



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

## DECEMBER 14, 2025

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### MASS TIMES

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 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

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| Wednesday | 6—8 PM |
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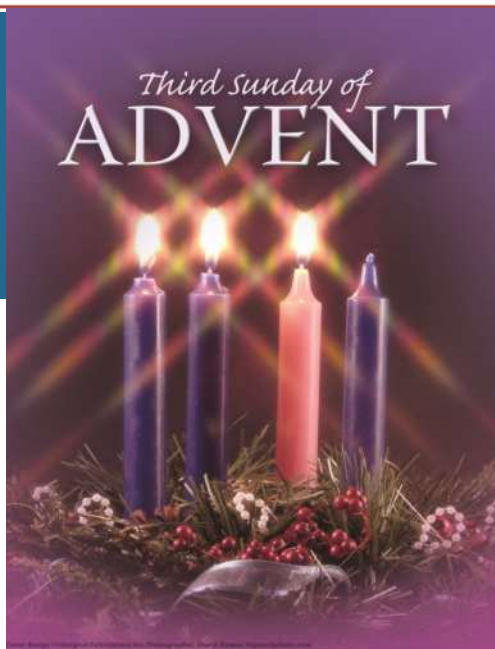
### CONFESSION

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Sunday          | 1 PM         |
| Mon + Wed + 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 (12/13)

**6 AM** Rorate Caeli Mass  
Potluck following  
THAT MAN IS YOU! Meeting after Mass

**3 PM** Lector Training

**5 PM** Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY 12/14) Third Sunday of Advent

Altar decorations donated by Alicia

Vinklarek in Honor of Her and

† Deacon Henry Vinklarek's

Wedding Anniversary

**8:30 AM** Mass

**9:45-10:45 AM** Christian Formation

*Choosing Children's Pageant Parts begins*

**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

### MONDAY (12/15)

**12 PM** Mass

**10:30 AM-12:30 PM** Food Pantry

**6 PM** Mass followed by Compline &  
Confessions

### TUESDAY (12/16)

**8 AM** Mass

**10:30 AM-12:30 PM** Food Pantry

**6 - 8:00 PM** Penance Service

### WEDNESDAY (12/17)

**8 AM** Mass

**10:30-12:30 PM** Food Pantry

**6-8 PM** Adoration

**6:30-7:30 PM** Confession

### THURSDAY (12/18)

**12-1 PM** Soup Kitchen

**6 PM** Mass followed by Adoration,  
Compline, and Confession

### FRIDAY (12/19)

**12 PM** Mass followed by Adoration

**6:30-7:30 PM** Confession

**7-8:30 PM** Youth Group

### SATURDAY (12/20)

**7 AM** THAT MAN IS YOU! (LL)

**5 PM** Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY 12/21) Fourth Sunday of

#### Advent

Altar decorations donated by Alicia

Vinklarek, in Honor of Her Parents

† Martha and † Raymond Melancon's

Wedding Anniversary.

**8:30 AM** Mass

**9:45-10:45 AM** *Children's Pageant*

*Rehearsal (No Christian Formation) Last  
time to choose parts*

**11 AM** Mass

**12:30 PM** Christian Initiation of Adults

**1 PM** Confession

**2 PM** Mass

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

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.

12/17 Saint Hildegard of Bingen

12/18 Blessed Anthony Grassi

12/19 Blessed Urban V

12/20 Saint Dominic of Silos

12/21 Saint Peter Canisius

## MASS INTENTIONS

TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS:

Contact the Parish Office

434-295-7185

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

### SATURDAY (12/13)

**8AM** Deceased members of the McAdams  
family (Patricia McAdams)

**5PM** Kathryn Barry (Silvia DiPaolo)

### SUNDAY (12/14)

**8:30AM** Members of the Parish

**11AM** The Lannon Family

**2PM** The Taylor Family

### MONDAY (12/15)

**12PM** Steve and Mona Peglow  
(Mona Peglow)

### TUESDAY (12/16)

**8AM** † Jean Andrus (Heidi Hess)

### WEDNESDAY (12/17)

**8AM** Sarah L and Guillermo Madrigal  
(Mona Peglow)

### THURSDAY (12/11)

**6 PM** Steve and Mona Peglow  
(Mona Peglow)

### FRIDAY (12/12)

**12PM** Norm, Phil, and Josh Zablocki  
(Mona Peglow)

### SATURDAY (12/13)

**8AM** Family and Friends of Mona and  
Steve Peglow (Mona Peglow)

**5PM** Members of the Parish

### SUNDAY (12/14)

**8:30AM** Mr and Mrs Peter Colo  
(Marlene Wood)

**11AM** † John Gilbert Peglow  
(Mona Peglow)

**2PM** Manuel O. Calderon (Mona Peglow)

## SAINTS OF GOD

12/13 Saint Lucy

12/14 Saint John of the Cross

12/15 Blessed Mary Frances Schervier

12/16 Blessed Honoratus Kozminski

# 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 30, 2025**

Offertory Contributions

- In Pew and By Mail \$5,692
  - Online Giving \$1,835
- Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,500)  
Below Weekly Budget (\$1,973)

Due to a publication deadline, the Offertory Report for **Week Ending December 7, 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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## LITURGICAL NOTES



Here we are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent. We light the rose color candle. This weekend, we will enjoy the beautiful voices of the students of Chesterton Academy and our very own Choir song birds. They will be led by Chesterton Music Teacher, Daniel Kirkland. Please come to listen and support everyone involved. It will be Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 4:30 pm.

God bless, *Alicia Vinklarek, LMC Liturgy Coordinator*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MELINDA WELLS, DRE

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### Children's Christmas Eve Pageant

Actors are needed for animal parts in the pageant. If your child or children are an aspiring actor, has a wonderful flair for dramatics, or just loves being part of a great group of children, please contact Melinda Wells, DRE.

