



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

## APRIL 6, 2025

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### MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil	5 PM
Sunday	8:30 AM + 11 AM + 2 PM
Monday + Friday	12 PM
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Saturday	8 AM

### ADORATION

Monday	1—3PM
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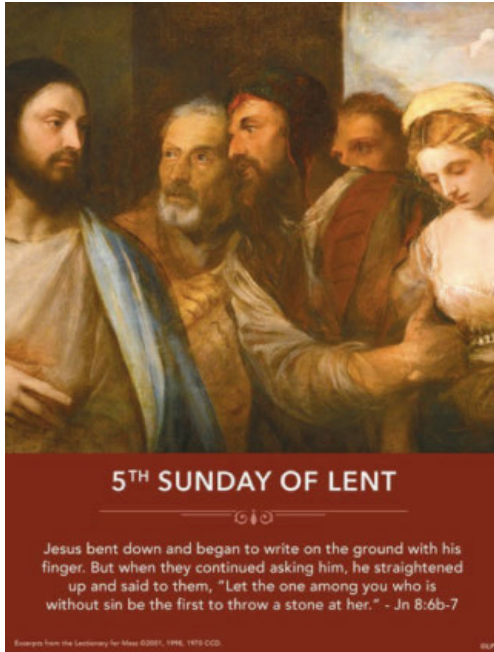
### CONFESSION

Sunday	1 PM
Mon + Wed + Fri	6:30—7:30 PM
Thursday	7—8 PM

### Office Hours

Monday-Friday	9 AM—4 PM
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10:30AM -12:30PM  
Soup Kitchen: Thurs 12PM-1PM

**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.

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# PRAYER & WORSHIP



## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### SATURDAY (4/5)

8 AM Mass  
Blessing of Objects following Rosary  
5 PM Vigil Mass RCIA Third Scrutiny  
Followed by WWMN Listen Session in the Conference Room (LL)

### SUNDAY (4/6) Fifth Sunday of Lent

Altar Flowers Donations Appreciated  
8:30 AM Mass  
*No Christian Formation-Spring Break*  
10 AM WWMN Listen Session in the Conference Room (LL)  
11 AM Mass  
12:30 PM RCIA  
1 PM Confession  
2 PM Gregorian Mass  
Followed by WWMN Listen Session in the Conference Room (LL)

### MONDAY (4/7)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry  
12 PM Mass  
1-3 PM Adoration  
6:30 PM Confession

### TUESDAY (4/8)

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

### WEDNESDAY (4/9)

8 AM Mass  
10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry  
6 PM Schola & Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 PM Confession

### THURSDAY (4/10)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen  
6 PM Day of Recollection with adoration, confession

### FRIDAY (4/11) DAY OF ABSTINENCE

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 provided by the Knights of Columbus  
6:30 PM Confession

### SATURDAY (4/12)

8 AM Mass  
5 PM Vigil Mass  
SUNDAY (4/13) Palm Sunday  
Altar Flowers Donations 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

4/9 Saint Casilda  
4/10 Saint Magdalene of Canossa  
4/11 Saint Stanislaus  
4/12 Saint Teresa of Los Andes  
4/13 Saint Martin I

## 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@holyccomforterparish.org](mailto:Reception@holyccomforterparish.org)**

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY (4/5)

8AM Matthew Schrank (Melinda Wells)  
5PM † Geraldine Desmond (Melinda Wells)

#### SUNDAY (4/6)

8:30AM Maureen Bradley  
11AM Members of the Parish  
2PM † Joseph Cannone (Peter Zinman)

#### MONDAY (4/7)

12PM Peter Gallagher and Family (Father Joseph Mary)

#### TUESDAY (4/8)

8AM Simon Ospina (Paula Ospina)

#### WEDNESDAY (4/9)

8AM † Scarlet Makielski (St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Community of Discalced Carmelites)

#### THURSDAY (4/10)

7:30PM Holy Comforter Confirmation  
Confirmands

#### FRIDAY (4/11)

12PM Catherine Claire Smith in Honor of Her Baptism (Diane Auger Smith)

#### SATURDAY (4/12)

8AM Jeff Plamondon  
5PM Peter and Beth Frazier

#### SUNDAY (4/13)

8:30AM † Virginia Davis (Davis Family)  
11AM Peter and Beth Frazier  
2PM Members of the Parish

## SAINTS OF GOD

4/5 Saint Vincent Ferrer  
4/6 Saint Crescentia Hoess  
4/7 Saint John Baptist de la Salle  
4/8 Saint Julie Billiart

# PARISH NEWS



## GIFTS FROM GOD

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Week Ending March 30, 2025

Offertory **\$5,208**

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

**Below Weekly Budget (\$3,892)**



St. John Chrysostom once said, **“Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life.”** In other words, almsgiving is not

optional. It’s justice. The goods we have—time, money, talents—are entrusted to us for the sake of others.

