



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

## MARCH 9, 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

### CONFESSION

Mon, Weds, Fri	6:30-7:30 PM
Thursday	7-8 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 (3/8)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

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

Daylight Savings-Clocks Forward One Hour

Second Collection: Outreach

Altar Flowers donated Anonymously in Thanksgiving to God.

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 (3/10)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

12:30-3 PM Adoration

6:30 PM Confession

### TUESDAY (3/11)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6 PM Schola

### WEDNESDAY (3/12)

8 AM Mass

6:30 PM Confession

### THURSDAY (3/13)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass

Followed by Adoration and Confession

### FRIDAY (3/14) DAY OF ABSTINANCE

9-11:45 AM Regina Caeli Co-op

12 PM Mass

1-3 PM Adoration

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

6:30 PM Confession

### SATURDAY (3/15)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY (3/16) Second Sunday of 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

3/12 Saint Angela Salawa

3/13 Saint Leander of Seville

3/14 Saints Maximilian

3/15 Saint Louise de Marillac

3/16 Saint Clement Mary Hofbauer

## 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 (3/8)

8AM Robert and Cynthia DeMauri  
(Fr. Joseph Mary)

5PM Giuse Tan Nguyen  
Guise Tan

#### SUNDAY (3/9)

8:30AM Thomas & Danielle Compton & Family  
(Fr. Joseph Mary)

11AM Members of the Parish  
2PM † Douglas McAdams (Patricia McAdams)  
Nicole & Sam Miller and family  
(Emma Anderson)

#### MONDAY (3/10)

12PM Bernadette Clause in Honor of her  
92nd Birthday (Mary Hellman)

#### TUESDAY (3/11)

8AM † James Vien Vu (Maliwan Artrip)  
† Helen Hall (Colette Hall)

#### WEDNESDAY (3/12)

8AM Ancestors of Lauren O'Neill

#### THURSDAY (3/13)

6PM Edward and Pamela Kent  
(Fr. Joseph Mary)

#### FRIDAY (3/14)

12PM Nelson Ham (Fr. Joseph Mary)

#### SATURDAY (3/15)

8AM Kevin Gallagher and Family  
(Fr. Joseph Mary)

5PM Anne Marie Gaglio (Mary Frances Lilly)

#### SUNDAY (3/16)

8:30AM † Ronald Lavis (Eileen Lavis)

11AM Members of the Parish

2PM † Laurie Ann Hilton  
(Hilton Beard Family)

† Douglas McAdams  
(Mary Frances Lilly and Family)

## SAINTS OF GOD

3/8 Saint John of God

3/9 Saint Frances of Rome

3/10 Saint Dominic Savio

3/11 Saint John Ogilvie

# PARISH NEWS



## GIFTS FROM GOD

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Week Ending February 23, 2025

Offertory **\$3,206**

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

**Below Weekly Budget (\$5,894)**

**"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 who are 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 (*Invocabit me*):** When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will rescue him and honor him; with long life will I satisfy him.

**Offertory (*Scapulis suis*):** The Lord will overshadow you with his pinions, and you will find refuge under his wings. His faithfulness will encompass you with a shield.

**Communion (*Scapulis suis*):** He will overshadow you with his pinions, and you will find refuge under his wings. His faithfulness will encompass you with a shield.

*Psalm 90 (91) features prominently and, truth be told, exclusively in today's Propers. The Entrance, Gradual/Responsorial Psalm, Tract (an extended psalm that replaces the Alleluia), Offertory, and Communion all focus on the protection that God affords to his faithful Servant, which is fulfilled in Christ. It is this very same psalm that the devil tries to manipulate to force our Lord to test the Father's faithfulness. By asking Jesus to throw himself off a column to test the veracity of the passage – "For you has he commanded his angels to keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you upon their hands, lest you strike your foot against a stone." – would imply that Jesus does NOT trust the Father and needs to make sure by doing something insane as proposed by Satan. That trust is built into the Entrance and Offertory in a special way. The "mode" or scale used is described as "angelic" because of its perfectly contented ethos. The central note in the melody is Sol, the fifth note of the Do Re Mi scale. Listen to how settled it sounds and let that sense of trust in God's promises wash over your soul today, this week, all of Lent. Blessings to you all!*  
DANIEL KIRKLAND, DIRECTOR OF LITURGY & MUSIC

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education*  
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### Fasting and abstinence practices in the Catholic Church: USCCB

- **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence.
- **Fridays during Lent** are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from **age 18 until age 59**

**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

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**First Reading** Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47  
The first community of Christians grows as its members meet to pray and break bread. **Responsorial**  
*Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24*  
God's love is everlasting.

