



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

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MASS TIMES

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER

Sunday 7 AM-1 PM

Monday-Friday 7 AM-7:30 PM

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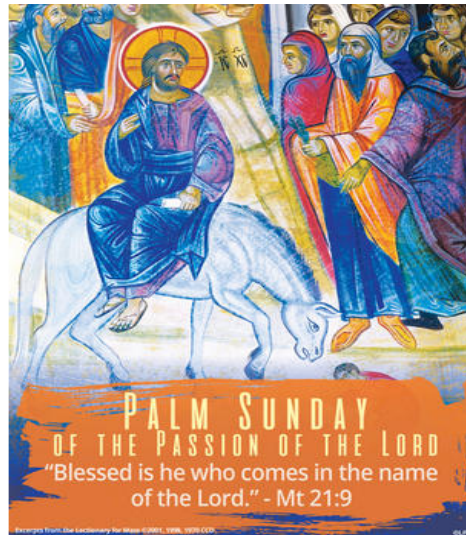
CONFESSION

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 (4/4)

2 PM-6 PM Distribution of Palms
6:30-7:30 PM Confession

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

7 AM-10 AM Distribution of Palms
7 AM-1 PM Church open for prayer
11 AM MASS (*private**)

MONDAY (4/6)

7 AM-7:30 PM Church open for prayer
10 AM-12 PM Food Pantry
1 PM MASS (*private**)
6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (4/7)

7 AM-7:30 PM Church open for prayer
10 AM-12 PM Food Pantry
1 PM MASS (*private**)
6:30-7:30 PM Confession

WEDNESDAY (4/8)

7 AM-7:30 PM Church open for prayer
10 AM-12 PM Food Pantry
1 PM MASS (*private**)
6:30-7:30 PM Confession

HOLY THURSDAY (4/9)

7 AM-6 PM Church open for prayer
12 PM Soup Kitchen (The Haven)
7-11 PM MASS and Adoration
(*private**)

GOOD FRIDAY (4/10) (Lenten Fasting and Abstinence Observed)

7 AM-2 PM Church open for prayer
3 PM Stations of the Cross (*private**)
5 PM Service (*private**)

HOLY SATURDAY (4/11)

8 PM Easter Vigil MASS (*private**)

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION (4/12)

9 AM LATIN MASS (*private**)
11 AM MASS (*private**)
1 PM-6 PM Church open for prayer

**All Liturgies may be viewed via
livestream
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.

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 reception@holyccomforterparish.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 (4/4)

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

SUNDAY (4/5)

Members of the Parish

MONDAY (4/6)

For All Home Caregivers (Dominique Faust)
For Children and the Aged (Dominique Faust)

TUESDAY (4/7)

†Greg Pease (Anna Stelow)

WEDNESDAY (4/8)

†Paul C. Marsh (Margaret Marsh)

THURSDAY (4/9)

For The Holy Souls in Purgatory (Dominique Faust)
President Donald Trump (Alice Makielski)

FRIDAY (4/10)

Good Friday

SATURDAY (4/11)

Libby and Bob Handy (Lauren O'Neill)
Linda and Paul Bondor (Thomas Bondor)

SUNDAY (4/12)

Members of the Parish

SAINTS OF GOD

BLESSED ARE YOU

4/4 Saint Isidore of Seville
4/5 Saint Vincent Ferrer
4/6 Saint Crescentia Hoess

4/7 Saint John Baptist de La Salle
4/8 Saint Julie Billiart
4/9 Saint Casilda
4/10 Saint Magdalen of Canossa
4/11 Saint Stanislaus
4/12 Saint Teresa of Los Andes

PARISH NEWS



GIFTS FROM GOD

MARCH 23– 29, 2020

Thanks be to God for your continued generosity

Offertory	\$3,551
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$7,500)
Below Weekly Budget	(\$3,949)

GIVE ONLINE

Please consider supporting our parish by making a recurring gift online at holycomforterparish.org

Thank you!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2020

Building Our Family of Faith

Holy Comforter Parish Target:

\$20,920

March 27th Parish Donor Report:

\$13,130

Contributions may be made at: <https://richmondccatholicfoundation.org/giving/annual-appeal/>

Thank you for your support!

OUR PARISH IS HERE FOR YOU!
WE ARE COMMITTED TO CONTINUE SERVING OUR PARISHIONERS AT THIS TIME.

