



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

## SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

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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

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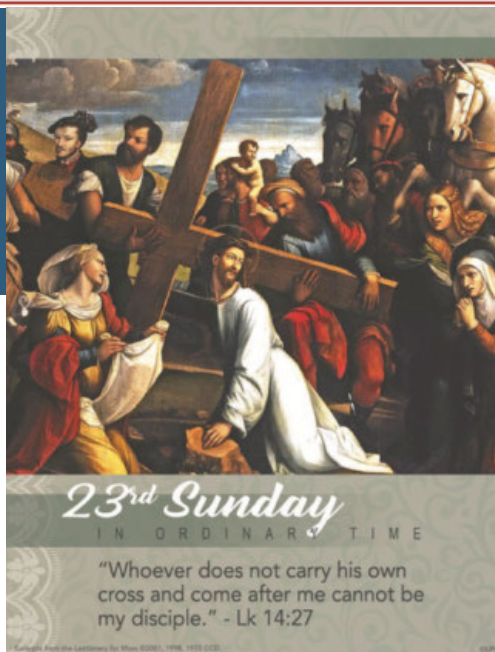
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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:** We, the members of Holy Comforter Parish, united in faith by God, nourished by Jesus through the Word and the Eucharist, and guided by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, believe that we are called to worship, formation, service, and evangelization within our parish, our local communities, and all those in need.

# PRAYER & WORSHIP



## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### SATURDAY (9/6)

5 PM Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY (9/7) Twenty-Third Sunday in

#### Ordinary Time

Altar Flowers Donated by Sophie Anderson

in honor of Lynda Pearl Anderson

Second Collection: Gaza Relief

8:30 AM Mass

9:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:30 PM RCIA

1 PM Confession

2 PM Gregorian Mass

### MONDAY (9/8)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

### TUESDAY (9/9)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

### WEDNESDAY (9/10)

8 AM Mass

10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry

### THURSDAY (9/11)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

11 AM Funeral Mass

(Therese Auger)

Reception at Diane Auger Smith's home,  
620 Park Street, following.

6 PM Mass

### FRIDAY (9/12)

12 PM Mass

7-8:30 PM Youth Group

### SATURDAY (9/13)

5 PM Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY (9/14) Exaltation of

#### The Cross

Altar Flower Donations Appreciated

Second Collection: Outreach

8:30 AM Mass

9:45 AM Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:30 PM RCIA

1 PM Confession

2 PM Mass

### Prayers for the Repose of Souls

*Please remember to pray for the*

*repose of Thérèse Auger's soul.*

*Praying for the repose of souls is*  
*considered a Corporal Act of Charity*  
*and it is a sacred privilege and honor*  
*for our Parish Family to care for her as*  
*one of our own in this way. Please*  
*also remember her family in your*  
*prayers.*

### Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Leo, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### 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

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is pleased to note that Blessed Pier Giorgio was a Vincentian and on Sept. 7, 2025, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassatti (1901-1925) will be canonized. (Blessed Carlo Acutis will be also be canonized.)**

9/10 Saint Thomas of Villanova

9/11 Saint Cyprian

9/12 Most Holy Name of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary

9/13 Saint John Chrysostom

9/14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

## WELCOME 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

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY (9/6)

5PM † Henry Clark

(Mary Frances Lilly and Family)

#### SUNDAY (9/7)

8:30AM † Nasrat Ahmad Yar & Family

11AM † Jane Till Danilek

2PM Members of the Parish

#### MONDAY (9/8)

8AM Melinda Wells and Family

#### TUESDAY (9/9)

8AM Simone Ospina (Paula Ospina)

#### WEDNESDAY (9/10)

8AM Stephen Crews (Melinda Crews)

#### THURSDAY (9/11)

6 PM † Therese Auger

(HC Staff and Parishioners)

#### FRIDAY (9/12)

12PM Diane Auger Smith and Family

(HC Staff and Parishioners)

#### SATURDAY (9/13)

5PM Catherine & Bourke Floyd

(Ham Family)

#### SUNDAY (9/14)

8:30AM † Marie Doretta Mathieu Kostelak

(Mike Kostelak Family)

11AM Members of the Parish

2PM † Thomas Kostelak

(Mike Kostelak Family)

