



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

**DECEMBER 18, 2022**

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## MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil	5 PM
Sunday	8 AM + 11 AM**
Monday + Friday	12 PM
<i>(except First Friday)</i>	
Tuesday-Thursday	7 AM
First Friday	6 PM
Saturday	8 AM

## HOLY HOUR

Thursday	7 PM
First Friday	7 PM

## CONFESSION

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	6:30-7:30 PM
Thursday	6:30-8 PM
First Friday	7:30 PM
Sunday	1:30 PM

## Office Hours

Monday-Friday	9 AM-4 PM
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**\*\*We livestream our 11AM Sunday Mass on our Facebook page:**  
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## Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 2022

**That many will answer the call to serve Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, just as Joseph did as the Angel commanded, we pray to the Lord**

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**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 (12/17)

6 AM Rorate Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

6 PM Vespers

### SUNDAY (12/18) FOURTH SUNDAY IN

#### ADVENT

Still Accepting Christmas Altar Flower

Donations

8 AM Mass

9:15-10:15 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

*Birthday and Anniversaries Blessing  
after the 11 am Mass with cake*

12:00 PM RCIA

1:30 PM Confession

4 PM Vespers

### MONDAY (12/19)

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6 PM Vespers

6:30-7:30 PM Adoration and Confession

### TUESDAY (12/20)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6 PM Vespers

### WEDNESDAY (12/21)

7 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6 PM Vespers

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

6:30 PM-8:30 PM Youth Group (LL)

7 PM Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY (12/22)

7 AM Mass

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6:30 PM Vespers/Confession

7-8 PM Holy Hour

### FRIDAY (12/23)

12 PM Mass

6 PM Vespers

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

### SATURDAY (12/24)

3 PM: Carol Singing

3:30 PM: Nativity Pageant

4 PM: Children's Christmas Mass

6 PM: Carol Singing

7 PM: Christmas Vigil Mass

10:30 PM: Carol Singing

11:30 PM: Christmas Mass

### SUNDAY (12/25) NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Still Accepting Christmas Altar Flower

Donations

9 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

#### *Prayer for Protection*

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the American People, and all people, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Hail Mary (x3)

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.

12/20 Saint Dominic of Silos

12/21 Saint Peter Canisius

12/22 Blessed Jacopone da Todi

12/23 Saint John of Kanty

12/24 Christmas at Greccio

12/25 Nativity of the Lord

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY (12/24)

3 PM: Carol Singing

3:30 PM: Nativity Play

4 PM: Children's Christmas Mass

6 PM: Carol Singing

7 PM: Christmas Vigil Mass

10:30 PM: Carol Singing

11:30 PM: Christmas Mass

### SUNDAY (12/25) NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

## TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS

Contact the Parish Office (434) 295-7185  
[reception@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:reception@holycomforterparish.org)

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY (12/17)

8 AM Peter and Beth Frazier (Tom Frazier)

5 PM † Paul Kozemchak and † Liam Hennessy

### SUNDAY (12/18)

8 AM Members of the Parish

11 AM † Donald and † Beverly Shrank

### MONDAY (12/19)

12 PM Souls in Purgatory

### TUESDAY (12/20)

7 AM Andrew Callan and Family

### WEDNESDAY (12/21)

7 AM Mary Charlie (Idette Charlie)

### THURSDAY (12/22)

7 AM Kulick Family

### FRIDAY (12/23)

12 PM † Martha and † Raymond Melanson  
(Alicia Vinklerek)  
Ugandan Missions (Beth Frazier)

### SATURDAY (12/24)

4 PM Members of the Parish

7 PM Smith Family (Heather Burns)

11:30 PM † Helen and † James Savino  
(Patricia McAdams)

