



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

## MARCH 2, 2025

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Saturday Vigil	5 PM
Sunday	8:30 AM, 11 AM, 2 PM
Monday + Friday	12 PM
Tuesday + Wednesday	8 AM
Thursday	6 PM
Saturday	8 AM

### ADORATION

Monday	1-3PM
Wednesday	6-9PM
Thursday	7-8PM
Friday	1-3PM

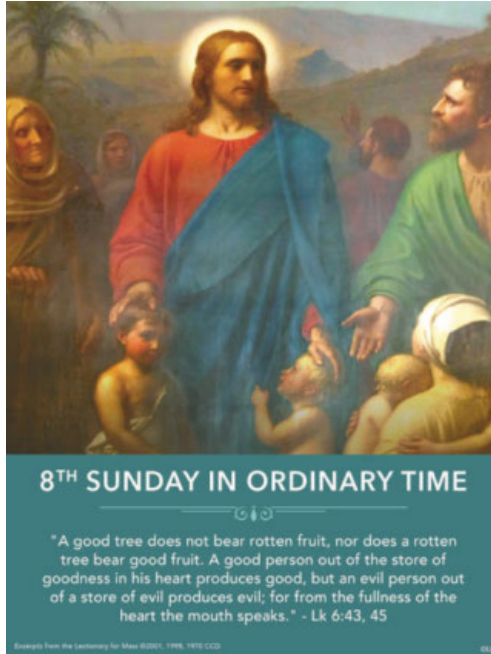
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Mon, Weds, Fri	6:30-7:30 PM
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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:** We, the members of Holy Comforter Parish, united in faith by God, nourished by Jesus through the Word and the Eucharist, and guided by the inspiration 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 (3/1)

8 AM Mass  
8-12 AM First Reconciliation Retreat  
5 PM Vigil Mass RCIA-Rite of Sending

### SUNDAY (3/2) Eighth Sunday in

#### Ordinary time

Altar Flowers Donated by Therese Auger  
In memory of her parents Adelaide &  
Claire Riendeau

8:30 AM Mass  
9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass  
12:30 PM RCIA  
1 PM Confession

2 PM Mass

### MONDAY (3/3)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass  
12:30-3 PM Adoration

6:30 PM Confession

### TUESDAY (3/4)

8 AM Mass  
10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry  
5:30 PM Parish Life Mardi Gras Potluck

### WEDNESDAY (3/5) Ash Wednesday

8 AM Mass  
10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass  
6 PM Mass

### THURSDAY (3/6)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen  
6 PM Mass  
Followed by Adoration and Confession

### FRIDAY (3/7)

9-11:45 AM Regina Caeli Co-op  
12 PM Mass  
1-3 PM Adoration

5:45 PM Stations of the Cross followed  
by Soup Supper

6:30 PM Confession

### SATURDAY (3/8)

8 AM Mass  
5 PM Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY (3/9) First Sunday in Lent

Altar Flowers donations are appreciated

8:30 AM Mass  
9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation  
11 AM Mass  
12:30 PM RCIA  
1 PM Confession  
2 PM 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 (3x) 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

3/5 Saint John Joseph of the Cross  
3/6 Saint Mary Ann of Jesus of Paredes  
3/7 Saints Perpetua and Felicity  
3/8 Saint John of God  
3/9 Saint Frances of Rome

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER

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 (3/1)

8AM Holy Comforter's Ill and Homebound  
5PM Joshua and Sandra Jordan  
(Fr. Joseph Mary)

#### SUNDAY (3/2)

8:30AM † Carol Storm (David Storm)  
11AM Ed and Marianne Walendowski  
(Fr. Joseph Mary)  
2PM Members of the Parish

#### MONDAY (3/3)

12PM Nelly jaUrequi (Martha Ospina)  
† Douglas McAdams (Patricia McAdams)

#### TUESDAY (3/4)

8AM Simon Ospina (Paula Ospina)  
Patricia McAdams and Family  
(Schemmel Family)

#### WEDNESDAY (3/5)

8AM Patricia McAdams (Fr. Joseph Mary)  
12PM Members of the Parish  
6 PM Steve and Carol Ham (Fr. Joseph Mary)

#### THURSDAY (3/6)

6PM Ancestors Of Lauren O'Neill

#### FRIDAY (3/7)

12PM Garrick Davis and Family  
(Fr. Joseph Mary)

#### SATURDAY (3/8)

8AM Robert and Cynthia DeMauri  
(Fr. Joseph Mary)  
5PM Giuse Tan Nguyen

#### SUNDAY (3/9)

8:30AM Thomas & Danielle Compton & Family  
(Fr. Joseph Mary)  
11AM Members of the Parish  
Nicole & Sam Miller and family  
(Emma Anderson)  
2PM † Douglas McAdams (Patricia McAdams)

