

Lent and Easter

BE TRANSFORMED



Step into a season of spiritual renewal at Holy Comforter this Lent as we embark on a transformative journey. Through worship, formation, and service, we'll seek to nourish our souls while also addressing the hunger and poverty that persist in our community and beyond. This Lent, let our collective efforts be a testament to the transformative power of love, generosity, and the enduring hope found in our shared faith.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of

Lent, and we signify our desire to live into this time more deliberately or perhaps more austerely by receiving ashes on our foreheads; a sign of our penitence and mortality. We will offer Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes at 7:30 am, and again at 12:15 pm followed by a simple lunch; We will host a community dinner 5:45-6:30 pm, followed by a family-friendly Imposition of Ashes at 6:30 pm in Henry Hall, with an optional Holy Eucharist to follow in the church.

We will continue to host **community dinners** every Wednesday from 5:45-6:30 with a minimum suggested donation of \$5/person or \$20/family. **Register at:** http://tinyurl.com/2s4ks47k **Volunteer at:** http://tinyurl.com/yc42jhf5

We invite you to visit the prayer ribbon station outside of Henry Hall. These ribbons representing our prayers will become the outward and visible signs of the needs, concerns and joys of our community.

FASTER SERVICE TIMES

Holy Saturday - March 30

Great Vigil 7 pm

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Easter Sunday - March 31

11 am La Misa at 1 pm

COMMUNITY

Lenten Movie Thursdays

Fr. Greg LOVES movies and God... and he blends those two loves together in the form of a Rector's Movie Night on Thursdays during lent. He asks a theological question of a popular movie, participants watch it with that question in mind, and then discuss how the movie engaged the question. The twin themes for Lent 2024 are POVERTY and HUNGER. We start at 5:30 pm with dinner (so you can come straight from work or school) and start the move around 6 pm. Here's our movie list!

Feb 22 – "The Pursuit of Happyness" (Will Smith); Feb 29 – "A Simple Twist of Fate" (Steve Martin); March 7 – "Slumdog Millionaire"; March 14 – TBD – (Perhaps "The Wrestler" w/Mickey Rourke); March 21 – "Oliver!"
Reach out to Fr. Greg to help with dinner.

Prayer Buddies

This Lent we will be running our prayer buddy program again, and we are looking for adults to be prayer buddies to our children & youth! An amazing way to build relationships and to deepen your spiritual life, everyone is welcome to participate. You will be paired with a child or youth, and each week during Lent exchange a card/letter sharing a bit about yourself, and what you have been praying for your buddy. Let Rev. Cat know at catc@holycomfortercharlotte.org if you'd like to sign up!

Easter Lily Orders and Deliveries

As usual, you may purchase an Easter Lily in thanksgiving for or in memory of a loved one by contacting a member of the Altar Guild. After the Easter Sunday service, we will once again be sharing the beauty of the season by delivering Easter Lilies to homebound members of the parish. Contact jessicad@holycomfortercharlotte.org to help.



See our full schedule and updates by scanning the QR code at left

CALENDAR

Ash Wednesday – February 14
Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at 7:30 am (English) and 12:15 pm (bilingual, followed by a simple lunch). There will be a community dinner at 5:45 followed by a family-friendly Imposition of Ashes at 6:30 pm.

Feb 18 - Choral Evensong at 5 pm

Feb 25 - Taize service at 5 pm

March 2 - Women's Lenten Retreat at Valle
Crucis Conference Center

March 23 - Palm Cross folding at 10 am

Palm Sunday – March 24 8 & 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:30 am Intergenerational Stations of the Cross in Van Every 12:30 p.m. La Misa

Maundy Thursday – March 28 Bilingual 7 p.m. service followed by Overnight Prayer Watch

Good Friday – March 29

Three Hours' Devotion from 12:00 -3:00 pm;

Good Friday Liturgy at noon

Holy Saturday – March 30 The Great Vigil of Easter 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday – March 31
9 a.m. and 11 am Holy Eucharist;
La Misa at 1 p.m.
Easter egg hunt following the 9 am and 1 pm services

Common Morning, Common Prayer is back. Look for dates and times online and in the Blast.