### SUNDAY (12/25)

9 AM Victims of Abuse

11 AM † Jan Till Danilek

## SAINTS OF GOD

## *Blessed are You*

12/17 Saint Hildegard of Bingen

12/18 Blessed Anthony Grassi

12/19 Blessed Urban

# PARISH NEWS



## GIFTS FROM GOD

### WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 4, 2022

Offertory	\$10,818.50
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,500)
Above Weekly Budget	\$2,318.50

**DUE TO PUBLICATION DEADLINES, THE OFFERTORY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 11, 2022, WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN.**

### SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER ALL

**MONTH** Christian Formation + Haiti + Justice and Peace

♦ 12/4/2022 Christmas Flowers

12/11/2022 Outreach

12/25/2022 Catholic Charities

### STOCK DONATION INSTRUCTIONS

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Schwab's DTC number: 0164

Account Name: HOLY COMFORTER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Account Number: 2162-7521

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If you will be making a tax-deductible gift before the end of the year, contributions to our parish may be made in person, by mail, or online. Consider using the "Quick Give" feature to make a one-time gift without creating a login. Contributions can be designated for our Offertory and for our parish ministries, as well as all Diocesan and National collections. Please visit the [online giving](https://holycomforterparish.org/online-giving/) link; <https://holycomforterparish.org/online-giving/>

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## LITURGICAL NOTES

**Entrance:** Skies, let the Just One come forth like the dew, let him descend from the clouds like the rain. The earth will open up and give birth to our Savior.

**Offertory:** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

**Communion:** Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel.

*The symmetry found in the Propers this weekend is splendidly poetic. All creation cries out with the deepest longing for the coming of the Savior, begging Him to "come forth like the dew", which gently saturates the parched earth. It is a beautiful image of the meek manner in which God chose to dwell among us two thousand years ago, Whose Presence is perpetuated to our day in the Blessed Sacrament. The Communion Antiphon responds to the plea of our fallen world: "Behold, a Virgin shall conceive", and the boy's name shall be the answer to the most fundamental prayer of the human heart – "God is with us", i.e., you are not alone; I (God) shall not abandon you. Who is at the heart of God's mysterious plan? The Blessed Virgin Mary, whose immaculate conception we celebrated a few weeks ago. Her fiat ("let it be done") caused the clouds to open and "rain down" the Savior into her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit, and all of heaven marveled that the God of the universe should be contained in a tiny embryo. Are you ready to welcome Christ into your hearts as Mary welcomed Him into her womb? Veni, veni Emmanuel *Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education*  
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♦ **Posadas Stations, "JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM"** presented by Nicholas Pierson, K of C . Sunday, Dec.18 3:00 PM

**ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: A Daily Reflection from the Church's Greatest Writers** Each day the Liturgy of the Hours, the daily prayer practice of priests, nuns, monks, and many laypersons worldwide, includes a short reading from a Church Father, pope, saint, or theologian. During Advent the readings are chosen to lead us to readiness for the gift of God's Incarnation, and Holy Comforter parishioners have the opportunity to be sent an electronic copy each day via email. Go to Flocknote, [Advent Office of Readings](#).

*"Holy Comforter's Advent Resources List"*  
*(On the RE Table in the Commons)*

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### NATIVITY OF THE LORD

#### First Reading *Isaiah 52:7-10*

God's salvation is announced to the world.

#### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 98:1-6*

A prayer of praise for God's salvation.

#### Second Reading

*Hebrews 1:1-6*

God now speaks to us through his Son.

#### Gospel

*John 1:1-18* John announces that in Jesus, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

# PARISH NEWS



## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**PARISHIONERS** (includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers) Normand Auger, Emmett Dudley, Eileen Foster, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Victoria Lannon, Mary Nguyen, Mary Polce, Hank Rainville, Ed Shaffrey, Shawn Simpson-Smith, Deacon Henry Vinklerek, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, Charlie Anne and Andre Xavier and children.

