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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 5 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM,11 AM
Sunday Gregorian Mass 2 PM
Monday + Friday 12 PM
Tuesday + Wednesday 8 AM
Thursday 6 PM
Saturday 8 AM

ADORATION

Monday 1-3PM Wednesday 6-9PM Thursday 7-8PM Friday 1-3PM

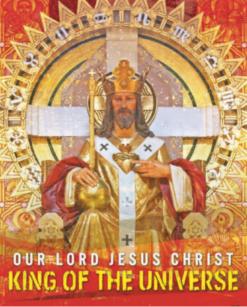
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Mon, Weds, Fri 6:30-7:30 PM Thursday 7-8 PM

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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 (11/23)

6-7:30AM Band of Brothers: TMIY

8AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (11/24) Solemnity of

Christ the King

Second Collection: Maintenance Fund Altar Flowers Donated by Lee and

Dominique Faust 8:30 AM Mass

9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

Eucharistic Procession following Mass

12:30 PM RCIA (LL)

1 PM Confession

2PM Gregorian Mass

MONDAY (11/25)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

12:30PM-3PM Adoration

6:30 Confession

TUESDAY (11/26)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

Wednesday (11/27)

OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6-9PM Adoration

6:30 Confession

6:30PM Lessons & Carols Rehearsal

THURSDAY (11/28) Thanksgiving

OFFICE CLOSED

NO SOUP KITCHEN

9AM Mass

Blessing of the Food following Mass

FRIDAY (11/29)

OFFICE CLOSED

12 PM Mass

12:30PM-3PM Adoration

6:30 Confession

SATURDAY (11/30)

6-7:30AM Band of Brothers: TMIY

8AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (12/1) First Sunday of Advent

Altar Flowers Donated by Melinda Crews in Honor of Her † Mother

8:30 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

1 PM Confession

2PM Gregorian 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

11/27 Saint Francesco Antonio Fasani

11/28 Saint James of the Marche

11/29 Saint Clement

11/30 Saint Andrew

12/1 Saint Charles de Foucauld

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER

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 (11/23)

8AM † Toni Esposito (Melinda Crews)

† Francis Newton

(Peter and Madeleine Zinman)

5PM † Jane Till Danilek (Fr. JML)

SUNDAY (11/24)

8:30AM Robert Prinz II (Melinda Crews)

† Daniel E. Jones

(Shannon Lagarde)

11AM † Robert Nordin, Sr.

(Richard Nordin)

2PM Members of the Parish

Monday (11/25)

12PM Jon and Elisa Schnur (Elisa Schnur)

TUESDAY (11/26)

8AM † Normand Auger (Therese Auger)

WEDNESDAY (11/27)

8AM Robert Schnur (Elisa Schnur)

THURSDAY (11/28) Thanksgiving

9AM † Paul and † Terry Delco (Melinda Crews)

FRIDAY (11/29)

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

SATURDAY (11/30)

8AM The III and Homebound of Holy Comforter

5PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (12/1)

8:30AM Sr. Mary Immanuel Father Ken Rush

11AM Tristan Morris (Melinda Crews)
2PM † Eleanor Barhite (Melinda Crews)

SAINTS OF GOD

11/23 Blessed Miguel Agustin Ori 11/24 Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and

Companions

11/25 Saint Catherine of Alexandria

11/26 Saint Columban

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

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Week Ending November 10, 2024
Offertory \$5,689
Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,100)
Below Weekly Budget (\$3,411)

Due to a publication deadline, the Offertory report for Week Ending November 17, 2024 will appear in next week's Bulletin.

PARISH ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Copies are available in the Commons.

NOVEMBER IS A MONTH FOR THANKSGIVING

Just as Holy Comforter is grateful for our parishioners and visitors, we invite you to GIVE THANKS to Holy Comforter! Special gold envelopes can be found at the end of the pews and in the Commons.

THANK YOU for your support!

