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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil*	5 PM
Sunday	8 AM + 11 AM
Traditional Latin	2 PM
DAILY	
Monday* + Friday	12 PM
(except First Friday)	
Tuesday-Thursday	7 AM
First Friday	6:30 PM
Saturday	8 AM

*Mass for the Vulnerable Population

Thursday Holy Hour 7 PM

CONFESSION

Monday, Wednesday, Friday* 6:30-7:30 PM

*First Friday 7:00-8:00 PM

Thursday 6:30-7PM and by appointment

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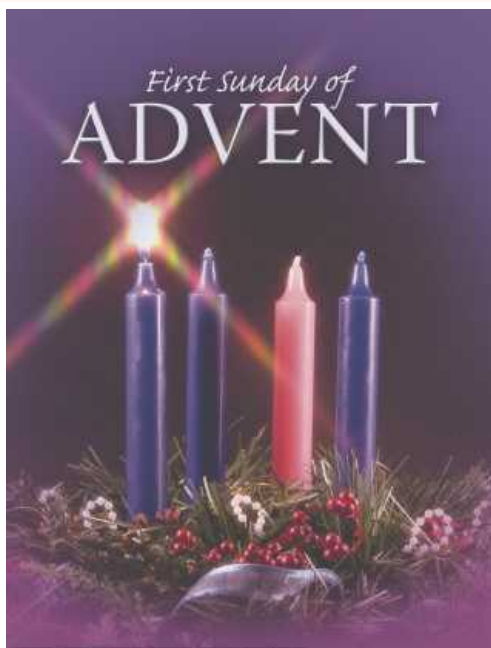
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT -We, the members of Holy Comforter Parish, united in faith by God, nourished by Jesus through the Word and the Eucharist, and guided by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, believe that we are called to worship, formation, service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

PRAYER & WORSHIP



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (11/28)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass for Vulnerable
Population (livestream) Knights of
Columbus Coat Envelopes for Kids

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (11/29)

All Masses-Knights of Columbus Coat
Envelopes for Kids

**Altar Flowers-Donated By Bill & Roy
Ann Murray In Memory of Richard &
Jeanine Russ**

8 AM Mass

11 AM Mass (livestream)

2 PM Latin Mass

MONDAY (11/30)

10:30-1:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass for Vulnerable Population

6:30-7:30 PM Confession (Chapel)

TUESDAY (12/1)

7 AM Mass (livestream)

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (12/2)

7 AM Mass (livestream)

10:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession (Chapel)

THURSDAY (12/3)

7 AM MASS

6:30-7 PM Confession

7-8 PM Holy Hour

FRIDAY (12/4) FIRST FRIDAY

2:45-4 PM Rosary of Reparation

6:30 PM Mass

7-8PM Holy Hour & Confession

SATURDAY (12/5)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass for Vulnerable
Population (livestream)

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (12/6)

**Altar Flowers donated by Norman and
Therese Auger in Memory of Auger and
Riendeau Families**

8 AM Mass

11 AM Mass (livestream)

2 PM Latin Mass

Prayer for Protection

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the American People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. 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.

Reparation Rosary Join us at Holy Comforter every Friday from 3-4PM for the 20-decade Rosary of Reparation with Penitential Psalms at 2:45 PM. It is a very powerful rosary for our world today. For more information, please contact Tina Blumenfeld, tmsblum@gmail.com.

Welcome New Parishioners

We welcome you to join our Holy Comforter Parish Family. Registration forms are available 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 (11/28)

8 AM † Peter Colo (Marlene Wood)

5 PM Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer

SUNDAY (11/29)

8 AM † Tony Hensley

11 AM Members of the Parish

2 PM † Lester Kennedy II Repose of his Soul

MONDAY (11/30)

12 PM † Theodore and Carol Pelicano
(Sue Mason)

TUESDAY (12/1)

7 AM Lupe Ramirez

WEDNESDAY (12/2)

7 AM Intentions of Colin Mason
(Sue Mason)

THURSDAY (12/3)

7 AM Intentions of Caitlin Mason
(Sue Mason)

FRIDAY (12/4)

12:00 PM Cara Greene

SATURDAY (12/5)

8 AM In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5 PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (12/6)

8 AM † Margaret Parker

11 AM † Arthur Stein

2 PM † Amy Wilson

SAINTS OF GOD

Blessed are You

11/28 Saint James of Marche

11/29 Saint Clement

11/30 Saint Andrew

12/1 Blessed Charles de Foucauld

12/2 Blessed Rafal Chylinski

12/3 Saint Francis Xavier

12/4 Saint John Damascene

12/5 Saint Sabas

12/6 Saint Nicholas

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

PLEASE PRAY FOR

WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 15, 2020

OFFERTORY	\$2,515
WEEKLY OFFERTORY BUDGET	(\$8,000)
BELOW WEEKLY BUDGET	(\$5,485)

Due to early publication deadlines, offertory reports for the weeks ending November 22 and November 29 will be made next weekend.

