



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

## APRIL 13, 2025

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### MASS TIMES

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

### ADORATION

Monday	1—3PM
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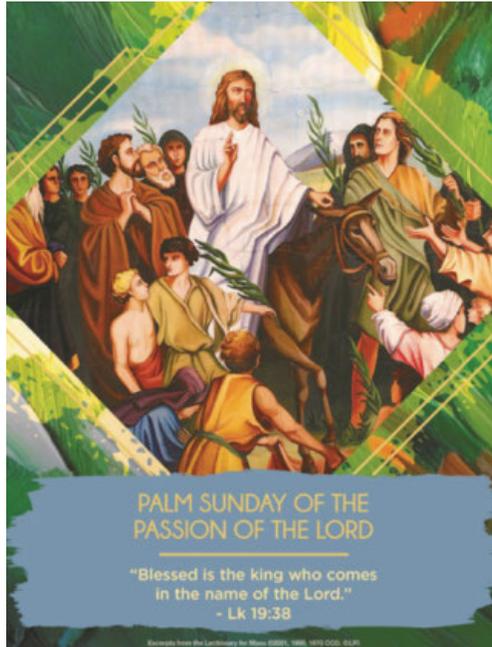
### CONFESSION

Sunday	1 PM
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Thursday	7—8 PM

### Office Hours

Monday-Friday	9 AM—4 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 (4/12)

8 AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

Followed by WWMN Listening  
Session Conference Rm (LL)

### SUNDAY (4/13) Palm Sunday

Flowers Donated by Silvia Di Paolo in  
Memory of Maximus

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 (4/14)

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

1-3 PM Adoration

6:30 PM Confession

### TUESDAY (4/15)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

### WEDNESDAY (4/16)

8 AM Mass

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6 PM Schola & Choir Rehearsal

6:30 PM Confession

6-9 PM Adoration

### THURSDAY (4/17) Holy Thursday

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

7:00 PM Mass

Followed by Adoration until Midnight

### FRIDAY (4/18) Good Friday

Office Closed

No Regina Caeli Co-op

12 PM Stations of the Cross

3 PM Passion Service

6:30 PM Confession

### SATURDAY (4/19)

8 AM Tenebrae (No Mass)

8 PM Easter Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY (4/20) Easter Sunday

Easter Flowers Provided by  
Numerous Donors Listed in Today's  
Bulletin

7 AM Gregorian Mass

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  
(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

4/16 Saint Bernadette Soubirous

4/17 Saint Benedict Joseph Labre

4/18 Blessed James Oldo

4/19 Saint Giana Berretta Mola

4/20 Saint Conrad of Parzham

## 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 (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

#### MONDAY (4/14)

12PM Peter and Beth Frazier

#### TUESDAY (4/15)

8AM Peter and Beth Frazier

#### WEDNESDAY (4/16)

8AM Peter and Beth Frazier

Simon Ospina (Paula Ospina)

#### THURSDAY (4/17)

7PM Peter and Beth Frazier

† Nancy Maseda (Nancy Vila)

† Jose Vilar (Nancy Vila)

#### FRIDAY (4/18)

3PM Passion Service (No Mass)

#### SATURDAY (4/19)

8PM † Mary Tran (Maliwan Altrip)

Peter and Beth Frazier

#### SUNDAY (4/20)

7AM Members of the Parish

9AM † Maryann Showalter

(Ed and Anna Stelow)

11AM Peter and Beth Frazier

## SAINTS OF GOD

4/12 Saint Teresa of Los Andes

4/13 Saint Martin I

4/14 Blessed Peter Gonzalez

4/15 Saint Caesar de Bus

# PARISH NEWS



## GIFTS FROM GOD

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Week Ending April 6, 2025

Offertory **\$3,453**

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

Below Weekly Budget **(\$5,647)**



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 \$21,268** which is 78% of our \$27,280 parish goal! **Thank you for your support!!**

## LITURGICAL NOTES

**Palms Sunday Offertory (*Improperium*):** My heart awaited reproach and misery; and I hoped for one that would grieve together with me, but there was none; I looked for one who would comfort me, and found no one. For food they gave me gall; in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

*Holy Week is full of so much rich, beautiful music that calls us to enter more deeply into the Paschal Mystery as it unfolds over the three most important days in all of human history. I want to focus on two antiphons this week from two separate days because of their special beauty and significance. The Offertory for Palm Sunday is set to a mode (a musical scale) that is typically described as “angelicus” because of its settled and contented quality. This is a remarkable choice, given the text. The composer ingeniously focuses on the small interval between Do (of the Do Re Mi variety) and the note below it, Ti (Do Re Mi Fa Sol La **Ti Do**), creating tension in phrases like “I hope for one that would grieve together with me” and “I looked for one who would comfort me.” The effect is a sobbing melody; yet at the very end of the chant, it settles peacefully. All this is to demonstrate Christ’s suffering in His humanity perfectly coexisting with His Divinity and steadfastness in doing the Father’s Will. As a concluding thought, it is intriguing that this antiphon is also used as the Offertory on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. It is fitting, then, that we meditate on the suffering of the Sacred Heart as we relive the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ in order to understand in a deeper way the inexhaustible love He has for us. Let this set our own hearts aflame with love for Him and compel us to turn to His Divine Mercy as we begin the great novena of mercy starting on Good Friday. A blessed Holy Week to you all!*  
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

### EASTER SUNDAY

**First Reading** Acts 10:34, 37–43

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.*

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 117(118):1–2, 16–17, 22–23

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

**Second Reading**

Colossians 3:1–4

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

**Gospel Reading**

John 20:1–9

*He must rise from the dead.*

April 13, Palm Sunday

# 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, Maddie Hermack, 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 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)**

**CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL** has job openings for the 25-26 school year: 6th Grade Language Arts Teacher, Learning Specialist, & 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 oto [v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org).