The rehearsal will be Sunday, December 21, 9:45AM -10:45AM. There will be no Christian Formation that Sunday.

**Looking forward to seeing your children there!**

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FOURTH SUNDAY Of Advent

### First Reading *Isaiah 7:10-14*

Ahaz proclaims the sign that the Lord will give: a virgin shall give birth to a son, Emmanuel.

### Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 24:1-2,3-4,5-6*

The Lord is the King of Glory who established the earth.

### Second Reading *Romans 1:1-7*

Paul greets the community at Rome and declares himself a servant of Christ Jesus.

### Gospel Reading *Matthew 1:18-24*

An angel appears to Joseph, directing him to take Mary as his wife and telling him that the child she will bear will be called Emmanuel.

# PARISH NEWS



## 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, 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, Residents and 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@holycorforterparish.org](mailto:mercy@holycorforterparish.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@holycorforterparish.org](mailto:reception@holycorforterparish.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@richmonddioocese.org](mailto:jobs@richmonddioocese.org)

## MINISTRIES

**OUTREACH:** During the month of November, we gave food bags to 199 families (579 individuals) in Food Pantry. And we served 245 meals in the Soup Kitchen. Donation item for December: Canned Ravioli. Thank you for your donations, contributions, and time that you give to Outreach. God Bless! The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

**ADVENT COLLECTION:** This Advent we are collecting needed items for the LifeSpring Pregnancy Centers and the Ronald McDonald House. Please take a tag from the tree and return the items to the box by the tree by Tues, Dec 23rd. Thank you for your generosity! *For information or donations please visit [www.svdhp-ht.org](http://www.svdhp-ht.org).* Thank you!

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, HOLY TRINITY CONFERENCE:**

 Our next meeting will be held on Dec 16 at 7pm at Incarnation's conference room. Please consider donating the Christmas Lights Campaign this holiday season. The donations are used to help our friends in need with utility bills. Thank you!

**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 Anna Sisman and Tristan Majewski at [youthgroup@holycorforterparish.org](mailto:youthgroup@holycorforterparish.org) for info, registration, and a calendar, *Note there is no Youth Group scheduled for December 26th.*

**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](mailto:Steven.Sisman@gmail.com)

**HAITI:** In this season when Scripture calls us to witness light amid darkness, we give heartfelt thanks for its radiant presence at St. Michel College School. Amid Haiti's persistent hardship, the school's newest facility stands as a testament to human dignity and divine providence. For twenty six years, faithful Tri-parish sponsorship has nurtured this mission, now realized in a computer lab built from the ground up, furnished with computers from Monica Walker, and powered by solar@linked internet. Equally transformative are the textbooks and workbooks now in the hands of over 600 students, the daily nutritious meal that sustains their bodies, and an advanced curriculum cultivating critical thought and moral formation. May God bless our sponsors and all who have labored so hope may flourish.

## 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 resume to Fr Joseph Mary, 208 E Jefferson Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902 or [office@holycorforterparish.org](mailto:office@holycorforterparish.org).

# FROM THE LITURGY COORDINATOR

|  <b>ADVENT CALENDAR 2025</b>  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
| 7  | 8  | 9  | 10   | 11   | 12   | 13   |
| <b>The Second Sunday of Advent</b><br><br>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. | 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. | 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. | 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.<br>Isaiah 11:3-4 | 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. | 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. | "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."<br>Pope Leo XIV, Homily, June 15, 2025 |

## *Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)*

The third week of Advent is marked by the theme of "Joy". This week is known as Gaudete Sunday, which is celebrated with rose-colored vestments and symbolizes joy at the nearness of Christ. It is a time for rejoicing and anticipation of the celebration of Christmas. *Source: Richmond Diocese (Vocations Office)*

Here we are past the halfway mark of Advent. How are you doing on your Advent journey?

We are now shifting from quiet expectation of our Lord to joyful anticipation of His coming. We now light the rose-colored candle on the Advent wreath. The color is lightened and it symbolizes the joy that comes with Jesus' birth as the coming of Christ is near.

Like Isaiah's proclamation of glad tidings to the poor, we are called to recognize that God's promises are already unfolding in our lives. He also calls us to live with faith, hope and patience.

James also encourages us to be steadfast, like farmers awaiting the harvest, trusting that God's timing is always perfect. However, did you know that Christ is already in our midst? Do you see Him? Perhaps you see Him your family member? Maybe you see Him in a friend, coworker or even a stranger? He is with us!

The Gospel often recalls John the Baptist pointing to Jesus, urging us to see beyond appearances and notice God's work in unexpected ways. This week challenges us to let joy take root, even if our circumstances are imperfect.

Advent JOY is not shallow cheerfulness, it is a deep, steady confidence that God is faithful and His light is breaking into the world.

Let us end in this prayer: "Lord, open my eyes to see Your presence in my daily life. Help me to rejoice in Your promises and to share that joy with others, especially those who feel forgotten or burdened."

*God Bless and Happy Advent, Alicia Vinklarek, LMC*

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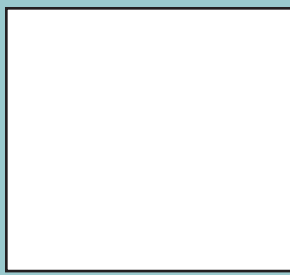
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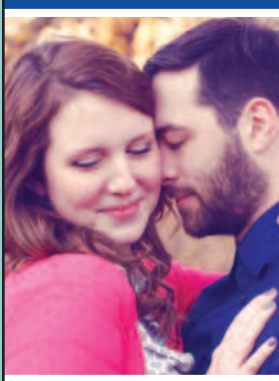
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