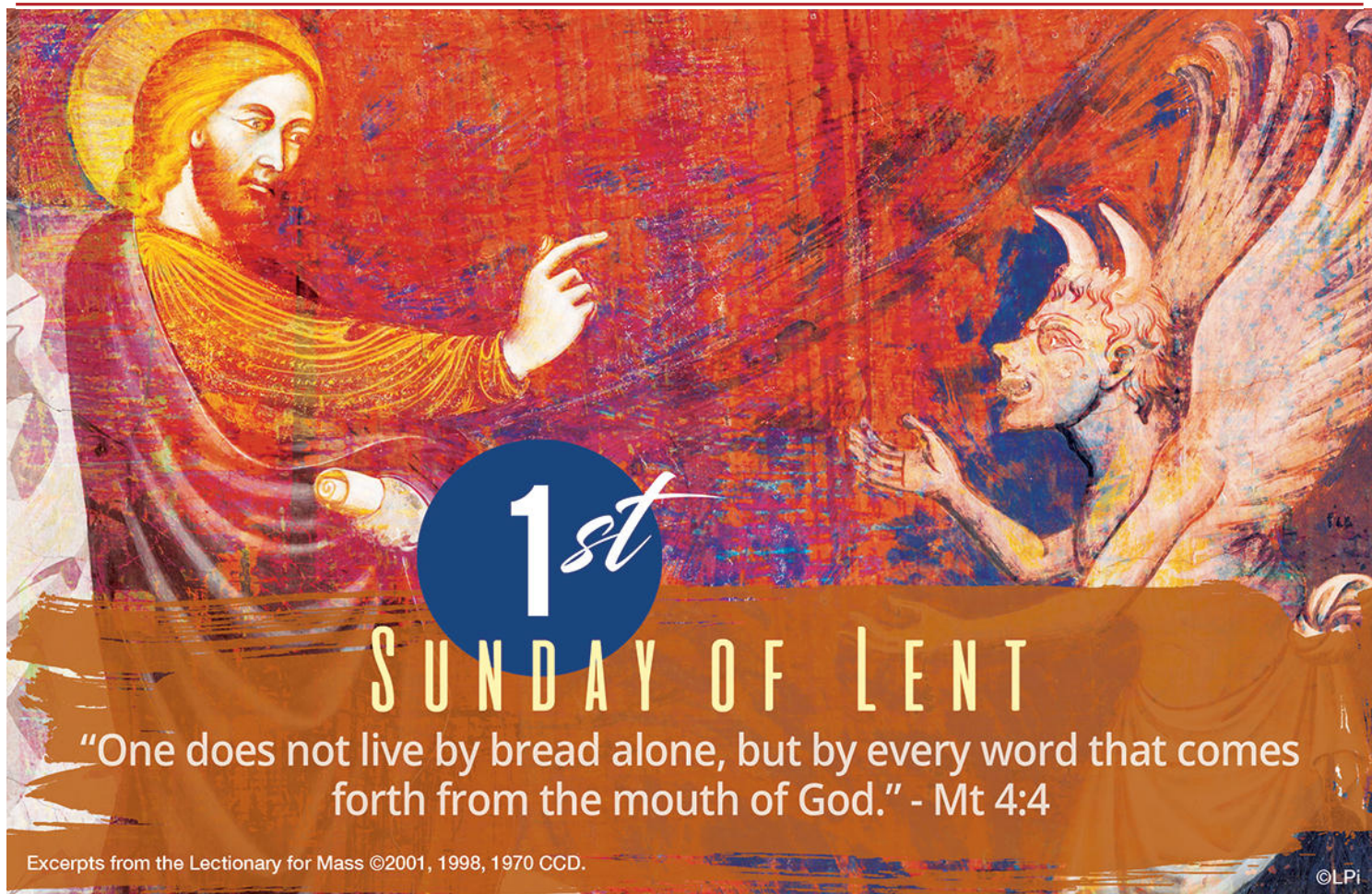




# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER



MARCH  
1, 2020

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## ✚ MASS TIMES

### SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil - 5 PM  
Sunday - 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM,  
1:30 PM (Latin)

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday & Friday - 12 PM  
Tuesday - Thursday - 7 AM  
Saturday - 8 AM  
First Friday Mass - 6:30 PM

### REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS

Contact the Church office at  
(434) 295-7185 or send an email to  
reception@holycomforterparish.org

