



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

**MARCH
22, 2020**

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✠ MASS TIMES

EFFECTIVE MARCH 16...

As a precaution against Coronavirus (COVID-19), and until further notice, Bishop Barry C. Kestout has suspended all liturgies, including Sunday, Holy Day, and weekday Masses, in the Diocese of Richmond. Father Joseph Mary will offer a private Mass every day that will be streamed live on our parish Facebook page.

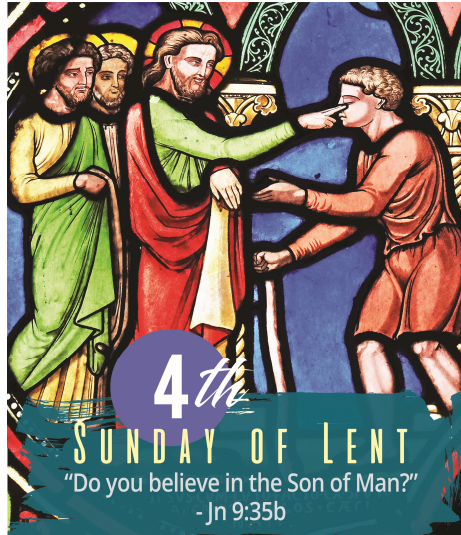
CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday 6:30-7:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9AM-3PM

Celebrating
14
Years of Faith
in Charlottesville
1880-2020



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Food Pantry Mon-Wed 10 AM-12 PM

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MINISTRIES

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Building and Grounds Ed Mickiewicz
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Heather Burns

Funerals

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Holy Comforter 2020 Matt Blumenfeld

Lectors Matt Freeman

Offertory Counters Lee Faust

Parish Life Pat Coldewey

Sacristans Suzanne Bailey

Uganda Theresa Lynch

Ushers Dennis Dougherty

Director of Information and

Webmaster Matt Blumenfeld

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards.

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



CORONAVIRUS

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.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

During this time, while public celebrations of the Mass are suspended, you can make your offertory contributions with Online Giving from anywhere! And, when you do so, it helps us to meet our regular financial obligations. All Second Collections are accepted online, as well.

Please visit holycorforterparish.org for the Online Giving link. Contributions can also be mailed or brought to the office.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (3/21)

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (3/22)

Altar flowers provided in honor of Lauren Galvan

MONDAY (3/23)

9 AM--3 PM Office Open

10 AM-12 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (3/24)

9 AM--3 PM Office Open

10 AM-12 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

WEDNESDAY (3/25)

9 AM--3 PM Office Open

10 AM-12 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (3/26)

9 AM--3 PM Office Open

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

FRIDAY (3/27) - LENTEN

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

9 AM--3 PM Office Open

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (3/28)

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (3/29)

Altar Flowers provided by Christian Formation Families

STREAMED MASSES

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is being streamed online at [Holy Comforter facebook.com/holycorforter](https://holycorforterfacebook.com/)

And at [EWTN](https://www.ewtn.com)

<https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live/united-states>

And the [Archdiocese of Washington website](https://adw.org) (<https://adw.org/parishes-masses/sunday-tv-mass/>).

SAINTS OF GOD

BLESSED ARE YOU

3/21 Blessed John of Parma

3/22 Saint Nicholas Owen

3/23 Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo

3/24 Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero

3/25 Annunciation of the Lord

3/26 Saint Catherine of Genoa

3/27 Lazarus

3/28 Saint Catharine of Bologna

3/29 Saint Ludovico of Casoria

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Thomas Andrews
Rosine Apaloci
Kathleen E Birak
Kevin Noah Diop
John & Victoria Dougherty
Neil & Sylvia James
David Keppel
Justin Martin
Scott Peel
Beatrice Tine
Bernadette Tine

Registration Forms are Available in the Office and on the Credenza in the Commons

Fr. Joseph Mary's private Masses can be followed on our Facebook page facebook.com/holycorforter

MASS INTENTIONS

Father Joseph Mary will offer a private Mass every day for our Intentions.

