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DECEMBER 8, 2024

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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

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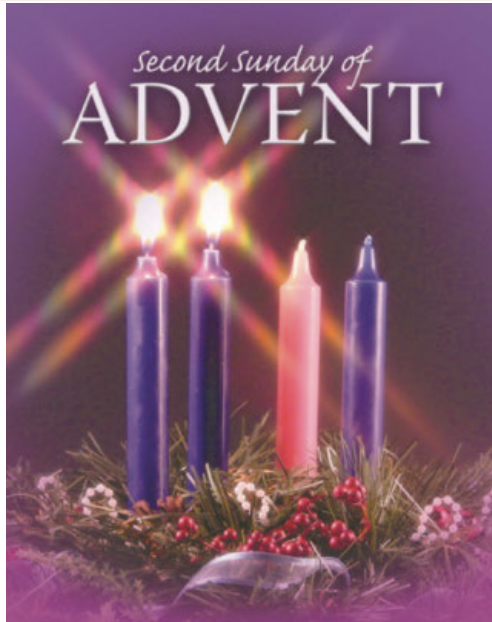
Monday	1-3PM
Wednesday	6-9PM
Thursday	7-8PM
Friday	1-3PM

CONFESSION

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

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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 (12/7)

6-7:30AM Band of Brothers: TMIIY

8AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (12/8) Second Sunday of Advent

Second Collection: Outreach

Altar Flowers Donated by Mona Peglow in Memory of John Peglow

8:30 AM Mass

9:45Am-10:45AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:30PM RCIA (LL)

1 PM Confession

2PM Gregorian Mass

4:30PM *Saint Nicholas Celebration & Potluck*

MONDAY (12/9) Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation

8AM Gregorian Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

1PM-3PM Adoration

6PM Mass

TUESDAY 12/10

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (12/11)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6-9PM Adoration

6:30PM Confession

6:30PM Lessons & Carols Rehearsal

THURSDAY (12/12)

12-1PM Soup Kitchen

6PM Mass

Followed by Adoration and Confession

FRIDAY (12/13)

12 PM Mass

1PM-3PM Adoration

6PM Nine Lessons & Carols Dress Rehearsal

6:30PM Confession

SATURDAY (12/14)

8AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (12/15) Third Sunday of Advent

Second Collection: Retired Religious

Altar Flowers Donated by Therese Auger in Honor of the Auger Family & Smith Family

8:30 AM Mass

9:45Am-10:45AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:30PM RCIA (LL)

1 PM Confession

2PM Gregorian Mass

4:30PM Festival of Nine Lessons & Carol
Downstairs Reception following concert

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

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 (12/7)

8AM Kathy Heinemann

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)

Monday (12/9) Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

8AM Holy Comforter Catechists

12PM Kathleen Westmoreland (Schemmel Family)

6PM Outreach Volunteers

TUESDAY (12/10)

8AM † Anna May Jones (Teresa Pitts)

WEDNESDAY (12/11)

8AM † Mary Nguyen (Vu Nguyen)

THURSDAY (12/12)

6PM Harley Davis, in Honor of His Birthday (Talia Lannon)

FRIDAY (12/13)

12PM † Deborah Olsada

SATURDAY (12/14)

8AM † Robert Shrigley

5PM † Donald E. Jones (Shannon Lagarde)

SUNDAY (12/15)

8:30AM † Polly Bristol

11AM Members of the Parish

2PM † Bert Conley

SAINTS OF GOD

12/7 Saint Ambrose

12/8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12/9 Saint Juan Diego

12/10 Saint Adolph Koplring

12/11 Saint Damasus I

12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

12/13 Saint Lucy

12/14 Saint John of the Cross

12/15 Saint Mary Frances Schervier

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

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Week Ending November 24, 2024


Offertory **\$4,036**

Weekly Offertory Budget **(\$9,100)**

Below Weekly Budget (\$5,064)

Due to a publication deadline, the Offertory report for Week Ending December 1, 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:

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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, Introit:* People of Zion behold, the Lord is coming to save all nations; and the Lord shall cause you to hear his majestic voice for the joy of your heart.

By now, you will have noticed that we are singing the original Antiphons during the Entrance, Offertory, and Communion. You have heard these texts proclaimed before, but you are now hearing the original melodies they were set to (in the Latin). Advent is a beautifully solemn season of watching and waiting, and these ancient melodies are treasures that the Church asks us to "preserve" (which can only be done by singing!). I highlight the Introit for today because it provides us of an example of rhetorical flourish that musically captures the idea of the text. It features an interval (a distance between two notes) that is typical of a brass instrument. This is fitting because the beginning of the chant is heraldic in nature, so there is the feeling that we are being called to attention. Why? because "the Lord is coming". We also hear this special interval on the word "to hear" (audiam), which hearkens to St. John the Baptist, the "voice crying in the wilderness". Already, then, we have some material for meditation whilst the priest and servers solemnly enter the sanctuary to renew the Sacrifice of Calvary that the Christ Child came to offer on our behalf. He is coming to us in the Blessed Sacrament, a literal fulfillment of the title given Him, Emmanuel, or "God with us". Happy Advent!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*The Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated on Monday, December 9
Mass times: Gregorian Mass 8AM, 12PM Mass and 6PM Mass*

THIS SUNDAY!!! 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 this Sunday, December 8 at 4:30 to hear about Saint Nicholas and even have a visit from a very special guest! Along with a blessing from our own Father Joseph Mary!

