

READINGS FOR AUGUST 3 - 10

SUNDAY - 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: [Isaiah 55:1-3](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18](#)

Second Reading: [Romans 8:35, 37-39](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 14:13-21](#)

MONDAY

First Reading: [Jeremiah 28:1-17](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 14:13-21](#)

TUESDAY

First Reading: [Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 14:22-36](#), or [Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14](#)

WEDNESDAY - TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

First Reading: [Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 9](#)

Second Reading: [Second Peter 1:16-19](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 17:1-9](#)

THURSDAY

First Reading: [Jeremiah 18:1-6](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 146:1-2, 2-4, 5-6](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 13:47-53](#)

FRIDAY

First Reading: [Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Deuteronomy 32:35-36, 39, 41](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 16:24-28](#)

SATURDAY

First Reading: [Habakkuk 1:12--2:4](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 17:14-20](#)

SUNDAY - 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: [First Kings 19:9, 11-13](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14](#)

Second Reading: [Romans 9:1-5](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 14:22-33](#)



Offertory for 7/26th-27th - \$7489.00

Justice & Peace - \$10.00

Haiti - \$15.00

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

With great enthusiasm and fervor, God urges his people to come to him and to accept the gifts he extends to them.

Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

In words that are both stirring and courageous, Paul exclaims that nothing will separate him and his followers from the love of Christ--neither trial--nor persecution--nor death.

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Matthew gives us a straightforward and convincing account of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Because the crowds following Jesus were hungry, he took five loaves and two fish, blessed them, and gave them to the crowds. Although the people numbered about five thousand, there was still food remaining.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 2

5 PM - Fulton Charlie (Idette & Frances Charlie)

Sunday, August 3

8:30 AM - Members of the Parish

11:00 AM - Gerard Curry (Louise Kepley)

Monday, August 4

8 AM - Julia D'Arco (Jean Fowler)

Tuesday, August 5

8 AM - Tom Henzey (Connor Mason)

Saturday, August 9

5 PM - Members of the Parish

Sunday, August 10

8:30 AM - Mary Nguyen Thi Moc (Thuy Vu)

11:00 AM - Doris Newton (Marian Ortmann)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY (8/3)

8:30 AM - MASS

11:00 AM - MASS

MONDAY (8/4)

8 AM - MASS

TUESDAY (8/5)

8 AM - MASS

10 AM - NOON: Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (8/6)

8 AM - MASS

10 AM - NOON: Food Pantry

NOON - AA Meeting

THURSDAY (8/7)

8 AM - MASS

NOON - 1 PM: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (8/8)

10 AM - NOON: Food Pantry

NOON - AA Meeting

SATURDAY (8/9)

3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation

5 PM - MASS

SUNDAY (8/10)

8:30 AM - MASS

11:00 AM - MASS

DID YOU KNOW?

“The primary ministry of angels is to give greater honor and glory to God their creator.”

The Catholicism Answer Book by Rev. John Trigilio Jr., PhD, ThD and Rev. Kenneth Brighenti, PhD.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Diane Carter, Mae Morris, Fr. Carl Naro, Charlie Previtali, Louise Kepley, Sally Kammauff, Al Bossi, Bonnie Bossi, Richard Wight, Marge Haskins, Barbara Edwards, Darwin Pologruto, Dick Murray, David Drucker, Betty Hastoglis, Mary Clegg, Norma Dennison, Pete Colo, and Mary Kelly.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Priscilla Rigg, Ray McGovern, Joseph Steckler, Hilda Crigger, Donna Schoeny, Tom Ix, Rachel Jampol, Loretta Cleland, ET Cason, Kathy Meek, Jennifer Walsh, Piper Gill, Gail Van Fossen, Sheila Aylor, Sue and Addie Weston, Barb Fleckless, Wallace Ramp, John Douglas Carr, Mary Ellen Palmer, Roger Smith, Suzanne Zimmerman, Teresa Grotenrath, Rose Smits, Yano & Lena Russo, Rose Mejeur, Conner Emmert, Joe Bush, Gene Burkett, Jenna Vorbeck, and Mary Morris.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR MILITARY

Patrick Heron, Keith Piccirello, Joseph Paul Agee, Kathleen Agee, Jeb Steoffel, Ryan Cantore, Michael Goba, Mike Eaton, Hank McKnelly, Hunt Kerrigan, Daniel Everett, Michael B. Philbrick, Brian O'Rourke, Philip Lawton, Marcus Martin, Timothy Galvin, Garrett Wilkes, Kelly Luna, Mike Luna, James Rosendale, Robert Rossiter, Kevin Bradley, Doug Buntz, and Ronald Lavis.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: CAN YOU KNIT?? Sign up to be a volunteer knitter to knit helmet liners for troops deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq. For info, call Pam Wiggins at 978-7927.