IN THANKSGIVING

**Father Joseph Mary
Appreciates your Support of
our Parish!**

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER

ALL MONTH: Christmas Flowers + Christian Formation + Haiti + Justice and Peace

12/13/2020 Outreach

12/25/2020 Catholic Charities

Donations may be made at Mass, in the office, by mail and online. Please follow the link on our website: holycomforterparish.org

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Your firm can send the shares through the Depository Trust Company Company (DTC) to Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. Here are the details:
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Kindly notify us if you would like a name added. Also, please contact us to remove a name(s) so we can condense the list:



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To arrange to receive Holy Communion or a visit from Father Joseph Mary, please call the office 434.295.7185

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

First Reading

ISAIAH 40:1-5,9-11

ISAIAH TELLS THE PEOPLE TO PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 85:9-14

The Lord's salvation is near.

Second Reading 2 Peter 3:8-14

Peter teaches that we must always be holy because the return of the Lord cannot be predicted.

Gospel Reading Mark 1:1-8

John the Baptist preached repentance and baptized the people, in preparation for the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

PARISH NEWS



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

HOLY COMFORTER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

- 11/22 **Don't Forget to Buy Your ADVENT CANDLES** (or remember where you put them)
- Thanksgiving 9 AM Mass with Blessing of the Food
- 11/29 First Sunday of Advent – No Class, Children's & HS Christian Formation
- 12/6 Second Sunday of Advent – Saint Nicholas Celebration at 4 PM (Church Nave)
- 12/ 13 Third Sunday of Advent
- 12/8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Tuesday) See Bulletin for Mass time(s)
- 12/20 Fourth Sunday of Advent – **SCHEDULE CHANGE, PLEASE NOTE** – There will be class...Children's & HS CF
- 12/24 Children's Christmas Eve Mass – *Followed by Children's Candlelit Procession to the Altar & Blessing of Baby Jesus.*
- 12/25 The Nativity of the Lord (CHRISTMAS DAY) MASS 8 AM & 11 AM
- 12/27 "Sunday within the Christmas Octave" - No Class, Children's & HS Christian Formation
- 1/1/21 The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education

LITURGICAL NOTES

"Unto you have I lifted up my soul." These are the very first words the Church gives us for the holy season of Advent in the Entrance Antiphon. It is a gesture of both contrition and confidence. Psalm 25, from which this prayer comes, acknowledges our sinfulness before God and trust in His merciful response to the waywardness of His creatures. It is such an important message that we hear it a second time in the Offertory Antiphon! The Communion Antiphon is the beautiful, sighing response of joy in realizing that God will deal mercifully with us. "The Lord will bestow his loving kindness, and our land will yield its fruit." Barrenness gives way to fruitfulness. Filthiness becomes clean once more. Brokenness is made whole again. Let us renew our "sense of sin" this season and beg God that He "not allow my enemies [the powers of Hell] to laugh at me" lest we fall into the trap of loving what is evil and hating what is good, finding ourselves unready for that unknown time "when the Lord of the house is coming." Miserere nobis!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music

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Thank you!

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

OUTREACH Thank you for your contributions and donations to the Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen. (Tues and Wed 10:30 AM-1:30 PM) and Soup Kitchen (Thurs). Please leave your food donations in the basket by the stairs in the Commons. God Bless you!

ANGEL TREE at HOLY COMFORTER Due to the pandemic, the ways to give this year have been modified for safety. Holy Comforter's online Angel Tree still has tags left, please use this link:

<https://www.tsamm.org/angeltree/adopt.dpi?c=B246C7491A540D40DA2BFE4E6780620F4F926797&aid=3129539DB6498ABA> If you just want to buy gifts, the Salvation Army has a "Walmart Registry for Good", please use this link:

<https://www.walmart.com/registry/registryforgood/E195AC2A-03CB-4F4E-B5F8-8851CE378127/view> Gifts can be mailed directly from the online vendors, mailed locally, or dropped off at The Salvation Army, 207 Ridge Street C'ville 22902. All unwrapped gifts are due to The Salvation Army by **Dec 7th!** Either way you choose to participate, will bring joy to a child on Christmas Day! Thank you for those who have already bought for a child. God Bless!

