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Saturday Vigil 5PM
Sunday 8:30AM & 11AM
Monday + Friday 12PM
(except First Friday)
Tuesday-Thursday * 7AM
First Friday 6PM
*Daily Mass at 12 PM through Sept.10
Saturday 8AM

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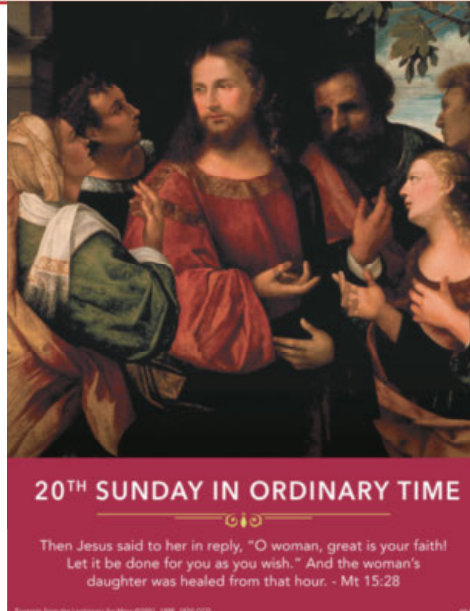
Thursday 7PM-8PM
First Friday 7PM-8PM

CONFESSION *

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6:30-7:30PM
Thursday 6:30-8PM
First Friday 7:30PM
Sunday 1:30PM
*Confession Saturdays at 4:00PM through September 10

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9AM-4PM
Please Send Bulletin Submissions
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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 20, 2023

For all those who are troubled in the discernment of their vocation, that they will be blessed by the Holy Spirit with encouragement, insight and the grace of perseverance, 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 (8/19)

4 PM Confessions

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (8/20) Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers are donated by Rob and Linda Tylka in honor of Father Joseph Mary

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

4 PM Vespers

Christian Formation & Sacramental Preparation Registration on RE Table

MONDAY (8/21)

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

TUESDAY (8/22)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

WEDNESDAY (8/23)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

THURSDAY (8/24)

12 PM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

7-8 PM Holy Hour

FRIDAY (8/25)

12 PM Mass

SATURDAY (8/26)

4 PM Confessions

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (8/27) Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers are donated by Brian and Heidi Hess in Honor of their Wedding Anniversary

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

Following Mass Walking with Moms Pro-life Meeting (LL)

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.

8/22 Queenship of the BVM

8/23 Saint Rose of Lima

8/24 Saint Bartholomew

8/25 Saint Louis of France

8/26 Saint Joseph of Calasanz

8/27 Saint Monica

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 (8/19)

5 PM † Justin Tooley

SUNDAY (8/20)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM Rosita Bean (Stelow Family)

MONDAY (8/21)

12 PM † Marguerite Lilly
(Dotty and George Lilly)

TUESDAY (8/22)

12 PM Jean Andrus (Heide Hess)
Sr. Mary Therese

WEDNESDAY (8/23)

12 PM Gwendolyn Hess (Heide Hess)

THURSDAY (8/24)

12 PM Holly Owens (Peter Sacco)

FRIDAY (8/25)

12 PM Deceased Members of the Parish
and Benefactors of Holy Comforter

SATURDAY (8/26)

5 PM Alice Gordon
Pender O'Shea

SUNDAY (8/27)

8:30 AM † Deborah and Wayne Okada
(Mel Crews)

11 AM Members of the Parish

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

8/19 Saint John Eudes

8/20 Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

8/21 Saint Pius X

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING AUGUST 13, 2023

Offertory	\$7,689
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,750)
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$1,061)</i>

OFFERTORY

In June, Father Joseph Mary and the leaders of our Finance and Pastoral Councils presented the financial needs of our parish. Our operating costs rose significantly during the past fiscal year and at the same time our Offertory income fell short of expectations by approximately 3%. Since July 1st it has been necessary for us to withdraw savings to meet our monthly obligations. Please consider increasing your financial support of our Parish which will provide tremendous assistance to our overall Parish operations and to the good works of our ministries. Please visit <https://holycomforterparish.org/online-giving/> for the **Online Giving** link or **scan the QR code to support Holy Comforter Parish! THANK YOU!!**

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST

ALL MONTH	Christian Formation + Haiti + Justice and Peace
8/13/2023	Outreach
8/27/2023	Maintenance Fund



LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Behold, O God our protector, and consider the face of your Anointed; for one day in your house is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Offertory: The Angel of the Lord shall encamp round about those who fear him and shall deliver them; taste and see how good the Lord is.