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

11/1/2024 All Saints Day **11/2/2024** All Souls Day

11/3/2024 Archdiocese for the Military Services

11/10/2024 Outreach

11/24/2024 Maintenance Fund

STOCK DONATION INSTRUCTIONS

Donations of stock may be made to Holy Comforter through the Depository Trust Company (DTC) to Charles Schwab &

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Account Name: HOLY COMFORTER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Account Number: 2162-7521

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If you have an IRA and are 72 years of age, you can make a tax-free charitable gift directly from your Individual Retirement Account to our parish of up to \$100,000. It helps you and it helps us.

- How it helps you: it can lower your taxable income and count towards your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).
- How it helps us: we can put your gift to use right away to support our parish operations and the good works of our ministries.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance Antiphon: The Lamb who has been slain is worthy to receive power, and divinity, and wisdom, and strength, and honor; let glory and dominion be his for ever and ever.

Christ the King is a splendid follow-up to our miniseries on liturgical music. The feast itself is quite new, having been established in the early twentieth century in response to Communism and atheistic government rule. Originally it celebrated the social kingship of Christ, i.e., He has rightful dominion over our governments and society, which means that they must all be subject to Christian principles. After the Vatican Council, the feast was moved from October to the end of the liturgical year, now focusing on Christ's <u>eschatological</u> kingship, i.e. His dominion over all creation. The former feast reminds us that the liturgy and its music are a living tradition that undergo gradual additions and alterations and are not static per se. The latter feast brings highlights what we see already in the Entrance Antiphon (Introit); the reign of Christ as depicted in this scripture is in the context of a heavenly liturgy. The book of Revelation offers us insight into that which the Mass is a foretaste of. There is incense, singing, worshipping, acclamation – all in the presence of the Thrice Holy Trinity. Revelation reminds us here on earth that the public worship of the Church ought to participate in the solemnity, majesty, and awe of heavenly worship. God is not a fuzzy concept that is nice to think about to make us feel good about ourselves; He is the Lord of creation, the maker of all things visible and invisible out of NOTHING. He wants us our love, but we also owe Him everything, and our worship ought to reflect that totality of self-offering. Happy feast day!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Holy Comforter's Adult Formation Program "What is God's Word?"

Join us on Saturday 12/7 for the third and final talk in the series "What is God's Word? How the Church Reads Scripture." Presenter John Bugbee will focus on how insights from the church's tradition can help with the unique challenges facing Bible readers today. The talk will be in-person at the Basilica of St. Andrew in Roanoke; the basilica has invited Holy Comforter parishioners to visit for a special historian-led tour that day at 2PM, and the talk follows at 3:45PM. The talk will also be broadcast live downstairs at Holy Comforter, with 2-way videoconferencing, for those who can't make the trip. For more info contact John Bugbee bugbee@virginia.edu or Melinda Wells, DRE. For carpooling, please contact HC Parishioner Suzanne Bailey, slank@ntelos.net.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47* The first community of Christians grows as its members meet to pray and break

Responsorial

bread.

Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24 God's love is everlasting.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

We have new hope because of Jesus' Resurrection.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS

(Includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers.) Ann Carothers, Teresa Cook, Veronica Deighan, Kelton Flinn, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Jim and Bobbie Hoskins, Ann Jackson, Mary Nguyen, Ed Shaffrey, Mae Trentanove, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, 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, Mary Caretti, Kaylee Carter, Petra Vera Chavez, Molly Clarke, Stephanie Crews, Nancy Joan Debiese, Jimmy Dominguez, Linda Doyle, Fr. Gerald Fogarty, Sue Gilbert, Paula Goodburn, Jeff Gough, Genevieve Halfen, Liana Haseltine, Mark Rowland Huckabe, Kajihara Family, Betty Kapeluch, Kelly Lembo and Family, Joan Lincks, Mike & Sibylle Llewellyn, Shannon and Coty Lockett, Chelsea Massey, Dot McAllister, Michael McNeil, Fr. Richard Mooney, Melodie Mougeolle and Children, Robert Maute, Lia Thoms Price and Family, Lawrence Randolph, Randall Saathoff and Family, Yulia Savona, Matthew Schrank and Family, David Shrank and Family, Joseph Schrank and Family, Tara Singh, Aiden Smith, Christopher Tomaselli, Paul and Meghan Thoms, Scotty Thoms, Alicia Vinklarek, Brendan and Maria Walsh, Don and Lisa Wells, and Residents and Staff of Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention. **MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY**

