirit as a "compensation" for His absence, to perform the functions toward us that He would have done if He had remained personally with us.

Among those functions is that of revealer of truth. The Spirit's presence within us enables us to understand and interpret God's Word. Jesus told His disciples that "when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will quide you into all truth" (Jn.16:13). He reveals to our minds the whole counsel of God as it relates to worship, doctrine, and Christian living. He is the ultimate guide, going before, leading the way, removing obstructions, opening the understanding, and making all things plain and clear. He leads in the way we should go in all spiritual things. Without such a guide, we would invariably fall into error. A crucial part of the truth He reveals is that Jesus is who He said He is; "When the Advocate comes whom I will send* you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me. And you also testify because you have been with me from the beginning" (Jn. 15:26-27). The Spirit convinces us of Christ's deity and incarnation, His being the Messiah, His suffering and death, His resurrection and ascension, His exaltation at the right hand of God, and His role as the judge of all. He gives glory to Christ in all things (Jn. 16:14).

Another one of the Holy Spirit's roles is that of gift-giver. St. Paul describes the spiritual gifts given to believers in order that we may function as the body of Christ on earth (1 Corinthians 2). All these gifts, both great and small, are given by the Spirit so that we may be His ambassadors to the world, showing forth His grace and glorifying Him. The Spirit also functions as fruit-producer in our lives. When He indwells us, He begins the work of harvesting His fruit in our lives—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23). These are not works of our flesh, which is incapable of producing such fruit, but they are products of the Spirit's presence in our lives.

The knowledge that the Holy Spirit of God has taken up residence in our lives, that He performs all these miraculous functions, that He dwells with us forever, and that He will never leave or forsake us is cause for great joy and comfort. It is also a great motivation to live by this precious gift—the Holy Spirit and His work in our lives to be witnesses of his Gifts and Fruits. *To be continued...*

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