## SAINTS OF GOD

3/1 Saint David of Wales  
3/2 Saint Agnes of Bohemia  
3/3 Saint Katharine Drexel  
3/4 Saint Casimir

# PARISH NEWS



## GIFTS FROM GOD

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Week Ending February 23, 2025

Offertory **\$2,290**

Weekly Offertory Budget **(\$9,100)**

**Below Weekly Budget (\$6,810)**

**“THERE IS NO MORE PROFITABLE PRACTICE AS A COMPANION TO HOLY AND SPIRITUAL FASTING THAN THAT OF ALMSGIVING.”**

**\*Pope St. Leo the Great**



To meet our parish annual operating expenses of \$473,200, it is necessary for our 226 registered and active families to contribute \$2,094 per year, or about \$40 per week. If you are already tithing \$40 or more per week, thank you. If you are not, but are able to, please know how much your support is needed, especially at this time. May God bless you abundantly.

### SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH

**ALL MONTH** Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

**3/5/2025** Ash Wednesday

**3/9/2025** Outreach

**3/16/2025** Easter Flowers

**3/23/2025** Maintenance Fund

**3/30/2025** Catholic Relief Services



### 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal:

#### Sharing His Love with Others

The 2025 Appeal will provide critical funding to three key areas of our Diocesan Church: *Empowering the Next Generation*, *Providing for Those in Need*, and *Strengthening Catholic Communities*.

**NEW THIS YEAR** are “Matching Gifts” through Double the Donation. Check to see your employer is participating! contributions made was over \$8,000. Thank you for your support!

## LITURGICAL NOTES

**Entrance (*Factus est Dominus*):** The Lord has become my protector; he has brought me forth into free and open spaces; he delivered me because he was well pleased with me.

**Offertory (*Domine convertere*):** Turn to me, O Lord, and deliver my soul; save me for the sake of your love.

**Communion (*Cantabo Domino*):** I will sing unto the Lord who has dealt bountifully with me; I will praise the name of the Lord, the Most High.

*Jesus teaches us today that the pursuit of personal holiness is the font from which our ability to help others flows. It is by imitating His life that we can grow in perfection. “No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher.” This can be pretty overwhelming, though, which is why the Church’s response is so beautiful. She teaches us in the Offertory antiphon to be humble and acknowledge that we need the help of God to imitate our beloved Savior. What is so striking about the chant is that the melody is very stable, always returning to the tonic (the beginning of the scale) and creating a sense of contented confidence. Seeking God in prayer, then, is not merely about acknowledging our lowliness but recognizing His infinitely burning desire to help us, His undying love for His creatures even when they turn away from Him. He is ready to answer our heartfelt prayers of true repentance and petition. The Communion Antiphon is the perfect response to this prayer of confidence; as the saying goes – one who is forgiven much will love much. The joyful nature of this particular chant is encapsulated in the final phrase, “nomini Domini Altissimi” ([I will praise] the name of the Lord, the Most High). Communion chants are usually simple because they are processional chants, accompanying the faithful to the altar, but we see the aforementioned text quite suddenly drawn out and in the upper range of the melody, expressing the tuneful joy of the Psalmist – and all of us by extension – at the kindness with which we have been lavished by God. Let us respond to that kindness this Lent by readying our hearts with acts of fasting (not just food!), which clear away obstacles to loving God more and pave the way for that personal holiness to which Our Lord is calling us.*

DANIEL KIRKLAND, DIRECTOR OF LITURGY & MUSIC

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education*

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**St. Jerome** taught ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ. One way to become familiar with Scripture is to read the Daily Readings. To acquaint you with this practice, or to supplement any practice you already have, the *Religious Education Committee* is offering copies of the March edition of **"Give Us This Day,"** a booklet of reflections, prayers, and Daily Readings. *One booklet per family is available on the RE table in the Commons.*

**Please pick one up this weekend after Mass!**

## NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

FIRST SUNDAY  
IN  
LENT

### First Reading

*Deuteronomy 26:4-10*

Moses describes the offering of praise for God's deliverance of Israel.

### Responsorial

*Psalm 91:1-2,10-11,12-13,14-15*

A prayer for God's protection

### Second Reading

*Romans 10:8-13*

Paul teaches that we are saved by faith.

### Gospel

*Luke 4:1-13*

In the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

March 2, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# PARISH NEWS



## PLEASE PRAY FOR

### **PARISHIONERS**

(Includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers.)

Ann Carothers, Teresa Cook, Connie Flamm, Kelton Flinn, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Jim and Bobbie Hoskins, Ann Jackson, Mary Nguyen, Mary Showalter, Mae Trentanove, Mary Wheeler, Denise Wilcox, and Mary Ann Ziminski.