HOLY COMFORTER'S WORKS OF MERCY MINISTRY would appreciate more volunteers. The ministry is praying for our ill and homebound parishioners, sending birthday and holiday cards to elderly and homebound, editing the prayer lists in the bulletin, and when possible, visiting and making deliveries to the homebound. The ministry is also sending cards at various times of the year cards of caring to the elderly; some homemade with the creativity of our Religious Ed children. Sympathy cards are being sent to those families who's loved one passed during this year. As a new ministry, the prayerful desire is to eventually assist the Bereavement Committee by attending funerals at HC Parish. Please prayerfully consider if your organizational skills might help us with the prayer list; right now this is the greatest need. However, anyone who might have time to simply send cards is also needed. If interested, please call the office or email mercy@holycomforterparish.org. Thank you.

ST. MICHEL PARISH Sadly, as we entered this Fall, our sponsorship and other donations were 50% below last year's amount, resulting in a 50% decrease in the amount we could send to Father Petina for school and clinic. A big **Thank you** to current student sponsors. If you wish to sponsor a student, now is the perfect time to give the gift of a student sponsorship. Contact sponsorshipprogram@gmail.com. Please keep the St. Michel students in your prayers. Thank you!

Haiti Ministry Needs: Contact: e-mail Anne Knasel anne@stagebridge.net or Ginny Zeller ginnyannzeller@gmail.com online <https://info941709.wixsite.com/haiti-committee-site/news>
The Knights of Columbus, Council 3670, began distribution of new Coats for Kids at the Holy Comforter Food Pantry on Tuesday, November 10. **You may help the Knights by picking up a self-addressed envelope in the Commons on November 29.** Alternatively, send a check to **Knights of Columbus 3670, PO Box 7251, Charlottesville, VA 22906-2751.**

The Knights of Columbus, Council 3670, thank you!

FROM THE PASTOR



TIME TO EMBRACE THE LIGHT FROM THE MESSIAH **First Sunday of Advent 2020**

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

“Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” John 8:12

The Advent season is a journey through the biblical story that shows us how all the promises of God find their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Advent points us to Jesus, the fulfillment of the Messianic era, the Kingdom of God. At his first coming, which we celebrate at Christmas, Jesus showed us his humility, his love for us, and his heart of grace toward sinners and those who suffer. At his second coming, which we look forward to in Advent, he will complete what he started at his birth; bringing a final end to suffering, sin, and death, restoring his creation, and setting up a new kingdom of righteousness and peace. “God keeps his promises” indeed.

For us living in this millennium, we settle into the fact that the Kingdom of God is within our midst. St. Paul to the Romans says this. “*Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God*” **Romans 8:10**. We the “born again” through water and Spirit, know that the Holy Spirit has come to take up residence in us. We have become His temple (2Corinthians 6:16-18). Right now, wherever you are, and whatever circumstances you find yourself in, **know there is a**

silent burner that needs to be ignited so the works of the Kingdom of God may be manifested. Unless we activate that which God has put within us, it will simply lie dormant within us and no one will get any of the benefits of its purposes. Advent provides us with such a great opportunity to ignite the Light of Faith we received and allows it to become visible and active in our actions.

“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.”

Mark 5:14-15. What is Jesus trying to convey about us when he says we are the light of the world? Think about what light does. Light brings life to things that are dormant and helps them grow. It penetrates and transforms the darkness. Light makes visible what is *already real but* cannot be seen in the darkness. It reveals the true shape of things. The light of Christ can do that through us as well.

When Jesus went into a place, crowded with all different kinds of people, he could see what we too often see. Though he could have said, “Oh those kids are too confused. These people are too rich, those too poor; too Democrat or too Republican.” In other words, Jesus could have seen people who were easy to ignore at best, or easy to criticize at worst. But instead, when his light shone on the crowds, he had nothing but compassion on them because he could see who they really were—harassed and helpless people, like sheep without a shepherd (Matthew 9:35-36).

What I see in the Scriptures, is when the light of Jesus fell on people, he did not size them up into different categories the way our culture molds us to do. *Jesus had two categories and two categories only.* He either saw someone **who belongs to the family of His Father** or someone **who belonged to His Father’s Family and has not found the way back!** Could we do that? Could the light of Christ in us become so powerful that it melts away all our other categories and prejudices?

To be continued...

ADVENT GLIMPSE 1ST. SUNDAY.

- JESUS BECAME ONE LIKE US SO THAT WE CAN BECOME LIKE HIM.
- JESUS DESCENDED TO EARTH SO THAT WE CAN ASCEND TO HEAVEN.
- JESUS BECAME HUMAN THAT WE CAN BE “DIVINIZED”.

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