



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

**MARCH
29, 2020**

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CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER

Sunday 7 AM-1 PM

Monday-Friday 7 AM-7:30 PM

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

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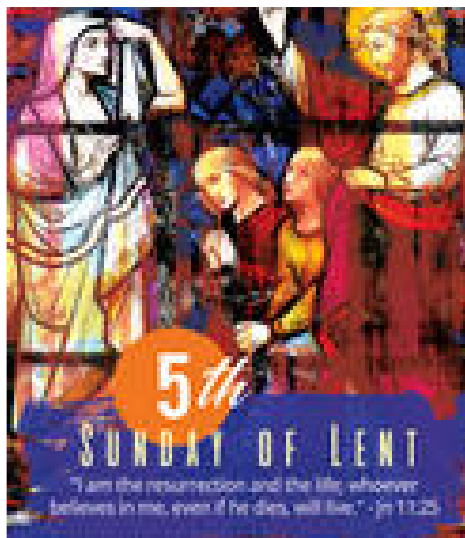
CONFESSION

Monday-Saturday 6:30-7:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9 AM-3 PM

Celebrating
14
Years of Faith
in Charlottesville
1880-2020



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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



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (3/28)

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (3/29)

Altar Flowers provided by Christian Formation Students and Families

7 AM-1 PM Church open for prayer

MONDAY (3/30)

7 AM-7:30 PM Church open for prayer

9 AM-3 PM Office Open

10 AM-12 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (3/31)

7 AM-7:30 PM Church open for prayer

9 AM--3 PM Office Open

10 AM-12 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

WEDNESDAY (4/1)

7 AM-7:30 PM Church open for prayer

9 AM--3 PM Office Open

10 AM-12 PM Food Pantry

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (4/2)

7 AM-7:30 PM Church open for prayer

9 AM--3 PM Office Open

12 PM Soup Kitchen (The Haven)

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

FRIDAY (4/3) (Lenten Abstinence from Meat)

7 AM-7:30 PM Church open for prayer

9 AM--3 PM Office Open

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

SATURDAY (4/4)

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION (4/5)

Donations for Altar Flowers Gladly Accepted

7 AM-1 PM Church open for prayer

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is
streamed daily at
facebook.com/holycomfortercville

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.

3/30 Saint Peter Regalado
3/31 Saint Stephen of Mar Saba
4/1 Saint Hugh of Grenoble
4/2 Saint Francis of Paola
4/3 Saint Benedict the African
4/4 Saint Isidore of Seville
4/5 Saint Vincent Ferrer

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you to join our Holy Comforter Parish family! Registration Forms are available in the Office and on the Credenza in the Commons.

REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Until further notice, all Sunday Masses will be offered for the Members of Holy Comforter Parish. Mass intention requests made prior to March 16 have been rescheduled to a Daily Mass the following week. Please refer to the schedule below.

SATURDAY (3/28)

†Philomena Marsh (Margaret Marsh)

SUNDAY (3/29)

Members of the Parish

MONDAY (3/30)

Joseph Stanley (Blumenfeld Family)

Gary Stanley (Blumenfeld Family)

TUESDAY (3/31)

†Suzanne Van Dyke (Samantha Van Dyke)

†Rev. Arne Panula (Samantha Van Dyke)

WEDNESDAY (4/1)

For the Protection of Families

(Dominique Faust)

Lucas Gerling (Maria Andrea Ospina)

THURSDAY (4/2)

For Father Joseph Mary and His Intentions (Dominique Faust)

FRIDAY (4/3)

For All Victims of War (Dominique Faust)

SATURDAY (4/4)

For the Conversion of the World to Jesus (Dominique Faust)

SUNDAY (4/5)

Members of the Parish

SAINTS OF GOD

BLESSED ARE YOU

3/28 Saint Catharine of Bologna

3/29 Saint Ludovico of Casoria

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

MARCH 16– 22, 2020

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| Offertory (other) | \$235 |
| Offertory (online) | \$3,012 |
| Weekly Offertory Budget | (\$7,500) |
| Below Weekly Budget | (\$4,253) |

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

holycorforterparish.org

Contributions can also be mailed to or brought in to our office. Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2020

Building Our Family of Faith

Holy Comforter Parish Target:
\$20,920

March 19th Parish Donor Report:
\$11,200

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING OUR ADA ONLINE GIVING VENDOR:
Faith Direct has informed us, in light of the current crisis, their office is closed and staff are working remotely to process gifts. This may mean that pledges with payment start dates of 4/15 may actually start on 5/15. Please contact Faith Direct at 866-507-8757. Payments can also be made at: <https://richmondccatholicfoundation.org/giving/annual-appeal/>

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

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, 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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Gospel at the Procession with Palms
Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem as the crowd waves palm branches and shouts, "Hosanna!"

First Reading
Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was obedient even to death, and God has exalted him.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:14—27:66

Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb.

PARISH NEWS



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Dear Parents,

I hope the past week found you and your family doing well. Now that we are going into the second week of public Mass suspension, I hope you have been able to access Father Joseph Mary's private Masses, his homilies and the message he made to us on Saturday, March 21st, all of which are posted on our parish Facebook page. Please let us know if you would like to see anything added there.

I have provided some resources that will hopefully give you some fresh ideas to help you at this time as a family at home. Please know you are all in my prayers and being remembered in the Rosary.

Have a very blessed weekend!