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

If you would like your family member/fellow parishioner added, email the Works of Mercy ministry mercy@holycomforterparish.org or please call the church office at 434-295-7185.

To request Holy Communion or a visit from Father Joseph Mary please contact the office 434-295-7185 or email reception@holycomforterparish.org

Bonjour! Alba's Tours, LLC and Cynthia Aycock of Saints Peter and Paul will host three informational meetings on November 16th at 5:00 pm and November 17th at 8:30 am and 11:00 <u>am</u> about our upcoming spiritual **Pilgrimage to France**, led by Father David from Saints Peter and Paul and Father Joseph Mary from Holy Comforter. Cynthia Aycock of Saints Peter and Paul will host November 16th at 5:00 pm and November 17th at 8:30 am. The 11:00 am meeting on November 17th will be hosted by Alba's Tours, LLC. Learn more about this unforgettable 11-day pilgrimage from April 24th to May 4th, 2025, where you'll explore beautiful locations like Lisieux, Mont -Saint-Michel, and Lourdes. Get details on our package that covers everything from airfare to meals! This is a wonderful opportunity to ask questions, meet fellow pilgrims, and prepare for an enriching experience of faith, culture, and fellowship. Don't miss out! We look forward to seeing you there!

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: During the month of October, we served 448 lunches in Soup Kitchen and provided 207 bags of food to 549 individuals. Donations of canned vegetables would be appreciated. We kindly thank you for your time, donations and contributions to Outreach, God Bless! The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer & lender. PARISH LIFE: Please contact Elizabeth Gilbert, Elizgilbert@gmail.com THAT MAN IS YOU! BAND OF BROTHERS will meet weekly on Saturdays, at 6 am (LL) with breakfast, fellowship, and a video teaching. "That Man is You!" We look at the leadership role that has been entrusted to men and addresses the temptations and struggles men face in a culture that attacks authentic manhood. The program helps men overcome obstacles!See Steven Sisman steven.sisman@gmail.com

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED MINISTRY: Helping Moms in Need... If interested, please contact Garrett Smith at 434-960-7775 **WORKS OF MERCY:** Are you doing any works of mercy lately? The Works of Mercy Ministry would like to know about it! Please send us an email at mercy@holycomforterparish.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS UNIVERSITY PARISH is honored to host the major relics of Saint Thomas Aquinas on Monday, December 2, 2024, in a special event marking the 750th anniversary of the death of Saint Thomas Aquinas, one of the Catholic Church's most revered theologians. Pilgrims who visit the relics may receive a plenary indulgence for their pilgrimage to a holy site associated with the Order of Preachers, under the usual conditions.