LOVE IN ACTION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

GOAL = \$1,600,000

PLEDGES = \$1,419,274

NEEDED = \$180,726

PHILOSOPHY CLUB

NOTE DATE CHANGE: The next meeting of the Philosophy Club will be held on Sunday, August 10th from 6 – 9 PM in the Bernard Moore Room at Holy Comforter.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & ADULT FORMATION

Teresa Ritzert, CRE at Holy Comforter. Phone: 295-6559; Email: tritzert@holycomforterparish.org.

IMPORTANT INFO:

- Catechists Orientation will be Saturday, August 16th from 10:00 am 1:00 pm. Lunch will be served.
- There is STILL a need for additional catechists for Christian Formation classes. Please contact Teresa.
- Parents, have you registered your children for Christian Formation classes?

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

HOLY COMFORTER 'HELPING HANDS': The Pastoral Care Committee wants to develop a program where our parishioners can demonstrate their giving spirit by ministering to each other. There are times when we can use extra help due to illness, surgery, or birth of a child. If you are able to prepare a meal or provide a ride, you qualify to be part of this giving ministry. What can we do to help our Holy Comforter family? Sign up on the sheet on the table in the Commons to make a meal, provide a ride or help coordinate this program. Making a few phone calls is all the coordination this program needs. There are no age or gender restrictions — all are welcome to join this giving group. You will truly be spiritually rewarded.

JUSTICE & PEACE

PANTRY: The August Reverse Collection will take place next weekend. There are several good reasons to support the Reverse Collection: 1. More of our neighbors are suffering in these difficult economic times. 2. There is still no government food. 3. As Christians we are required to take care of our neighbors. Thank you for your past and continuing support.

IMPACT: The IMPACT listening sessions will take place later this month. The purpose of the sessions is first to get opinions from parishioners of justice issues in the area that need to be addressed. Second, the sessions help the parish to understand just how important the support of EVERYONE is to the success of the Nehemiah Assembly next spring. It's never too early to plan to do justice.

WORSHIP

THE LORD NEEDS YOU How can you do this? Become a Eucharistic minister. As individuals have left this ministry, the need for new ministers at all Masses has become urgent. Training will be provided. PLEASE contact Margaret McElroy at 973-6429 or mdm1909@embarqmail.com.

NEWS FROM HAITI

THE LANGUAGE OF HAITI: The language in which most people communicate in Haiti is Creole French. Educated Haitians are also fluent in French, but very few Haitians have the money for a good education. Fortunately, Pere Blot, the pastor in our twinning Saltadere parish, speaks English fluently. French was the official language and the only literary language in Haiti when the country became independent in 1804. Creole French, sometimes called Haitian Creole, has been recognized as an official language along with the French since 1961. Haiti's 1987 constitution upheld that status for Creole. Haitian Creole is based primarily on 18th Century French, but it has also been influenced by the native Tiano language, and by 18th century versions of some African languages, brought in by the slaves who were the ancestors of many of today's Haitians. While the people of Guiana, Martinique, Guadeloupe, Saint Lucia and Dominica also speak Creole, there are local variations of the language. Today there are many newspapers, as well as radio and television programs, in Creole. However, since Saltadere basically has no electricity, Haitians there have little opportunity to hear them. Since they also miss English broadcasts, it's difficult for them to become familiar with English except through expensive higher education. This has made communication difficult between our parishioners and their sponsored child/children.

- *Mwen pale kreyòl* - "I speak Haitian Creole"
- *Èske ou konn ale Ayiti?* - "Have you been to Haiti?" (lit. "Do you know to go to Haiti?")

ACT TO HELP HAITI: Please take a minute to respond to this alert from the VA Catholic Conference. *Contact Senators Warner and Webb to co-sponsor and support the Jubilee Act for debt relief (Senate Bill 2166).* HAITI IS ONE OF THE COUNTRIES THAT WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS BILL. Congress enacted significant debt-relief initiatives in 1996 and 1999. Nevertheless, more than 20 very poor countries continue to shoulder heavy debt that draws resources away from critical investments in basic necessities such as health care, education, and water. Last month, the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations passed the Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Cancellation of 2008 (S. 2166) with bipartisan support. The House of Representatives passed a similar bill earlier this year. **Strongly supported by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops**, the Jubilee Act would assist more countries in grave need by extending debt cancellation to virtually all very poor nations that have, or that develop, financial management systems to assure that debt relief savings are used to reduce poverty. Currently, neither Senator Warner nor Senator Webb is a co-sponsor of the bill. Please send them a message encouraging them to (1) co-sponsor the legislation, and (2) bring the bill to the Senate floor as quickly as possible. Since the fall session of the Senate is expected to be very short because of the upcoming elections, now is the best opportunity for getting the bill passed this year! Contact information: Senator Warner: 202/224-2023 [or go to his website and click on "Email the Senator"] and Senator Webb: 202/224-4024 [or go to his website and click on "Contact Senator Webb online"].