## MINISTRIES

**OUTREACH:** Thank you, parishioners, for your continued support through your time, donations and contributions. During the month of March, we gave out 170 food pantry bags to 537 individuals in Food Pantry. For the month of April, donations of canned tuna are 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 for your donations to SVdP. If you are interested in joining SVdP or making a donation, 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:** As Lent comes to an end, and we enter into the Easter season, Walking with Moms in Need reminds all parishioners to return your baby bottles supporting Lifespring Pregnancy Centers. Please drop baby bottles off with a ministry member at the door as you arrive or leave this Sunday or Easter Sunday. You may also drop your bottles in the crate on the credenza before or after the weekend Masses or in the parish office.

**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

***33 Days to Eucharistic Glory*** is the first ever Eucharistic Consecration which is an initiative of your Parish Council. This unprecedented spiritual resource presents profound truths, astonishing historical facts, powerful practical examples, a daily virtue to adopt, extraordinary prayers, and inspiring stories—all in an easy-to-follow daily format. The second "cadre" will begin on May 6, engage for 33 days, and culminate with a public Consecration at Holy Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 8. See Steve Ham [steven\\_ham@comcast.net](mailto:steven_ham@comcast.net)

# FROM THE PASTOR



## LENT – THE WAY TO VICTORY WITH CHRIST

### Part VII

Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi

**“When Jesus had spoken these things, He lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, ‘Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son may glorify You.’”**

**John 17:1**

No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross. No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ. His prayer brought benefit to the multitude that raged against him. How much more does it bring to those who turn to him in repentance. The sacred Blood of Christ has quenched the flaming sword that blocked access to the tree of life. The age-old night of sin has given place to the true light.

The Son of God, in taking our human nature while remaining God, so that *the Word became flesh*, he left no member of the human race without a share in his mercy. Who does not share a common nature with Christ if he has welcomed Christ, who took our nature, and is reborn in the Spirit, through whom Christ was conceived? Again, who cannot recognize in Christ his own infirmities? Who would not recognize that Christ’s eating and sleeping, his sadness and his shedding of tears of love are marks of the nature of a slave? It was this nature of a slave that had to be healed of its ancient wounds and cleansed of the defilement of sin.

So, the idea is that the Son of Man will be glorified at a specific event.

By Jesus’ death as a substitute for man and the shedding of His blood for our sins, he would be glorified. While the world would see the cross as offensive, disturbing, and sad, the Father sees the cross as glorifying to Himself. How does the cross glorify God? There are many ways such a transaction on the cross brings glory to God.

***The cross glorifies His compassion:*** He died for us, suffering in our place, allowing Himself to be counted sin on our behalf and buying our redemption, which we couldn’t buy.

***The cross glorifies His patience:*** He allows His Son to endure His wrath, when Jesus could have immediately called upon all the angels in the world to rescue him from this death.

***The cross glorifies His power:*** He endured this pain and defeated Satan. Jesus brought an end to the power of the Evil One. **“Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil” (Heb; 2:14).**

***The cross glorifies His wisdom:*** The Father was able to devise a plan for Jesus to be the justifier of the godly.

***The cross glorifies His holiness:*** Habakkuk 1:13 tells us the following of God – **“You are of purer eyes than to behold evil and cannot look on wickedness....”** By Jesus’ transaction on the cross, God can see us as having our sins cleansed and forgiven.

***The cross glorifies His faithfulness:*** He kept His promise from Genesis 3 where He told Adam and Eve that the seed of the woman would bruise the serpent’s head (vs. 15). He kept His promise to wound, bruise and chastise His Son for our iniquities (Is. 53:50).

***The cross glorifies His justice:*** Paul says in Romans 3:26 that one of the purposes for Jesus’ death was **“to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier....”** The cross also glorifies Him in the sense that Jesus now reverses the sin of Adam and turned the history of the race around. Romans 5:18 tells us, **“Therefore, as through one man’s offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man’s righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.”**

Really, if you think about, all of God’s attributes are put on display at the transaction of the cross! If then we walk in the way of his commandments and are not ashamed to acknowledge the price he paid for our salvation in a lowly body, we too are to rise to share his glory. The promise he made will be fulfilled in the sight of all: **“Whoever acknowledges me before men, I too will acknowledge him before my Father who is in heaven” (Matt. 10:32).**

**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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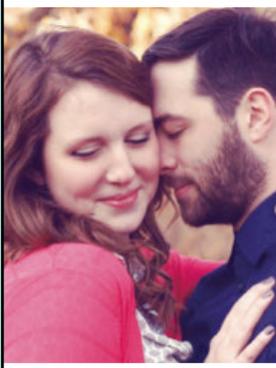
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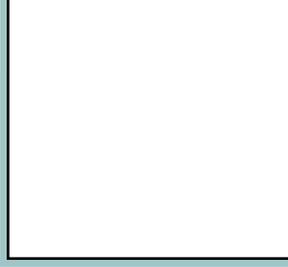
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