## SAINTS OF GOD

9/6 Blessed Claudio Granzotto

9/7 Blessed Frederic Ozanam

9/8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9/9 Saint Peter Claver

# PARISH NEWS



## PARISH SUPPORT

**“Honor the Lord with your wealth,  
with first fruits ...” (Proverbs 3:9)**

### Week Ending August 24, 2025

Offertory Contributions

- In Pew and By Mail \$7,037
- Online Giving \$2,335

Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,500)

*Below Weekly Budget (\$128)*

### Week Ending August 31, 2025

Offertory Contributions

- In Pew and By Mail \$3,411
- Online Giving \$1,770

Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,500)

*Below Weekly Budget (\$4,319)*

### SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

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

**9/7/2025** Gaza Relief

**9/14/2025** Outreach

**9/28/2025** Maintenance Fund

### MONEY MINUTE

Every week we plan to share details about how your financial contributions are being put to use in the parish, our local community, and elsewhere throughout the world... We accept your contributions for several **Diocesan and National Collections** throughout the year. Thanks to your generosity, over \$17,000 was forwarded to benefit those in need!

### OFFERTORY COUNTERS NEEDED

We love our parish and are dedicated to our service. Plenty of street parking is available when we meet at 8:30 AM on alternating Mondays. Please contact Mary Frances Lilly [office@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:office@holycomforterparish.org) or 434.295.7185 with questions or to volunteer. Your help is appreciated!



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## LITURGICAL NOTES

Happy 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Here we are, in the first weekend of September. September is dedicated to “Our Lady of Sorrows”. September is an ideal time to strengthen our connection with Our Mother. On Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am Mass we will celebrate “The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.” This day marks the birth of Mary, who is honored as the mother of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Mary’s birth is seen as a key moment in Christian history. We as Catholics, are of the belief that she was born without original sin, which made her the perfect choice to become the Mother of Jesus. Because of this belief, the Church celebrates her birth with great respect. The Feast is a chance to remember how important Mary is to the story of Jesus. This is a great day to reflect and pray about the meaning of Mary’s life. Her birth is seen as the first step in preparing for the arrival of Jesus. By being born without sin, Mary was set apart for this special mission. We Catholics recognize her birth as part of God’s plan to save humanity. It connects her directly to the story of Jesus and the salvation He brings to all of us.

God bless, *Alicia Vinklarek, LMC Liturgy Coordinator*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Melinda Wells, Director of Religious Education*

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### THIS SUNDAY

- ◆ **Children’s and HS Christian Formation: 9:45AM-10:45AM**
- ◆ **Sacraments: First Sacraments: 9:45Am-10:45 AM**
- ◆ **RCIA: 12:30PM**

### HOLY COMFORTER’S “A SPECIAL DAY WITH THE ANGELS”

A retreat for ages 5-10 years at Holy Comforter, September 27. **Beginning with 8AM Mass, and ending promptly at 12PM. A light breakfast will be served.** It promises to be a fun-filled time of catechesis for the children! **Forms are on the RE Table!**

### MASS & CELEBRATION OF THÉRÈSE AUGER’S LIFE INVITATION

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Thérèse Auger at Holy Comforter Catholic Church on Thursday, September 11, 2025. Visitation will take place at 10 AM at the church, followed by Mass at 11 AM. There will be a reception following Mass at the Smiths' home: 620 Park St., C’ville, VA.

*All Parishioners are warmly invited to help us celebrate Thérèse's life.*

## NEXT WEEK’S READINGS EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

**First Reading** Numbers 21:4b–9 Moses made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he or she was healed

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 78:1–2, 34–34, 36–37, 38 Do not forget the works of the Lord.

**Second Reading** Phil. 2:6–11 Jesus Christ, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God as a thing to be grasped.  
**Gospel** John 3:13–17 As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, so that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

# PARISH NEWS



## PLEASE PRAY FOR

## MINISTRIES

### 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, Patricia McAdams, Mary Nguyen, Mae Trentanove, Mary Wheeler, and Mary Ann Ziminski.

