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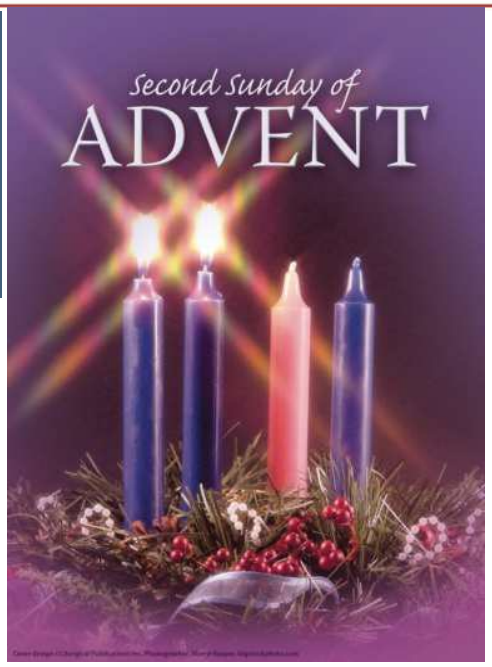

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Saturday Vigil	5 PM
Sunday	8:30 AM + 11 AM + 2 PM
Monday + Friday	12 PM
Tuesday + Wednesday	8 AM
Thursday	6 PM
Saturday	8 AM

ADORATION

Wednesday	6—8 PM
Thursday	7—8 PM
Friday	1—3PM

CONFESSION

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

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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 (12/6)
7 AM THAT MAN IS YOU! (LL)
8 AM Mass
3 PM EMHC TRAINING
5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 12/7) Second Sunday of Advent
Altar Flowers donated by Michael Sullivan
In Memory of † Dolores Sullivan and † Nancy Maseda
8:30 AM Mass
9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation
11 AM Mass
12:30 PM Christian Initiation of Adults (LL)
1 PM Confession
2 PM Mass
4 PM Swing Dance (LL)

MONDAY (12/8) The Immaculate Conception
8 AM Mass
12 PM Mass
10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry
6 PM Mass followed by Compline & Confessions

TUESDAY (12/9)
8 AM Mass
10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (12/10)
8 AM Mass
10:30-12:30 PM Food Pantry
6-8 PM Adoration
6:30-7:30 PM Confession

THURSDAY (12/11)
12-1 PM Soup Kitchen
6 PM Mass followed by Adoration
7 PM Confession

FRIDAY (12/12) Our Lady of Guadalupe
12 PM Mass followed by Adoration
5:30 PM Saint Nicholas Celebration & Potluck
6:30-7:30 PM Confession
No Youth Group, Youth encouraged to help with St Nicholas Celebration

SATURDAY (12/13)
6 AM RORTE CAELI MASS
7 AM THAT MAN IS YOU! (LL)
3 PM LECTOR TRAINING
5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 12/14) Third Sunday of Advent
Altar Flowers donated by Alicia Vinklarek in honor of Deacon Henry Vinklarek †
8:30 AM Mass
9:45-10:45 AM Christian Formation
11 AM Mass
12:30 PM Christian Initiation of Adults
1 PM Confession
2 PM Mass
4:30 PM Chesterton and Holy Comforter Choir Advent Concert

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Mr. and Mrs. Carl and Emily Barnhill

We welcome you to join our Holy Comforter Parish Family. Registration Forms are in the Office and on the Commons Credenza.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE EUCHARIST

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of the Eucharist You left us the outstanding manifestation of your limitless love for us. Thank You for giving us the opportunity to experience this love in receiving the Sacrament at this Mass. May Your Eucharistic presence keep us ever free from sin, fortified in faith, pervaded by love for God and neighbor, and fruitful in virtue, that we may continue to receive You throughout life and attain final union with You at death. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS:
Contact the Parish Office
434-295-7185
Reception@holycomforterparish.org

SATURDAY (12/6)
8AM † Thomas O'Leary (Petroni and Conaway Family)
5PM Colette Hall (Holy Comforter Staff)