Melinda Wells, CRE

List of Education Companies offering free subscriptions
<https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/135609/list-of-education-companies-offering-free-subscriptions/?fbclid=IwAR17kw643rdF940erUyU3fgolelDaBg17rXCsw9aRz4SA8KWM4fVu3vbBm0>

30 Virtual Field Trips with Links
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SvldqTx9djKO6SjvPDsoG1kgE3IExmi3qh2KRRku_w/preview?fbclid=IwAR225sT0ROJmfzagqw38xR90lbZg3djBmNkeQq0YEVlq2hbZ2DWamm8KF7c

How and why to watch Mass
https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/how-and-why-to-watch-mass-online-during-coronavirus-82713?fbclid=IwAR1rpz8JH1SHDGH1aEmoVklFyKQPp5BKagPzV_eRlvtal3rZb1ISW1fuKcFE

Catholic Families Homeschooling during Coronavirus 2020
https://www.facebook.com/groups/234906860982719/?ref=group_header

AO Help Crisis Curriculum
https://www.amblesideonline.org/HELP.shtml?fbclid=IwAR3d9-7pU-rjPCfFkUHroe2qE7FzVh7_kOomqTaPLKbQNP_MoVlKyJbTOSU#LIT

Giant List of ideas for being home with kids
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1o6kEgCKLn3cylm2hehhSTIk7yRTd0C3zx49JS4wwCl/preview?fbclid=IwAR0NPXKHZdcI713551rjn2aNinPt86Dbtm6wrbtMMt9sy_FrHIJnCiOVIq

LITURGICAL NOTES

The Fifth Sunday of Lent invites us to meditate on the resurrection of the dead. Just as Jesus revealed himself at the Transfiguration to strengthen Peter, James, and John before His bitter Passion, so now we are consoled before the epic and terrible events of Holy Week. The entrance antiphon begins with a plea to "defend my cause against an ungodly nation." That is to say, do not let our obedience to God and His laws end with our destruction; do not let apparent defeat be the last word. The readings and subsequent antiphons answer this prayer. Right off the bat, Ezekiel tells us that the Lord will call us from our graves back to Israel (the Catholic Church in these latter times). The psalm acknowledges God's mercy in response to this, and "He will redeem Israel from all their iniquities." St. Paul tells us that when we live in Christ, though the body dies, the spirit (soul) shall be alive and the body shall follow. Most notably, the communion antiphon says, "If a man would serve me, let him follow me," referencing the latter part of the Epistle. Serving Jesus means possessing the Spirit of Jesus, Who will "give life to your mortal bodies also..." Finally, the Gospel crowns our expectations with the beautiful narrative of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. Let us take heart in the soon-to-be "resurrection" of the Church from this sleep that She has been forced into by the current pandemic.

Pray without ceasing!

Daniel Kirkland, Director of Music & Liturgy

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

FOOD PANTRY

Holy Comforter continues to serve clients Monday-Wednesday 10 AM– Noon. In order to limit the number of people in the lower level to 10 at a time, the distribution takes place outside the building at our 3rd Street entry door.

SOUP KITCHEN

We are preparing grab-and-go lunches on Thursdays that are being served at The Haven.

Thank you for your support!

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

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SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

Local businesses and sponsors that advertise on our parish bulletin need you now more than ever before.

Please encourage and remind others to show their support during this time.

FROM THE PASTOR



I WALK WITH JESUS, PART X

VERY REV. JOSEPH MARY LUKYAMUZI, V.F.

“Whenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites do... But, ...anoint your head and wash your face.” (Mt. 16-17)

We know that fasting is one of the pillars that constitutes our Lenten observance. For Roman Catholics, fasting obligations apply to adults age 18 through 59. There are also certain exemptions to the fasting obligation, which are outlined by the USCCB here: “Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.” If you cannot participate in fasting and abstinence for health reasons, find another way to practice penance! But why fast? What is the value of fasting and what kind of fasting pleases God? Fasting can only come from a humble heart of worship, not by religious ritual.

This type of fasting cannot be accomplished by people who live a hypocritical lifestyle. In the sight of God, fasting is not just denying oneself the pleasure of food but meeting the needs of others. This type of fasting is always accompanied by earnest prayer and results in bringing relief to the oppressed. Prophet Isaiah says: “Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke.” (Is. 58:6) The Lord wants us to see things the way He does. When we realize what true fasting is and we begin to practice it, we will be free of issues and spring forth into goodness.

So why did Jesus tell his disciples to anoint their heads and wash their faces when they fast? The whole point is to disguise the fact that they are fasting. Apparently, there were some folks back in Jesus days who wanted everyone to know that they were fasting, suffering, and depriving themselves of food. And so, they made themselves look as messy as they could and would put on a gloomy face to let people know, “Oh, I am so spiritual because, look, I’m depriving myself of food.” We find these people today in the body of Christ, but they have more subtle ways of letting you know what day of their fast that they’re currently on.

When you fast, the whole idea here is trying to keep it secret that you’re fasting, so you’re doing it as unto the Lord. I want to invite each of you to ask God if there is a good reason for you to fast. Maybe there is a sin that you feel is taking over your life—and you see that a fast could help you see the seriousness of it and how vital it is for you to confess and ask for God’s help. Maybe you realize you have come to be too rooted in the approval of others—and God is telling you to fast from social media. Perhaps you feel led to begin to practice a weekly fast as an offering of worship to God.

(To be continued...)