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MASS TIMES

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

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Thursday	7-8 PM
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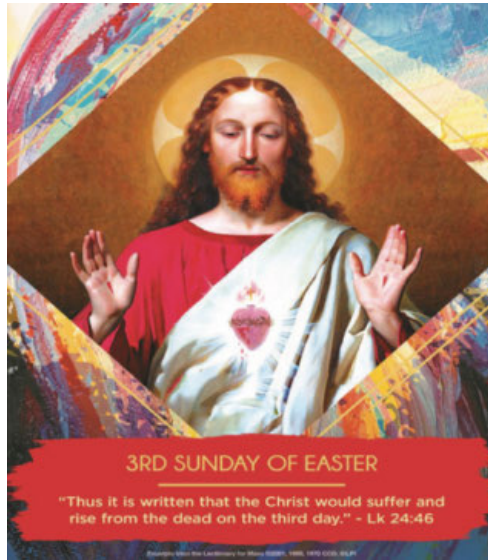
CONFESSION

Mon, Weds, Fri	6:30-7:30 PM
Thursday	7-8 PM
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Sunday	1:30 PM

Office Hours

Monday-Friday	9 AM - 4 PM
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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:46

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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 (4/13)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (4/14) THIRD SUNDAY OF

EASTER

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:30 PM RCIA

4 PM Youth Group

MONDAY (4/15)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (4/16)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (4/17)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

7 PM Choir

THURSDAY (4/18)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass and Adoration

FRIDAY (4/19)

9-11:30 AM Regina Caeli Co-op

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (4/20)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (4/21) FOURTH SUNDAY OF

EASTER (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY)

8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:30 PM RCIA

4 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 (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

4/17 Saint Benedict Joseph Labre

4/18 Blessed James Oldo

4/19 Saint Gianna Beretta Molla

4/20 Saint Conrad of Parzham

4/21 Saint Anslem

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 (4/13)

8 AM Kulick Family
Heidi Hess (Diane Auger Smith)

5 PM † Raymond F. Littlely
(Dolly and George Lilly)
Isabelle Ostertag (Diane Auger Smith)

SUNDAY (4/14)

8:30 AM † Ron Lavis (Eileen Lavis)

11 AM Members of the Parish
Theresa Lynch in Honor
of Her Birthday
(Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklarek)

MONDAY (4/15)

12 PM Jean E. Andrus (Heidi Hess)

TUESDAY (4/16)

8 AM Emma Anderson in Honor of Her Birthday
(Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklarek)

WEDNESDAY (4/17)

8 AM Brian Hess (Heidi Hess)

THURSDAY (4/18)

6 PM Catherine Claire Smith in Honor of her
Baptism (Diane Auger Smith)

FRIDAY (4/19)

12 PM The Hennig Family (Heidi Hess)

SATURDAY (4/20)

8 AM Gabriel Hess (Heidi Hess)
Therese Auger (Diane Auger Smith)

5 PM Members of the Parish
† Arthur Eddleston (Sherry Schemmel)

SUNDAY (4/21)

8:30 AM Mia Goodbar (Heidi Hess)

11 AM Holy Comforter's HS Confirmands

SAINTS OF GOD

4/13 Saint Martin I

4/14 Blessed Peter Gonzalez

4/15 Saint Caesar de Bus

4/16 Saint Bernadette Soubirous

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

WEEK ENDING MARCH 31, 2024

Offertory	\$11,434
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,750)
Above Weekly Budget	\$2,684

SEMI-ANNUAL PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Copies are available in the Commons.

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR April

ALL MONTH	Christian Formation + Haiti + Justice and Peace
4/14/2024	Catholic Relief Services
4/28/2024	Outreach

"ALL GOOD GIVING AND EVERY PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE" James 1:17

To meet our parish annual operating expenses of \$455,000, it is necessary for our 221 registered and active families to contribute \$2,059 per year, or about \$40 per week. If you are already tithing \$40 or more per week, thank you. If you are not, but are able to, please know how much your support is needed, especially at this time. May God bless you abundantly.

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 Diocesan Appeal is underway and it is our hope for every household to participate. Our goal this year is to raise \$25,200, and our parish share will be used for church repairs and maintenance. Every gift, no matter the amount, makes a difference. Brochures are available in the Commons.



LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance: Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, alleluia; sing a psalm to his name, alleluia; praise him with magnificence, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Offertory: Praise the Lord, O my soul; I will praise the Lord throughout my life; I will sing to my God for as long as I live, alleluia.

Communion: Sing unto the Lord, alleluia; sing to the Lord, bless his name; proclaim his salvation day after day, alleluia, alleluia. *Psalms were always meant to be sung, so it is interesting that the Propers today all exhort us to sing praise to God. They are very Scripture-centric today in keeping with the Gospel where Our Lord revealed the fullness of His mission and identity through opening the minds of His disciples to the Scriptures. His life fulfilled every Psalm because He prayed them while enduring every kind of tribulation and triumph in His earthly life. Fr. Joseph Mary has encouraged us to embrace the Psalms as a form of prayer since they give expression to every kind of emotion that we experience. Pray them at home or community in liturgies like Vespers (the official evening prayer of the Church) or Lauds (morning prayer) or Compline (night prayer). There will be ample opportunities to pray in common in the days leading up to Pentecost with our 40 hours devotion. Stay tuned and, in the meantime, rejoice in the risen Lord with many an alleluia!* Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education
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Religious Education Calendar

- ◆ Sunday, April 14, 21 & 28, 9:45-10:45: Christian Formation
- ◆ Saturday, April 27, 8AM-12PM: First Communion Retreat (Breakfast for children)
- ◆ Saturday, May 4, 5PM Vigil Mass: First Communion
- ◆ Sunday, May 5, 8:30AM Mass: Crowning of Mary

Please keep the First Sacraments children in your prayers and Rosaries and they prepare to receive First Communion.

Also, please be aware, pew space will be limited at the May 4, First Communion Vigil Mass due to families attending. Thank you!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12
Peter announces an act of healing in the name of Jesus Christ.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,28,29

A prayer of thanksgiving to God for his kindness

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2

God revealed his love for us by calling us children of God.

Gospel John 10:11-18

Jesus says that he is the good shepherd who knows his sheep.

April 14, Third Sunday of Easter

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, 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, Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklerek, Brendan and Maria Walsh, Don and Lisa Wells, and Mary Ann Uzzo. Residents and Staff of Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention

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



The life of a Vincentian is governed by Simplicity. Simplicity in paying rent or a power bill or an automobile repair or providing a comforter. And your donations are always greeted with thanksgiving. The people we assist are so grateful. Our friends can often provide for themselves, except when an illness or auto repair bill sets them back. Thank you for your support of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society during the Easter time campaign. We regularly meet at 7 pm on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the Church of the Incarnation. Our next meeting is on April 16 in the conference room at the Church of Incarnation. You are welcome to attend to see if this ministry is calling you. If you would like more information about our conference, or to donate, please contact our website at www.svdhp-ht.org or email us at info@svdp-ht.org. Thank you!

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: During the month of March, the Food Pantry gave out 197 food bags to 451 individuals. We served 337 sit down meals during Soup Kitchen. We appreciate your continued support through your contributions and donations to Outreach. Thank you and have a Blessed Easter Season! The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

PARISH LIFE: 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. *Long-time parishioner Barbara Isak died on Friday April 5th. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Comforter on Saturday April, 20, 2024 at 10:30AM. It is a work of mercy to pray for the dead.*

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 MINISTRY: The reopening of St. Michel's school this was met with widespread joy. The village remains tranquil and continues to thrive economically. Our strategic location near the border has proven advantageous, allowing us to access additional food supplies from the border market, which in turn has been profitable for our local market days. The introduction of actual currency by the teachers and clinic staff is particularly beneficial. The sponsorship program has seen remarkable improvement and now we're only 130 students away from a fully funded program. The "Hope for Haiti" Golf Tournament is May 16. It is one of our major fundraisers where participants can enjoy the game of golf while supporting a worthy cause. If you are a golfer looking for an excellent course to play on, sign up today! There are fantastic prizes for all skill levels. To register, or sponsor, reach out to Dan Wassilchak at dmw9v@virginia.edu or <https://dmw9v9.wixsite.com/hopeforhaiti>. Together, let us extend our hands in hope, compassion, and solidarity toward Haiti. *Please pray for Haiti*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND is seeking the following positions: *Associate Director for the Office of Christian Formation* who will be responsible for Children and Family Ministry. Also, *seeking a Director of Campus Ministry to serve the Catholic Campus Ministries at Norfolk State University; Hampton University; Virginia Union University; and Virginia State University... Associate Superintendent for Operations, Office of Catholic Schools.* The Associate Superintendent will monitor and oversee the implementation of documented policies and procedures for 23 Catholic Schools serving over 8,000 students, located throughout the state of Virginia...Also, *Facilities Maintenance Technician at the Pastoral Center.* For the full ad and how to apply, Please see <https://bit.ly/3HQzKU8>. For questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist/Recruiter jobs@richmonddioocese.org