SUNDAY (12/7)
8:30AM Gabriel Hess (Heidi Hess)
Deceased Members of the Zink Family (Ed and Jeanne Mickiwicz)
11AM Members of the Parish
2PM Gwendolyn Olivia Hess (Heidi Hess)

MONDAY (12/8)
8AM The Reinhart Family
12PM Mary Lucas (Kate Burke)
6PM The Anderson Family

TUESDAY (12/9)
8AM † Jean Andrus (Heidi Hess)

WEDNESDAY (12/10)
8AM † Deborah Okada (Mel Crews)

THURSDAY (12/11)
6 PM † Charlie Kirk (Heidi Hess)

FRIDAY (12/12)
12PM Kulbir Singh

SATURDAY (12/13)
6AM (RORATE CAELI)
Deceased members of the McAdams family
5PM Kathryn Barry (Silvia DiPaolo)

SUNDAY (12/14)
8:30AM Members of the Parish
11AM The Lannon Family
2PM The Taylor Family

SAINTS OF GOD

12/6 St. Nicholas
12/7 St. Ambrose
12/8 Immaculate Conception
12/9 Saint Juan Diego
12/10 Blessed Adolph Kolping
12/11 Saint Damasus
12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
12/13 Saint Lucy
12/14 Saint John of the Cross

PARISH NEWS

PARISH SUPPORT

"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?" *(Psalm 116:12)*

Week Ending November 23, 2025
Offertory Contributions

- In Pew and By Mail $2,964
- Online Giving $4,615

Weekly Offertory Budget ($9,500)
Below Weekly Budget ($1,921)

Due to a publication deadline, the Offertory Report for **Week Ending November 30, 2025** will appear in next week's bulletin.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY BUDGET

Our parish operating budget for the new fiscal year is $494,000 which requires us to receive offertory contributions of $9,500 per week.

In order to meet our obligations, it is necessary for our families to contribute $2,200 per year, or about $42 per week. Thank you for your support.

MONEY MINUTE
As the end of the year draws near, please consider making a charitable donation from your IRA to benefit our parish. If you are age 70-1/2 or older, you can make your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) directly.

Stock donations are also gladly accepted. Your firm can send the shares through the Depository Trust Company (DTC) to Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. Here are the details:
Schwab's DTC number: 0164
Account Name: HOLY COMFORTER CATHOLIC CHURCH
Account Number: 2162-7521

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER

ALL MONTH	Christian Formation + Haiti + Justice and Peace
12/8/2025	Immaculate Conception
12/14/2025	Retired Religious
12/21/2025	Outreach
12/25/2025	Catholic Charities
12/28/2025	Maintenance Fund

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THANK YOU!

LITURGICAL NOTES

Here we are already celebrating the **Second Sunday in Advent**. How's your Advent going? Are you preparing for our Lord's coming? On Monday, December 8th, we also celebrate the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a good time to ask our Blessed Mother to intercede for you and your family. We willl have three Mass times; one at 8 am, the next at Noon and then we will have a 6 pm Mass in Latin, followed by Compline. Hope to see you there.

Lector training will be held Saturday, December 13th from 3:00 pm until 4:15 pm. Please contact Matt Freeman for more information.

Also, on Saturday, December 13th, we will not have an 8 am Mass. Instead, we are having a **Rorate Caeli** Mass at 6 am followed by a Potluck Brunch. Looking forward to seeing you there.
God bless, *Alicia Vinklarek, LMC Liturgy Coordinator*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Holy Comforter invites you to the **Annual Saint Nicholas** Celebration and Potluck on December 5 at 5:30PM.

It will be a wonderful family event filled with fun and happy memories for the children. Please join us for the potluck afterwards and bring your special Christmas dish.
See Melinda Wells, DRE, for more information.