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 APRIL

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

**4/13/2025** Outreach

**4/17/2025** Holy Thursday

**4/18/2025** Holy Land Good Friday

**4/27/2025** Maintenance Fund



### 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.*

Brochures and return envelopes are available **in the pews and in the Commons.**

To date, **we have raised \$19,648** which is 72% of our \$27,280 parish goal! **Thank you for your support!!**

## LITURGICAL NOTES

**Entrance (*Iudica me, Deus*):** Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly nation; from wicked and deceitful men deliver me, for you are my God and my strength.

**Offertory (*Confitebor tibi, Domine*):** I will praise you, O Lord, with my whole heart; deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and observe your word; revive me according to your word, O Lord.

**Communion (*Nemo te condemnavit*):** Woman, has no one condemned you? No one, Lord. – Neither do I condemn you; go and do not sin again. *The Entrance Antiphon this Sunday is very striking both textually and musically. Psalm 42 is referenced here, and it is Christ who speaks, begging the Father to deliver him from his persecutors. We see this change in tone because the readings in general start taking a dark turn with references to the pharisees plotting to have Jesus killed. Musically, we see this reflected in the mode (basically a scale) of the piece, which prominently features a “half step” (from one key directly to the next for you pianists out there!) at the beginning of the scale. As a result of this particular arrangement of notes, the melody sounds mournful. From a singer’s perspective, the melody is also quite jagged, jumping around a lot, sometimes in unintuitive ways, as if to imitate the act of sobbing. Not only is our Lord suffering from a human fear of what is to come during his Passion, but he is also deeply saddened at the hardness of heart of the people whom he loves so dearly. Let us strive more and more to purge those sins and vices from our lives that harden our hearts to Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament and in our neighbor. Callousness, jadedness, and indifference all stem from the numbing effects of sin in our lives, making us less human and less capable of receiving God’s love in our lowliness. Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner!* DANIEL KIRKLAND, DIRECTOR OF LITURGY & MUSIC

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education*  
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### YOUR PRAYER INTENTIONS TAKEN ON PILGRIMAGE

*Dear Holy Comforter Parishioners, Father Joseph Mary will be leaving on Pilgrimage to France, Thursday, April 24. He would like to offer you the opportunity to have him place your intentions at the shrines he will visit, e.g. St. John Vianney in Ars, Basilica of St. Therese of Lisieux, Our Lady of Lourdes, etc. Please contact Father Joseph Mary to benefit from his generous and wonderful spiritual gift to our Parish Family.*

## NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

### PALM SUNDAY

#### **First Reading** *Isaiah 50:4-7*

The Lord’s Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 22:8-9,17-20,23-24*

A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers.

#### **Second Reading** *Philippians 2:6-11*

Christ was obedient even to death, but God has exalted him.

#### **Gospel Reading** *Luke 22:14—23:56*

From the cross, Jesus speaks words of forgiveness and promises that the good thief will be with him in paradise. .

# PARISH NEWS



## PLEASE PRAY FOR

### PARISHIONERS

(Includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers)  
Ann Carothers, Phil Carr, Teresa Cook, Connie Flamm, Kelton Flinn, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Jim and Bobbie Hoskins, Ann Jackson, Mary Nguyen, 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, Stephen Crews, 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, Margaret Heritage, 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, Geraldine Newton, Fr. Richard Mooney, Melodie Mougeolle and Children, Robert Maute, Lia Thoms Price and Family, Lawrence Randolph, Randall Saathoff and Family, Maya Sanchez, 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 Vinklarek, 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  
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**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 continued support of Outreach through your time, donations and contributions. During the month of March, we served 344 individuals in Soup Kitchen. For the month of April, donations of canned tuna would be appreciated. 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 eviction or utility cut off through the ministry of going to visit our friends in their homes. We thank you all for your donations to SVdP. If you are interested in joining SVdP or donating, please go to <https://www.svdp-ht.org>

**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 information, email [mercy@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:mercy@holycomforterparish.org)

**WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED MINISTRY:** Walking with Moms in Need will be conducting listening sessions next Sunday (April 6, 2025) in the Conference Rm (LL) at 10:00 a.m., and on the Fifth Sunday of Lent after the Saturday April 12 Vigil Mass and after the Latin Mass on Sunday, April 13. Please review our Inventory of Local Pregnancy Help Resources on our web page on the Parish website and give us your thoughts. If you can't attend one of our meetings, find us on the Parish website, and call or email us with your thoughts