### **FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Charlotte, Kent and Brittney Anderson, Blandine Attey, Sonia Bell, Christine Bentejac, Maureen Bradley, Tom Cassidy, Joseph Checkler, Roxanne Crittenden, Steven D'Arca, Virginia Davis, Father Gerald Fogarty, Joe Ferguson, Richard Harmer, Sallie Harris, Beth Howard, Andrew Hunt & Family, Kajihara Family, Steve Kirchmeyer, Coty Lockett, Eduardo Mendes and family, Melodie Mougeolle and Children, Mary Mullen, Josephine Nampijja, Aimee Nyriamugisha, Isaak & Ada Pyatetsky, David Rathburn, Kathy Robinson, Residents and Staff of the Blue Ridge Detention Center, Randall Saathoff, David Shrank, Yulia Savona, Daniel and Shirley Shifflett, Aiden Smith, The Sullivan Family, Brendan and Maria Walsh, B. Waugh Crigler, Lisa Wells, Henry Francis Wojtala, Andrew Wood.

### **MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY**

Pete Bakke, Nick Bruno, Nathaniel Byrd, Michael Eiermann, Charles G. Ellison, Katharine Ernst, Jeffrey Jaeger, Trey Linebrink, Tom Logan, Matthew Mickiewicz, S. Proffitt, M. Rankin, Benjamin Schrank, Elijah Schrank, Jonathan Schrank, Joseph Schrank, Matthew Schrank, and Joey Smith.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *If you would like a name added or removed, please call the Office 434.295.7185 or email [reception@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:reception@holycomforterparish.org)*

**To arrange to receive Holy Communion or a visit from Father Joseph Mary, please call the office 434.295.7185**

You are invited to join us in our journey to prepare the way of the Lord by helping the needy in our community. We meet at 7pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month at the Church of the Incarnation. If you would like more information about our conference, please visit our website at [www.svdpt.org](http://www.svdpt.org) or email us at [info@svdpt.org](mailto:info@svdpt.org). **Give the Gift of Light this Christmas!** As we enjoy the warmth and glow of our bright Christmas lights, many families are facing the possibility of not having electricity in their homes. A donation to our St. Vincent de Paul Holy Trinity Conference will help us provide utility cost assistance. Please donate on our website or send a check to SVdP Holy Trinity Conference 401 Alderman Rd Cville 22903. Thank you and Advent Blessings!



## MINISTRIES

**OUTREACH:** Food Pantry is open M, T, Wed. from 10:30am-12:30pm. We appreciate the generous support to Outreach through your contributions and donations! During November, we handed out food pantry bags to 90 families/206 individuals and served 206 individuals at Soup Kitchen. Food Pantry is closed on Mon, Dec. 26th. Please leave your donations in the basket in the Commons. God Bless you! (This USDA food pantry institution is an equal opportunity provider).

**GIANT FOOD BLOOMIN' 4 GOOD PROGRAM:** Thank you for your support of this program which benefitted Holy Comforter's Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen!

**SALVATION ARMY'S ANGEL TREE PROGRAM:** A big thank you for taking a tag from the Angel Tree and purchasing a gift! Your generous giving provides a special Christmas for these children!

**SACRISTAN MINISTRY** is in need of volunteers to help maintain the beauty of the altar and to wash and iron altar linens used in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Suzanne Bailey ([slank@ntelos.net](mailto:slank@ntelos.net) or 434-326-3166) to volunteer or learn more.

**HAITI:** We are celebrating the last Sunday of Advent. Christmas is a week away. Contemplate how this is evolving at St. Michel. Few families will be able to afford gifts for their children, or a feast on this Feast Day. In contrast, the Christmas Mass will be joyous, hopeful, and well attended. In the season of giving and kindness to others, please consider sponsorship or a donation toward sponsoring. Sponsorship can be done annually, quarterly, or monthly. Consider it as a family gift, a gift to your children or grandchildren, or partner with a friend or neighbor and give. Sponsorship is simple, a check to Holy Comforter for \$150 with Haiti sponsorship in the memo field.