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Leroy and Felicia Anderson, Blanding Attey, Ben and Katherine Barahona, Christine Bentejac, Ken Brunk, Max and Hadley Burch, Stephen Crews, Kaylee Carter, Petra Vera Chavez, Molly Clarke, Lauren Rundall, Elaine Cone, Stephanie Crews, Roxanne Crittenden, Nancy Joan Debiese, Jimmy Dominguez, Linda Doyle, Gene Flamm, Fr. Gerald Fogarty, Brad and Debbie Ferguson, Sue Gilbert, Paula Goodburn, Dan Grogan, Genevieve Halfen, Margaret Heritage, Maddie Hermack, Liana Haseltine, Mark Rowland Huckabe, Betty Kapeluch, Kelly Lembo and Family, Joan Lincks, Mike & Sibylle Llewellyn, Shannon and Coty Lockett, Chelsea Massey, Dot McAllister, Michael McNeil, Fr. Richard Mooney, Robert Maute, Vince Newton, Lia Thoms Price and Family, Lawrence Randolph, Saathoff Family, Maya Sanchez, Coby Savona, Kathryn Savona, Schrank Family, Tara Singh, Aiden Smith, Christopher Tomaselli, Brendan and Maria Walsh, and Residents and Staff of Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention

### MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

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

*If you would like your family member/fellow parishioner added or removed from the lists, contact the Works of Mercy Ministry [mercy@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:mercy@holycomforterparish.org) or church office 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)**

### All are invited to attend one of two IMPACT listening sessions:

(Inter-faith Movement Promoting Action by Congregations Together) To be held at Holy Comforter (LL) Saturday, Sept. 13, after 5pm Mass and Sunday, Sept. 21, after the 11am Mass. Come to continue your support or to learn more see <https://impactville.com/> and to share concerns about our community. Your hosts are Bridget Davis/[slainte035@gmail.com](mailto:slainte035@gmail.com) and Suzanne Bailey/[slank@ntelos.net](mailto:slank@ntelos.net). Food will be provided. Please RSVP so there is enough for all.

### Charlottesville Catholic School CCS Golf Tournament

Join us **Monday, September 29** at **The Club at Glenmore**.

Registration is open for individuals and foursomes—**\$225 per player**. Sponsorships are available—promote your business to 100+ golfers! Visit [Golf Tournament website](#) or see **Ms. Kowalski**

**Discovering Christ program at Church of the Incarnation**. The class gives attendees a delicious free meal and friendships with other inquirers at a table that's a great place to ask questions and hear answers about life and a relationship with God. The course begins September 22 and will be held at Church of the Incarnation. For info, visit Incarceration's website and flocknote link.

**OUTREACH:** In the month of July, we served 402 meals in soup kitchen and handed our 209 food bags to 611 individuals. We've seen an increase in folks to our Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen. We appreciate the support of the parishioners through donations, contributions and time. Thank for the donations of peanut butter for August. For the month of September, we are asking for donations of small canned soups. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and leader.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: THAT MAN IS YOU!** Join us for coffee and bagels, fellowship and faith at Holy Comforter, starting Saturday September 13th @7 am, Lower Level. All men are welcome. For more information go to [ThatManIsYou.com](http://ThatManIsYou.com) or contact Steven Sisman.

**Holy Comforter's Middle School Youth Group!** All youth in grades 6 through 8 are invited to *Middle School Youth Group on Fridays from 7-8:30pm*. There will be fun, fellowship, and faith-building! For more information, please contact Anna Sisman and Tristan Majewski at [youthgroup@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:youthgroup@holycomforterparish.org) for any questions you may have

**PARISH LIFE: Please join us for our annual Parish Picnic on Sunday September 28th at Pen park shelter 3. This will also be a going away party for our music director, Daniel Kirkland. It will be a potluck so please bring a dish to share. Please sign up for the potluck flocknote.**

**HAITI:** If you are interested in learning how to help the people of St. Michel Parish in Saltadere, Haiti, please join us at 4:00 pm on Sunday, September 14th at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. **Come join us for the Hope For Haiti Donor Appreciation and Fundraising Dinner** on Oct. 25, 2025 at 6 pm at St. Thomas Hall. The dinner is free thanks to a generous donor who has donated the funds.

## Announcements

### HOLY COMFORTER PARISH IS SEEKING A PART-TIME MUSIC

**COORDINATOR.** Bachelor's degree in music or equivalent education and experience, as well as instrumental and/or vocal skills. One-three years of related experience and strong knowledge and appreciation of Roman Catholic Liturgy is required. Please submit a Catholic Diocese of Richmond application for employment and send it along with a resume to Fr Joseph Mary, 208 E Jefferson Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902.

