



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

**JANUARY 8,  
2023**

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## MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 5 PM  
Sunday 8 :30 AM  
11 AM\*

Monday + Friday 12 PM  
(except First Friday)

Tuesday-Thursday 7 AM  
First Friday 6 PM  
Saturday 8 AM

## HOLY HOUR

Thursday 7 PM  
First Friday 7 PM

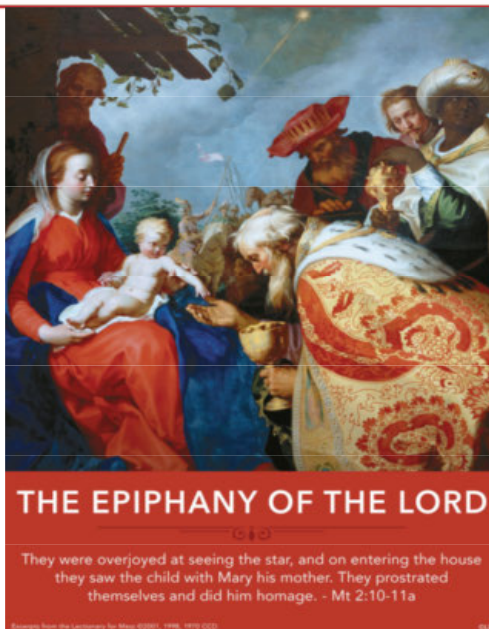
## CONFESSION

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

\*We livestream our 11AM Sunday  
Mass on our Facebook page:  
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## The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2023

That, just as the Magi were inspired by the Holy Spirit, young men and women will be inspired to follow in the footsteps of the Lord as priests, deacons and consecrated religious, we pray to the Lord.

**Please Send Bulletin Submissions  
by 3 PM Mondays to  
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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 (1/7) FIRST SATURDAY

**7:45 AM** First Friday Adoration Ends

**8 AM** Mass Blessing of Objects following the Rosary.

**5 PM** Vigil Mass followed by Confessions

### SUNDAY (1/8) EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Christmas Flowers Donations

**8:30 AM** Mass

**9:45 AM-10:45 AM** Christian Formation

**11 AM** Mass

**12:00 PM** RCIA

### MONDAY (1/9)

**10:30-12:30 PM** Food Pantry

**12 PM** Mass

**6:30-8:30 PM** Confession

### TUESDAY (1/10)

**7 AM** Mass

**10:30 AM-12:30 PM** Food Pantry

### WEDNESDAY (1/11)

**7 AM** Mass

**10:30 AM-12:30 PM** Food Pantry

**6:30-8:30 PM** Confession

**6:30-8:30 PM** Youth Group

**7 PM** Choir

### THURSDAY (1/12)

**7 AM** Mass

**12-1 PM** Soup Kitchen

**6:30 PM** Confession

**7-8 PM** Holy Hour

### FRIDAY (1/13)

**12 PM** Mass

### SATURDAY (1/14)

**8 AM** Mass

**5 PM** Vigil Mass followed by Confessions

### SUNDAY (1/15)

Christmas Flowers Donations

**8:30 AM** Mass

**9:45 AM-10:45 AM** Christian Formation

**11 AM** Mass

**12:00 PM** RCIA

### *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.

- 1/10 Saint Gregory of Nyssa
- 1/11 Blessed William Carter
- 1/12 Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys
- 1/13 Saint Hilary of Poitiers
- 1/14 Saint Gregory Nazianzen
- 1/15 Saint Devasahayam Pillai