**Haiti:** Reported by Father Asmith; "Port-au-Prince (PAP) is in dire straits, yet paradoxically, the country appears to be improving. However, many families are starving, unable to afford food. I am devising a plan to support a portion of these families with food kits and sundries. If St. Michel fails to aid the neediest among us, the people may turn against the Church. The church structure faces issues. The roof leaks and requires repair or replacement. The open design allows significant dust ingress, making cleanliness nearly impossible." *I have formed a committee to address these problems. In this Lenten season and for the remainder of April, I'm suggesting that any general Haiti fund donations go to a food fund for Saltadere.* God Bless you, Bob Fromme

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORERS** needed between 6PM-9PM, contact Patricia McAdams [pamcadams@yahoo.com](mailto:pamcadams@yahoo.com). *A Lenten Opportunity!*

**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)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHESTERTON ACADEMY'S ESSAY COMPETITION FOR \$5K TUITION CREDIT NEW DATE!** A place where **faith and authentic friendships** can flourish, offering **rich and rigorous academics:** that's Chesterton Academy, Charlottesville's classical high school in the Catholic tradition. We invite **current and rising high schoolers** to compete for a **\$5,000 tuition credit** in our **essay competition** on **Saturday, April 12th**. See details: [ChestertonSJE.org](http://ChestertonSJE.org).

# FROM THE PASTOR



## LENT – THE WAY TO VICTORY WITH CHRIST

### Part VI

Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi

**“When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals— one on his right, the other on his left” Luke 23:33**

Allow me to acknowledge with you and reflect on the fact that Jesus’ journey to the cross was difficult. This might seem so obvious that it is hardly worth saying, but I think it is good that we carefully consider the difficulty of Jesus’ journey as we take up our cross to follow him. I suppose it can be said that the whole of Jesus’ life was difficult. He was born in poverty. He was constantly opposed. Members of his own family did not at first believe him. He was often a man on the run. The whole of Jesus’ life was characterized by difficulty. But here I wish to emphasize that Jesus’ final journey to the cross was exceptionally difficult.

We speak often of the fact that Jesus came to die for sinners. Notice that the death he died was not what we would call a natural death. He did not die of natural causes. He did not grow old for us. He did not succumb to illness for us. His life was not ended by way of, what we would call, an accident. No, he was put to death by sinful men.

As we consider Jesus’ journey to the cross – the false trial, the brutality with which he was treated, the crucifixion itself – we should

be struck by the irony. Here is Jesus, the eternal Word of God come in the flesh, the one through whom and for whom the universe was made, the giver and sustainer of life. He comes to man, not to judge, mind you, but to accomplish

salvation. And what does man do with him? Their natural impulse is to kill him. Can you imagine? Isn’t it also ironic that it was the high priest who condemned Jesus to death?

Picture Caiaphas, the high priest of Israel, and Jesus standing before him. Don’t you find it ironic that – though the office he held was intended to serve as a kind of placeholder until the true high priest would come, and though the work he did was packed with symbolic significance which pointed forward to the true lamb of God who would take away the sins of the world – when the true high priest, who is also the true lamb of God, stood before him, he did not recognize him. Caiaphas didn’t get it. Not even close. He was arrogant, unjust, and ignorant. He was ignorant as to the true significance of the position he held. He was ignorant as to the significance of the man who stood before him. And he was ignorant as to the significance of the moment.

So here is the irony: Caiaphas was high priest, and one of his responsibilities was to offer up sacrifices to God on behalf of the people for the forgiveness of sins. This he in fact did. He offered up Jesus, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins, not only of the Jews, but of all the peoples of the earth. He did so in ignorance and in sin. But he did it according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God.

The point of all this is that Jesus’ journey was indeed a difficult one. He was falsely accused, falsely tried, and mistreated. Can you imagine being the guy who slapped Jesus when he answered back to Caiaphas? He slapped Jesus! And for what? Jesus simply replied to Caiaphas’ questions about his teaching saying, “I have spoken openly to the world...I have said nothing secretly. Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them...” When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, ‘Is that how you answer the high priest?’” (Jn. 18:20–22). How blind these men were to the reality of things.

We tend to emphasize the physical suffering he endured, but consider the emotional, psychological, and spiritual aspects of all this. Think of the humility, the restraint, the submission to the Father that Jesus maintained in order to accomplish the Father’s will. He suffered for you and me and for all who believe. What are you doing to thank 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).*

April 6, Fifth Sunday of Lent

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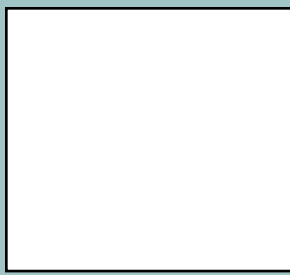
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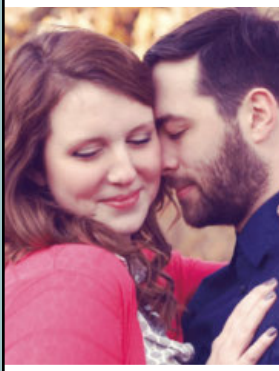
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