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2023**

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MASS TIMES

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

ADORATION

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

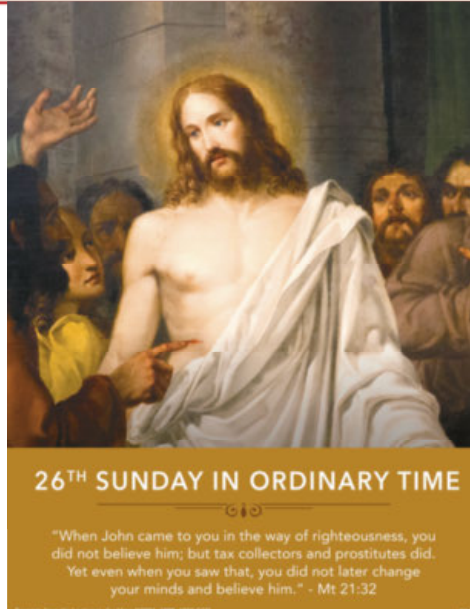
CONFESSION

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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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

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Food Pantry: Mon, Tue & Wed
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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 1, 2023

For the graces of clarity and active response in the discernment of our Heavenly Father's will for all those considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, 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 (9/30)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (10/1) Twenty-Sixth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

2nd Collection-Learn to Lead (Catholic Schools)

Altar Flowers donations appreciated

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:30-1:30 PM RCIA

4 PM Vespers

4:30 PM Youth Group

MONDAY (10/2)

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (10/3)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (10/4)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

7 PM Choir

THURSDAY (10/5)

7 AM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6:30 PM Confession

7-8 PM Holy Hour

FRIDAY (10/6) FIRST FRIDAY

9-11:30 AM Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op

6 PM Mass

7-8 PM Confession & Adoration

SATURDAY (10/7)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (10/8) Twenty-Seventh Sunday

in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection-Outreach

Altar Flowers donated Anonymously

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12 PM Rosary Procession

12:30-1:30 PM RCIA

4 PM Vespers

4:30 PM Youth Group

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.

10/3 Saint Theodora Guerin

10/4 Saint Francis of Assisi

10/5 Saint Maria Faustina Kowalski

10/6 Saint Bruno

10/7 Our Lady of the Rosary

10/8 Saint John Leonardi

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@holyccomforterparish.org

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY (9/30)

8 AM † Sean Barber (Gail Barber)

5 PM † Jane Till Danilek

† John Berg

(Mary Frances Lilly and Family)

SUNDAY (10/1)

8:30 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM † Dorothy (Fr. Joseph Mary)

MONDAY (10/2)

12 PM Marta Daley (Stelow Family)

David Marinaccio and Elizabeth Marinaccio
(Barnes Family)

TUESDAY 10/3)

7 AM Lucy Taylor and Family (Lena Anderson)

WEDNESDAY (10/4)

7 AM Vincent Musubire (Father Joseph Mary)

THURSDAY (10/5)

7 AM † Dorothy (Father Joseph Mary)

FRIDAY (10/6)

6 PM Roxie Huyett (Stelow Family)

† Don Kay (Mary Frances Lilly and Family)

SATURDAY (10/7)

8 AM † Taddeus and Roza (Father Joseph Mary)

5 PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (10/8)

8:30 AM Kevin Haag (Father Joseph Mary)

11 AM † Richard Nordin, Sr. (Richard Nordin, Jr.)

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

9/30 Saint Jerome

10/1 Saint Therese of Lisieux

10/2 Feast of the Guardian Angels

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

Offertory	\$6,312
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,750)
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$2,438)</i>

eGIVING

Through our secure **Online Giving** program, you can set up recurring or one-time gifts for our Offertory, our parish ministries, and for all Diocesan and National collections. Please **click or scan the Online Giving QR code** to be directed to our giving portal. Thank you for your support of Holy Comforter!



SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

10/1/2023	<i>Learn to Lead</i> Special Collection for Catholic Schools
10/8/2023	Outreach
10/22/2023	World Mission Sunday
10/29/2023	Maintenance Fund

This weekend we will participate in the *Learn to Lead* Special Collection for our Diocesan Catholic Schools. Proceeds will fund local priorities at our 23 schools, enhance financial aid, and develop outstanding teachers. Giving envelopes are available in the Commons. For more information, or to make a secure online gift now, please visit learntoleadcampaign.org. Thank you!

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: At the name of the Lord let every knee bend, in heaven, on earth and under the earth; for the Lord became obedient unto death, even death on the Cross; that is why Jesus Christ is the Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Offertory: Upon the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down and we wept, as we remembered you, O Zion.

Communion: Be mindful of your word to your servant, O Lord, in which you caused me to hope; this has been my comfort in my affliction. *The Entrance Antiphon for this Sunday crowns the entire month of September, which was dedicated to the Holy Cross and Our Lady of Sorrows. It was Christ's obedience unto death on the Cross that led to our redemption from the powers of hell. This idea of obedience is highlighted in the Gospel as well. At the same time, we see God's mercy at work because the disobedient son eventually did reconsider his actions and accomplished the will of his father. This should give us great consolation because our obedience to the Father isn't always easy; His mercy is the "word to your servant" that causes us to hope amidst our afflictions. As we wrap up the month of the Cross and enter the month dedicated to the Rosary, let us reflect on the need to take up our daily crosses and follow our Lord to Calvary where we shall die to self and learn to live for others. Here will we find our true happiness that will be a foretaste of the end of our exile in this valley of tears. Hail, faithful Cross!*

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

- ♦ **CF PARENT MEETING CHANGE:** October 1, 9:45AM Lower Level
- ♦ **CF PARENT/CHILD CLASS:** OCTOBER 22, SUNDAY 9:45-10:45AM
Blessed Carlo Acutis Talk and Relic Exhibit Lower Level

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT Oct. 20-22 - SAVE THE DATE! Your Parish Council, responding to Father's desire to deepen our knowledge of, and love for Christ in the Eucharist, will present a display on Eucharistic Miracles of the World, compiled by Blessed Carlo Acutis. **A first class relic of Blessed Carlo will also be available for veneration.** Details to follow. For info contact John Allison, johncatworth@yahoo.com see this article: <https://www.catholicherald.com/article/local/eucharistic-miracles-of-the-world-exhibition-starts-may-13/>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading *Isaiah 5:1-7*

The Lord compares the house of Israel to a vineyard.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 80:9,12-16,19-20

The Lord protects his vineyard, the house of Israel.

Second Reading *Philippians 4:6-9*

Paul encourages the Philippians to stay faithful to the teaching they received from him.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 21:33-43*

Jesus tells the parable about the wicked tenants.

October 1, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS (includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers) 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, Leroy Anderson and Felicia Anderson, Blandine Attey, Fr. Dan Bain, Christine Bentejac, Maureen Bradley, B. Vaughn 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, Betty and Tony Kapeluch, 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, Paul and Meghan Thoms, Mary Ann Uzzo, Brendan and Maria Walsh, 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 or reception@holycomforterparish.org



Thank you to everyone who helped by supporting us and participated in our 4th annual Friends of the Poor Walk. With your support and generous donations, we help our neighbors in need. Together, we share our love for our neighbors, and help the poor and hungry in our community. You are making a difference for those whose lives are defined by their struggles. We pray with those we visit and those we visit share in God's blessings from the charity of our Catholic Community. You are in our prayers. God bless you! If you would like to help, please join us at 7 pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month at the Church of the Incarnation. For more information, please visit our website at www.svdhp-ht.org or email us at info@svdp-ht.org. Thank you

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: During the month of August the need has continued to increase. We handed out 166 food bags to 403 individuals in the Food Pantry and served 483 lunches during Soup Kitchen. We appreciate your generous support of Outreach through your contributions and donations. Many thanks and Blessings! This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

PARISH LIFE: SAVE THE DATE: Our **Annual Ministry Fair** will take place **October 14-15** after all Masses. *Please visit the Ministry tables in the Commons to see how you can share your God-given talents with others.*

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 parish homebound.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: will be present at the Ministry Fair following each of the October 15 Masses. For information about our ministry, please contact Garrett Smith at (434) 960-7775 or gsmith@garrettsmithlaw.com. For general information please visit www.walkingwithmoms.com.