## NEW

## PARISHIONERS

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

### TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY (1/7)

**8 AM** Columbine Mayotte (Emma Trist)

**5 PM** Grayson Young (Emma Trist)

#### SUNDAY (1/8)

**8:30 AM** Members of the Parish

**11 AM** † Joseph Augustus Zarelli

#### MONDAY (1/9)

**12 PM** Maryann Masci

#### TUESDAY (1/10)

**7 AM** Karen Olsen

#### WEDNESDAY (1/11)

**7 AM** Maureen Corbally

#### THURSDAY (1/12)

**7 AM** † Samuel and † Winifred Blakely

#### FRIDAY (1/13)

**12 PM** † Ann Haskell

#### SATURDAY (1/14)

**8 AM** † Henry Vinklerek Sr

Deacon Henry Vinklerek Jr, For His Ordination Anniversary

**5 PM** † Joan Jacobsen (Charlie Francolini)

#### SUNDAY (1/15)

**8:30 AM** † Anne Stallard

**11 AM** Members of the Parish

## SAINTS OF GOD

## *Blessed are You*

1/7 Saint Raymond of Penafort

1/8 Saint Angela of Foligno

1/9 Saint Adrian of Canterbury

# PARISH NEWS



## GIFTS FROM GOD

### WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 25, 2022

Offertory	\$15,146
Weekly Offertory Budget	(\$8,500)
Above Weekly Budget	\$6.646

### SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY ALL MONTH

Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation +  
Justice and Peace

**1/8/2023** Outreach

**1/22/2023** Respect Life

### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

This year, we encourage you to make a New Year's resolution that will make a big difference for you and Holy Comforter Parish: commit to consistent giving. This can be difficult, but we have a tool that will make it just a bit easier. Through our secure **Online Giving** program, you can set up recurring or one-time gifts for our Offertory and for our parish ministries, as well as all Diocesan and National collections. Those who give online tend to give more and give consistently. Please visit <https://holycorforterparish.org/online-giving/> for the **Online Giving** link. Thank you for your support!



## LITURGICAL NOTES

**Entrance:** Behold, the Sovereign Lord is coming; kingship, government and power are in his hands.

**Offertory:** The kings of Tarshish and the islands shall offer presents; the kings of the Arabians and of Sheba shall bring gifts; all the kings of the earth shall adore him, all nations shall serve him.

**Communion:** We have seen his star in the East, and we have come with our gifts, to worship the Lord.

*The Magi offering their gifts to the newborn Lord are a sign of the submission of the entire world to the dominion of Jesus Christ. He came not only to save Israel from their bondage to sin but the whole world. Christ's mission of overcoming the power of sin began with the fulfillment of the Old Law with all its precepts and was then widened in scope with the New Law to include renewal of the heart. This is why the Antiphons for this Sunday speak of both the historical adoration of the Magi and the coming age when "all the kings of the earth shall adore him". Jesus won back creation by the shedding of His precious Blood, and it is left to us to cooperate with Him in reclaiming the souls of our neighbors for the Kingdom. At the end, everything and everyone will be subject to Him; let us find consolation and joy in this reality and never lose heart!*

*Daniel Kirkland, Director of Liturgy and Music*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education*  
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### ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**TREASURES OF THE TRADITION WITH JOHN BUGBEE** returns with two reading groups for spring 2023:

(1) **Dante's Purgatory and Paradise** - come join us for the less known but more interesting parts of the *Divine Comedy*! Two options, Saturday afternoons and Monday evenings, starting Jan. 14-16.

(2) **Theology of the Trinity** - beginning in the extraordinarily creative period after the Council of Nicea with Sts. Augustine, Basil of Caesarea, Gregory of Nazianzus, and others. Discussing short passages of the original writers illuminates the ideas like nothing else! Likely alternate Wednesday evenings from Jan. 11 Participants may come as often or as seldom as they like, and everyone's first meeting is a free trial. For more details see <https://thetreasures.org> or email [bugbee@thetreasures.org](mailto:bugbee@thetreasures.org).

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading

Isaiah 49:3,5-6

God's servant, Israel, will be made a light to the nations.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 40:2,4,7-10

God desires obedience.

### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul greets the Church in Corinth.

### Gospel

John 1:29-34

John testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God, God's own Son.

# 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, Ed Shaffrey, Shawn Simpson-Smith, Deacon Henry and Alicia Vinklerek, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, Sara Winter, and Charlie Anne Xavier.