Communion: My house will be called a house of prayer, says the Lord; everyone who asks here, will receive, and he who seeks will find, and to him who knocks, it will be opened.

Faith is the gateway to a fruitful spiritual life – to everything, really. The faith of the Canaanite woman overcame the obstacle of her nationality ("I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel"). There are many such stories with both Jews and Gentiles. We can only receive with the measure that we believe. When the Communion Antiphon proclaims to us Christ's promise that "everyone who asks[...]will receive, and he who seeks will find", it means to say that our asking and seeking needs to come from a place of true prayer, from a real desire to better know and love God. Such a disposition often needs to be tested to prove its genuineness. Let us persevere in prayer with the knowledge that God knows our deepest desires even before we speak them and wishes to bless us superabundantly.

Jesus, I Trust in You!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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CHRISTIAN FORMATION AND SACRAMENTS PREPARATION

REGISTRATION FORMS ON RE TABLE IN THE COMMONS!

Please sign your children up for the opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith. First Sacraments and Confirmation will be during Christian Formation as well. Registration Forms are on the Religious Education Table in the Commons area. Holy Comforter's Christian Formation & Sacramental Preparation will begin Sept. 10, Sunday, 9:45-10:45 AM on the Lower Level.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading *Isaiah 22:19-23*

God will remove Shebna from his office as master of the palace.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 138:1-3,6,8

God's kindness is forever.

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

Paul sings praise to God

Gospel Reading *Matthew 16:13-20*

Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

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, 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, Florence Cassidy, Tom Cassidy, B. Waugh Crigler, Roxanne Crittenden, Virginia Davis, Hung Dinh, Arthur Eddleston, Father Gerald Fogarty, Richard Harmer, Cindy Harris, Sallie Harris, Beth Howard, Andrew Hunt & Family, Julie Kajihara & Family, 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

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: During the month of July, we handed out **141** food bags to **376** individuals in Food Pantry and served **333** lunches during Soup Kitchen. We appreciate your generous support of Outreach through your contributions and donations. Many thanks and God Bless! This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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

WALKING WITH MOMS: Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our community. As Pope Francis reminds us, parishes like ours need to be "islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference." Father Joseph Mary has asked that we as a parish consider joining a nationwide effort created by the Conference of Catholic Bishops and adopted by our diocese named: "*Walking with Moms in Need*." As part of this initiative our parish will undertake a year-long process to assess, expand, and better communicate resources to pregnant moms and families in our local community. We hope to incorporate the work began last year as Project Gabriel, and to include in the program an opportunity for parishioners to serve as *Gabriel Angels*, working with pregnant women who need loving support along their journey to motherhood. We invite all parishioners to join us as we embark on this journey together. Our initial organizational meeting will be held after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday August 27, 2023 in the LL conference room. For more information, and updates, please contact: Garrett Smith, 434-960-7775, gsmith@garrettsmithlaw.com. To learn more information about the nationwide initiative, please go to www.walkingwithmoms.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATHOLIC INVESTMENTS FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASSET ADVISORS' ADVISORY SERVICES: Learn more about our faith-based investments at our upcoming *Catholic Financial Planning Seminar and Social*. August 24, 2023 6:30-8:30 p.m. St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church 401 Alderman Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903 RSVP free but required: abbatekofc.com/events 1-866-868-1492 The Abbate Agency.