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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

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Kindly notify us at office@holycomforterparish.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

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43
Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4
Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-9
Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

PARISH NEWS



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Dear Parents,

I pray that all is well with you. We've made it this far because of God's Grace and Divine Mercy. If you read your church flocknotes email this Wednesday, you will see my message to the Holy Comforter Parish Family. I would like to encourage you to live being Catholic especially during this very difficult time of uncertainty. I would also like to take this opportunity to personally thank each one of you who has continued to give to the church to the best of your ability. It is a definite help and blessing to the running of Holy Comforter and to all who serve God through our Parish. I have included a few resources to help you mix things up a bit while you are home with your children. I'm also staying in contact with the catechists to encourage them and remind them to keep in contact with you. We are all in this together and no one should feel alone or in need. Please feel free to contact me, even if it's just to say hello. I can be contacted at 434-295-6559 or cre@holycomforterparish.org

I am here for you and our Holy Comforter Parish Family. I miss all of you and am looking forward to seeing you all again. Please let your children know that Ms. Melinda misses them and in the meantime, as always, you are all in my prayers and being remembered in the Rosary. May God bless you and keep you...May His light shine always upon you and grant you peace.

Under Mary's Mantle, *Melinda*

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Daily Mass options on line
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LITURGICAL NOTES

The liturgical texts for Palm Sunday reflect epically radical transitions from exultation to humiliation to profound abandonment and finally to confidence in God. Sound familiar? Jesus has been on the journey we are traveling, so we are not alone! Our joyful Hosannas turn into "Why have you abandoned me?" with the responsorial psalm and sink into the depths with the offertory antiphon: "My heart awaited reproach and misery; and I hoped for one that would grieve together with me, but there was none..." But Jesus has given us an example, setting His "face like flint" – according to Isaiah – to the path His Father laid out for Him, submitting to the Divine Will in calm obedience, as the communion antiphon tells us ("If this cup cannot pass away unless I drink it..."). As a reward for Our Lord's perseverance and obedience unto death, St. Paul tells us in his crowing epistle: "God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Defeat is turned into victory, humiliation into triumph, abandonment into fellowship with the Holy Trinity. Meditate on the painful, sorrowful, beautiful, loving, and glorious Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and you will find a Friend in every trial that you are experiencing. May Jesus Christ be praised, NOW AND FOREVER.

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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Please encourage and remind others to show their support during this time. **Thank you!**

FROM THE PASTOR



I WALK WITH JESUS, PART XI: A JOURNEY TO CALVARY

VERY REV. JOSEPH MARY LUKYAMUZI, V.F.

"But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved." (Matthew 24:13)

As Jesus was about to go up to Jerusalem, He took the twelve disciples aside by themselves, and on the way He said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and will hand Him over to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify Him, and on the third day He will be raised up."

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the back of a colt of a she-ass. He was received by the people with cries of 'Hosanna'. They spread their cloaks on the road and waved palm branches in blessing. This was a kind of send off to begin his trial, suffering and crucifixion.

When Jesus went to the cross, He had to give up all rights to be accepted by the Father. On his journey to calvary he went through tremendous rejection. When you think about it, one of his best friends, Peter, denied him three times. In fact, a lot of the people turned on Jesus because He wasn't fulfilling their dreams of rescuing them from the Romans. When Jesus went to the cross, He had to leave behind his mother and brothers. And the three friends who went to pray with

Him fell asleep on Him. He was misunderstood and even when He was dying, He cried out, "My God, my God, Why hast Thou forsaken me?" But, what was his attitude as he suffered through all this?

Have you ever thought about why God picked the experiences He did for Jesus to have on the way to the cross? Why did those exact things happen to Him? Why were those particular things prophesied and told beforehand? Well, it seems God allowed those things in order to allow us to know what we might have to suffer as God breaks us and sets us free from our "Selves." In Philippians 3:8-10 Paul testifies, "I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own . . . but that which comes through faith in Christ . . . that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death..." Do you see that what we go through is going to conform us not only to his sufferings, but his death. This is so that His death can be experienced as our death.

We therefore need to have the same attitude Jesus had as he was going to the cross. When we have this kind of attitude, we'll understand why we have to go through what we experience. You see, God is setting us free from our "Self" and the flesh – we're being conformed to Christ's death. God is at work in us to will and to work according to His good pleasure. So we have to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, as St. Paul tells us. Christ needs to be worked out in you so that He's manifested to others—to your brothers and to the world. Your salvation needs to be worked out in terms of your past, in terms of whether or not any tragedy still controls you—whether you're a mere survivor or you're "more than a conqueror." All this needs to be worked out of you on your way to Calvary with Jesus.

It was worked out for Jesus in that he had the right attitude. He humbled himself. So I need to be emptied of my Self, my self-sufficiency, my own control. However, I can't empty myself as Jesus did, but I can be emptied and will be at the cross with Christ. So our Journey with Jesus needs to be characterized by humility. This matter of humility is important. In 1 Peter 5:5b we read, "clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble." So, as a result of the attitude of Jesus we also need to see the actions he took to be victorious.

(To be continued...)