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Saturday Vigil	5 PM
Sunday	8:30 AM & 11 AM
Monday + Friday	12 PM
<i>(except First Friday)</i>	
Tuesday-Wednesday	8AM
Thursday + First Friday	6 PM
Saturday	8 AM

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Thursday	7-8 PM
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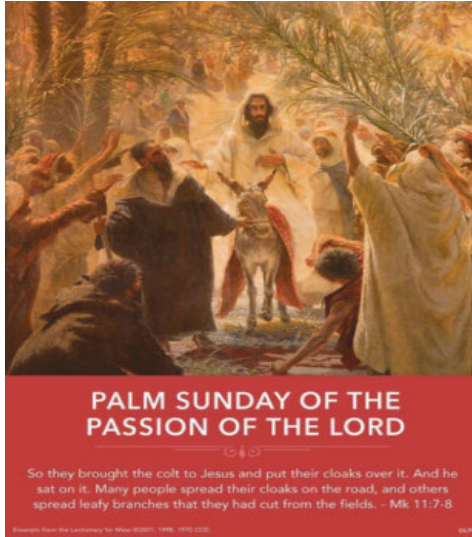
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT: We, the members of Holy Comforter Parish, united in faith by God, nourished by Jesus through the Word and the Eucharist, and guided by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, believe that we are called to worship, formation, service, and evangelization within our parish, our local communities, and all those in need.

PRAYER & WORSHIP



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (3/23)

8 AM Mass
8AM-1PM Confirmation Retreat
5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (3/24) PALM SUNDAY

8:30 AM Mass
9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation
(The Lord's Supper Play-1st 1/2 of CF)
11:00 AM Mass
12:30 PM RCIA
5PM Seven Last Words Concert
Reception to Follow

MONDAY (3/25)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry
12 PM Mass
6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (3/26)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry
8AM Mass

WEDNESDAY (3/27)

8 AM Mass
10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry
6:30-7:30 PM Confession

7 PM Choir

THURSDAY (3/28) HOLY THURSDAY

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen
7 PM Mass
Adoration following Mass until
Midnight

FRIDAY (3/29) GOOD FRIDAY

Day of Abstinence & Fasting
12 PM Stations of the Cross
3 PM Passion Liturgy
6PM Confession

SATURDAY (3/30) HOLY SATURDAY

8 AM Tenebrae
8 PM Easter Vigil Mass
Parish Reception for Newly Initiated,
Brian Hess.

SUNDAY (3/31) EASTER SUNDAY

9 AM Mass
11:00 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 (3x) 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

3/27 Saint Gregory of Narek

3/28 Saint Catherine of Bologna

3/29 Saint Ludovico of Casoria

3/30 Saint Peter Regalado

3/13 Saint Stephen of Mar Saba

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 (3/23)

8 AM Benefactors of the Parish
(Fr. Joseph Mary)
Holy Comforter's HS Confirmands
5 PM † Arthur Eddleston
(Sherry Schemmel)

SUNDAY (3/24)

8:30 AM † Jane Till Danilek
11 AM Members of the Parish

MONDAY (3/25)

12 PM George Lilly (Lilly Family)
† Helen Savino (Patricia McAdams)

TUESDAY (3/26)

8 AM † Normand Auger (Therese Auger)
Debra Dansey (Debra Dansey)

WEDNESDAY (3/27)

8 Am Coby Savone
(Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklarek)

THURSDAY (3/28)

7 PM Holy Comforter Parishioners

FRIDAY (3/29)

NO MASS

SATURDAY (3/30)

8 PM Ill & Homebound
Members of the Parish
Brian Hess (RCIA Catechists and Parish)

SUNDAY (3/31)

9 AM John Daffy and His Family
(Fr Joseph Mary)
11 AM Lee Faust and Family
(Fr Joseph Mary)

SAINTS OF GOD

3/23 Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo

3/24 Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero

3/25 Annunciation of the Lord

3/26 Saint Catherine of Genoa

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING MARCH 17, 2024

Offertory	\$12,733
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,750)
Above Weekly Budget	\$3,983

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

3/10/2024 Catholic Relief Services


3/17/2024 Outreach

3/24/2024 Maintenance Fund

3/28/2024 Holy Thursday (for our Seminarians)

3/29/2024 Good Friday (for the Holy Land)

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!