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**14**  
Years of Faith  
in Charlottesville  
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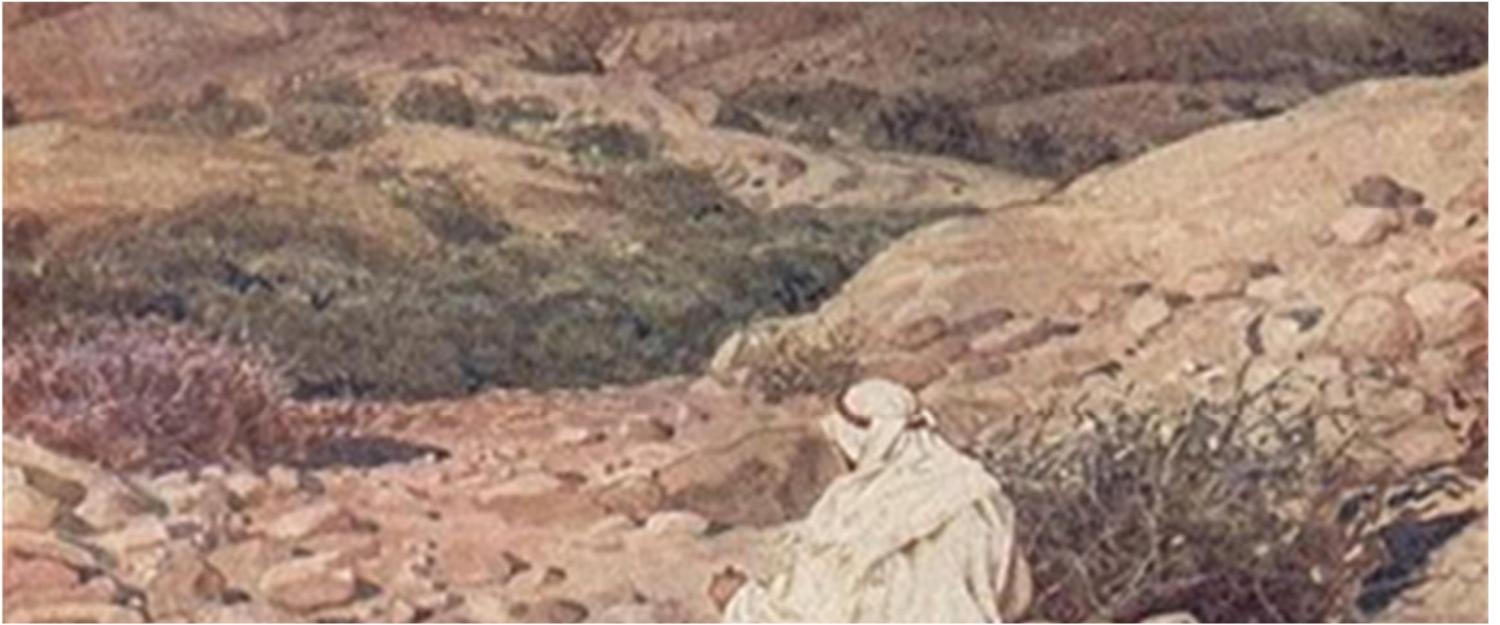
### UPCOMING EVENT

Stations of the Cross (led by  
Christian Formation students)  
6 PM

Meatless potluck supper to  
follow on the lower level!



# WELCOME



## FROM THE PASTOR

**VERY REV. JOSEPH MARY LUKYAMUZI, V.F.**

*I WALK WITH JESUS (PART 6)*

**"Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil."**

When Lent comes around each year, I look forward to the chance to intentionally focus on my relationship with God. It is not that I don't focus on my relationship with God during the other times of the year, but Lent becomes a special challenge to take an extra step and intentionally change some daily habit of my life and devote more time to deepen my relationship with Jesus, paying more attention to his ways of relating with God and people he came to save. It is hard to give up that thing—whatever it may be—and follow Jesus' example and spend time in the wilderness, but it is an opportunity to find new life in my relationship. And prayerfully, after I emerge from the wilderness and from my Lenten fast and celebrate the Easter season, then I would be able to experience the joy of the resurrection.