**Second Reading** 1 Peter 1:3-9  
We have new hope because of Jesus' Resurrection.  
**Gospel**  
*John 20:19-31*  
Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

March 9, First Sunday of Lent

# 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 Debieese, 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 Mougelle 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  
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**HAITI:** The Haiti ministry originated with Bishop Sullivan who championed the concept of "twinning" with impoverished Haitian parishes. The departure of Belgian missionary priests left Haiti in deeper spiritual and financial despair. Holy Comforter twinned with the St. Michel Parish, a remote mountain village, in the early 1990s focusing on spirituality and education. As enrollment exceeded 400 by 2013, a separate preschool on campus was built. Beginning in 2014, the decision to add one school year annually was approved. By 2020, St. Michel attained college accreditation, with its inaugural Philo class (13th grade) achieving a 100% pass rate on the National Exam. Your \$175 annual sponsorship provides over 600 students with meals, books, clean water, a safe environment, and an excellent education. Contributions via Parish Giving, check (memo line Haiti Sponsorship), or marked envelopes ensure this work continues. Thank you for your generosity and prayers. God bless, Bob [bobfromm@usairforce.vet](mailto:bobfromm@usairforce.vet)

**CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL** has job openings for the 25-26 school year: 6th Grade Language Arts Teacher, Learning Specialist, and Director of Development. Please send resume, Diocesan application, three letters of reference, and a copy of your teaching license to Charlottesville Catholic School, Attn: Vada Fallica, Principal; 1205 Pen Park Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901 or to [v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org).

## MINISTRIES

**OUTREACH:** Thank you, parishioners, for your support to Outreach with your time, donations, and contributions. In Feb. we gave out 118 bags of food to 345 individuals in food pantry. For March, any kind of canned fruit. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and leader.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, HOLY TRINITY CONFERENCE:** gratefully acknowledges receipt of a generous Food and Fuel grant from the  Diocese of Richmond to support our work with residents of Charlottesville and Albemarle facing eviction or utility shutdown.

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.svdp-ht.org>

**PARISH LIFE:** Please join us for our annual St Joseph Spaghetti Dinner hosted by Knights of Columbus on Sunday March 16th at 4:30pm. (LL) Please RSVP in Flocknote. See you there!

**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. One way you can help is to join the Works of Mercy in making cards for nursing home residents. 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:** We will begin a Parish Baby Bottle Campaign to support LifeSpring by handing out baby bottles after each Mass this weekend. LifeSpring is a pro-life, Christian non-profit that provides ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, spiritual support, clothing, diapers and other items at no cost in order to support women with unplanned or crisis pregnancies. Read your bottle to learn more. Please return the Baby Bottles on Palm Sunday filled with your generous alms to support this important charity. Next Sunday, our ministry will report on our work over the past year, and schedule listening sessions to get your feedback later in Lent. Our report will be available on the Walking With Mom's in Need page of the Parish website.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Adorers needed between 6PM-9PM, contact Patricia McAdams [pamcadams@yahoo.com](mailto:pamcadams@yahoo.com). *A Lenten Opportunity!* **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" began February 26 and will engage for 33 days, culminating 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

**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 during the year and will include; *SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES* Novenas, Rosaries, and Special Prayers, *LOCAL ACTIVITIES* Bowling, Movies, Luncheons, Wineries/Beer Halls, Dinners, *FIELD TRIPS* to LOCAL OR NEARBY STATES Cathedrals, Saint Relics, Gardens. *First Meeting: TBD* For more info, contact Barb Cassidy [bcc32968@gmail.com](mailto:bcc32968@gmail.com)

# FROM THE PASTOR



## LENT – THE WAY TO VICTORY WITH CHRIST

### Part II

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***

The season of Lent is a natural time to think about the practice of turning toward Jesus. *During Lent, we ask forgiveness for the times we have left Jesus' ways of truth, justice, and love, and seek strength and guidance to turn back to those ways as we grow closer to Jesus. It's a time to work on discipline.* The 40 days of Lent are also a good time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive. “I’m going to do more spiritual exercises. I’m going to pray more. I’m going to be nicer to my family, friends, and coworkers.” *It's about dying to yourself.* The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it's about more than self-control – it's about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering, dying with Christ, and being resurrected in a purified form.

**Don't do too much.** It's tempting to make Lent an ambitious project of personal success, but it's best to keep it simple and focused. There's a reason the Church works on these mysteries year after year. We spend *our entire lives* growing closer to God. Don't try to cram it all in one Lent. That is a recipe for failure.

**Lent reminds us of our weakness.** Of course, even when we set simple goals for ourselves during Lent, we still have trouble keeping them. When we fast, we realize we're all just one meal away from hunger. In both cases, Lent shows us our weakness. This can be painful, but recognizing how helpless we are makes us seek God's help with renewed urgency and sincerity.

**Be patient with yourself.** When we're confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. “What a bad person I am!” But that's the wrong lesson. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love.

**Reach out in charity.** As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering, or otherwise in need. The third part of the Lenten formula is *almsgiving*. It's about more than throwing a few extra dollars in the collection basket; it's about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God's unconditional love.

**Learn to love like Christ above all else.** Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on the cross for all of us. Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the cross on Good Friday, as we seek him out, ask his help, join in his suffering, and learn to love like him.

**TO BE CONTINUED...**

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

March 9, First Sunday of Lent

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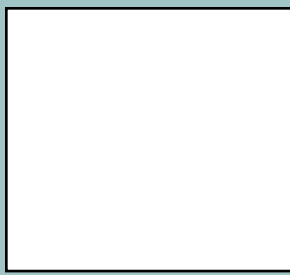
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