UPCOMING HAITI IMMERSION TRIPS: (1) The Haitian Health Care Foundation (HHCF) is planning a Haiti Medical Professionals trip October 17-25, 2008. The deadline to register is August 15th. For more info, contact Susan Pleasants at vabatt@aol.com. (2) Diocesan Haiti Immersion Retreat Applications are being taken for the immersion retreat to Haiti 11/29-12/6/08. This trip is to learn about Haiti's history, culture, economics, politics & religion. Contact Patrice at pschwermer@richmonddiocese.org or 804-622-5129.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING: The Knights of Columbus Father Louis A. Rowen Council 3670 will hold its next meeting on Monday August 4, 2008. **Please note the change in meeting night for August only.** Rosary is at 7:15 PM followed by the meeting at 7:30 PM at the Stone Chapel of the Church of the Incarnation (Route 29N behind Toys"R"Us. Installation of Council Officers for 2008-09 is scheduled for Monday, August 18th at 6:30 PM at Stone Chapel. Families are encouraged to attend. Details to follow.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

THE PRISONER RE-ENTRY PROGRAM: Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Jail has joined with local Social Service Organizations under the leadership of Offender Aid and Restoration. All organizations are working to help inmates make successful transitions back into their families, occupations and communities. Mentors are needed to work with inmates during this transition and will be trained and supervised for a commitment period of 1-2 years and about 1 1/2 hours per week. Use your life skills and spiritual commitment to help those less fortunate than you. For info, contact Bob Rannigan at 978-1773 or bobrannigan@fatherdevelopment.net.

WOMEN'S CURSILLO RETREAT WEEKEND: Ladies, would you like to get away from it all and spend some time with God? Consider attending the next Women's Cursillo Weekend retreat October 9-12th, 2008. The purpose of Cursillo (which means "short course") is to support people in living out their faith in their everyday lives. The weekend will be led by a team of local Catholic women, with Msgr. Chet Michael and Fr. Dan Bain participating as spiritual directors. Mass and prayers will be held each day, along with talks on specific issues of Catholic Christian living. Cost is only \$30.00 (although donations will be accepted at the end of the weekend to allow others to experience a Cursillo Weekend in the future). For more info, visit www.valleycursillo.com or contact Fran or Marshall Slayton at valleycursillo@valleycursillo.com.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CCS is accepting applications from certified teachers for:

- Music Teacher: K-8

If you are a certified teacher interested in joining a very rewarding, faith-based educational community, please submit an application to Alan Yost, Principal at ayost@cvillecatholic.org.

HOLY COMFORTER CATHOLIC CHURCH
Operating account
July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>ACTUAL - YTD</u>	<u>BUDGET-YTD</u>
Offertory	\$345,423	\$360,000
Other Income	22,802	15,850
Receipts – Savings	26,000	32,468
TOTAL INCOME	\$394,225	\$408,318
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
Personnel	\$199,176	\$207,359
Auto/Travel	4,522	5,500
Church Oper. & Maintenance	51,297	47,000
Rectory Costs	12,642	12,500
Worship Expenses	15,649	15,500
Administration	19,079	22,624
Christian Formation	5,677	7,053
Pastoral Council	788	2,500
Finance Council	0	4,000
Justice and Peace	25,698	23,260
Parish Life	0	1,900
Youth and Young Adult Ministry	575	1,100
RCIA	1,128	1,185
Diocesan Assessments	56,414	56,837
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$392,645	\$408,318

FUNDS ON HAND	6/30/07	6/30/08
Cash in Bank	\$3,118	\$7,011
Value of Investments	\$820,875	\$748,130
Maintenance & Repair Fund	\$162,200	\$111,830
Building Fund (Capital Campaign)	\$519,217	\$674,592

Thank you all for your generosity!

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Finance Council members:

John Chamales, Chair

Gary Krutul

Jim Neale

Sue Newman.