SATURDAY (3/21)

†Geoffrey Frampton (Margaret Marsh)

SUNDAY (3/22)

Members of Our Parish

MONDAY (3/23)

Special Intention of Patricia McAdams

†Roger Scanlan (Soup Kitchen Volunteers)

TUESDAY (3/24)

Joan Link (Samantha Van Dyke)

†Ronald Lavis (Eileen Lavis)

WEDNESDAY (3/25)

Special Intention of Patricia McAdams

†Helen Savino (Patricia McAdams)

THURSDAY (3/26)

Special Intention of Patricia McAdams

Sr. Mary Emanuel (Sharon S.)

FRIDAY (3/27)

†Sr. Joan McDermott (Blumenfeld Family)

Coby Savona Jr. (Alicia Vinklerek)

SATURDAY (3/28)

†Philomena Marsh (Margaret Marsh)

SUNDAY (3/29)

Members of the Parish

PRAYER & WORSHIP



GIFTS FROM GOD

MARCH 14 – 15, 2020

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| Offertory (plate) | \$2,581 |
| Offertory (other) | \$145 |
| Weekly Offertory Budget | (\$7,500) |
| Below Weekly Budget | (\$4,774) |

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Please follow the Online Giving link on our website
holycorforterparish.org

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This week, parishes around the country will accept contributions for Catholic Relief Services to help Jesus in disguise. Funds from the collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad.

Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

Envelopes are available in the Commons and can be mailed in or left in the office.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Building Our Family of Faith

Holy Comforter Parish Target:

\$20,920

March 12th Parish Donor Report:

\$8,800

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS NEEDED

If you are interested in serving our parish and our Lord in this way, please contact Heather Burns (EMs) h.stanza@gmail.com or Matt Freeman (Lectors) mfnrdcva@gmail.com Thank you!

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THE ILL & HOME BOUND

Parishioners: 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

David Scruggs, Rev. Bonaventure Lussier, OCD, Joan Littley 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, 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, 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.

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.

Kindly notify us at 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.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:12-14

God will open the graves and restore the people of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 130:1-8

With the Lord is forgiveness and mercy.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:8-11

The Spirit of God dwells in you.

GOSPEL READING

John 11:1-45

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

PARISH NEWS



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

BIBLE BASICS FOR CATHOLICS

has been cancelled until further notice. Please take this time as an opportunity to read the book, Bible Basics for Catholics and your Bible. The St. Jerome Bible has been recommended by Father Joseph Mary.

THE ESSAYS AND SACRAMENTS GROUP

is cancelled until further notice. Susan and Art will be in touch when the discussions can continue.

CHILDREN'S AND HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FORMATION

(Sundays, 9:45-10:45am) and activities have been cancelled until further notice per Diocesan restrictions. The CF Catechists will be in contact with students' parents. This is a good time to pray the Rosary (or start praying the Rosary) with your children. It will enhance your family's prayer life, give a deeper understanding of Mary as Our Blessed Mother and will bring a continuity of holiness to everyday life. Also, in praying the Rosary at the same time, every day, a comforting routine can be established which your children will appreciate and benefit from. Novenas can be especially helpful at this time. Mary, Undoer of Knots and the St. Joseph Novena (available at praymorenovenas.com) are two that could be prayed. Also, please remember to keep Father Joseph Mary in your prayers as he celebrates the Mass for us and continues in his work of serving God and our Holy Comforter Parish Family.

RCIA AND ADULT FORMATION

are canceled until further notice. Heather Burns and Diane Auger Smith will be in contact regarding RCIA. John Bugbee will contact his class and is investigating possible online options.

FIRST COMMUNION

will not be meeting at Holy Comforter. Tina Blumenfeld will be in contact with parents and will provide home curriculum aids.

This is a time for us to let our light as Catholics shine for our neighbors, communities, and world. Many will need to see the love of God in us, in all we do and in all we say. St Paul put it so well in Philippians 4:4-7 - "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: Rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God which passes all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." We are the blessed of God and so fortunate to belong to His glorious Church - the fulfillment of the Faith. May God bless you all during this suffering in our Season of Lent, and please remember to offer up your suffering to God as it is a powerful prayer for others.