Jammies allowed! Please bring a dish for the Potluck afterwards!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THIRD 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

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.

December 8, Second Sunday of Advent

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, 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@holycorforterparish.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@holycorforterparish.org

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 11-day 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-a-lifetime 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

OUTREACH: For the month of December, donations of canned fruits would be appreciated. We kindly thank you for your time, donations and contributions to Outreach all year! 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. Please donate new toys for children newborn to 12-years-old and new gifts for children 13- to 17 years-old. Return unwrapped gift no later than Sunday, December 15th. We will be collecting for one more week! Thank you for sharing the joy of Christmas with a child!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Please give the gift of light this Christmas. Please help us bring light and warmth to our local families. Donate today at www.svdp-ht.org. Advent Blessings!

THAT MAN IS YOU! BAND OF BROTHERS will meet this Saturday, **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. Please 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@holycorforterparish.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

HAITI: The ministry's support of St. Michel parish, its church, school, and medical clinic, embodies this season of preparation and renewal. Your gifts bring light and support to those in need, much like the divine promise of restoration and joy. As we celebrate, let us recognize the transformative power of faith and community. Your commitment is how faith communities can make a significant impact, fostering education, healthcare, and spiritual growth. Congratulations to all, your efforts bring the light of Christ into the world, inspiring us to support and uplift one another, creating a world of justice, peace, and joy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Interior Castle Bookstore: As you prepare for Advent and Christmastide, consider stopping in at *The Interior Castle Bookstore* in Lexington! Featuring works by Tomie dePaola during November and December. Selling stocking stuffers as well as honey and other items from monasteries across the country. Saturdays 10-4pm and by appointment (928-606-2682), 6 South Randolph St. Lexington, VA Please see our website <https://www.theinteriorcastle.org>

FROM THE PASTOR



WAITING ON GOD TO FULFILL HIS PROMISE Part I

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V. F.

***“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”
Galatians 6:9***

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” (Gal. 6:9)

In Psalm 27:14, we are encouraged to wait for the Lord: **“be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.”** Similarly, Isaiah 40:31 reminds us that **“those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.”** Advent is a time when Christians learn how to hope through the practice of waiting. It's a season of expectant longing for the return of God's promised rescuer, Jesus. The waiting is the hardest part. We hate waiting. Just see what happens when a restaurant tells their customers waiting on a table that it's going to be *another* 30 minutes, or when tired travelers at the gate are informed that their flight home for the holidays is going to be delayed until the next morning!

But in God's infinite wisdom, he seems to have chosen to make extensive use of waiting in his sovereign purposes. Indeed, the common experience for the people of God in every generation has been characterized by waiting. We are reminded of this reality every time we sing some of our most beloved Christmas hymns and carols. For example, consider the opening stanza of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”: **“O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here,**

Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.” Just as God's people waited generation after generation for the promised King who would one day come to sit on David's throne forever and redeem Israel, so we now await his second coming.

You can, if you choose, just rush right into Christmas, dashing through the hectic pace of the holidays and completely missing out on the liturgy of waiting. Doing so comes at a cost, though, depriving us of graces that come from patient endurance. Just start reading in the beginning chapters of the Bible and one will quickly be struck by how much waiting there is. Of course, we could go right to that very first promised grace in Genesis 3:16, struck by God's guarantee that there would come a day when the seed of the woman would crush the head of the serpent. The story of redemption is, in some sense, the story of waiting for the fulfillment of that promise.

Noah was given a command to build an ark, and he obeyed in faith, waiting for confirmation that what the Lord had spoken was true (Gen. 6). Of course, when those first raindrops began to fall, God confirmed his promise of judgment on the earth and his gracious provision of salvation for Noah's household and all those creatures aboard the ark. And the waiting did not end there. Consider Abraham: God establishes a covenant with him, promising to make a great nation of him and to bless all the nations of the earth through him. But those promises did not come to fruition overnight. Instead, Abraham spent years waiting—waiting for the arrival of that promised son by Sarah, waiting for their small little family to expand into a great nation, waiting for rest in their land.

I suggest that during this Advent of 2024, we restrain ourselves and learn to wait patiently in every situation we shall be facing during the season!

To be Continued...

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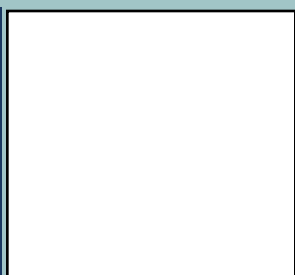
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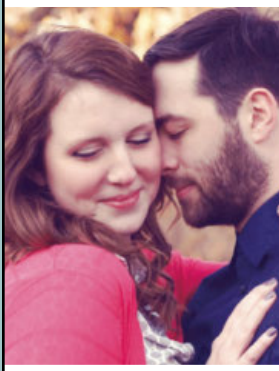
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