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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

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

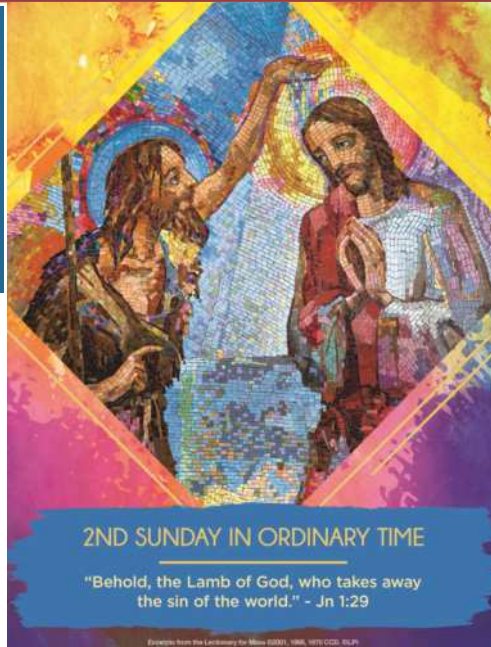
CONFESSION

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 (1/17)

6:30-8 AM TMIY: Band of Brothers

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (1/18) Second Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Altar Flower donations are appreciated

Second Collection: Respect Life

8:30 AM Mass

No Christian Formation

11 AM Mass

12:30 PM Christian Initiation of Adults

1 PM Confession

2 PM Mass

MONDAY (1/19)

Office Closed

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

12 PM Mass

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

TUESDAY (1/20)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY (1/21)

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Food Pantry

6-8 PM Adoration with Confession

6-8:30 PM IMPACT Meeting (LL)

THURSDAY (1/22)

12-1 PM Soup Kitchen

6 PM Mass followed by Adoration

6:30-7:30 PM Confession

FRIDAY (1/23)

12 PM Mass followed by Adoration

7-8:30 PM Youth Group

SATURDAY (1/24)

6:30-8 AM TMIY: Band of Brothers

8AM Mass

5 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (1/25) Third Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Altar Flower donations appreciated

Second Collection: Maintenance Fund

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

4-6 PM Swing Dance

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

SAINTS OF GOD

1/17 Saint Anthony of Egypt

1/18 Saint Charles of Sezze

1/19 Saint Fabian

1/20 Saint Sabastian

1/21 Saint Agnes

1/22 Saint Vincent of Zaragossa

1/23 Saint Marianne Cope

1/24 Saint Francis de Sales

1/25 Conversion of Saint Paul

MASS INTENTIONS

TO REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS:

Contact the Parish Office

434-295-7185

Reception@holycorforterparish.org

SATURDAY (1/17)

5PM Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (1/18)

8:30AM † Mary Benfante
(Melinda Wells)

11AM † Sister Mary Rinaldi, FMA
(Deighan Family)

2PM † Sharon Lee Caster
(Food Pantry Staff)

MONDAY (1/19)

12PM Betsy Edgecomb (Kate Burke)

TUESDAY (1/20)

8AM Christopher Calligan
(Kate Burke)

WEDNESDAY (1/21)

8AM Patricia Matthews
(Jim Benedict and Kate Burke)

THURSDAY (1/22)

6PM † Paul Ward and Family
(Kate Burke)

FRIDAY (1/23)

12PM Dick and Sherry Schemmel
(Alicia Vinklarek)
Kathryn Young
(Patricia McAdams)

SATURDAY (1/24)

8AM Mona Peglow (Alicia Vinklarek)
5PM Mary Frances Lilly

SUNDAY (1/25)

8:30AM Members of the Parish

11AM † Joan Eisenhardt
(Veronica Deighan)

2PM Baby Longville
(Veronica Longville)

PARISH NEWS



PARISH SUPPORT

“Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.” (Proverbs 3:9-10)

Week Ending January 11, 2026

Offertory Contributions

- In Pew and By Mail \$5,861
- Online Giving \$4,633

Weekly Offertory Budget (\$9,500)

Above Weekly Budget \$994

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



Approximately one-third of contributions to our parish are received online. Online Giving is safe and convenient, and many appreciate the option to schedule recurring

payments for offertory and our second collections. Last year we paid \$5,500 in fees to provide this service and now invite you to help us reduce the expense. When you log in to your Online Giving account, please agree to the \$3 transaction fee, which is also a tax-deductible gift to our parish. Thank you for your support!

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY

ALL MONTH Catholic Virginian + Christian Formation + Justice and Peace

1/11/2026 Outreach

1/18/2026 Respect Life

1/25/2026 Maintenance Fund

SCAN HERE to support Holy Comforter! **Thank You!!**



LITURGICAL NOTES

Here we are... halfway through January 2026 and have already returned to Ordinary time. Our Liturgical colors will return to green. Thank you to all who served throughout the Advent and Christmas Season. I am so grateful to have so many people willing to help to ensure a prayerful and reverent Liturgical environment.

