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DECEMBER 1, 2024

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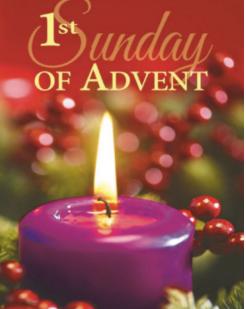
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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil E DM

Saturday Vigil	5 PM	
Sunday	8:30 AM,11 AM	
Sunday Gregorian Mass 2 PM		
Monday + Friday	12 PM	
Tuesday + Wednesda	ay 8 AM	
Thursday	6 PM	
Saturday	8 AM	
ADORATION		
Monday	1-3PM	
Wednesday	6-9PM	
Thursday	7-8PM	
Friday	1-3PM	
CONFESSION		
Mon, Weds, Fri	6:30-7:30 PM	
Thursday	7-8 PM	
Office Hours		
Monday-Friday	9 AM - 4 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 (11/30)

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 Memory of Her Mother 8:30 AM Mass 11 AM Mass **1 PM** Confession 2PM Gregorian Mass MONDAY (12/2) 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry 12 PM Mass 12:30PM-3PM Adoration 6:30PM Confession **TUESDAY (12/3)** 8 AM Mass 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry Wednesday (12/4) 8 AM Mass 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry 6-9PM Adoration 6:30PM Confession 6:30PM Lessons & Carols Rehearsal THURSDAY (12/5) 12-1PM Soup Kitchen 6PM Mass Followed by Adoration and Confession FRIDAY (12/6) 9-11:30AM Reginia Caeli Co-op 12 PM Mass 12:30PM-3PM Adoration 6:30PM Confession SATURDAY (12/7) 6-7:30AM Band of Brothers: TMIY 8AM Mass 5 PM Vigil Mass SUNDAY (12/8) Second Sunday of Advent Altar Flowers Donated by Mona Peglow in Memory of John Peglow 8:30 AM Mass 9:45Am-10:45AM Christan Formation 11 AM Mass

SAINTS OF GOD

11/30 Saint Andrew 12/1 Saint Charles de Foucauld 12/2 Blessed Rafal Chylinski 12/3 Saint Francis Xavier

12:30PM RCIA (LL) 1 PM Confession 2PM Gregorian Mass 4:30PM Saint Nicholas Celebration and Potluck

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 12PM Michael Blankenship 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

12/4 Saint John Damascene 12/5 Saint Sabas 12/6 Saint Nicholas 12/7 Saint Ambrose 12/8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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 (11/30) 8AM The III and Homebound of Holy Comforter † The Strong Family (Jennifer Strong) † The Hess Family (Heidi Hess) 5PM Members of the Parish SUNDAY (12/1) 8:30AM † Sr. Mary Immanuel Father Ken Rush **11AM** Tristan Morris 2PM † Eleanor Barhite (Melinda Crews) Monday (12/2) 12PM Mary Caretti (Barbara Hull) TUESDAY (12/3) 8AM Jon & Elisa Schnur (Elisa Schnur) WEDNESDAY (12/4) 8AM Robert Schnur (Elisa Schnur) THURSDAY (12/5) 6PM † Alberta FRIDAY (12/6) SATURDAY (12/7) 8AM Kathy Heinemanp 5PM Nicholas & Emily Pierson and Family SUNDAY (12/8) 8:30AM Members of the Parish 11AM Miranda Schrank , for a Healthy Pregnancy (Melinda Wells) 2PM † Christopher Thomas Garling and the Garling Family (Melinda Wells)

† Kevin Lally

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PARISH NEWS

GIFTS FROM GOD

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Week Ending November 17, 2024Offertory\$2,812Weekly Offertory Budget(\$9,100)

Below Weekly Budget (\$6,288)

Due to a publication deadline, the Offertory report for Week Ending November 24, 2024 will appear in next week's Bulletin.

PARISH ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Copies are available in the Commons. To access Holy Comforter's online giving, please click on the QR code.

