

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings This Weekend:

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

Readings Next Weekend:

Genesis 12:1-4 2 Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9



First Sunday of Today's gospel speaks of the fact that Jesus was tempted by the Devil. This very fact helps us to appreciate something about our own temptation. For it sometimes happens that when we are being tempted we think we have already sinned merely by the fact that we are being tempted. But scripture says that Jesus was tempted in every way yet never sinned. Thus, temptation is not of itself a sin. Rather, it is simply a thought to do something that we know is wrong. We are then free to accept or reject this thought, and that is where sin enters in. The three temptations in the desert that Jesus experiences are typical of the main things that tempt us. The first temptation is for possessions and the creature comforts of this world, symbolized by the loaves of bread. The second temptation is the temptation to presumption, for the Devil tells Jesus to cast himself over the edge of the roof and that no matter what he does God will rescue him. The third temptation is power and popularity for the Devil tells Jesus that he will give him all power over all people if he would simply worship Satan. And so for us, most of our temptations can be summarized by temptations for possessions and pleasures, presumption that no matter what we do God will always save us, and the temptations of power and being popular.

FUNERAL: Elizabeth Harris (Friday, March 3rd)

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

- Sunday, March 5**
 8:00am Deceased Hill, Cole & Greene family members
 11:00am George T. Holton, Jr. † (birthday-March 6th)
 7:00pm Phyllis Winters Jameson †
- Monday, March 6**
 7:00am Bettye Walker Mayo (birthday)
- Tuesday, March 7**
 7:00am Kimberly Ross (birthday)
- Wednesday, March 8**
 7:00am For the People
- Thursday, March 9**
 7:00am Cheyenne Rowe (birthday)
- Friday, March 10**
 7:00am Cedric Stewart (birthday-March 9th)
- Saturday, March 11**
 8:00am Maurice Jameson †
 4:30pm Harry Richards †

If you want to place a Mass intention, call the rectory at 202-546-1885.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Monday:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday: Isaiah 55:10-11 Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:29-32
Thursday: Esther C:12-16, 23-25 Matthew 7:7-12
Friday: Ezekiel 18:21-28 Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday: Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Matthew 5:43-48



On **Monday, March 13th**, join pro-life Marylanders in Annapolis for the annual **MARYLAND MARCH FOR LIFE**—a powerful public witness to our state legislators of our commitment to building a culture of life. Special keynote speaker will be Dr. Alveda King, director of Civil Rights for the Unborn and niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth are invited to attend a Youth Rally at 4:30 p.m. Mass and a simultaneous non-denominational service will begin at 5:15 p.m. at St. Mary's Church and School (109 Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis) and will be followed by the March through Annapolis, Rally at Lawyer's Mall, and a mixer (fellowship, exhibitors, and free Chick-fil-A) immediately after. Visit www.marylandmarchforlife.org for more information.

Mass Attendance for Feb. 26, 2017

4:30pm	46
8:00am	117
11:00am	309
7:00pm	101
Total:	573

Stewardship Report 2016—2017

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (2/26)	\$16,575
Actual Surplus (+)	+ \$229

ELECTRONIC TITHING: Have you considered electronic tithing through the **Faith Direct** program here at HCSC? Your tithes can be deducted from your bank account TWICE a month or charged to a credit card. It is a secure, convenient way to support your parish community. It's easy, it's **FREE**, and your End-of-Year Contribution Statement is mailed to you automatically. Enrollment forms are in the rear of the church, the rectory office, or you can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net. (**HCSC church code: DC59**). Questions? Call Kim Peaks on 202-546-1885.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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| Sunday (3/5)
9:30am RCIA
9:30am Sunday School
9:30am Holy Name meeting
9:30am Sodality meeting
7:00pm Mass
8:00pm AA | Wednesday (3/8)
11:00am Friendly Seniors
6:00pm Lenten Reconciliation
6:30pm Lenten Bible Study
6:30pm Liturgical Dance |
| Monday (3/6)
6:30pm Parish Council meeting
8:00pm YAM Bible Study | Thursday (3/9)
6:30pm Knights of Columbus |
| Tuesday (3/7)
6:30pm Youth Ensemble
7:00pm Adult Choir | Friday (3/10)
6:00pm Lenten Holy Hour
7:00pm Stations of the Cross |
| | Saturday (3/11)
4:30pm Mass |

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, exists to evangelize and to uphold Christian values by promoting the teachings of the Church in Word, Sacrament and Witness.