This week, on Monday, January 19, we have a holiday. We observe the birth of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Our offices will be closed. However, we will still have Mass at Noon and confessions at 6:30 pm. In addition, on Thursday, January 22nd, we pray for the unborn. This day is recognized as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Please pray for the unborn and the mothers who carried them.

God Bless, Alicia Vinklerek, LMC

Religious Education

Melinda Wells, DRE
dre@holycomforterparish.org

Religious Education Calendar

- ◆ **Christian Formation and Sacraments:** Sundays 9:45-10:24 AM
- ◆ **CIA (Christian Initiation of Adults):** Sundays, 12:30-1:30 PM
- ◆ **Confirmation Retreat:** January 31, 2026 9 AM– 1 PM
Place: Saint George Church
- ◆ **Penitential Rite (CIA Candidates-Baptized):** March 8, 8:30 AM Mass
- ◆ **First Scrutiny (CIA Catechumens-Unbaptized):** March 8, 8:30 AM Mass
- ◆ **Second Scrutiny (CIA Catechumens-Unbaptized):** March 15, 11 AM Mass
- ◆ **Third Scrutiny (CIA Catechumens-Unbaptized):** March 21, 5 PM Mass

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

The people in darkness have seen a great light.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 27:1,4,13-14*

The Lord is our refuge, our light, our salvation.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17*

Paul urges the community at Corinth to be united as people baptized in Christ's name.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 4:12-23*

Jesus begins to preach in Galilee and calls his first disciples.

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

Alex Ahn, Leroy and Felicia Anderson, Blandine Attey, Ben and Katherine Barahona, Christine Bentejac, Max and Hadley Burch, Stephen Crews, Kaylee Carter, Petra Vera Chavez, Lauren Rundall, Stephanie Crews, Roxanne Crittenden, Nancy Joan Debieese, Jimmy Dominguez, Linda Doyle, Gene Flamm, Fr. Gerald Fogarty, Charlie Foster, Brad and Debbie Ferguson, Sue Gilbert, Paula Goodburn, Dan Grogan, Fr. Theodore J. Haag, OFM, Genevieve Halfen, Liana Haseltine, Margaret Heritage, Maddie Hermack, Wilem Hommel, Mark Rowland Huckabe, Joe Kanapell, Betty Kapeluch, Kelly Lembo and Family, Joan Lincks, Mike & Sibylle Llewellyn, Shannon and Coty Lockett, Chelsea Massey, Dot McAllister, Brett McQuhae, Cullen McQuhae, 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@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 is seeking an **Administrative Assistant** to support the Office of Black Catholics and the Office of Social Ministry. For the full ad and how to apply, please click <https://bit.ly/4aQ2VGK> As well, Office of Finance is seeking a qualified **Accounts Payable Technician** for a full-time, fully in-person role. For the full ad and how to apply, please click <https://bit.ly/49gXIGR>. The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking a Full Time **Information Technology Specialist** to work in the Roanoke area. For the full ad and how to apply, please click <https://bit.ly/48c4Hz3>. The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is now accepting applications for its **Campus Ministry Fellowship Program** for the 2026–2028 cycle. For the full ad and how to apply, please click <https://bit.ly/4p1NEgg> The Office of Communications is seeking a **Managing Editor** for The Catholic Virginian. For the full ad and how to apply, please click <https://bit.ly/43lv91L> For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH: Thank you very much for your donations, contributions, and time during this Christmas season. For the month of January, donations of any kind of canned soup would be appreciated. God Bless! The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, HOLY TRINITY CONFERENCE:

Thank you for generous donations to our Christmas Lights Campaign this holiday season. Your donations will be used to help our friends with their utility bills. Our next meeting will be held over Zoom on Jan 20 at 7pm. You are welcome to attend the meeting. If you would like more information about our conference, to donate, please go to www.svdhp-ht.org or email info@svdp.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! For more information, registration, and a calendar, please email youthgroup@holycomforterparish.org to contact Anna Sisman and Tristan Majewski. **No Youth Group Friday, January 16.**

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: There will be a 2026 initial meeting of Walking with Moms in Need this Sunday at 10:00 AM in the little library in the stairwell of the commons. Please join us!

THAT MAN IS YOU: Band of Brothers men's ministry is running a 90-day Men's Exodus challenge starting January 5th and continuing through the end of Lent. We will be using the paper version, so no purchase is necessary. The challenge will be led by our fellow parishioner, Salva Sierra. For more info, please email Steven Sisman at mensgroup@holycomforterparish.org

HAITI: St. Michel School in Saltadère now serves over 630 students, offering one of the strongest curriculums in the region and among the highest national exam success rates. Many teachers and the Principal are themselves, graduates of the school. Students receive a daily nutritious lunch, often their only reliable meal, and some walk five miles over rugged terrain just to attend. On February 21–22, before and after all Masses at St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish, we will host our Hope for Haiti Sponsorship Fair. A \$175 sponsorship supports a child for an entire year. You are also invited to meet our ministry team and discern whether God may be calling you to “come and see” this mission firsthand. God bless.