LITURGICAL NOTES

We have arrived at the rose-colored Sunday in Lent. "Laetare" Sunday is a time of rejoicing. What a remarkable thing to ponder in the middle of Lent (especially this one!). The antiphons focus on praising God for accomplishing what He has set out to do, including the establishment of the old and eventually the new Jerusalem, which, as the communion antiphon tells us, "is built as a city whose parts are firmly bound." The Church will not be shaken and will accomplish God's will on earth. She will bring light to the nations and the faithful. St. Paul tells us we are "children of the light" and Christ, "the light of the world," healed the blind man in the Gospel story. Let us take comfort in the indefatigable Church that Christ established to give us the grace to become holy like God and to persevere in trying times.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

OUTREACH

All essential charity efforts to the poor and vulnerable will continue using instructions and guidance by federal, state, and local jurisdictions. We have communicated to our volunteers that until further notice, only those who are in the non-vulnerable group (those under 60 and not immunocompromised) should assist.

FOOD PANTRY

Holy Comforter will continue our operation Monday-Wednesday 10 AM- Noon. We will limit the number of people in the lower level to no more than 10 at a time, and therefore, distribution to clients will take place outside the building at our 3rd Street entry door.

SOUP KITCHEN

Until further notice, all meals will be served at The Haven, 112 W. Market Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902.

(434) 293-8989 or outreach@holycomforterparish.org

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Our Seven Last Words Concert has been deferred to May. More details will be announced in the coming weeks.

THE PARISH COUNCIL will host a parish-wide celebration for all volunteers on Divine Mercy Sunday. SAVE THE DATE APRIL 19TH. More details to come!

FROM THE PASTOR



I WALK WITH JESUS, PART IX

VERY REV. JOSEPH MARY LUKYAMUZI, V.F.

Jesus said to the devil:

“Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’” (Mt. 4:10).

“Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’” Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.” (Mt.4: 8-11).

Satan’s softer approach of, “Why don’t you turn these stones into bread?” had not worked. Neither did quoting the Bible out of context. With this third temptation, “the ancient liar” thought, “Go big, or go home.” But as he did, he showed his true colors: he is a liar. The devil never owned the splendor of the kingdoms of the world! It was not his possession to give away! Yet he claimed that they were his, and that he would give it all to Jesus for just one little favor!

Even worse, he implied that he was being super-helpful to Jesus with his offer. *“Oh, come on, Jesus, you came for the world, didn’t you? You came for glory, right? Well, here, let me give you a hand. You can have it all right now! And you can have it cheap! Take the shortcut! Just one little act of worship...just bow down this one little time...simple as that.”*

If Jesus would have listened for an instant, we would all be doomed! How could Jesus pay for our sins if he had to pay for his own instead? But Jesus didn’t fall for the lies. While it’s true that the Christ had come for the world, he hadn’t come for worldly glory. He had come to give to the world, not get the world. He had come to serve, not be served. He gave Satan no room. He refused to toy with the suggested shortcut. Jesus gave a swift kick to the devil as he quoted the simplest commandment of them all – the first one. *“Jesus said to him...‘For it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”*

He won! The Christ won! Do you understand what this means for you? It means that you have won too. Heaven is yours. Period! And because Christ’s victory is your victory, you own a powerful weapon when Satan attacks. Why listen to any sinful shortcut for earthly success and happiness, when Jesus gives you heavenly glory that never ends?

So, fight the good fight! Have zero tolerance for the devil’s garbage. Give no room to his lies. With tremendous confidence and joy, say, “Away from me, Satan! Today I am worshiping the Lord my God and serving him only!” And the devil will only have one option: to go screaming away from your soul, yelling and shouting back to the pits of hell.

Let us pray: Lord Jesus, you know that Satan, the Accuser, is filled with fury because his time is short. He wages war against those who keep your commands and hold to your truth. But you have already triumphed over him. I want to worship you, and serve you only, Lord... give me confidence to do that every single day. (To be continued...)