I very much like to learn from Jesus how I can best engage my whole being in prayer. "One of his disciples said, *'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples'* (Lk.11:1) because he observed Jesus at prayer. It amazes me that the disciples didn't ask for instructions on sharing the Gospel of the Kingdom. They didn't request to be taught how to heal. They didn't ask Jesus to teach them how to study the Scriptures. Instead they asked Him to teach them to pray. They knew it was important. The Scriptures, after all, are full of exhortations to pray. I know those who follow Jesus repeatedly confess that the spiritual discipline they struggle with most is prayer. This form of communion with God holds the promise of intimate interaction with our heavenly Father. And that intimate relationship is the

foundation for everything else we do as followers of Jesus. When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, He didn't have a prayer seminar or discuss the various types of prayer or the biblical basis for why prayer was important. He didn't give them techniques. He taught them by praying. Becoming a person of prayer isn't about learning to do it right—it's about learning to engage God in conversation and about getting to know Him more intimately. It may not come naturally to many. It didn't come naturally to the early disciples, either. But as we do it, we can ask—as they did—"Lord, teach us to pray!"

So, as we take on following Jesus in the desert for these 40 days, let us pay more attention to his voice as he communicates with the Father in heaven. "When you pray, say: *'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come'*". This phrase signified Jesus' own very close relationship with God-Abba. Jesus could easily have started his prayer by saying – "O Great Spirit in heaven" or "O Power of the Universe" or "O Ground of our Being" but he didn't. Jesus is teaching us that God is a personal being – not just a force that gives us life. Calling God Abba would be like us saying "hey dad, can we talk?" Good dads are always there, always listening and always ready to talk. I don't think Jesus meant that calling God "daddy" somehow did away with God's majesty and power. All Jesus did by calling God "daddy" was to make the majesty and power of God more approachable. It was Jesus' way of saying that the attitude with which to approach God is not that of going through ten administrative assistants to get to the one who created us in his own image and likeness. There is no call-waiting. No voice mails. God wants to talk with us. God is as close to us as a loving parent.

*To be continued*

# PRAYER & WORSHIP



## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### SATURDAY (2/29)

8:00 AM: MASS  
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (Chapel)  
5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil MASS

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (3/1)

*Donations for Altar Flowers Gladly Accepted*  
7:00 AM: Reconciliation (Chapel)  
8:30 AM: MASS  
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation (Lower Level)  
9:45-10:45 AM: RCIA (CRE Office)  
9:45-10:45 AM: Essays and Sacraments (Lower Level)  
11:00 AM: MASS  
12:30 PM: Reconciliation (Chapel)  
1:30 PM: Latin MASS

### MONDAY (3/2)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry  
NOON: MASS

### TUESDAY (3/3)

7:00 AM: MASS  
10:00 AM-NOON: Food Pantry  
NOON: Angelus and Midday Prayer  
4:30 PM: Youth Schola Rehearsal  
6:00 PM: Women's Schola Rehearsal (*Loft*)  
7:00 PM: Men's Schola Rehearsal

### WEDNESDAY (3/4)

7:00 AM: MASS  
10:00 AM-NOON: Food Pantry  
NOON: Angelus and Midday Prayer  
NOON: AA Meeting (LL)  
7:00 PM: Choir Rehearsal (*Loft*)

### THURSDAY (3/5)

7:00 AM: MASS  
10:00 AM-NOON: Food Pantry  
NOON: Angelus and Midday Prayer  
5:30-6:45 PM: Divine Comedy Study (Lower Level)  
6:30 PM: Confession/Holy Hour and Adoration

### FRIDAY (3/6)

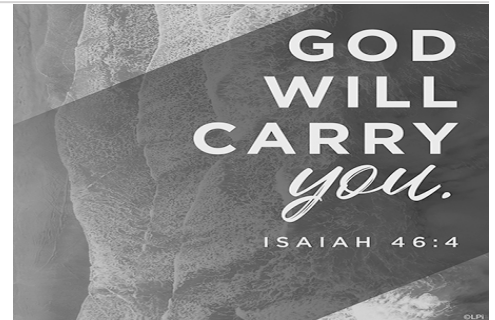
9:00 AM: Regina Coeli Homeschoolers  
10:00 AM: Ukelele Class (*Chapel*)  
NOON: AA Meeting (*LL*)  
6:00 PM: Stations of the Cross (*Sanctuary*)  
6:30 PM: MASS

### SATURDAY (3/7)

8:00 AM MASS  
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)  
5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil MASS

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (3/8)