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER

ALL MONTH	Christian Formation + Haiti + Justice & Peace		
12/1/2024	Christmas Flowers		
12/8/2024	Outreach		
12/9/2024	Immaculate Conception		
12/15/2024	Retired Religious		
12/22/2024	Maintenance Fund		
12/25/2024	Catholic Charities		

STOCK DONATION INSTRUCTIONS

Donations of stock may be made to Holy Comforter through the Depository Trust Company (DTC) to Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. Here are the details: Schwab's DTC number: 0164 Account Name: HOLY COMFORTER CATHOLIC CHURCH Account Number: 2162-7521

IRA QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

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. <u>It</u> 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.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT **First Reading** *Baruch 5:1-9* Jerusalem shall see the splendor of God's glory. **Responsorial** *Psalm 126:1-2,2-3,4-5,6* A song of praise for God's great deeds

LITURGICAL NOTES

Entrance Antiphon: The Lamb who has been slain is worthy to receive power, As we begin Advent, I would like to draw attention to a popular hymn sung during the season: Veni Veni Emmanuel (O Come, O Come, Emmanuel). It consists of seven verses featuring seven titles for Our Lord derived from the Scriptures. They are a poeticization of the great "O Antiphons", which are the antiphons that bookend the recitation of the Canticle of Mary ("Magnificat") during Evening Prayer ("Vespers") from Dec. 17-23. It is a period of heightened anticipation for the coming of Christ, and the Church from the depths of her heart calls out to the Messiah and begs Him to come. They beautifully capture the essence of the season, which is a preparation for the historical coming ("adventus" = coming toward) of Christ in the manger at Christmas and also a call to perpetual readiness for His Second Coming at the end of time. The titles in order are: Dec. 17 - O Sapientia ("Wisdom"); Dec. 18 - O Adonai ("Lord"); Dec. 19 - O Radix Jesse ("Root of Jesse"); Dec. 20 - O Clavis David ("Key of David"); Dec. 21 - O Oriens ("Dawn of the East"); Dec. 22 - O Rex Gentium ("King of the Nations"); and Dec. 23 - O Emmanuel ("God with us"). The hymn presents these titles in reverse order because they form a Latin acrostic (a message hidden in poetry based on the first letter of each verse) Emmanuel, Rex, Oriens, Clavis, Radix, Adonai, and Sapientia form the Latin phrase "ero cras", which translates, "I will be [here] tomorrow." Stunning! Be on the lookout for our annual O Antiphon Vespers starting Tuesday, Dec. 17, where you can participate in the Church's cry for the coming of Jesus Christ. Happy Advent! Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

HOLY COMFORTER'S SAINT NICHOLAS CELEBRATION & POTLUCK! Everyone is invited to share in the joy of the season and experience a tradition at Holy Comforter! Please come Sunday, December 8 at 4:30 to hear about Saint Nicholas and even have a visit from a very special guest! Jammies allowed! Please bring a dish for the Potluck afterwards!

"<u>What is God's Word? How the Church Reads Scripture.</u>" Please Join us on Saturday 12/7 for the third and final talk in the series. John Bugbee will be speaking 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, for those who can't make the trip. For more info contact John Bugbee <u>bugbee@virginia.edu</u> or Melinda Wells, DRE. <u>For carpooling, please contact HC Parishioner Suzanne Bailey,</u> <u>slank@ntelos.net.</u>

> Second Reading Philippians 1:4-6,8-11 Paul prays for the Philippians. Gospel Luke 3:1-6 John preaches repentance and baptizes in the region of the Jordan.

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 <u>mercy@holycomforterparish.org</u> 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 <u>reception@holycomforterparish.org</u>

Bonjour! Join Father David from Saints Peter and Paul and Father Joseph Mary from Holy Comforter on an unforgettable spiritual journey to France from April 24th to May 4th, 2025. Our 11day pilgrimage includes first-class hotel accommodation, round-trip airfare, breakfast and dinner, entrance fees, train fares, deluxe motorcoach, and so much more! We will take you through breathtaking locations, from the picturesque town of Lisieux, poignant Omaha Beach, historic Mont-Saint-Michel, magnificent Chartres Cathedral, and serene Nevers. Experience each destination's rich history and spiritual significance as we embark on this once-in-alifetime adventure. Our itinerary includes visits to sacred sites such as Lourdes and Paray-le-Monial, daily Mass celebrations, and iconic landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the beautiful Basilica of Sacre Coeur. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to immerse yourself in the beauty and wonder of France. Book today with Alba's Tours, LLC, and prepare for an enriching and unforgettable experience! Au revoir!