### **FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Leroy and Felicia Anderson, Blanding Attey, Ben and Katherine Barahona, Mary Benfante, Christine Bentejac, Hope Brown, Brad and Debbie Ferguson, Max and Hadley Burch, Mary Caretti, Kaylee Carter, Petra Vera Chavez, Molly Clarke, Stephanie Crews, Nancy Joan Debiese, Jimmy Dominguez, Linda Doyle, Gene Flamm, Fr. Gerald Fogarty, Sue Gilbert, Paula Goodburn, Genevieve Halfen, Liana Haseltine, Mark Rowland Huckabe, Kajihara Family, Betty Kapeluch, Kelly Lembo and Family, Joan Lincks, Mike & Sibylle Llewellyn, Shannon and Coty Lockett, Chelsea Massey, Dot McAllister, Michael McNeil, Fr. Richard Mooney, Melodie Mougeolle and Children, Robert Maute, Lia Thoms Price and Family, Lawrence Randolph, Randall Saathoff and Family, Yulia Savona, Matthew Schrank and Family, David Shrank and Family, Joseph Schrank and Family, Tara Singh, Aiden Smith, Christopher Tomaselli, Paul and Meghan Thoms, Scotty Thoms, Alicia Vinklerek, Brendan and Maria Walsh, Don and Lisa Wells, and Residents and Staff of Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention.

### **MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY**

Matthew Mickiewicz, Benjamin Schrank, Elijah Schrank, Jonathan Schrank, and Joey Smith.

*If you would like your family member/fellow parishioner added, email the Works of Mercy ministry [mercy@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:mercy@holycomforterparish.org) or call the church office at 434-295-7185.*

**To request Holy Communion or a visit from Father Joseph Mary, please call the office 434-295-7185 or email [reception@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:reception@holycomforterparish.org)**

**HAITI:** *"Over the next few weeks, I will introduce our twinning efforts with St. Michel Parish. Our Haiti Ministry has grown significantly in fifteen years. I witnessed Saltadere's unpredictable water access during regular visits. We've improved infrastructure and joined the DINEPA village water committee, securing government support for significant projects. A 2012 project moved over two miles of line to prevent breakage. Our first agricultural water project, funded by a Diocesan grant, secured water for a school garden and third-season crop, powered by a solar array and jet water pump. This program declined due to lack of interest and damage. The solar initiative powered a computer lab, and we collaborated with UVA Engineering to survey new water line paths. Sunday's readings encourage faith reflection, understanding and community. We still need members and sponsorships. Thank you & God bless, Bob [bobfro@aol.com](mailto:bobfro@aol.com)"*

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** *One adorer is needed. Please contact Daniel Kirkland at [music@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:music@holycomforterparish.org) for more details.*

## MINISTRIES

**OUTREACH:** Thank you, parishioners, for your continued support to Outreach with your time, donations, and contributions to Outreach. For the month of February any kind of canned vegetable is welcome. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and leader.



### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, HOLY TRINITY CONFERENCE:**

We continue to provide assistance to those facing evictions and utility cut offs through the unique ministry of going to visit our friends. For more info or to donate: <https://www.svdhp-ht.org>

**PARISH LIFE:** *Join us for a Mardi Gras potluck on Tuesday March 4th at 5:30pm.* We will celebrate with king cake and carry on our tradition of burying the Alleluia banner for lent. Sign up in flocknote to bring a dish

**WORKS OF MERCY MINISTRY:** Have you decided on a penance for Lent this year? Consider this: There are many lonely men and women in Charlottesville's nursing homes. As we have learned from science, loneliness is a key determinant in poor health prognoses, incomplete healing, and greater mental suffering. How can we help? One way you can help is to join the Works of Mercy Ministry which has designed a creative project of hand-making greeting cards that will be distributed at the Cedars Nursing Home in Charlottesville near Easter 9 Inspired by the Nightingale Circle at St Nicholas, Virginia Beach. See Catholic Virginian December 23, 2024 Vol 100 No 4). All supplies will be provided and there is no charge to participate. After Lent we hope that card-making will continue. If you are interested in finding out more send an email to [mercy@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:mercy@holycomforterparish.org)

**WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED MINISTRY:** will meet bi-weekly through March 2. Join us as we complete our study period! Meetings are 10pm in the library. For info, contact Garrett Smith (434) 960-7775

**ALTAR FLOWER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Altar Flower Ministry needs volunteer arrangers. If you have experience and interest, contact Jeanne Mickiewicz [Jean4greens@yahoo.com](mailto:Jean4greens@yahoo.com)

**33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY** *is the first Eucharistic Consecration which is an initiative of your Parish Council.* This spiritual resource presents profound truths, a daily virtue to adopt, extraordinary prayers, and inspiring stories—all in an easy-to-follow daily format. The first "group" will begin February 26, engage for 33 days, and culminate with a public Consecration at Holy Mass on Laetare Sunday, March 30. The book can be purchased new for \$19.79 or used for \$6.39 if you do an Amazon search for "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory by Matthew Kelly." You should also consider obtaining the associated Journal. See the Flocknote to join a new group for info and Q & A.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Office of Social Ministries at Holy Comforter** gratefully acknowledges receipt of a \$2500 Food and Fuel grant from the Diocese of Richmond to support our OUTREACH programs—Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen—during the next fiscal year.