2024 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL:

Sharing His Love with Others

The 2024 Appeal will provide critical funding to three key areas of our Diocesan Church: *Empowering the Next Generation, Providing for Those in Need, and Strengthening Catholic Communities.*

Our Outreach Ministry has benefited directly from the Appeal through a Fuel and Hunger Grant, and we receive back a portion of all funds collected. Our goal this year is to raise \$25,200, and our parish share will be used for church repairs and maintenance. Brochures are available in the Church and the Commons, or scan the QR code here to contribute now.



Your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal Provides for those in Need

Scan to donate or visit RichmondCatholicFoundation.org/Appeal



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.

The final verse of the hymn O, Come and Mourn with Me Awhile (#688 in the St. Jean de Brebeuf hymnal) beautifully captures the essence of Palm Sunday. "O love of God! O sin of man! In this dread act your strength is tried". Our Lord Jesus Christ this week goes to battle with the powers of hell for each and every soul that has been and ever will be created in the image and likeness of God. The depth of His love for us is partially illuminated by the Offertory Antiphon, which highlights the indescribable pain of suffering meeting indifference. Not only was our Lord fighting the hatred of hell and man, He was contending with the reality that those beloved souls for whom He paid so high a price simply wouldn't care. It was because of this profound lukewarmness on the part of many that He asked His Father to let the cup "pass away" from Him if possible. Even in the face of such resistance, though, His love was stronger than our weakness. Let us examine our consciences this week and place those weaknesses of ours before the Throne of Mercy, asking Him to kindle in us the fires of Divine Love through a greater awareness of our profound need for a Savior. Hosanna to the Son of David, our Redeemer!
Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Religious Education March Calendar

- March 23, Saturday, 8AM-1PM: High School Confirmation Retreat
- March 24, 9:45-10:45AM (1st half of CF) Last Supper Play (LL)
Everyone is invited to attend this wonderful reenactment of the Last Supper by Holy Comforter's First Sacrament Children & Volunteers.

Please continue to pray for our RCIA Elect, Brian Hess and Sydney Tapscott, our First Sacraments children and our High School Confirmation class.

The U.S. Bishops have offered a *novena* called the "*Spark Series*," **nine days of prayer. Father Joseph Mary will offering a prayer of consecration at all Palm Sunday Masses.**

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.

March 24, Palm Sunday

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS

(Includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers.)

Ann Carothers, Sharon Dudley, Kelton Flinn, Erin Ferguson, Eileen Foster, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Barbara Isak, Ann Jackson, Mary Nguyen, Ed Shaffrey, Shawn Simpson-Smith, Mae Trentanove, Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklerek, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, Sara Winter, Charlie Anne Xavier and family, and Mary Ann Ziminski.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Blanding Attey, Ben and Katherine Barahona, Mary Benfante, Christine Bentejac, Hope Brown, Max and Hadley Burch, Cora, Mary Caretti, Stephanie Crews, Jimmy Dominguez, Fr. Gerald Fogarty, Sue Gilbert, Genevieve Halfen, Kajihara Family, Betty & Tony Kapeluch, Joan Lincks, Mike & Sibylle Llewellyn, Shannon and Coty Lockett, Michael McNeil, Melodie Mougeolle and Children, Robert Maute, Lia Thoms Price and Family, Randall Saathoff and Family, Matthew Schrank and Family, David Shrank and Family, Joseph Schrank and Family, Yulia Savona, Aiden Smith, Paul and Meghan Thoms, Scotty Thoms, Brendan and Maria Walsh, Don and Lisa Wells, and Mary Ann Uzzo.

MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

Matthew Mickiewicz, Benjamin Schrank, Elijah Schrank, Jonathan Schrank, and Joey Smith.