MINISTRIES

<u>OUTREACH</u>: For the month of December, donations of canned fruits would be appreciated. We kindly thank you for your time, donations and contributions to Outreach. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

ADVENT TOY AND GIFT DRIVE: Holy Comforter is participating in the Salvation Army Angel Tree and Stocking Stuffer programs starting this weekend. Please donate new toys for children newborn to 12years-old and new gifts for children 13- to 17 years-old. Return unwrapped gift now later than Sunday, December 15th. Thank you for sharing the joy of Christmas with a child!

PARISH LIFE: Please contact Elizabeth Gilbert, Elizgilbert@gmail.com THAT MAN IS YOU! BAND OF BROTHERS meets weekly on Saturdays, at 6 am (LL) with breakfast, fellowship, and a video teaching. "That Man is You!" December 7th. We will take a small break and kick off the Spring session on Saturday, February 8th, 2025. 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. Pease see Steven Sisman <u>steven.sisman@gmail.com</u>

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!

HAITI: The Dec. 1st Readings include Isaiah's vision of a future where God provides a feast for all, destroys death, and wipes away every tear, offering a message of hope and divine intervention. Our ministry's success in raising funds and bringing people together mirrors these themes of hope, compassion, and provision. Just as our Tri-Parish ministry's work is a beacon of hope and a testament to the power of faith and collective action, reflecting trust, compassion, and community support. God Bless and thank you from Father Asmith for making this such a blessed visit.

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.

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FROM THE PASTOR





WAKE UP!

"Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man." Matthew 24:37–39

Are you awake? Spiritually speaking? As we begin the liturgical season of Advent, we are given the future coming of the Son of God to ponder. As this passage goes on, Jesus says, "Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

By the "day your Lord will come," we should understand three things. The first coming of Christ is obviously that which we most clearly ponder in Advent and Christmas. The unity of human nature with divine nature, in the Person of Jesus, is truly awe-inspiring. But that already took place long ago.

Thus, a second coming of Christ that we must continually ponder is His coming by grace, every moment of every day of our lives, once we have chosen to freely give our lives over to His service, for His glory, in accord with His will. When we live with such an interior disposition by which we seek His ongoing "coming" by grace, then we will find that we need to continually "stay awake!" If we do not, then we can be certain that we will miss countless opportunities to become more united to Christ every day and to be used as an instrument of that very grace for His service and glory. If we do not diligently build a habit of becoming attentive to every prompting of grace in our lives, then we will, unquestionably, begin to become "drowsy" and will fall asleep, spiritually speaking.

A wonderful measure of our daily attentiveness to the innumerable gifts of grace given to us every day is to also consider how attentive we are to the final and glorious coming of Christ at the end of time. Just as Jesus explains, most people will pay little attention to this final coming, presuming it will not even be in their lifetimes. But if you have that attitude, then you have completely missed the point. The point is preparedness—today, tomorrow and always. True preparedness for the final coming of Christ will not only help you enter the mysteries of these Advent and Christmas seasons by which we ponder the first coming of Christ, it will also help you form a habit of daily attentiveness to grace.

Reflect, today, upon how ready you are for the final coming of Christ at the end of time. Are you ready if Christ were to come today? If not, understand that a lack of preparedness for the final coming also means a lack of preparedness to celebrate His first coming at Christmas long ago, as well as His daily comings by grace. Prepare today. Do not wait. If you do, God will daily transform you in ways that are glorious beyond comprehension.

My ever-present Lord, You come to us, day and night, calling to us, leading us and offering to enter our lives. Please help me to always be attentive to You and to always open my heart fully to Your daily coming by grace. Jesus, I trust in You!

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



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