*Donations for Altar Flowers Gladly Accepted*  
7:00 AM: Reconciliation (Chapel)  
8:30 AM: MASS  
9:45-10:45 AM: Christian Formation (Lower Level)  
9:45-10:45 AM: RCIA (CRE Office)  
9:45-10:45 AM: Essays and Sacraments (Lower Level)  
11:00 AM: MASS  
12:30 PM: Reconciliation (Chapel)  
1:30 PM: Latin MASS



## RECENTLY DECEASED PARISHIONERS

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY (2/29)

8:00 AM: Jim Cannon  
5:00 PM: In Thanksgiving for Father Michael Suarez

### SUNDAY (3/1)

8:30 AM: Members of our Parish  
11:00 AM: Donald Trump (Alice Makielski)  
1:30 PM: In Thanksgiving for Father Joseph Mary

### MONDAY (3/2)

NOON: †Roger Scanlan (Kathleen Thomson)

### THURSDAY (3/5)

7:00 AM: †Paul C Marsh (Margaret Marsh)

### SATURDAY (3/7)

8:00 AM: †Greg Pease (Anna Stelow)  
5:00 PM: Members of our Parish

### SUNDAY (3/8)

8:30 AM: †Gladys Rosario (Helen and Jim Crowley)  
11:00 AM: Family of †Ralph Bralley (Sharon and Chuck McCurdy)  
1:30 PM: †Netta Ditzio (Patricia McAdams)

## SAINTS OF GOD

### BLESSED ARE YOU

2/29 Saint Oswald  
3/01 Saint David of Wales  
3/02 Saint Agnes Bohemia

3/03 Saint Katherine Drexel  
3/04 Saint Casimir  
3/05 Saint John Joseph of the Cross  
3/06 Saint Mary Ann of Jesus of Paredes  
3/07 Saints Perpetua and Felicity  
3/08 Saint John of God

# PRAYER & WORSHIP



## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kindly notify us at [office@holycorforterparish.org](mailto:office@holycorforterparish.org) if you would like a name added to or removed from this list. To arrange to receive Holy Communion or a visit by Father Joseph Mary, please call the parish office 434.295.7185.

Chris Irwin Krupka, Traci McQuhae, Brett McQuhae, Helena McQuhae, Cullen McQuhae, Ann Ramsey, Will DeGregorio, Alice Stavicksey, Marlene Schmidt, Elizabeth Scott, Blandine Attey, Susan Allport, Scott Painley, Jeremy Breedlove, Scarlett Makielski, Rev. John Abe, Samantha Nelson, Joel Rivera, Mr. Kosh, Judge Conrad, Claudia Hartland, Aileen Green, Christine Fitzgerald, Daniel Moore, Katie George, James Worley, Thomas Johnson, Brenda Gayle Johnson, Sue Newman, Carolyn Ann Davis, Andy Gillespie, JoAnn Fox Klein, Susan Steeby, Suzanne Lank, Susan Straub Martin, Josephine Nampijja, Christine Bentéjac, Kimberly Hasenfus Hulick, John Patrick Dennison, Christine Russo Carpenter, Benedict Pax, Brian Driscoll, Aimee Nyiramugisha.

### THE ILL & HOME BOUND

Parishioners: Betty and Jim Cannon, Eileen and Al Bracuti, Phillip Carr, Maureen Clark, John Eros, Richard Fagan, Eileen Foster, Jolene Green, Mary Griffin, Colette Hall, Ruth Henahan, Pam Heron, Michael Ludgate, Theresa Lynch, Kitty Moore, Jim Morrisard, Marie and Joe Murray, Dan Petruso, Shawn Simpson-Smith.

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Rev. Bonaventure Lussier, OCD, Joan Little Clark, Virginia Cooper, Randall Saathoff, Trevor Joscelyne, Gordon Brookman, Lucien Garo, Felicia Anderson, Leroy Anderson, Maryjane Fuller, Gayle Christensen, Dorothy Lilly, Raymond Painley, Michelle Edwards, Fran Cannon Slayton, Barbara Lachance, Mike Charlie, Hernan Enrique Caceres, Veronica Natalia Chavez, Maria Sol Montel, Veronica Rodriguez, Luz Alejandra Bringas, Carolina Silvia Brizuela Perez, Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena, Gustavo Caceres, Kwasi Johnson, Ben Tensley, Randy T. Johnson, Christy Ackerman,

MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY  
Matthew Schrank, Benjamin Schrank, Joseph Schrank, Elijah Schrank, Nick Bruno, Nathaniel Byrd, Jeffrey Jaeger, Pete Bakke, Michael Eiermann, Tom Logan, William Murray, Trey Linebrink, Jeff Woodside, Charles G. Ellison, and Matthew Mickiewicz.