HOLY COMFORTER BULLETIN PRAYER LIST: *In an effort to maintain the prayer lists and ensure they are current, the lists will be cleared once per quarter.* If you would like your family member, or fellow parishioner added (back) to the prayer list, please email the Works of Mercy ministry at mercy@holycomforterparish.org or please call the church office at 434-295-7185.

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



Palm Sunday is an excellent time to begin thinking about how you would like to support the St Vincent de Paul Society for our Eastertide campaign.

However, your time and talents are also most welcome. There are various ways you can help; you could talk to our friends in need on the phone or visit them in their homes with another Vincentian teammate. We would also welcome anyone interested in fundraising, writing, or sorting clothes for the Thrift Store. Come experience the gratitude and grace of helping those in our community. meet at 7 pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month at the Church of the Incarnation. Our next meeting is April 2nd in the Conference Room 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 or email us at info@svdp-ht.org Thank you!

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: During the month of February, the Food Pantry gave out 187 food bags to 432 individuals. We served 379 sit down meals inside for Soup Kitchen. We appreciate your continued support and through your contributions and donations to Outreach. Thank you and have a blessed Holy Week. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

PARISH LIFE: Please rsvp in flocknote. Would you like to be more involved in the community life of Holy Comforter's Parish?

Consider joining Holy Comforter's Parish Life Ministry! Email Elizabeth Gilbert, Elizgilbert@gmail.com

WORKS OF MERCY: *We are looking for 2 individuals to bring communion to people in hospitals, nursing homes, or other residences.* If interested, email mercy@holycomforterparish.org.

ACT OF MERCY: *Don Burch, a longtime parishioner, departed this life on March 10, 2024. Please pray for his eternal rest in God's abode. Funeral services will be private.*

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED MINISTRY: Walking With Moms In Need reminds you if you took home a LifeSpring baby bottle, to be generous. We have already returned several full bottles.

Bottles may be returned in the Commons after Mass on Easter Sunday or on the following Sunday. A few extra bottles are available in the Commons if you missed picking one up earlier.

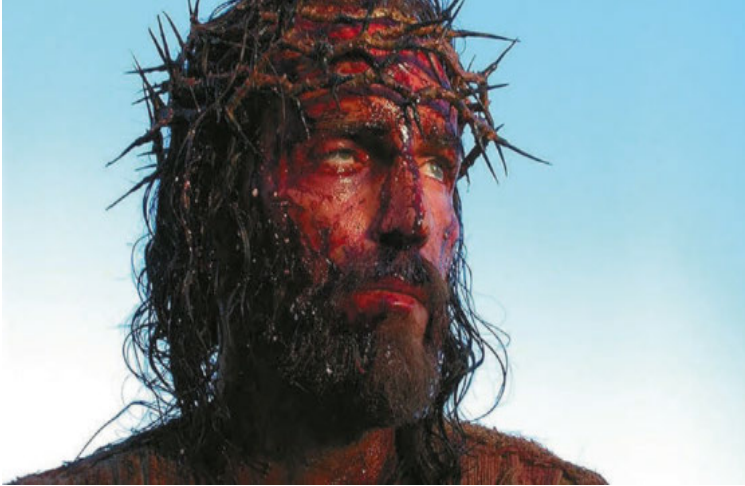
HAITI: Hope for Haiti Golf Tournament: May 16 is the 4th annual golf tournament. We will need volunteers on the day of the event and in the days ahead to recruit old/new sponsors. We ALSO need golfers! To join the planning committee, please contact Dan Wassilchalk at dmw9v@uvahealth.org. Father Aysmith and the parish of St. Michel, thank you. **St. Michel School** serves 600+ students from pre-K to HS completion. Sponsorships are \$150 per year. There are about 130 unsponsored students. Please remember to keep Joan McDonald and Msgr. Dumas in your prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOB OPENINGS AT CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

Charlottesville Catholic School is seeking the following for the 2024-2025 school year: Elementary Teacher (JK-5) and a Part-Time Elementary Spanish Teacher. Please 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 via email to v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org. CCS is looking for summer maintenance help. Duties would include (but are not limited to) painting and moving classroom furniture. If you are interested in this position, please contact Frank Murphy, Business Manager, by email at f.murphy@cvillecatholic.org, or call 434-964-0400.