A Meal, A Blessing – Campaign Wrap-Up: "Harvest of Hope"

As we enter Advent, we look back with gratitude on the tremendous success of our A Meal, A Blessing campaign. Thanks to your prayers, generosity, and volunteer service, this Thanksgiving season became a beautiful expression of faith in action.

Together, we raised more than $30,000, including matched gifts that doubled the impact of every donation. These funds will allow our Outreach Ministry to continue serving guests each Thursday through our soup kitchen and providing monthly groceries to households through our food pantry. Because of your support, hundreds of neighbors in our community enjoyed warm meals, full pantry bags, and moments of prayer and fellowship this Thanksgiving.

Your generosity didn't just fill plates—it filled hearts with hope. From all of us in the Outreach Ministry, thank you for helping create a true harvest of hope: a meal to share and a blessing to celebrate.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
Third Sunday Of Advent

First Reading *Isaiah 35:1-6,10*
In the day of the Lord, all sorrow and mourning will cease.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps. 146:6-7,8-9,9-10*
The Lord will save his people.

Second Reading *James 5:7-10*
Be patient, and be ready; the coming of the Lord is near.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 11:2-11*
Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the kingdom that are being worked through him and praises John as more

PLEASE PRAY FOR

PARISHIONERS

(Includes ill, injured, homebound, and caregivers) Eileen Bracuti, Ann Carothers, Teresa Cook, Connie Flamm, Kelton Flinn, Jolene Green, Colette Hall, Jim and Bobbie Hoskins, Ann Jackson, Patricia McAdams, Mae Trentanove, Mary Wheeler, and Mary Ann Ziminski.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Leroy and Felicia Anderson, Blandine 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, Mary Nguyen, Lia Thoms Price and Family, Hank and Barbara Rainville, Lawrence Randolph, Saathoff Family, Maya Sanchez, Coby Savona, Kathryn Savona, Schrank Family, Tara Singh, Aiden Smith, Christopher Tomaselli, Brendan and Maria Walsh, and Residents, Staff of Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention, Williams Family and Napier Family

MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

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

If you would like your family member or fellow parishioner added or removed from the lists, contact the Works of Mercy Ministry 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

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND OPEN POSITIONS

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond, Office of Communications, is seeking to fill the following positions:

- Managing Editor for The Catholic Virginian.
- Full Time Information Technology Specialist to work in the Roanoke area.

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is now accepting applications for its Campus Ministry Fellowship Program for the 2026–2028 cycle.

For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, Human Resources Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: Thank you for the boxes of stuffing! For the month of December, donations of canned ravioli would be appreciated**.** Thank you all for your donations, contributions, and time to Outreach. God Bless! The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

ADVENT COLLECTION: This Advent we are collecting donated items for The Ronald McDonald House and the LifeSpring Pregnancy Center. Please take a tag from the tree and return the items to the boxes by Tuesday, Dec 23rd. Thank you for making Christmas brighter for families this year!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, HOLY TRINTY CONFERENCE: Please consider donating to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul during our annual Gift of Light campaign that helps us assist those with utility cut offs. Thank you for your generosity. Our next meeting is on Dec 16, via Zoom at 7pm. You are welcome to attend, for more information or if you would like to donate, please visit our website at www.svdp-ht.org or email us at info@svdp-ht.org.

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! Please contact HC's Middle School Youth Ministers, Anna Sisman/Tristan Majewsk youthgroup@holycomforterparish.org for more information.

TROOPS OF ST. GEORGE If you've considered starting a Troops of St George Apostolate for priests, men, and young men, please reach out to Steven Sisman Steven.Sisman@gmail.com

HAITI: The emergency food program has ended; many displaced have journeyed to Hinche, seeking employment beyond subsistence. Fuel support continues, with gratitude to our Dominican neighbors. For the first time, St. Michel College School students, from pre to secondary, hold textbooks and workbooks, a testament to your generosity and Father Asmith's steadfastness.