CHESTERTON ACADEMY PROSPECTIVE STUDENT EVENTS: GAME

NIGHT DEC. 13TH! On Dec. 13th, current 8th graders and high

schoolers are invited to tour the school, and then let the board games & ping pong tournament begin! CASJE is an affordable classical high school in the Catholic tradition. Shadow Days are also available for prospective students. For event details and registration, see ChestertonSJE.org/events or info@ChestertonSJE.org. THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND: is seeking the following positions: Accounting Manager for the Office of Finance. For the full ad and how to apply, please go to https://bit.ly/4eSK7Wh. Director of Development for Catholic Campus Ministry at William & Mary in Williamsburg, VA. For the full ad and to apply, go to https:// bit.ly/4eM6lJH. Diocesan Synod Program Manager as it prepares for the 2025 Jubilee Year. The Diocese plans to hold a Diocesan Synod from Pentecost 2025 to Pentecost 2026, creating a space for the community to engage in meaningful conversations, come together in faith, and pray collectively, united in the Eucharist. For the full ad and how to apply, please go to https://bit.ly/4f2q5Ji. Also seeking, Saint Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School (grades PreK-8) located in Hampton, Virginia, seeks dynamic and highly qualified candidates for position of **Principal** for immediate placement. Please go to https:// bit.ly/3Y0PzPU for the full & how to apply, The Office for Evangelization is seeking an **Administration Assistant.** Go to https://bit.ly/3XIiBTZ. for the full ad and how to apply, Information Technology Specialist to work in the Christiansburg area. Go to https://bit.ly/4dJh1rV for the full ad and how to apply. For any questions, please contact Kelly

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FROM THE PASTOR





ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM

Part V

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

"May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham."

When we hear St. Faustina Kowalska's name, we immediately think of the Divine Mercy devotion. Yet she also had experiences with souls in purgatory. One encounter came right on All Souls Day in 1936. That evening she went to the cemetery. After praying for some time, she saw one of the sisters who told her: "We are in the chapel." "I understood that I was to go to the chapel and there pray and gain the indulgences," Faustina said. During Mass the following day she observed "three white doves soaring from the altar toward heaven" and "understood that not only the three souls that I saw had gone to heaven, but also many others who had died beyond the confines of our institute. Oh, how good and merciful is the Lord!" One night in a dream, a young woman came to see Faustina and informed her that she needed prayers. Faustina prayed at once, "but her spirit did not leave me," she explained. "Then I thought to myself, 'If you are a good spirit, leave me in peace, and the indulgences I will gain tomorrow will be for you.' At that moment, the spirit left my room, and I recognized that she was in purgatory."

Faustina also received a visit from Jesus concerning the holy souls. She saw him upon the cross, his Sacred Blood flowing from his hands, feet, and side. She described, "Jesus said to me, All this is

for the salvation of souls. Consider well, My daughter, what you are doing for their salvation. I answered, 'Jesus, when I look at Your suffering, I see that I am doing next to nothing for the salvation of souls.' And the Lord said to me, Know, My daughter, that your silent day-to-day martyrdom in complete submission to My will ushers many souls into heaven."

St. Catherine of Genoa depicts purgatory not so much as a place but rather as a process through which the effects of sin – referred to as the "rust of sin" – are purged away. Although the idea of divine punishment is not to be disregarded in her account of the souls in purgatory, what comes to the forefront, nevertheless, is the application of God's burning love for the soul. This is to be the context in which purgatory is considered. The idea of a torture chamber, portrayed in so many books, is not the main theme in her writings. As St. Catherine says, "The souls who are in Purgatory cannot, as I understand, choose but be there, and this is by God's ordinance who therein has done justly." In fact, the soul sees this purification as an act of God's burning charity and would rather suffer this a thousand times rather than go straight to heaven. Again, she says, "Never can the souls say these pains are pains, so contented are they with God's ordaining with which, in pure charity, their will is united."

It needs to be said, however, that purgatory is not a state of lamenting sins. According to St. Catherine, focusing on past sins would be a form of imperfection. As such, "They cannot turn their thoughts back to themselves, nor can they say, 'Such sins I have committed for which I deserve to be here,' nor, 'I would that I had not committed them for then I would go now to Paradise', nor, 'That one will leave sooner than I,' nor, 'I will leave sooner than he.'" Therefore, after having seen its sins and imperfections upon death, the soul no more considers them. From here on out, the object of the soul's vision and orientation is the beauty and glory of God. Let us continue to pray for these souls who need and deserve our prayers and sacrifices so that soon they may enjoy eternal happiness with God.

The End

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