## GIFTS FROM GOD

### FEBRUARY 22-23, 2020

Offertory (plate)	\$3,885
Offertory (online)	\$2,310
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$7,500)
<i>Below Weekly Budget</i>	<i>(\$1,305)</i>

### 2020 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Building Our Family of Faith

Holy Comforter Parish Target:

\$20,920

February 20 Parish Donor Report:

\$640

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS NEEDED

Please consider joining a wonderful team of people who are dedicated to serving our Holy Comforter Parish and our Lord! Please let us know of your interest



## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

## SECOND WEEKEND OF LENT

### FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

### SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

God has saved us and called us to be holy.

### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus' face shone like the sun.



# PARISH NEWS



## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

The Holy Comforter Parish Lent Resource List is available on the Christian Formation Table in the Commons Area. Please take one as an enhancement and help to your Lenten Season spiritual journey.

**Stations of the Cross:** Mark your calendar for Friday, March 6, at 6:00 pm...Everyone is invited to pray The Stations of the Cross with Holy Comforter's Parish children. A meatless potluck supper will follow. Additional Stations of the Cross will be on the following dates/time...March 13, 20, 27 & April 3 at 6:00pm. First Communion meets today, 9:45 – 10:45am in the Lower Level, 2-3 grade classroom.

**Bible Basics for Catholics** will meet next Sunday, March 1, 9:45 – 10:45am, Lower Level. **Bible Basics for Catholics** is a Bible Study taught by our own Father Joseph Mary. Please join us!

**The Essays and Sacraments** discussion group meets TODAY, Sunday March 1, 9:45-10:45am in the lower level. An eight-week discussion on the wonders and mysteries of the seven sacraments, using personal essays by prominent Catholic



## LITURGICAL NOTES

The holy season of Lent has arrived! Green gives way to royal purple, signifying Christ's Kingship and exhorting us to repentance to prepare for His reign. We are called to penitential practices such as fasting, praying, and almsgiving to prepare for the solemn Easter season. In the Liturgy, we see a greater emphasis on prayer, take special collections for the poor, and "abstain" from more joyful expressions of worship. Most notably, the glorious tones of the organ shall cease until Laetare Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent) and then again until Holy Thursday.

The sparseness of musical accompaniment, like fasting in general, helps us to have a healthy love of things of this world by not idolizing them. More practically, it also serves as a handy reminder that the organ does in fact exist and needs to be maintained (absence makes the heart grow fonder!). Second collections will be taken periodically to start building an organ fund that will go towards maintenance and rebuilding. More information will be provided in subsequent bulletins.

## SOCIAL MINISTRIES

### HAITI

St. Michel School: will be visited by parishioners from March 7 to 15. Please keep the travelers in your prayers and continue to pray for Father Petina and St. Michel parish. Thank you.

**Haiti Ministry Needs:** Volunteer help with webpage management, logistics, computer refurbishing and publicity. See contacts below. We will be collecting basic dental supplies to be carried by the volunteers to Saltadere. Please leave your donations in the specially marked boxes in the Commons now through March 1st. Maaysee ahnpeel! Thank you!!

**Bi-Parish Haiti Committee:** Next Meeting: March 29. All are welcome. Contact: e-mail Anne Knasel at [anne@stagebridge.net](mailto:anne@stagebridge.net) or Ginny Zeller at [ginnyannzeller@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyannzeller@gmail.com). Website: <https://info941709.wixsite.com/haiti-committee-site>

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

The Senior Ministry at St. Thomas Aquinas Church invites anyone 50 or older at Holy Comforter to join us on Thursday, March 12 from 9:30 am to noon. AARP Fraud Fighters have agreed to speak at our meeting. A luncheon will follow. Please call Melanie in the office (293-8081) to reserve your place. There is a \$7.00 charge for the luncheon.

Charlottesville Catholic School will host their 24th Annual Gala Auction on Saturday, April 25th at 6pm at the Omni Charlottesville Hotel .

We are accepting applications for the 2020-21 school year for grades Pre-K through 8th. For more information email [admissions@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:admissions@cvillecatholic.org), call 434-964-0400, or visit [www.cvillecatholic.org/admissions](http://www.cvillecatholic.org/admissions).