**HOLY COMFORTER SOCIABLE SENIORS 55+ : A NEW AND EXCITING SOCIAL GROUP FOR ALL SENIORS 55+ IS STARTING AT HOLY COMFORTER! YES, THAT'S ALL HC SENIORS!** Activities will be planned once or twice a month throughout the year and will include; *SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES* Novenas, Rosaries, and Special Prayers, *LOCAL ACTIVITIES* Bowling, Movies, Luncheons, Wineries/Beer Halls, Dinners, Card Games, Bingo, Board Games *FIELD TRIPS to LOCAL OR NEARBY STATES* including Cathedrals, Saint Relics, Gardens. *First Meeting: TBD* For more information, contact Barb Cassidy [bcc32968@gmail.com](mailto:bcc32968@gmail.com)

# FROM THE PASTOR



## LENT – THE WAY TO VICTORY WITH CHRIST

### Part I

Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi

***“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me”***

***Matthew 16:24***

In just a few days we will embark on our 40-day journey to the foot of the Cross, culminating in the celebration of Christ’s salvific work through His suffering, death, and resurrection. Lent is at its core an extended act of prayer and penance, inviting us into a deeper relationship with Christ. It is a journey of spiritual discipline, leading us to conversion and renewal. The Church, in her wisdom, offers us the three pillars of Lent: **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**, three essential practices that help us grow in holiness.

During Lent, we are invited to surrender attachments that distract us from God, whether they be material comforts, unhealthy habits, or even attitudes that keep us from living out fully the faith. **What do we turn to for comfort instead of Christ?** What consumes our time and energy more than prayer? As we lay down these “idols,” we make room for God’s grace to work in us. Jesus does not say **“if you fast”** but **“when you fast” (Matt. 6:16)**, emphasizing that fasting is an integral part of the Christian life. Fasting is a tangible way of crucifying the desires of the flesh so that we may live more fully in the Spirit: **“Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit” (Gal. 5:24-25)**. By embracing fasting, we experience in a small way the suffering of Christ and

prepare ourselves to share in the victory of His resurrection: **“We know that our old self was crucified with Him, so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin” (Rom. 6:6)**.

The holy season of Lent is also an important time in the Church’s calendar when we prepare to welcome those who have begun the journey to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. They enter the journey born again with a new flame of faith, hope, and love. This year’s theme of the Jubilee, **“Pilgrims of Hope,”** reminds each of us of the importance of embracing our own journey with the new converts and with the Lord in the renewal of our commitment to Christian living. You and I are challenged to profess our faith not just with our lips, but even more by the way we live out our faith — a way that leads others, be they neighbor, visitor, or inquirer, to know Christ.

I would like to encourage you to follow the Lenten disciplines the Church sets before us for our benefit with new vigor since we walk with Christ our life and our hope. **I encourage you to enhance your prayer life this Lent by attending daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and by praying the Rosary.** Reading of Sacred Scripture and spiritual reading can be our compass and roadmap for the journey. Lent is also an excellent time for **family prayer**; take time to say grace before meals or choose one night a week to pray the Rosary together or to read a Bible story. Most important are our own efforts to turn away from sin through the **Sacrament of Penance (Confession)**. This Sacrament of Healing and Renewal will be available all week except on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Let us take this journey together, praying for one another and supporting one another in every way possible. It is important to remember that at the end of Lent stands a tomb. From the moment he was born, Jesus was marching to his death. He had to be willing to suffer and die for redemption to be accomplished and applied. Death was on his job description. But death was not his defeat because death was not the end of the story of the Messiah Jesus. We must die, die to self for the glory of God and for the reward of eternal life.

**TO BE CONTINUED...**

*Should you have any questions about our Catholic Faith, please contact Melinda Wells, DRE, [dre@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:dre@holycomforterparish.org).*

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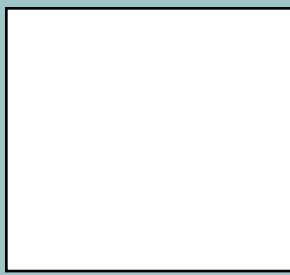
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