FROM THE PASTOR



CLOSE YOUR EYES AND OPEN YOUR EARS TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Part XII

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed”
Isaiah 53:5

As the Passion approaches, I find myself visiting the Book of Psalms, that ocean of solace and poetry and one of the great gifts of God to humanity. It is a book with as wide a range of expressions as you can find in any work of art; whatever mood you are in and whatever the occasion, you can find a psalm for it. *The psalms offer themselves as a constant companion through life, anticipating and giving voice to every spiritual concern we may have. They contain a world of thought and feeling, imagery and lyricism. And they supply the profoundest substance to all those of us who need material for our prayer or who don't always pray as readily as we ought. There are a few psalms that provide a feeling to the agony of Jesus as he was going through his passion to the crucifixion.* Psalm 31 is one of three psalms that appear prominently in the story of Jesus' passion. For the Gospel writers this psalm, along with Psalms 22 and 69, seems to have expressed better than any other passages the nature of Jesus' suffering and his emotional turmoil while being rejected, betrayed, and crucified.

Psalm 31 appears explicitly only one time, in Luke 23:46 when Jesus quotes verse 5a, **“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”** But the entire psalm provides appropriate environment for Jesus' passion. The psalm is a prayer by one who suffers

unjustly and, in that suffering, puts complete trust in God.

Psalm 31:9-16 is chosen as a lectionary reading for the Sunday of the Passion, the beginning of Holy Week. It is appropriately paired with Isaiah 50:4-9a, which gives testimony to the suffering of God's servant. Like the servant in the Isaiah passage, the psalmist in Psalm 31:9-16 reports that he or she trusts completely in God yet is rejected by the people. This combination of trust and rejection makes the passage well-suited for Passion Sunday.

This section of Psalm 31 begins and ends with petitions for God's favor and protection. Verse 9 opens with a cry to God to be gracious **“for I am in distress.”** The word for distress is a general term that may apply to many circumstances. Verses 9b-10 then gives a litany of symptoms of this distress that suggests sickness, depression, and perhaps persecution. This mixture of references is typical of psalms in which the psalmist petitions God for help. If the reader desires to know the exact situation of the psalmist such inexact language may be frustrating. But if the reader wishes to identify with the psalmist and to use the words of the psalm to lift his or her circumstances to God in prayer, the openness of the language may be a welcomed feature.

The psalmist is overtaken with the forces of death that rack the body and spirit and allows enemies to have their way. Thus, the psalmist asks God to intervene and transform the situation (“deliver me,” verse 15). Second, the psalmist seems to assume this is a problem for God and that the very fact of the psalmist's distress is reason enough for God to act. These two features of the complaint and petition provide grand illustration of the verse Jesus cites on the cross: **“Into your hand I commit my spirit.”**

The psalmist's testimony that “I have become like a broken vessel” is like an expression in Jeremiah 22:28. The term translated “broken” means literally “perishing.” Thus, the psalmist complains of having an experience that is supposed to be the experience of the wicked. This was Jeremiah's complaint as well. More importantly, it was Jesus' experience that, though he lived faithfully in dependence on God, he was despised and rejected. However, the psalmist voices complete trust in God despite the dire circumstances. The psalmist declares “trust” in the Lord and declares, “you are my God,” which is to say, “you control my life” (verse 14). Consequently, acknowledges that he or she has no power to affect the future. This power is God's alone.

To be continued...

Should you have any questions about our Catholic Faith, please contact Melinda Wells, DRE, at dre@holyccomforterparish.org.

March 24, Palm Sunday

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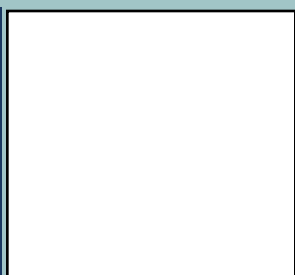
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