READING GROUPS ON THE EUCHARIST AND DANTE: The *Treasures of the Tradition* program, sponsored by RE Adult Formation, offers two discussion groups starting in September:

- (1) The Eucharist Through the Centuries: In line with this year of Eucharistic revival, come read what Scripture, church fathers, and spiritual writers across the ages have taught. Every other week.
- (2) Dante's Divine Comedy: Join companions on a potentially soul-changing journey through Dante's whole wonderful cosmos. Weekly. Groups meet online, and everyone's first session is free, with reasonable rates (sliding scale) thereafter. More info at TheTreasures.org. Groups forming now, schedule TBD by participant needs, so write bugbee@thetreasures.org ASAP to express interest!

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF LITURGY & MUSIC



EUCCHARISTIC MUSINGS

PART II

Daniel Kirkland

As we enter into the second year of the Eucharistic Revival, which is focused on renewed devotion to the Eucharist at the parish level, it is important to consider a Latin phrase that is popular in theological circles but is also quite practical: *Lex orandi lex credendi*. The law of prayer is the law of belief, or in other words – our (public) prayer affects our belief. This is especially true regarding the Eucharist.

Think about it. If we approach Mass in a casual manner both in how we prepare ourselves and in the liturgical choices we make, there is a grave danger that our belief in the Eucharist will be undermined. The Pew Research Center did a study in February 2019 that indicated *only 31% of Catholics in this country believe that the bread and wine used at Mass become the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ*. The rest believe that the Eucharistic bread and wine are merely symbolic. Why is this the case? While there is no simple answer, I would venture to say that liturgical practices played a significant role based on the aforementioned Latin phrase.

Eucharistic renewal, then, goes hand-in-hand with liturgical renewal. This renewal must begin with the *experience* of the sacred. Fr. Robert Skeris, a great liturgical scholar and musician, very interestingly described religion as **“perception of the fundamental lack of symmetry between the Divine and the Human, as well as the possible establishment of a peaceful relationship between both which is included in that perception.”** We must experience God in His transcendence if we are to appreciate His infinite condescension to our human state and savor the intimacy of His Presence in the Eucharist, all of which lead us to true worship.

How do we rediscover this “sense of the sacred”? We must start by embracing our Catholicism. To be Catholic is to be rooted in history and tradition. Continuity with our past is essential to the preservation of our beliefs because the Church has always viewed the Liturgy as an expression of apostolic faith. Any changes made to our worship should be careful and modest. The Vatican Council sought exactly to do that!

Sacrosanctum Concilium, the Council’s document on the Liturgy, establishes many useful principles for true reform, one of the most important being the education of the Faithful to promote the exterior and interior active participation that is so essential to fruitful worship. In short, our experience of the sacred needs to be rooted in our greater understanding and embracing of our Roman tradition, which has a sacred language – Latin (SC 36§1)– and a sacred music – Gregorian Chant (SC 116). The document leaves many other things unchanged such as *ad orientem* (“toward the east”) worship, with the priest and people both oriented toward the Eucharist, and altar rails, which highlight the wedding banquet of the Lamb where heaven and earth meet.

All these practices endured through the centuries because they helped the Faithful experience that asymmetry between God and Man. The centrality of the Eucharist in our worship cannot be overemphasized because it is the Second Person of the Trinity Who is made present in the Sacrament. If we convince ourselves that God is satisfied with mediocrity in our worship, it becomes easy to trivialize the Divine Presence and undermine our ability to be grateful, which leads us to forget the Gift that was given for our salvation and its great cost.

Let us, then, approach Holy Mass with a renewed sense of awe at the supreme selflessness of Christ in pouring Himself out to save us from sin and death and His incredible vulnerability in choosing to remain with us in the world under the hidden forms of bread and wine. St. Thomas Aquinas beautifully spoke of the Real Presence in a hymn: “Truth Himself speaks truly; else nothing is true.”

Should you have any questions about our Catholic Faith, please send them to Melinda Wells, DRE, dre@holycorforterparish.org.

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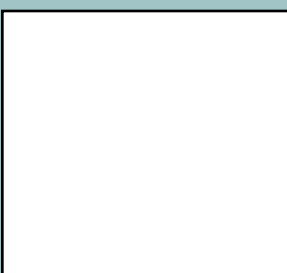
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