Thank you, God bless you, and a Blessed and Merry Christmas, *The Tri-Parish Haiti Committee.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Every First Saturday, Father Joseph Mary will bless your holy objects following the Rosary after the First Saturday 8 AM Mass.*

### **ARE YOU CALLED TO BECOME A SECULAR DISCALCED CARMELITE?**

The members of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCDS) live their vocations "in the world" rather than in a monastery, sharing the same universal call to holiness and Teresian Carmelite charism and traditions as those in religious life. The OCDS Community of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity meets at St. Francis Church in Staunton on the 2nd Sunday of each month. For information, please contact Patricia McAdams at 434 286-4055 or [pamcaddams@yahoo.com](mailto:pamcaddams@yahoo.com).

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT-DECEMBER 18, 2022:** God chose to become man to lead us in a path of righteousness, is God calling you to grow in holiness? He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. Call Fr Brian 804-359-5661 or email [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

# FROM THE PASTOR



## A JOURNEY OF ADVENT -TRAVELING FROM HOPE TO JOY Part III

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

***“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he.”  
Zechariah 9:9***

There is joy because the Lord comes to fulfill and bestow salvation on His people. Isaiah declares, ***“With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.” (12:3).*** Psalm 16:11 states: ***“You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forever more.”*** The angels appeared to shepherds on the night of Jesus’ birth promising ***“good news of great joy” (Luke 2:10).*** The One promised to bring salvation had arrived. Jesus had been born. Advent is cause for joy – joy in the Lord; joy in His coming; joy in the salvation He brings; joy in the midst of wellbeing; joy in the midst of suffering; joy in all times and in all places. So, St. Paul declares, ***“If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31).*** This gives reason for an abundance of joy.

Joy is a rare commodity for many people who haven’t been awakened to new life in Christ. I always say that the most unfortunate people on this planet are ones who don’t have faith in God and the hope we have that one day we will see our living God. It’s amazing how some of the most joyful people in the world are Christians living in some of the most desperate conditions. They have experienced what Jesus promised: ***“As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. ... I have told you this so that My joy may be in you” (John 15:9, 11).***

Mother Teresa of Calcutta brought untold blessings and joy to the poor who lay unattended and forgotten on the streets of Calcutta. When she was asked the source of her joy, Mother Teresa replied: *“Joy is prayer; joy is strength; joy is love and joy is a net of love. A joyful heart is the normal result of a heart burning with love, loving as He loves, helping as He helps, giving as He gives, serving as He serves, rescuing as He rescues, being with Him twenty-four hours, touching Him in His distressing disguise.”* When Advent arrived every year, Mother Teresa’s life continued to witness this joy, which is the true hallmark of every Christian and the rightful inheritance of all the poor.

Our mission, as members of Christ’s body, the Church, is to reflect Christ’s joy to others, just as the moon reflects the light of the Sun. It is important during this Advent season to reflect Christ’s love and unconditional forgiveness through our lives, thus bringing joy to those in misery! There are many people who live in darkness, fear, and poverty, who lack real freedom because of their bad addictions and poor choices. There are others who are blinded by cheap attractions and became slaves in this world. Many others feel lonely, unwanted, rejected, and marginalized. We may be able to find victims of this kind among us, around us, and maybe under the same roof where you and I live. We are called to bring glad tidings of joy and the true Light of Christ by illuminating the lives of these brothers and sisters during this Advent Season.

Our sharing of love, overflowing mercy, unconditional forgiveness, and humble service will go a long way in the lives of others. We will be able to accomplish the witnessing mission of radiating Christ’s joy by repenting of our sins, asking God’s pardon, renewing our lives through our daily prayers, frequenting the Sacrament of Reconciliation, taking part in the Eucharistic celebration, reading the Holy Bible in a prayerful fashion, and performing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Let us remember that Christmas is not complete unless we show real generosity to those who have nothing to give us in return. Christmas is a time of joyful sharing, selfless caring, and compassionate giving, as Christ himself did for you and me.

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