Join us 7 December, 1:00 PM, Room 2, St. Thomas Aquinas (Zoom available). We'll discern 2026's path: financial outlook, Hearts for Haiti Fair (8 Feb), Holy Comforter TBA, 2025 Golf/Dinner closeout, 2026 Golf (14 May), October 2026 Dinner/Auction with Father Asmith, and welcoming new members.

Announcements

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HOLY COMFORTER PARISH 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

FROM THE LITURGY COORDINATOR

ADVENT CALENDAR 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7 **The Second Sunday of Advent** On this Second Sunday of Advent, light two violet candles on your Advent wreath and ask God for the strength to be like John the Baptist, preparing the way of the Lord.	8 Today is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the patroness of the United States of America. It is a holy day of obligation. Offer your Mass intention today for the needs of the nation.	9 Juan Diego carried the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe to his community. Share your faith in word or action with someone you encounter today.	10 Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. Isaiah 11:3-4	11 In the bustle of the holiday season, spend some time this week in silence and prayer, possibly before the Blessed Sacrament, to prepare your heart to receive the Lord at Christmas.	12 Today is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe who appeared to Juan Diego as a pregnant indigenous woman. Pray for those who are experiencing difficult pregnancies and for those who are experiencing child loss or infertility.	13 "Just as no one is born a champion, no one is born a saint. It is daily training in love that brings us closer to final victory (cf. Rom 5:3-5) and enables us to contribute to the building of a new world." Pope Leo XIV, Homily, June 15, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

"The kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 3:2) John's call to prepare for Christ echoes in every family. In holy matrimony, love and faith creates the foundation where God's kingdom flourishes. Is God calling you to build a holy family? Ask Him to show you His way by praying for your (future) spouse and children.

(Source: Richmond Diocese (Vocations Office)

This second Sunday of Advent Year A encourages us to reflect deeply on our spiritual lives, emphasizing hope, repentance, and the call to live in harmony as we await the Savior.

No one looks forward to something they deem of little value. Here we are looking forward to the Lord's coming. We as Catholics are very excited that the Lord is near. A practical way to prepare for the Lord's coming would be to revive your awareness of your need for God. Unfortunately, although we believe in God, we sometimes do not believe it is necessary to change our lives. We reach the point where we think that, even though it might be urgent, it is not really possible. However, we have heard over and over again, "Nothing is impossible with God". All we have to do is put our faith and our trust in Him. God does not ask for us to make a radical change of life at our age or in our situation, even though we have tried so often. However, it is in the day after day, trying to do better. And, Advent is a perfect time in trying to do better. A way that worked for me was to listen more attentively to the readings, the Gospel and the Homily. Try to imagine God is speaking to you through the readings, the Gospel and the Homily. I promise you, if you do so, the Gospel will come alive in your life. You will feel like God hears you and He is talking to you.

There is no time to lose in trusting in God and enhancing your prayer life. If God has decided to come, there is no reason to delay his coming or lifestyle and conversion. If we delay our conversion, we delay the Lord's coming. We must bear witness to the world in which we live, and the people among whom we live, by our lifestyle and conversion. Only in this way will our hope and witness be credible, and only then will our life proclaim to the world that God is truly near and Jesus is coming.

This world of ours that we live in, believes it is abandoned by God, and there are people who find it hard to believe that God is interested in them. The only way we can convince the world otherwise and that the Lord is coming is by making it obvious to others, is by our desire to improve our own lives.

Let us ask the Lord to make us feel his nearness. So that others see Him in us. Then it will not be too difficult for us to wait for him, and since he has already begun his return, let us pray that He may begin in us the conversion that He hopes for us.

God Bless and Happy Advent, Alicia Vinklarek, LMC

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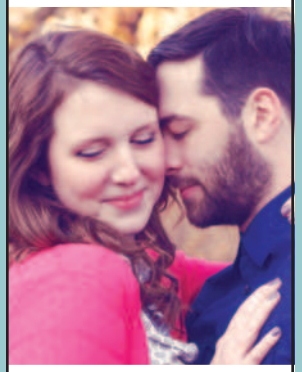

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