FROM THE PASTOR



CLOSE YOUR EYES AND OPEN YOUR EARS

TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Part XV

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad” Psalm 118:24

We continue to rejoice because Christ has risen from the dead, conquered death our enemy, and taken the victory over sin and death. What does this rising from the dead mean for us? It means that death no longer has the final power. It means that despair began to give way to hope, darkness began to give way to light, hatred began to give way to love, and sorrow began to give way to joy. We are no longer afraid because Jesus rising from dead has liberated us from fear.

The resurrection of Christ is important not only because it offers us a true way of life with an assurance of the life after, but also because it offers to all who believe the hope of new life here and now. For example, every time we suffer a loss, fail in some enterprise, or are disabled by an illness, we die a little bit, but if we believe in the presence of the risen Jesus in our midst, we will discover new dreams to pursue, new challenges to take on and new reasons to try again. Since God made Jesus to rise from the dead, we are then confident that the risen Lord will raise us from any power or force of the devil that threatens our lives or that tries to dominate us.

We rejoice because our faith in Christ has been justified; truth has triumphed over falsity, justice over injustice, and tragedy has turned into comedy. The story of the suffering and death of Jesus on Good Friday seemed to be the story of the triumph of falsity over truth, of injustice over justice, of evil over goodness. Jesus

was falsely charged of crimes he did not commit and unjustly sentenced to a death he did not deserve. His good friend betrayed him, his trusted companions deserted him, and his number one man denied him. The people he loved demanded his crucifixion and chose to have the bandit Barabbas released in his place. It is a story of betrayal and lies, dishonesty and meanness, unfaithfulness and wicked violence directed against an innocent and apparently helpless victim. All this comes to a head on Good Friday when we see Jesus scourged, mocked, led on the death march, nailed to the cross where he dies after a few hours and is hastily buried in a tomb. If that were the end of the story, that would be a bad story, a tragedy. But glory be to God it is not!

Death is not the end of the story. There is one more chapter, and in the last chapter of the story of Jesus we see him rise from the dead in all glory and majesty. He is vindicated. His enemies are shamed and confused. Jesus regains his eternal glory with the Father. He is the Lord who will prevail over all humankind, his enemies included. For us, his embattled followers, this is good news.

One other point to note about Christ's resurrection: it is good news to know that truth is immortal. We can suppress Truth, accuse it of being a lie, condemn it, torture it, kill it, and bury it in the grave, but on the third day Truth rose from the dead. Our society today does not want to hear the truth that Jesus has risen, our society today does not want to hear the truth that Jesus speaks to us every day in the scriptures and in the Church. Remember this and do not give up on Truth even when everybody seems to give up on it. Do not give up on Truth. Do not give up on Justice. Do not give up on doing what is right. True will always be true. Just will always be just. Right will always be right even when the world around us would have it otherwise.

We must learn to believe in the sun even when it is not shining, knowing that by and by it will shine again. It is the end of the story that counts. That is why the Church asks us today to rejoice and be glad. Even when we are going through very difficult times – through betrayal, unjust discrimination, lies, misrepresentations – even when the enemy seems to be winning the battle in our lives. Today Christ has won, and we know that in Christ we shall overcome. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Christ has indeed risen. Praise the Lord!

To be continued...

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

April 14, Third Sunday of Easter

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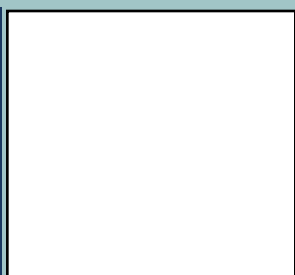
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