HAITI: The **HOPE FOR HAITI** Golf Tournament is Tuesday, May 26. You can still register to play or walk on before tee time. Contact Dan at DMW9V@uvahealth.org or 434-243-6047 or use Parish Giving. This is open to all including friends and neighbors. God bless and keep St. Michel, Saltadere, & Haiti in your prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPACT: An interfaith Movement Promoting Action by Congregations Together - will be holding listening sessions as an introduction to this social justice organization. Their will be an in-person meeting on Sunday, October 1, following the 11a.m. Mass at Holy Comforter (lower level) and again at 3PM, at Holy Comforter (lower level). The last session will be Monday, Oct 2 at 6 p.m. at Holy Comforter (lower level). Refreshments will be served. If you are interested in attending any of these sessions, please contact IMPACT team member Suzanne Bailey, (434) 326-3166, or slank@ntelos.net

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FROM THE PASTOR



THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY The TABERNACLE

PART II

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

“For he has regarded the lowliness of his Maidservant, for behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.”

Luke 1:48

The dignity that Mary has is because of the ONE SHE BROUGHT FORTH: our Lord Jesus, the SON of GOD, whom neither anybody nor anything can contain. The Blessed Virgin Mary, conscious of such an overwhelming honor, burst into the song known as “The Magnificat”. This Magnificat as we have it in Luke 1, speaks of the spirit and the power of God. In this canticle, Mary speaks of how her soul magnifies the Lord and how God regarded His lowly maidservant. She informs us that generations to come will call her blessed. Upon visiting her cousin Elizabeth, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit in the presence of this “Tabernacle” and exclaimed with a loud cry, **“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”**

The late Pope Benedict XVI explains that **“Mary bears him in her womb as in a sacred tabernacle and offers him as the greatest gift to Zechariah, to Elizabeth, his wife, and also to John the Baptist, the infant developing in Eliza-**

beth’s womb”. Archbishop Fulton Sheen said that Mary was the first person who received Holy Communion. At the annunciation, Mary said, **“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word”** (Lk. 1:38). Immediately, **“the Word was made flesh and tabernacle within Mary.”** Therefore, **“Mary is the tabernacle of the Lord.”** Sheen also took the event of Mary’s visit to Elizabeth to explain that John the Baptist jumped in his mother’s womb when he met Jesus in Mary’s womb, which means John worshiped **“the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, he encountered in the ‘Tabernacle’ Mary”**.

We should stop right here and stand in awe. She is the tabernacle not made with human hands but by the hand of God to host the Son of God. Scriptures tell us that Mary is blessed among women. She found favor with God. Indeed, she is highly favored. That these things be said of us! Because of the high honor God grants to Mary, He chooses her to conceive the **“Son of the Highest”**, the inheritor of the **“throne of his father David”**, the One who shall **“reign over the house of Jacob forever”**, and of Whose kingdom **“there shall be no end”** (Lk.1:32-33). As we do so, we must, with the generations before us and the generations to come, indeed call her blessed, for she was blessed to be the bearer of Christ. Because of this, she understands the personal intimacy that is God’s love for His people in a way the rest of us can only wonder at—as a Son to His mother.

It is further noted in the Magnificat that Mary prophetically proclaims: **“from this day all generations shall call me blessed”**. This prophecy is indeed fulfilled in the liturgy and in the prayers of the Catholic Church which honors Our Lady with feasts and shrines and special devotions. However, while we venerate Mary, we worship **“The Fruit of thy womb” Jesus**. Indeed, from the mouth of the Angel Gabriel she is “full of grace”. So, our veneration of Mary is well placed because it leads us to intimate union with the One who is found in her.

To be continued...

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