### **FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Charlotte, Kent and Brittney Anderson, Blandine Attey, Sonia Bell, Christine Bentejac, Maureen Bradley, Tom Cassidy, B. Waugh Crigler, Roxanne Crittenden, Virginia Davis, Father Gerald Fogarty, Joe Ferguson, Richard Harmer, Cindy Harris, 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, Lisa Wells, Sara Winter, 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@holycorforterparish.org](mailto:reception@holycorforterparish.org)*

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



Our Vincentian family shares with you, your loved ones, and neighbors the good news of God's Love in Christ Jesus. May God's Peace and Joy be with you. Happy New Year! Please join us in this new year by helping the needy in our community. We meet at 7 pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month at the Church of the Incarnation. If you would like more information about our conference, or if you would like to donate, please visit our website at [www.svdhp-ht.org](http://www.svdhp-ht.org) or email us at [info@svdp-ht.org](mailto:info@svdp-ht.org) **Give the Gift of Light this Christmas!** 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 Christmas Blessings!

## MINISTRIES

**OUTREACH:** We appreciate your generous support to Outreach through your contributions and donations this year! In the fourth quarter of 2022, we handed out bags of food to 74 families/202 individuals. And we served 277 meals at Soup Kitchen. Please leave your food donations in the basket in the Commons. God Bless You! (This USDA pantry institution is an equal opportunity provider).

**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:** Happy New Year from the Tri-Parish Ministry! Thank you and God bless from your Tri-Parish Haiti committee and twin parish of St. Michel! I know the effort of giving you put into the Haiti ministry all year long. Your donations are much appreciated. May God bless you in the coming new year!

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD-JANUARY 8, 2023** "Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts." Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** is a weekend for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Jan 27-29, 2023 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC and Feb 3-5, 2023 in Warrenton, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more info, see: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org) or 757-690-1369.

# FROM THE PASTOR



## “JOY TO THE WORLD”

Part II

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F.

**“You will show me the way of life, granting me the  
JOY of Your presence and the pleasure of  
living with You forever”**

**Psalms 16:11**

The story of the world meeting Jesus in the flesh is a story of the world finding its full joy in God. Before Jesus came to the world as a baby, the presence of the Lord was associated with things like the Ark of the Covenant and the Temple of God in Jerusalem. These were the places in which He chose to dwell among his people. But now as the Gospel of John says: **“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth” (Jn.1:14).**

Surely the knowledge that His Presence now indwells our very bodies, and the anticipation of an eternity spent with Him should inspire even more joy than an Ark or a Temple could offer.

The Gospel of Luke gives the most detailed story of the birth of Christ and also the most detailed prescription for joy. Luke wants us to see that the story of the world meeting Jesus in the flesh is a story of the world finally finding full joy in God. It begins with the birth of John the Baptist. The angel said to Zechariah: **“Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you**

**shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great before the Lord. . . and he will go before him to make ready for the Lord a people prepared for him” (Lk. 1:13-17).**

Even before the baby was born, the message was a message of joy. Through his angel, the Lord promised that people would rejoice at the birth of John because he would pave the way for the Christ. The joy God’s people would have in Jesus was so real and so intense that they would feel it looking into the face of the messenger — a man set apart to declare the coming of the King. *Rejoice! The King is coming into the world to save sinners and spread his joy.*

Then, the baby was born — the Messiah himself came forth from heaven through his mother’s womb. That night, an angel appeared to some shepherds and declared, **“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people” (Lk. 2:10).** Those poor, unsuspecting shepherds were hearing the chorus of the praise that we’ve sung ever since. *Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare him room. Rejoice! The King has come, and with this baby, fullness of joy was born for all who would believe.* Jesus’s birth was not Luke’s final word about our joy. Even in the midst of the very worst circumstances — the awful persecution of Jesus and his disciples — Jesus’s message remained the same, **“Rejoice.”** **“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven” (Lk.6: 22-23).**

Those who rejoice at Jesus’s coming will suffer in this life, but their weakness, pain, and misery here are as nothing compared with the glories they already have in heaven. When we suffer for the sake of Christ, we are *blessed*, because suffering with him is a way of confirming we are his. Those who are his have nothing to fear and nothing to lose and everything to gain, everything already waiting for them in heaven with God.

*To be continued...*



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