[office@holycomforterparish.org](mailto:office@holycomforterparish.org)

### Come meet the lay men and women who are part of the Dominican

**family!** The St. Thomas Aquinas Fraternity of Lay Dominicans invites you to join us for our annual *Come & See* Meeting. Our *Come & See* meeting will be held Saturday, Sept.6 at St. Thomas Aquinas. We will begin with 8:30 AM Mass, followed by the Rosary, and breakfast & community. The meeting ends around 12:30 PM. See Diane Smith at [oplaity511@gmail.com](mailto:oplaity511@gmail.com) or <https://stauva.org/dominican-laity/>

### The Office of Information Technology of the Catholic Diocese of

**Richmond** is seeking a **Manager, IT Managed Services**. For full ad/how to apply, go to <https://bit.ly/47harZs>

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# FROM THE LITURGY COORDINATOR



## The Mass

### Part III

By

Alicia Vinklarek, LMC Liturgy Coordinator

This week we will focus on the second of the four parts of the Mass, **“The Liturgy of the Word”**.

The Liturgy of the Word has many parts and most are made up of readings from Scripture. The first part is a reading from the Old Testament, then there is a Responsorial Psalm. The Psalm is usually read during the weekday. However, it is mostly sung on Sundays, Feast Days and solemnities. Also, for weekday Mass, we only have one reading, the Responsorial Psalm and then the Gospel. However, on Sundays, Feast Days and Solemnities, there is a second reading before the Gospel and it is from the New Testament letters. During Easter Time, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles which tells the story of the Church in its earliest days. The last reading is always taken from one of the four Gospels. The Responsorial Psalm is sung between the readings. The psalm helps us to meditate on the word of God.

In the Liturgy of the Word, we the faithful are fed and nourished at the table of His Word (cf. Sacrosanctum Concilium, no. 51). The Scriptures are the word of God, written under the in-

spiration of the Holy Spirit. In the Scriptures, God speaks to us, leading us along the path to salvation.

The highest point of the Liturgy of the Word is the reading of the Gospel. Because the Gospel tells of the life, ministry, and preaching of our Lord, Jesus Christ. As I mentioned before, our posture is important and as we prepare to hear the Gospel of the Lord, we the faithful stand to be present. A Deacon (or, if no deacon is present, a priest) reads the Gospel. At the time of the Gospel being introduced, the Priest or Deacon will pick up the Gospel Book that was processed in and lifts it up for all to see. As he does this, it is appropriate for us the faithful to reverence with a bow. For we are about to hear the Gospel of Lord, that tells the story of His life, death and resurrection. Also, while the Gospel is being presented to us, it is introduced by an acclamation of praise. Apart from Lent, that acclamation is "Alleluia," derived from a Hebrew phrase meaning "Praise the Lord!" Again on Sundays, Feast days, and Solemnities, it is appropriate to sing the Gospel Acclamation.

After the Scripture readings, the Deacon or Priest will preach the homily. In the homily, the preacher focuses on the Scripture texts or some other texts from the liturgy, drawing from them lessons that may help us connect our lives to Jesus' life and to help us live better lives so that we the faithful can fulfill our call to grow in holiness.

Usually on Sundays and Feast Days, the Profession of Faith then follows the homily, either the Nicene or Apostles' Creed. The Nicene Creed is a statement of faith dating from the fourth century, while the Apostles' Creed is the ancient baptismal creed of the Church in Rome. If baptismal promises are renewed, from a formula based on the Apostles' Creed, this takes the place of the Creed.

The Liturgy of the Word concludes with the Universal Prayer, also called the “Prayers of the Faithful” or “Intercessory Prayers.” This allows the faithful gathered to intercede with God on behalf of the Church, the world, and themselves, entrusting our needs to the faithful and loving God.

To be continued...

Resources: USCCB and Catechism of the Catholic Church

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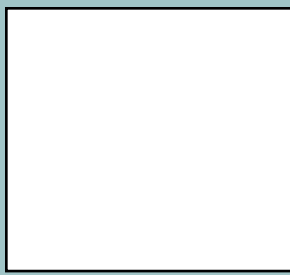
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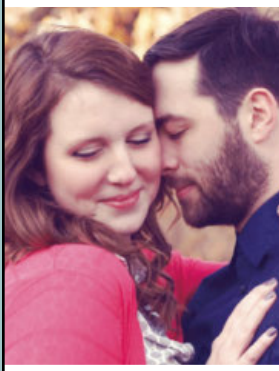
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