

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



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.



Sunday, March 9 *First Sunday of Lent*

4:30pm (Sat) For the People
 8:00am Florence Davis (13th anniversary) †
 11:00am Antonia Contreras †
 7:00pm For the intentions of our Youth

Monday, March 10

7:00am Mary Harris Freeman †

Tuesday, March 11

7:00am Francis Butler †

Wednesday, March 12

7:00am Roland Lomax †

Thursday, March 13

7:00am Barbara Nettles †

Friday, March 14

7:00am For the intentions of our Young Adults

Saturday, March 15

8:00am For the People
 4:30pm Evalyn Trejo (birthday) †

MASS INTENTIONS—It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass for a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. Note that dates fill in quickly. The customary donation is \$5 per intention.

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

Music Schedule

Processional
 "Yield Not to Temptation" LMGM #770

Responsorial Psalm
 "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned"

Gospel Acclamation
 "Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ" R. Holland

Offertory
 * "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" LMGM #388
 ** "I Will Choose Christ" Tom Booth

Communion
 "Holy Is the Lamb of God" In Pews

* 8:00am *Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate*
 ** 11:00am *Youth Ensemble*

Mass Attendance for March 2, 2014

4:30pm 58
 8:00am 152
 11:00am 221
 7:00pm 56
Total: 487

Stewardship Report 2013—2014

Actual Tithes (3/2)	\$16,121
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ELECTRONIC TITHING—Have you considered electronic tithing through the **Faith Direct** program here at HCSC? You can have your tithes 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. 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). Call Kim Peaks at the rectory office for more information. It's easy and it's FREE!

HCSC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION—will be **CLOSED** next **Sun., March 16th** due to the Blood Drive in the rectory basement.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (3/9) 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am RCIA/Inquirers 7:00pm Mass 8:00pm AA	Thursday (3/13) 7:00pm Knights of Columbus
Tuesday (3/11) 7:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm YAM Bible Study	Friday (3/14) 6:00pm Lenten Holy Hour 7:00pm Stations of the Cross 8:00pm NA
Wednesday (3/12) 11:00am Friendly Seniors 6:30pm Liturgical Dance 7:00pm Soup and Scripture	Saturday (3/15) 9:30am Liturgical Dance 10:30am Usher Board mtg 11:00am Ladies Aux #73 mtg 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

YOUTH SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND—Every second Sunday we celebrate our parish youth at the 11am Mass. All youth are invited to sit together in front of the clergy. Parents are welcome to sit with their children.

BLOOD DRIVE—the HCSC Sodality and the American Red Cross hosts its semi-annual Blood Drive on **Sun., March 16th**, in the rectory basement. It will begin after the 8am Mass until 2pm. **Please register after Mass this weekend** and invite friends and family to participate.

RITE OF SENDING—today at the 11am Mass for our Catechumens. They will travel along with our Candidates and their sponsors to the National Shrine later this afternoon to be received by the Bishop along with many others who will be baptized and received in the Catholic faith this Easter. Please continue to pray for them.

HELP DECORATE FOR EASTER—We need your help in creating a prayerful and beautiful sanctuary for Easter. Contact Kim Peaks on 202-546-1885 or pam@hscchurch.org if you want to help with flower ideas.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

HOLY HOUR and STATIONS OF THE CROSS—are held throughout Lent every Friday in the church starting with a **Holy Hour at 6pm** and followed by **Stations of the Cross at 7pm**. All are welcome to join Jesus in his journey to Calvary.



Haven't been to confession in a while? No problem. Pick up the helpful "How To" Guide on Reconciliation in the rear of the church and on any Wednesday during Lent from 6:30—7:15pm stop by the church to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

LENTEN SOUP & SCRIPTURE—every Wednesday at 7pm in the rectory basement during Lent (**beginning March 12th**). The theme is "At the Foot of the Cross with Jesus". If you can help prepare soup, let us know.

FREE COPIES OF THE WORD AMONG US—to encourage our parishioners to read scripture on a daily basis. This publication offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings. Available in the rear of the church. *Limited supply!*

SHARE IN HOPE LENTEN FOOD DRIVE—During Lent, the Archdiocese of Washington and Catholic Charities partner for a food drive to benefit our food pantry and the Capitol Area Food Bank. **In lieu of our monthly pantry donation we will supply you with a paper bag on the weekend of March 22-23** to take home, fill with food items (*listed on the front of the bag*) and return the next week.

OPERATION RICE BOWL—Our Sunday School students have begun their Lenten alms-giving project and parishioners are also asked to participate. Join us as we pray, fast and give as a way to reach out in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world to those in need. Pick up a Rice Bowl in rear of church, fill it with coins or monetary donations and **return by Palm Sunday, April 13th**.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) ♦ youthdirector@hscchurch.org

HCSC "Walk in the Light" YOUTH RETREAT—Sat., March 29th. Registration forms in the rear of the church, the rectory office or our website (www.hscchurch.org).

CALLING ALL ACTORS AND ACTRESSES!!! The Youth Ministry is seeking youth of all ages interested in being a part of "A Story of Jesus' Passion" as it is told in the Gospel of John. In addition, we are looking for a director for the play and others willing to work with the set design. Contact Nicki for further details.

NEWSLETTER—The Youth Ministry needs reporters for our quarterly newsletter which will publish in April. Also, youth celebrating birthdays during the months of April, May, or June can submit the day and month if you want it listed in the newsletter. For details contact Nicki.

HCSC—SINGLETONARY EDUCATION AWARDS—Are you a registered member of HCSC who is graduating high school this Spring and have a 2.5 or more GPA? Active in church activities and community service? Then you may be eligible for one of three monetary awards. First award is \$4,000; Second is \$3,000; and the third is \$2,000. Applications are available on-line, or in the rear of the church, or the rectory office. See flyer for more details. **Deadline is May 18th**.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

YOUNG ADULTS' BIBLE STUDY—Due to the weather, our YAM bible study group was moved to **Tues., March 11th at 8pm**. We invite our young adults to come and see.

SAVE THE DATE—Lenten Luncheon on **Sun., March 30th at 1pm** with guest speaker Fr. Steven Bell in the rectory basement.

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40^{ish})! Tell us what activities interest you. Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and tell us your thoughts, or send an email: yam@hscchurch.org. **Do you Tweet?** Follow us on Twitter for updates at   HCSCYoungAdults!

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

Mass Schedule: Monday thru Friday at 7:00am (Chapel)
Saturday at 8:00am (Chapel) and 4:30pm
Sunday at 8:00am, 11:00am, and 7:00pm

Office Hours: Monday thru Wednesday, 9:00am—8:00pm, Thursday, 9:00am-5:00pm; Friday, 9:00am-8:00pm; Saturday, 9:00am—1:00pm; and Sunday, 9:00am—2:00pm.



For information on sacraments & funerals call the rectory office.
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