OUR VISION STATEMENT:

A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.

PARISH LIFE



SPRING FORWARD: Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour next Saturday night before going to bed.

YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT WEEK: Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. All our youth are invited to come sit together at Mass. Feel free to invite a friend! Parents are welcome to sit with their child.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

The Light is ON for You.
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

God created us for relationship with Him and one another. We invite you to renew your relationship with the Lord through the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** this Lent. Starting Wed., March 8th every parish in the Archdiocese of Washington, including our own, will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday evenings. **HCSC will hear confessions from 6:00-7:15pm.** Visit: theLightisON.org to find the times for other Catholic parishes in your neighborhood..

SPECIAL INVITE: We have free invitation cards that you can give to someone to invite them to experience the life-changing power of confession. Cards are located in the rear of the Church.

LENTEN SOUP & SCRIPTURE w/MSGR. POPE is every **Wednesday evening** during Lent in the rectory basement starting **March 8th at 7pm.** This year's theme, **“Great Change Since I Been Born”** will cover the life changing transformative relationship we are called to have with Christ. Monsignor Pope will be assisted by Deacon Richard Walker of St. Luke's parish. Light meal served at 6:30pm, instruction starts at 7:15pm. All are welcome.

HOLY HOUR and STATIONS OF THE CROSS are held **throughout Lent every Friday** in the church with **Holy Hour at 6pm** followed by **Stations of the Cross at 7pm.** On **March 10th** the **Stations will be led by the HCSC Youth Ministry.** Walk with Jesus in his journey to Calvary.

DAILY MASS: It is a worthy practice to attend daily Mass during Lent. Consider attending Mass on a weekday in the Chapel (Monday—Friday at 7am, and 8am on Saturday) either one day a week or each weekday. Come and pray to start your day.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE: The HCSC Social Concerns Ministry in conjunction with Catholic Charities will hold a food drive for local food pantries. Paper bags along with instructions will be distributed to parishioners the weekend of March 18-19 so that you may purchase the listed items on the bag and return them the weekend of March 25-26. Stay tuned for more details.

FREE COPIES OF THE WORD AMONG US: To encourage parishioners to read the Word of God daily during the Lenten season, **free copies** of **THE WORD AMONG US** are available in the rear of the church. Limited supply remaining.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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STATIONS OF THE CROSS—will be led by the Youth Ministry on **Friday, March 10th.** The Holy Hour of Adoration will begin at 6pm followed by the **Stations of the Cross which will be led by the Youth Ministry.** All are invited.

YOUTH RETREAT: The annual “Walk in the Light” Youth Retreat is **March 11-12, 2017. COST: \$125—middle/high school (age12+) overnight; \$45—elementary school (age 11 and under), March 11th (one day only).** Registration fee includes transportation, meals, overnight accommodations at Camp Maria in Leonardtown, MD, and T-shirt. We are happy to report that Fr. Adam DeLeon will return as our retreat facilitator. Flyers in rear of the church.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

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YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets **Mondays at 8pm** in the rectory. Join other young adults with Fr. Pope in the discussion of scripture. This is a good opportunity to meet other young adults in the parish.

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40)! Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and follow us on Twitter at **HCSCYoungAdults!**

2017 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS: Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on **Sun., June 25th, at 2pm** at the Basilica of the National Shrine. If you are celebrating an anniversary or know of a parish couple celebrating one of these milestones, please **call in the names to the rectory (202-546-1885) by Monday, April 11th.**

HCSC SODALITY HOLY LAND EXPERIENCE: Join the HCSC Sodality **June 10-16** on a 7 days—6 nights bus trip to **The Holy Land Experience & 7 Fantastic Shows** in Orlando, FL. **COST: \$610 per person** includes bus transportation, lodging, meals and gratuities, and much more. For more details and reservation information, pick up a flyer in the rear of the church.

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If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, contact us at hscstaff@hscchurch.org or call 202-546-1885.

Mass Schedule: Monday thru Friday at 7am (Chapel)
Saturday 8am (Chapel) and 4:30pm (Vigil)
Sunday 8am, 11am, and 7pm

Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri, 9am—8pm;
Thursday, 9am—5pm;
Saturday, 9am—1pm; and,
Sunday, 9am—2pm.

For information on sacraments and funerals call the rectory office.

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Fr. Pope's Blog: blog.adw.org