Announcements

55+ Social Seniors First Outing of the New Year will be dinner at Vivace Restaurant, 2244 Ivy Road, Charlottesville on Tuesday, Jan 27th at 5:30. Please arrive on time. Come join fellow parishioners 55+ for a fun evening, delicious food, and good conversation. Each person will pay for their own meal, with average meal prices from \$18 to \$35. A room is reserved for our gathering. The room holds a total of 15 people so sign up early on the sign up sheet on the credenza. If you are unable to attend please cancel at least 4 days in advance to allow others to sign up. Any questions please contact Barb Cassidy at bcc32968@gmail.com.

Charlottesville Catholic School's Open house is **Wednesday, January 28th from 4:00–6:00 PM**. Come tour our campus, meet our faculty, and learn more about our faith-centered community. All are welcome!

Stella Maris Women's Ministry presents a Women's Lenten Retreat, February 14. God's Lavish Mercy and How to Profit from Your Sins, a morning retreat led by Father Joseph Hagan. Beginning at 8:30am-1PM at STAUVA with mass it will include brunch, fellowship, spiritual conferences and time for confession. Women of all ages and stages are welcome—we look forward to having you join us! For info and sign up go to (<https://tinyurl.com/5nzmdze4>). Please reach out to STAUVA.Women@gmail.com or call Caroline Golomb at (434) 633-4300 with any questions.

FROM THE PASTOR



The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To those who accepted him, he gave power to become children of God.

John 1:14a, 12a

WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US

Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi

I pray all of you had a Blessed Christmas Season and your new year is off to a good start. I am thankful to all of you and grateful for all that you do for Holy Comforter and me. I am truly blessed to be your Pastor.

This week, we return to Ordinary time. However, let's discuss God's love and the people He places in our lives. We just celebrated Christmas, the birth of our Lord, then the Epiphany of our Lord – Jesus' manifestation to the world, then last week we celebrated the Baptism of our Lord. So much love God gives us and asks us to share with others.

Now this week is another special week, on Monday, we celebrate the birth of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr., and then on Thursday, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) asks all the faithful to pray for the unborn. As Thursday, January 22 is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. We even have selected readings for Mass.

Since 1986, Americans have observed an annual holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Occurring on the third Monday of January each year, the holiday falls around (and sometimes on) Dr. King's birthday, January 15. It honors his nonviolent activism and inspirational rhetoric in protesting and changing racial discrimination in the U.S. For some Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day means a day off from work. However, it is an opportunity to pray with the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. —particularly since many of his prayers are as timely and to-the-point now as they have ever been.

God's love for us brought Jesus to us in order for us to share His love with others. And, so, here we are after the Christmas season, still focusing on love in action through prayers. As we have

the USCCB calling us to prayer for the protection of the unborn. We all need to continue to share the joy of Christmas with others. Let us be in unity with one another with prayer of the spirit for the bond of peace, in righteousness of life and freedom.

God is ever faithful to the Covenant that He has made with His people, His beloved ones, including you and I. As we listen to the readings at Mass, we are reminded of the love of God that has been revealed in Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior, Whose coming into this world brought forth upon us the fulfillment of the promised salvation that God had made through His many prophets and messengers that He had sent to us in the past. God has proven to all of us that His love has triumphed in the person of Jesus our Lord and Savior. It was by His Incarnation and coming into this world that God has shown us the gifts of His love and the hope of redemption, for us to be reconciled to Him and to be able to find our

way to Him. God came to dwell among us and remain with us in the person of Jesus Christ. He has come to heal us from our wounds, forgiving us our trespasses and transgressions, and calling us to repent from our many sins and be reconciled with Him. And it is indeed amazing just how patient, loving and compassionate our God has been in all ways showing care and concern towards us even when we ourselves have been inconsistent and lacking in accountability and credibility.

In closing, I want to thank Alicia Vinklarek, our Liturgy Coordinator in filling in for me these last few months. I thought it was good to give you a change. And, speaking of change, I want to thank Dr. Jeremy Thompson and his wife, Querida for saying yes to Holy Comforter. We are truly blessed that they are here to share their gifts and talents.

God Bless,

Fr. Joseph Mary



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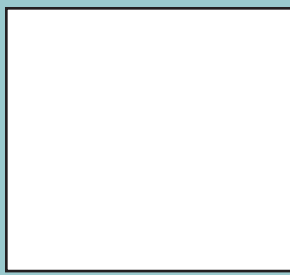
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